

Aggie Muster activities set April 21

Former students of Texas A&M University of Haskell, Jones, Stonewall, Knox, and Kent Counties will assemble in Rule, on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster.

The muster activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Rule's Lion Club on Highway 183 and will consist of the brief ceremony of roll call recognizing absent Aggies, a short business meeting, and then fellowship and meal will be served. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students, and friends of Texas A&M.

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During wars, Aggies muster in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II, as muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every muster ceremony is the same, as Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last muster. When the names of the honored are called from the muster roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "here."

Individuals attending are requested to contact the following members for meal reservations by April 18. John Ekdahl at (915) 773-3673 (0) or (915) 773-2614 in Stamford or in Haskell, Glenn Brzozowski (817) 864-3158 or Wallar Overton (817) 864-2958.

Haskell announces Pre-K registration

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 1997-1998 school year on Friday, May 2. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1997, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

We are considering offering prekindergarten for all four year olds. Currently, we serve only students who meet the above state mandated criteria. Students who do not qualify would be charged tuition. This charge would be comparable with current day care costs. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register on Friday, May 2.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. Call 864-2654 for additional information.



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Obituaries

Bill Hegwood

Funeral services for William Miles 'Bill' Hegwood, 60, of Tye were held Fri., April 11 at Tye Baptist Church in Tye with Rev. Jim Ritter officiating. Burial was in Tye Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Hegwood died Tues., April 8 in Tye. Born June 24, 1936 in Albany, he was the son of Barney and Mozella Hegwood. He attended Albany schools. He married Betty Trussell June 30, 1956 in Haskell.

He was a Marine and Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and Viet Nam war. He worked as a security guard at the Taylor County Courthouse for SAC Security; and had taught refrigeration at Cisco Junior

College in Abilene. He had worked fifteen years at TERSCO, Inc. as an outside salesman, and as a Sears repairman for ten years. He was a musician, a lead singer, guitarist and mandolin player for the band Country Grass.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Miles Hegwood of Tye and Donald Hegwood of Abilene; four sisters, Sue Hawley of Albany, Carolyn Jeter of College Station, Letha Lee of Rotan and Earlene Meyer of Gainesville; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Tye Baptist Church, P. O. Box 235, Tye, TX 79563 or to Hendrick Hospice Care, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.

Lector Thomason

Graveside services for Lector Thomason, 99, of Haskell were held Fri., April 11 in the Rochester Cemetery with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thomason died Thurs., April 10 at a local nursing home.

Born in 1897 in Jones County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry M. Thomason and one son, James Aubrey Thomason.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Thomason of Sacramento, California; two daughters, Wanda "Corky" Jeter of Graham, and Winona Martin of Odessa; 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 41 great-great-grandchildren.

Joyce H. Cooper

Funeral services for Joyce H. Cooper, 75, of Abilene were held Tues., April 15 at Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene with Rev. Mike Chancellor officiating. Burial was in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories officiated by Dr. Phil Christopher of First Baptist Church. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes.

Mr. Cooper died Saturday, April 12 at an Abilene hospital.

Born in Rochester, he graduated from Rochester High School and later attended Abilene Christian College and Texas Tech. He served in the Army and Navy. He retired as a postal clerk after 26 years with the U. S. Postal

Service. He married Eva Lee Oakley in Clovis, N.M. in 1956. He was a member of Crescent Height Baptist Church; a member of the Masons John Sayles Lodge, and Easter Star #1013.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John Cooper of El Paso and Ronald Cooper of Abilene; one daughter, Melody Jackson of Tyler; three step-daughters, Darlene Watson, Delores Bennington and Sandra Oakley, all of Abilene; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Polly Price Fouts

Funeral services for Polly Price Fouts, 76, of Haskell were held Sun., April 13 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fouts died Thurs., April 10 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Dec. 3, 1920 in Childress, she graduated with honors from Texas Wesleyan University. She married John E. Fouts, Jr., on March 16, 1941 in Childress. She was a teacher and an insurance agent. She grew up in

Childress where she attended Central Christian Church and was later affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kenneth Wees of North Potomac, Maryland; three sisters, Jeanne Price Blair and Martha Price Fullington, both of Austin, and Nancy Price Mires of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Carrie and John Joseph Wees, both of North Potomac, Maryland.

Memorials may be made to Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Germantown, Maryland.

Commissioners review work and expenditures on rodeo grounds project

The Haskell County Commissioners Court reviewed work and expenditures on the work at the rodeo grounds. A total of \$3161.50 has been spent by Haskell County. Further expenditures will be discussed in advance. The County has purchased

caliche, bull wire and pipe for the project. This total does not include machinery fuel and employee labor.

Work at Lake Stamford has been completed. 67 loads of rock was hauled and the work was completed in one day. All precincts worked together on this project to help make the Anchor more protected against the winds and waves in the boat dock and fishing areas.

The court decided to carry full coverage insurance on all ambulances. Final payment on the new ambulance is to be made.

New county employees are Opal Dunnam at the Experienced Citizen Center and Billy Ray Reeves at Precinct 3.

Greg Kaase was approved as Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. He will be in his office beginning June 2.

Sheriff Johnny Mills asked the court to consider putting Sheriff's office dispatchers and jailers on full time instead of only part-time. This will be on the agenda at next Tuesday's meeting.

Haskell County Appraisal District will continue to collect taxes for Haskell County.

A library board meeting will be held Thurs., April 17 at 5 p.m. at the County Library to gather community input. The public is invited to attend.

All-Sports Banquet scheduled May 3

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will host its annual All-Sports Banquet on Saturday, May 3. It will be held at the Civic Center at 7:00 in honor of all high school athletes and their accomplishments.

River Smith Catering Service of Lubbock will serve a delicious meal with fried chicken and fish being the main entrees.

Tickets may be purchased at the elementary and high school campuses, First National Bank, Haskell National Bank, or the Sport-About for \$7.50. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased until Friday, May 2. A limited number of tickets may be purchased at the door for \$8.50.

As the school year concludes, let us draw together and honor those students who have admirably represented Haskell High School through their athletic endeavors. Attendance is a great way for parents, teachers, friends, and fans to say thank-you for the student's hard work and dedication.

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163 descendants attend Josselet family reunion Easter Sunday

The Josselet family reunion was held Easter Sun., March 30. 163 descendants of the late Victor J. and Cathrine Josselet attended. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Mike McGuire, president, welcomed each one and Ronnie Josselet offered prayer. A group picture was taken followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.

A memorial service was held by Alta McGuire. Those who have passed away since the last reunion were Clarence Blair, husband of Sandra Bass; Mary Drinnon, wife of Buddy Drinnon; and Ethel Thomas, wife of John Thomas.

Members of each family present, first cousins, oldest, youngest, and the person traveling the farthest were recognized. John Thomas was the oldest man present. Lois Josselet was the oldest woman attending. The youngest child

present was Bethany Lee Josselet, daughter of Cody and Michele Josselet. Ashley Reeves, daughter of Wayne Reeves of Sulphur Springs, traveled the farthest.

Kathy Futch, Pam Aycock and Jo McGuire entertained the group with songs and lead the sing song.

An auction was held with many items begin bid upon to help with reunion expenses. Danny Josselet and Steve McGuire served as auctioneers.

A business meeting was held and the date will be changed to the last Saturday in March 1999. Traditionally, reunions were always in March in celebration of the birthdays of Victor and Cathrine Josselet and other family birthdays.

Officers elected were Johnny Josselet, president; Danny Josselet, vice president; Robbie Harris, secretary-treasurer; Debbie Bristler, reporter and Julia Harrell, historian.



MR. AND MRS. EDDIE WINEGEART

Smith, Winegeart married in Abilene

Dannette Smith of Haskell and Eddie Winegeart of Hamlin were united in marriage March 15 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Abilene. Randy McLelland of Kaufman officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Rosemary Mickler of Rule. The bridegroom is the son of Richard and Mary Winegeart of Hamlin.

Organist was Philip Martin. Soloists were Randy McLelland who sang "Keeper of the Stars," Rob Mickler who sang "Strong Determination," and Karen Graves who sang "I Believe in You & Me."

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of Honor was Lisa Sherman of Haskell. Candlelighters were Brandie Smith, daughter of the bride and Elizabeth Winegeart, niece of the groom.

Flower girls were Jennifer Winegeart and Ashley Winegeart, nieces of the groom. Ross

Wittenborn, nephew of the bride, served as ringbearer.

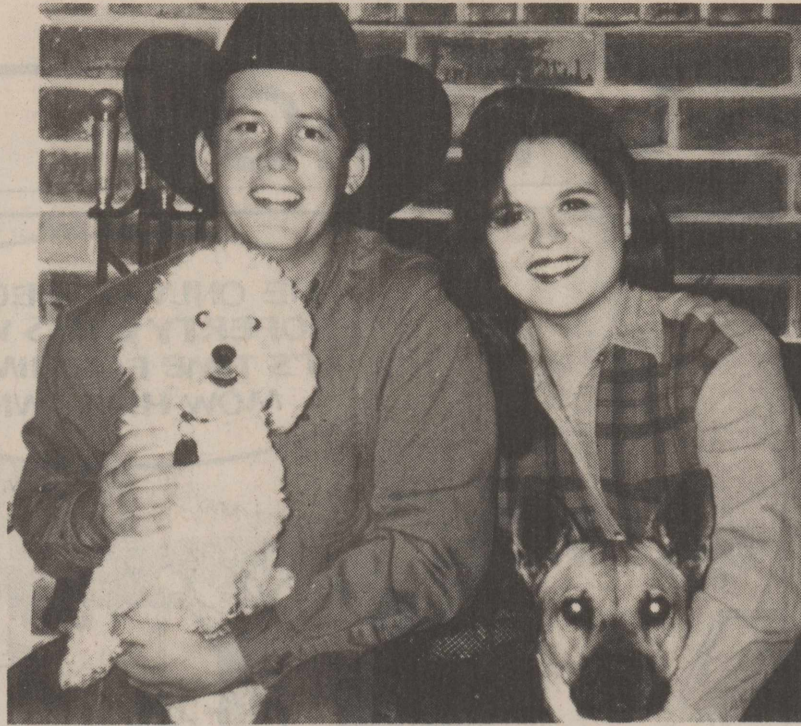
Best man was James Hester of Abilene. Ushers were Leslie Winegeart and Richie Winegeart, brothers of the groom.

A reception was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The multi-leveled bride's cake with fountain, was decorated with teal flowers. The groom's cake was a two layer chocolate cake with strawberries dipped in chocolate. A western boot and hay arrangement was featured on the groom's table.

A rehearsal dinner was held at Christian Village in Abilene. Randy McLelland provided the entertainment.

The bride is employed by State Farm Insurance in Haskell. The bridegroom is employed by Transport Leasing Consultants in Carrollton.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Haskell.



CHARLES GUTHRIE - CATHY MOORE

Moore, Guthrie engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore of Leander announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine 'Cathy' Moore to Charles Lee Guthrie, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Guthrie, Sr. of Loganville, Ga.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mrs. Arvella Moore and the late James Moore of Rule, and Ethel Barbee of Stamford and the late Tee Barbee of Comanche.

Moore is a 1995 graduate of

Leander High School and is presently attending ACC. She is employed at Floodzones, Inc., in Austin. Guthrie is a 1993 graduate of S. Gwinett High School, Snellville, Ga. He was recently honorably discharged from the U. S. Army in Fort Hood and is currently employed by OMS #5, Adjutant General's Dept., Camp Mabry, Austin.

The couple plans a May 24 wedding.

Wallar Overton serves as SPL

Wallar Overton of Paint Creek recently served as Senior Patrol

Steffi Overton enjoys visitor

Ingrid Eckart from Oberursel, Germany last Monday after a three week visit with Steffi and Wallar Overton of Paint Creek. Ingrid is a former classmate of Steffi's in Bad Kissingen Germany.

While here, Ingrid enjoyed her daily walks around the pasture, eating her first hamburger, the Paint Creek one-act play, shopping in Haskell and Abilene, and of course, renewing her friendship with Steffi.

Ingrid is a high school secretary in Oberursel and was enjoying her spring break in Texas.

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Garden Club holds design workshop

President Wilma Pruett welcomed members and guests for the April 10 meeting of the Haskell Garden Club in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Members met for a sack lunch with Ruby Holt giving the invocation.

In the business meeting that followed, a thank you note was read from Kevin Patton for donation of a park bench for the City Park.

President Wilma Pruett introduced our guest speakers Loyce Rogers, Carol Hickman and Pat Pruitt, Accredited National Flower Show Judges from Stamford Garden Club. They presented an Artistic Design Workshop and discussed types of flower arranging, which included fresh flowers and dried materials.

Pat Pruitt gave a demonstration of using different colors and sizes of containers for arrangements. She discussed treating your material before you begin the design and importance of using a variety of sizes and lengths of greenery in arrangements.

Carol Hickman gave a demonstration on miniature arrangements discussing sizes of containers and use of material in creating your design.

Loyce Rogers also used a variety of plant materials and containers creating a mixture of beautiful designs.

Rogers discussed the study of becoming flower show judges and extended an invitation to attend the Stamford Flower Show Saturday in Stamford.

Members enjoyed participating and creating designs during the workshop.

Bonnie Jircik, mother of Carol Hickman, was a guest for the meeting.

A Mini Flower Show will be presented by members of Haskell Garden Club for the May 8th meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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OPINION

Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

Since 1980, the cost of tuition at public colleges and universities nationwide has risen three times faster than household income, putting many parents and students in a severe financial bind. As a result, thousands of Texas students search for financial assistance to help pay for their education. Scholarships are the most attractive form of financial aid because they have no work study requirements and do not have to be repaid.

At the same time, the amount of scholarship funding is shrinking when compared with loans and other forms of financial aid. The competition of scholarship dollars is fierce. We at the Office of the Attorney General know that this creates the perfect environment for scholarship scams.

300,000 victims

According to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, roughly 300,000 people are victimized by scholarship scams each year, losing more than \$50 million that could have gone toward paying tuition. Students and parents are lured into these scams by tales of billions of dollars in hidden scholarship money going unused each year. In reality, more than 96 percent of all available scholarship funds are distributed to students each year.

Some common scholarship scams are:

The scholarship prize. This is a variation on the old "lucky winner" scam, in which you are required to pay an up-front fee to receive the scholarship.

The scholarship with an application fee. This looks like a real scholarship, and may even hand out some money, but the amount of fees received far out-weighs the amount given in scholarships.

The low-interest loan. In this scam, you are asked for an origination or insurance fee up front. Real student loans charge these fees when the money is disbursed.

The scholarship search service. This service guarantees that you will win a scholarship or your money will be refunded. If they do provide you with any information, it is usually out-of-date or worthless. While there are legitimate financial aid search firms that will compile a list of scholarships you might qualify for, you can find nearly all of this information yourself by spending some time in the library, at your high school or college financial aid office, or on the Internet.

Common tip-offs

Some common clues to a scholarship scam include:

"We have access to scholarships you won't hear about anywhere else or that aren't readily available to the public."

"You have been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship" or "You are a finalist in a scholarship competition." Chances are you have never heard of the foundation and did not apply for the competition.

"We guarantee you a scholarship or your money back." No one can guarantee that you will win a scholarship. Also be suspicious of promises of a minimum amount of money.

"We need your bank account or credit card number to reserve this scholarship for you." This is just a thinly disguised attempt to raid your bank account.

Other signs of a scholarship scam are the use of official-sounding names that imply a connection to the government (like "Federal", "Division" and "Administration"), having a mail drop for a return address, not providing a telephone number, claiming that everyone is eligible, undue time pressure, and excessive hype.

I wish you the best of luck in your search for financial assistance as you pursue your educational goals.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Haskell County Merchants, Many thanks go out to the businesses who sponsored contestants in the Prairie Days Queen's Pageant held last Monday. We also greatly appreciated the businesses who donated items for the "hospitality" bags given to each of the girls. This event not only promotes the spirit of the upcoming Wild Horse Prairie Days,

but also gives the young ladies in Haskell County an opportunity to develop poise, grace, and confidence—skills that will last a lifetime.

Thank you again for your support.

Wild Horse Prairie Days
Queen Committee
Debbie Hobgood, Chairman



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

April 16, 1987

Thad Jennings, a student at Paint Creek, won an all expense paid trip to Washington in the Youth Tour speech contest held by Stamford Electric Cooperative.

R.C. and Jerene Couch were honored as Haskell's Most Outstanding Citizens.

20 Years Ago

April 21, 1977

Mayor Pro-Tem Lorraine Johnson proclaimed the week of April 18-22 as Industrial Arts Week in Haskell in order to recognize the continuing necessity of good skills and attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation and processes of industry that industrial art provides.

The Retail Trade Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met to discuss some upcoming special events which included a sidewalk sale, flea market and an art show.

30 Years Ago

April 20, 1967

The grand opening of the

completely new and modern Western Auto Store was announced by Darold Roberson, owner.

The Haskell County Sheriff's Posse, headed by the president Gene Hunter were to meet in Paducah to ride in the parade at the opening of the 25th Annual Cattle-King Horse Show and Rodeo and then the grand entry at the rodeo on Friday night.

40 Years Ago

April 18, 1957

Singers and music lovers from all sections of West Texas are expected in attendance at the 33rd annual program of the Haskell County Singing Convention, to be held in the American Legion auditorium.

The senior class at Mattson Rural High School were busy making plans for the end-of school activities which included an eagerly anticipated visit to Mexico City for their senior trip.

50 Years Ago

April 17, 1947

Miss Nancy Ratliff, daughter of

Judge and Mrs. Dennis P. Ratliff was to represent Haskell, Knox, Jones and Stonewall counties at the Cotton ball to be held at A & M College.

In the city election held in Rochester, E. Hob Smith was elected Mayor, and John Michael was named to a place as Alderman.

Roy Deaver, minister of the Haskell Church of Christ began a series of evangelistic gospel messages over Radio Station KDWT in Stamford.

100 Years Ago

April 1897

Keister and Hazelwood have struck it rich. They have a Lobo wolf on exhibition at their saloon and everybody goes over several times a day to see it—of course, at least you meet a prominent citizen coming away from their place and he always remarks in passing that he has "just been in to see the wolf."

W.M. Towns, Capt. W.W. Fields, George and Hollis Fields went fishing Wed., and were successful in catching a nice lot of fish.

Gilly to train food service managers

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Lou Gilly, Haskell county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has recently been certified to train area food service managers in food safety.

Gilly was one of more than 190 county Extension agents certified as a trainer through the Food Protection Management Training Program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health. The train-the-trainer program is designed to bring the latest in food safety information to food service establishments.

As a certified instructor, Gilly

will be offering this information to food managers, who in turn, will train their employees on food safety practices. Once managers have completed the 15 hour course, they will receive a certificate from the National Restaurant Association. They also will be eligible to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to place in their window, which lets the customer know the manager is certified in food safety.

In addition, food service operations under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction that have managers who complete the course will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees each year while the certification is in effect," Gilly said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and

more than 10,000 related deaths occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year.

"In most cases, food borne outbreaks can be prevented if people receive food safety training and learn to follow simple food safety practices," Gilly said.

"For years, we have been providing consumers with an enormous amount of information on food safety precautions to take when handling food at home."

Training materials for the course are being provided by the SERVESAFE Program from The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. Courses will be offered to food service managers beginning in 1998.

For more information on the Food Protection Management Training Program call Lou Gilly at (817) 864-2546.

Check your credit load

How can you know if your credit load is within your ability to repay? First, list all loans and creditors you owe except your home mortgage. List the balance due and the payments due each month for each source of credit. Now, add up the total of your monthly payments. The following calculations can help you look at your credit load before making another credit commitment.

Multiply your monthly net income by .20. Your monthly

credit payments, not including a home mortgage, should not exceed this amount. While 20% of your net monthly income is a good rule of thumb, 15% is considered manageable for most people.

Another check is to see if you could pay off your debts in two or three years using only 10% of your net income. Add up all your credit balances, excluding your home mortgage. Divide your total debt by 10% of your net annual income. The answer tells you how many

years it would take for you to repay your debts using only 10% of your after-tax income.

If the answer is less than 2, consider the other costs and benefits of adding to your credit commitments. If the answer is between 2 and 3, you will probably be able to get the loan, but an emergency or change in income could put you at risk. If the answer is more than 3, stop and start working on ways to increase your loan payments and reduce your credit balance.

Tarleton to host Regional UIL

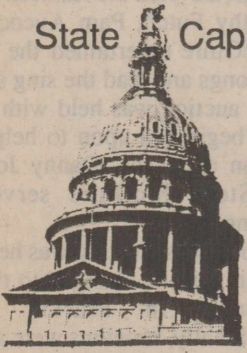
Region II, Conference AA of the University Interscholastic League will hold its spring contests on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville April 18-26.

According to Tarleton's UIL Regional Director Dr. Mary Jane Mings, the academic events get underway April 18 with the one-act play competition set for Friday afternoon in the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center. UIL contests in a

wide variety of topics are scheduled for Sat., April 19 all across campus.

The UIL sporting events begin on April 21 with the golf and tennis matches for boys and girls running Monday through Thursday. On Fri., April 25 the UIL Regional track meet will be held at Memorial Stadium. The field events begin at 2 p.m. on Friday with the preliminaries of the running events.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Reps. Harold Dutton and Scott Hochberg, both Houston Democrats, have filed separate bills that would make public schools more accountable for the academic progress of special education students.

Included in the legislation are provisions that would remove incentives for schools to place low-achievers in special education programs.

"We have more kids being pushed into special education for the wrong reasons. More often than not, it is a place where kids are languishing in an educational cesspool that forever labels and stifles their educational progress," Dutton said.

The proposed laws would keep school districts from routinely exempting special education students from state achievement tests. They also would count special education students' scores in schools' evaluations.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses believes special education students should be tested and their scores counted. "We need to get as many children as possible in the assessment system," he said.

House Passes Tax Work-off Bill

Citizens 65 and older would be able to work for school districts to pay off their school property tax, under legislation passed by the Texas House last week.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, is modeled after a Colorado plan that allows school districts to contract with older citizens who want to work off their tax debt at minimum wage. The money earned is credited to their property tax bills.

"School districts in many cases have trouble finding people to do certain jobs in schools," McCall was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*. "If a community has a concert pianist and they are short in the music department, they can bring in a retired concert pianist to work with the students."

Auto Insurers

Discriminate?

A study by the Austin-based Center for Economic Justice says insurance companies writing auto policies for Texas drivers are discriminating against low-income and minority areas by forcing residents to pay higher premiums.

And, the study says, the overall rejection rate has increased and insurance availability worsened over the past five years.

Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns, in a report by the Associated Press, said, "Any allegations that this is a racial or minority issue are absurd and totally without foundation. What apparently has occurred is groups have cobblestoned numbers together to prove what they want

to prove."

Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said the department recently established a hot line for people who believe they have experienced insurance discrimination by the ZIP code, also known as redlining.

Senate Approves Adoption Bill

The Texas Senate last week approved a bill that would make adoptions quicker, in some cases.

Sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, the bill is aimed at expediting adoptions of children who have been removed from their parents by the state because of neglect or abuse.

"What's happening is that these children are growing up without a family. They move from foster home to foster home, and they age out (turn 18) and they're out on the street," Zaffirini said.

The bill also would create a paternity registry, making it easier to terminate the parental rights of fathers who don't claim their babies and allow the infants to be adopted, the Associated Press reported.

Commission Merger

Opposed

Gov. George W. Bush is opposed to a bill by Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, that would merge the Public Utility Commission into the Texas Railroad Commission. The PUC regulates electric and telephone utilities, while the Railroad Commission regulates the state's oil and gas production, as well as gas utilities.

Under the measure, which the Senate State Affairs Committee approved 10-3, the appointed three-member PUC would be abolished and its staff and duties taken over by the Railroad Commission, whose three members are elected.

"The governor is opposed to the bill," Karen Hughes, Gov. Bush's communications director, said of Cain's bill.

But Charles Matthews, chairman of Railroad Commission, said he favors passage of the merger legislation.

Other Capital Highlights

The Texas General Land Office said its annual spring sale of leases on state land to explore for oil and gas has collected \$26.6 million, the highest since 1964. A majority of the lease bids were concentrated in the coastal bay and in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission this spring will use undercover agents to reduce underage drinking at senior proms and graduation events across the state. Agency spokesman Rolando Garza said agents will inspect 60 to 70 percent of the celebrations around the state and will step up undercover operations aimed at catching minor who illegally buy alcohol and vendors who illegally sell it.

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100 METER DASH—Will Trammell runs to the first place district title in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.19 in Electra last Thursday.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



WINS SECOND—Kelli Moeller placed second in the 400 meter run at the district track meet in Electra with a time of 65.92.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Indians, Holliday tie for District Track title

The Haskell Indians track team tied for the District 9-2A boys track title with Holliday at the meet held in Electra last Thursday. Each team had a total of 195.

Haskell was lead by Gavino Ortiz who placed first in high jump, 800 and the 400. Carl Riley also helped in the points total by placing first in the long jump and the 200.

BOYS

Long jump: 1. Carl Riley, 22-5; 2. Tim Masias, 21-5 1/2; 3. Chris McSmith 20-2 1/2.

High jump: 1. Gavino Ortiz, 6-9 (personal best).

Pole vault: 2. IV Burson, 12-0. Triple jump: 1. Tim Masias, 44-2 1/2; 2. Carl Riley, 43-6 3/4; 3. Bobby Ortiz 42-0 1/2.

400 relay: 1. Haskell 44.23. Team members are Timmy Masias, Kevin Billington, Carl Riley, Will Trammell and Philip Huff, alternate.



DISTRICT WINNERS—Haskell girls golf team members won the district golf tournament recently. Standing are Amanda Rapp, J. J. Comedy, Jodi Thigpen, Coach Dwayne Gray. Seated are Mist Henson and Wendy Gray.

800: 1. Gavino Ortiz, 2:03.92; 3. Jason Briles, 2:12.40.
100: 1. Will Trammell, 11.19.
400: 1. Gavino Ortiz, 51.27; 2. Philip Huff, 52.49.
200: 1. Carl Riley, 23.59; 2. Will Trammell, 23.66.

1,600 relay: 2. Haskell 3:30.74. Team members are Philip Huff, Bobby Ortiz, Kevin Billington, Gavino Ortiz and Timmy Masias, alternate.

GIRLS

The Maidens placed 4th in the district track meet held in Electra Thursday with 75 team points.

Discus: 3. Johanna Payne 94-0.
High jump: 2. Shayne McKenzie, 5-2.
100 hurdles: 3. Shayne McKenzie, 17.10.
400: 2. Kelli Moeller, 65.92.
300 hurdles: 3. Shayne McKenzie, 50.54.
200: 3. Kelli Moeller, 28.66.



1ST PLACE—Gavino claimed the district title in the 800 meter run last Thursday in Electra with a time of 2:03.92.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Rochester wins District 8-A track meet championship

The District 8-A track meet was held Saturday in Throckmorton. The Rochester Steers placed second in team totals followed by Rule and Paint Creek.

BOYS

Team totals: 2. Rochester 115; 3. Rule 102; 4. Paint Creek 51.
3,200: 1. Grant Hisey, Rule 11:54.36.

440 relay: 1. Rochester 46.99. Team members are Michael Adkins, Brock McGhee, Charlie Parks and John Mark Lopez; 2. Rule 49.34. Team members are Marcus McIntosh, Michael Hertel, Cody Tibbets and Kalith Trussell.

800: 2. Brian Lehrmann, Rule, 2:21.38.

110 hurdles: 1. Jodie Reel, Paint Creek, 16.9; 2. Brock McGhee, Rochester, 16.99.

100: 3. Charlie Parks, Rochester, 11.64.

400: 1. Jeremy Hertel, Rule, 57.0; 3. Michael Adkins, Rochester, 57.82.

300 hurdles: 1. Brock McGhee, Rochester, 45.19; 3. Blayne Davis, Paint Creek, 48.50.

200: 1. Charlie Parks, Rochester, 24.24.

1,600: 1. Grant Hisey, Rule, 5:04.68.

1,600 relay: 2. Rule 4:02.38. Team members are Jeremy Hertel, Kalith Trussell, Cody Tibbets and Marcus McIntosh; 3. Rochester 4:09.06. Team members are Brian Bevel, Chris Strickland, Claude Baker and Michael Adkins.

High jump: 2. Chris Strickland, Rochester, 5-4.

Shot put: 2. Chris Strickland,

Rochester, 36-11.

Long jump: 1. Charlie Parks, Rochester, 18-8; 3. Kalith Trussell, Rule, 17-9 1/4.

Discus: 3. Chris Strickland, Rochester, 97-7.

Triple jump: 1. Jodie Reel, Paint Creek, 38-7 3/4.

GIRLS

The Rochester Lady Steers claimed the District title at the District 8-A track meet held Saturday in Throckmorton with a team total of 130. Rule placed 3rd, followed by the Paint Creek Lady Pirates, sixth.

Team totals: 1. Rochester 130; 3. Rule 97; 6. Paint Creek 49.

3,200: 2. Deborah Wilson, Rule, 16:14.25; 3. Isabell Baez, Rule, 17:10.66.

400 relay: 2. Rochester, 56.65. Team members are Jennifer Saucedo, Veronica Slaughter, Casey Jackson and Erika Nicholson. 3. Paint Creek, 56.90. Team members are Alycia Waters, Cathy Prickett, Yolanda Rodriguez and Ashley Medford.

800: 1. Jennifer Lehrmann, Rule, 2:41.06; 3. Barbara Shinn, Rochester, 3:05.85.

100: 1. Erika Nicholson, Rochester, 12.97; 3. Alycia Waters, Paint Creek, 13.49.

800 relay: 2. Rule 2:01.95. Team members are Michelle Stegemoeller, Jennifer Lehrmann, Latisha Trussell and Laura Tibbets; 3. Rochester 2:04.13. Team members are Veronica Slaughter, Patricia Slaughter, Casey Jackson and Erika Nicholson.

400: 2. Jennifer Saucedo,

Rochester, 1:10.88.

300 hurdles: 2. Casey Jackson, Rochester, 59.94; 3. Amber Hearn, Rochester, 65.59.

200: 3. Alycia Waters, Paint Creek, 30.53.

1,600: 3. Deborah Wilson, Rule, 7:23.85.

1,600 relay: 2. Rule 5:00.38. Team members are Laura Tibbets, Latisha Trussell, Michelle Stegemoeller and Jennifer Lehrmann; 3. Paint Creek 5:10.69. Team members are Halee Walton, Ashley Medford, Stefanie Isbell and Yolanda Rodriguez.

High jump: 3. Michelle Stegemoeller, Rule, 4-2.

Long jump: 2. Patricia Slaughter, Rochester, 12-11; 2. Latisha Trussell, Rule, 12-10; 3. Yolanda Rodriguez, Paint Creek, 12-9 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Erika Nicholson, Rochester, 30-7; 2. Patricia Slaughter, Rochester, 29-7 1/2; 3. Casey Jackson, Rochester, 19-1 1/4.

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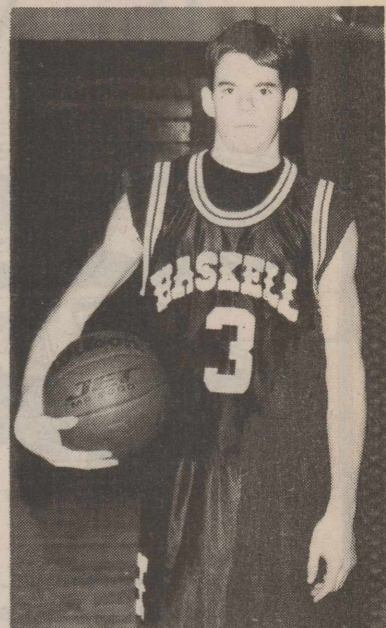
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Haskell girls golf team wins District

The Haskell Girls Golf team captured the District Championship April 8, at the River Creek Golf Course in Burkburnett. They edged out Seymour by one stroke, 407 to 408. Olney placed third with a score of 474.

Wendy Gray was top medalist of the tournament with a score of 77.

The girls will play in the Regional Tournament in Stephenville April 21-22.



MATTHEW McCORD

HSU Cowboys signs McCord

Hardin-Simmons University has announced that Haskell Indian Matthew McCord will be playing college basketball for the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys.

McCord is a 5'10" guard who averaged 18.6 points per game, as well as seven rebounds and five assists. He was named to the Abilene Reporter News All-Big Country Class 2A Team, All District 9-2A first team, the All Region 2-2A first team and the Region 2-2A All Tournament team.

At Haskell High School, McCord is a member of the National Honor Society, vice president of student council, and vice president of the senior class. He is the son of Andrew and Christye Gannaway of Haskell.

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Genetically altered soybeans continue to change the soybean herbicide market. Costly, time-consuming herbicide applications are becoming a thing of the past. Roundup Ready* soybean growers generally apply a burndown prior to planting and follow with a post-emergence herbicide.

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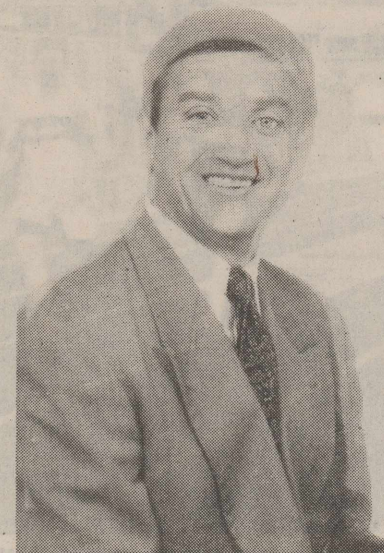


ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, April 21
China painting—1 p.m.
Lunch—Steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, beets, blackeyed peas, cobbler, milk, tea or coffee.
AARP Defensive Driving—1 to 5 p.m. Haskell National Bank Community Room
Tuesday, April 22
AARP Defensive Driving—1 to 5 p.m. Haskell National Bank Community Room
Wednesday, April 23

Exercise—10:30 a.m.
Lunch—Meat loaf, lima beans, potatoes, peanut butter chews, milk, tea or coffee.
Friday, April 25
Lunch—Butter beans with ham, spinach, carrot salad, cherry cobbler, 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.

Snider to speak at Church of Christ



JOHN SNIDER
John Snider, a noted evangelist and speaker, will preach a series of sermons on the parables of Jesus, April 20-23 at the Haskell Church of Christ.

Having grown up on a ranch in Wyoming, Snider brings down home practical sense to his preaching. Besides preaching in numerous meetings, he has also worked as a pulpit minister and a youth minister with churches in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. He is currently pulpit minister for the Greenwood Church of Christ near Midland.

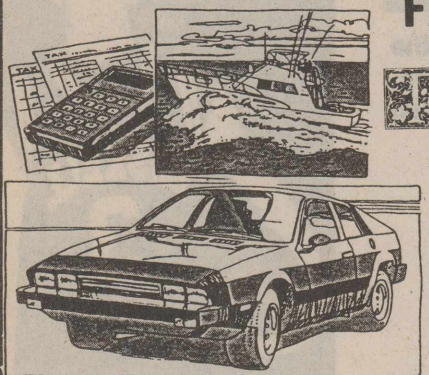
Many from the Haskell area will remember Snider for the time he preached in Weinert while going to school at ACU. More than anything else, people know him as an encourager of people.

Bible Class Sunday will begin at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship will begin at 10:30. Evening worship services begin at 6 p.m.

Monday through Friday services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH AND TAXATION EXPOSE THE EVILS OF GREED



he desire to succeed in your chosen profession and thereby improve the financial condition of yourself and your family is both natural and commendable. However, some of us are inclined to carry ambition to excess, to the point of imperiling our health and raising our taxes to a level totally out of proportion to the advantages gained from it. A popular song of the '40's con-

tained a message possibly more vital to all of us than its composers realized, when it said, "It's later than you think!" Nevertheless, it's never TOO late to stop whatever you're doing and re-evaluate the goals and purposes of your life, and to let the Church of your choice teach you the difference between normal, healthy ambition and self-destructive greed.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Frank Summers, preacher
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Vergil Smith, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Tues. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
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1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
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Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
PAINT CREEK
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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 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
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First Baptist Church
Don Myers, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
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Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
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Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., 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., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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Evangelist G. Wayne Kirk from Plano, will preach the unchanging and uncompromising word of God in each service. Rev. Kirk's wife, Pat, will tell a Bible story for children prior to his preaching each evening. A former businessman, Rev. Kirk pastored churches in North Texas for several years before

launching a ministry of Evangelism and Kid's Crusades.
Rev. Kirk preaches in a style known as old fashioned Holy Ghost, anointed preaching; where God, by His power, moves and anoints people in each service. He gladly prays for the sick, believing that God is able to heal sick bodies as recorded in the Bible. His slogan is: preaching the end time message to this end time generation.
For more information contact Pastor Amburn at 864-2189. All are welcome to attend.

Food for thought

By Charles H. Spurgeon
"The Son of man."
—John 3:13
How constantly our Master used the title, the "Son of man!" If He had chosen, He might always have spoken of Himself as the Son of God, the Everlasting Father, the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Prince of Peace; but behold the lowliness of Jesus!
He prefers to call Himself the Son of man. Let us learn a lesson of humility from our Saviour; let us never court great titles nor proud degrees. There is here, however, a far sweeter thought. Jesus loved manhood so much, that He delighted to honour it; and since it is a high honour, and indeed, the greatest dignity of manhood, that Jesus is the Son of man, He is wont to display this name, that He may as it were hang royal stars upon the breast of manhood, and show fourth the love of God to Abraham's seed.
Son of man—whenever He said that word, He shed a halo round the

head of Adam's children. Yet there is perhaps a more precious thought still. Jesus Christ called himself the Son of man to express His oneness and sympathy with His people. He thus reminds us that He is the one whom we may approach without fear.
As a man, we may take to Him all our griefs and troubles, for He knows them by experience; in that He himself hath suffered as the "Son of man," He is able to succour and comfort us. All hail, thou blessed Jesus! inasmuch as thou art evermore using the sweet name which acknowledges that thou art a brother and a near kinsman, it is to us a dear token of thy grace, thy humility, thy love.
"Oh see how Jesus trusts Himself, Unto our childish love, As though by His free ways with us Our earnestness to prove!
His sacred name a common word, On earth He loves to hear, There is no majesty in Him, Which love may not come near."
submitted by Sam Bitner

Haskell School Menu

April 21-25
Breakfast
Juice or milk and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Cereal, buttered toast and jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes with syrup
Thursday: Biscuits and 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: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, pickle spears, congo bars.
Tuesday: Chicken fried and gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green peas, hot rolls, ice cream.
Wednesday: Barbeque on a bun, tater tots, pickle spears, cookies.
Thursday: Burritos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, sliced peaches.
Friday: Hamburger, curly fries, hamburger trimmings, pudding cake.

Paint Creek School Menu

April 21-24
Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Toast
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: No School
Lunch
Monday: Taco salad, lettuce, cheese, onions, hot sauce, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Bean tacos, lettuce, cheese, cornbread, pears
Wednesday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, applesauce
Thursday: Tuna, bologna, or cheese sandwiches, chips, pickles,

pork & beans, ice cream
Friday: No School
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins



VISITS WITH BUNS—Lacey Peiser, left, and Luke Terry, center, of Haskell Elementary School visit with Buns, the well-traveled bunny, and David Love, author/photographer. Buns and David visited with the students on April 7.

Haskell Elementary students visit with Buns and David Love

On April 7th, Haskell Elementary School hosted author/photographer David Love and his companion, "Buns," the well traveled bunny from the children's book **BUNS TRAVELS ACROSS AMERICA**. This book is designed to teach children U.S. geography. As they read the book, children follow this not so ordinary rabbit across the country to wondrous places, and learn about some of America's famous landmarks. Seeing photographs of

Buns on his travels creates lasting impressions of the places pictured.

Two presentations were given to elementary students. After introducing Buns to the students, Mr. Love presented slides and discussed the places Buns had visited in their book. The slide presentations were followed by a question/answer session, in which students were encouraged to ask about Buns, his travels in the United States, and how this book came about. As students left, they

were allowed to pet Buns, and each received a map of the U.S. which was personally autographed by a Buns bite. A number of students received autographed copies of the book **BUNS TRAVELS ACROSS AMERICA**, which they had ordered ahead of the author visit. Now students, and teachers, are looking forward to the next book featuring their new friend, hopefully titled **BUNS TRAVELS ACROSS TEXAS**.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy F. George attended the New Mexico District Council of the Assemblies of God, April 8-10, in Albuquerque. Their son, Rev. Roy Kenneth George was returned to the office of District Supt. for another 4 year term of service on the nominating ballot. The council concluded with a ground-breaking ceremony for a district office complex which will take care of all the state department leaders and officers. Construction will begin immediately and will be located in Rio Rancho, a growing area in North Albuquerque.

Wilbert and Dwanna Klose visited over the weekend in Odessa with James and Frankie Alvis.

Alberta McKinney, Margaret Tanner and her daughter, Susan Miller, visited London, England and Paris, France in March. They had the time of their lives.

The Women's Day of Prayer was hosted by the Mission Revival Center COGIC, Rev. W.M. Hodge was host pastor.

Next year it will be in Anson at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church, and Rev. J.W. Smith will be host pastor.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church was in Rochester Sunday evening at the Union Chapel Baptist Church, the Rev. C. Walker, pastor. His installation service was held. Installation message was brought by the Rev. J. Lewis, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church. Charge to the Church was given by the Rev. F. Stevenson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seymour.

Other guests were Sims Chapel of Stamford—Rev. R. Yarbrough, West Buelah—Munday, Mission Revival Center New Covenant, Stamford—Rev. Clark.

Visiting in Haskell this weekend was the Kirk girls—children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kirk, formerly of Haskell. They are the owners of the CED of Bellanah House LTD Co. and Inez Place.

On Friday Bernice Hilliard's son Ken of Marlin visited a while on his way home from Lubbock where he had attended a business meeting.

On Saturday, her son and wife Ron and Edith Hilliard of Odessa came. Ron visited Bernice while Edith visited her mother & Sennia Mae Murray in Rule. On Saturday night, Ron and Bernice went to Abilene to the Wagon Wheel and square danced where Leon Ivey was the caller.

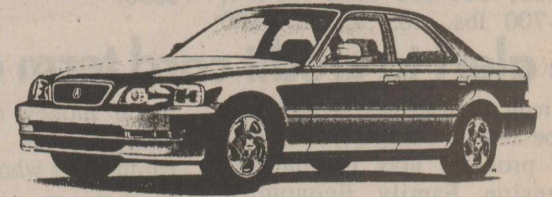
Visiting with Dora Holley where her sisters and husbands Mattie and Noel Abbott of Arlington and Helen and Alften White of Breckenridge and while they were here Ocie Carruth, Callie Moore, Nellie Bird, Jackie Morrel, Regina Bird and Frank and Joyce

White all had lunch with them at Dora's. Frankie Don and Dianna White

of Jacksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis over the week-end.

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FCE Clubs plan spring events

by Dolores Medford

Haskell County Family and Community Education Council met on March 19 in regular session with chairman Lena Tidwell presiding.

For recreation, Dolores Medford from Homespun Club gave a reading on "Spring Cleaning." Kathryn Schonestedt, secretary, had roll call for ten members and one guest. The club presidents gave reports from their monthly club meetings to council. The treasurer's report was given by Lennie Ruth Blankenship.

A special committee was appointed by Lena Tidwell for Information Day. They are: Jane Smith, chairman; Mildred Robertson, Joetta Burnett, and Kathryn Schonestedt.

Acting in the place of TAFCE

chairman Joetta Burnett, Dolores Medford gave a report for TAFCE. The district spring meeting will be held at Jayton School on April 16 and Dolores encouraged everyone to attend if possible. Martha Toliver and Myrtle Plemister Therwhanger are fifty year members of FCE club, who will be recognized at district meeting in Jayton.

Rally Day is March 26 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with the Haskell County FCE club ladies as hostesses to Baylor and Knox County FCE club ladies for a fun day together. A show and tell program is planned for all ladies who want to share with everyone something old or new the have made or bought that would be interesting to learn about. A fashion show is planned by the Haskell County FCE ladies from

different Haskell dress shops for the clubs that day also.

A craft demonstration by Barbara Lakey of Sylvester and Arlene Shivers of Clyde will also be presented.

A covered dish lunch is planned with Haskell County FCE clubs bringing the meat and vegetable dishes. Baylor County will bring salads, and Knox County will bring desserts.

After lunch two programs are planned, one by Paula Smith of Abilene on "Why Women Eat Chocolate" and another by Linda Haynes of Haskell on Child Protective Services update.

Door prizes are planned for the closing of the Rally Day with each member to bring two door prizes per person.

The messenger will be published three times a year for the ladies who are subscribing to the paper.

There will be no April Council. Refreshments were served by Homespun FCE Club to everyone at council.

Book Fair set next week at Elementary

Haskell Elementary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair for its students, teachers, and the public, beginning Monday, April 21, through noon Friday, April 25. The book fair will be held in the elementary library, which is located on Avenue H, west of the main elementary school building.

This year's book fair theme is Read Big. Titles covering a wide range of selections and interests will be available for the elementary-age reader, including mysteries, classics, biographies, sports, adventures, popular fiction,

humor, and award books. Prices are reasonable, and the proceeds will be used to help generate funds for library projects and materials. Classes are scheduled to attend at assigned times each day, and the public is invited to visit at the following times:

Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 9:15; Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5:00; and Friday morning from 8:00 until 12:00 noon. Book Fair closes at 12:00 noon on Friday. (There will be no further sales after this time.)

Join us again this year for a fun time at the book fair.

Bullinger graduates from Timber Tag

Dale Bullinger graduated from the Scoutmaster's Basic Fundamentals course held recently at Camp Tonkawa. During the three weekend course, Bullinger served as patrol leader of the Panther Patrol and was responsible for effectively

coordinating their activities during the course.

Bullinger is currently registered as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 136 in Haskell and has been actively involved in the Scouting program for four years.

Births

Stephanie Cheyna and Teddy Silvas proudly announce their birth of their son, Aaron Lee Silvas, born Wed., April 9 in Hendricks

Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Grandparents are Reba Cheyna and Lee and Mary Silvas, all of Haskell.

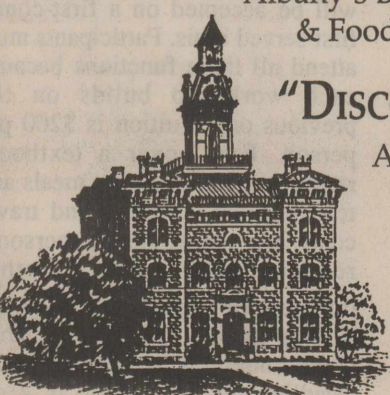
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Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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If you have a business, rental property, investments in stocks, bonds or mutual funds, or if you've purchased or sold a home during the year, you will benefit by getting professional help with tax preparation.

Your accountant is able to spot errors in third party documents such as 1099s, W2s, mortgage documents, and IRS correspondence. He or she will give you suggestions for recordkeeping, personal and business financial planning, and gift and estate planning.

Computer tax software does a good job of computing the tax from the information entered. But it cannot determine if you have entered the correct dollar amount or if you have entered a figure in the wrong box. It cannot help you determine the basis (depreciable cost) in a business or rental asset. Your software may be of little help in filing state income tax returns. And who do you call midyear with your tax and financial questions or for assistance if you're audited?

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 705 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, 4-12-97, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on all classes.

Cows: fat, .38-.43; cutters, .35-.45; canners, .25-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .44-.52, feeder .55-.68; utility .35-.44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .88-1.07; 300-400 lbs., .77-.90; 400-500 lbs., .76-.93; 500-600 lbs., .68-.90; 600-700 lbs., .65-.85; 700-800

lbs., .62-.70; 800-up lbs., .55-.65.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .72-.92; 300-400 lbs., .67-.77, 400-500 lbs., .63-.735; 500-600 lbs., .58-.68, 600-up lbs., .55-.66.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$425-\$525.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$525-\$700; aged or small, \$375-\$575.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged \$650-\$800; small or aged, \$450-\$650.



TAMARA CALLAN

Callan is marketing coordinator

Tamara Callan of San Angelo is marketing coordinator for Shannon Behavior Health Services of Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

She focuses on extending behavioral health services and increasing awareness and accessibility to Shannon's emotional, behavioral and substance abuse programs.

Callan has been a Shannon associate for ten years, most recently serving as director of MedPlus, Shannon's occupational medicine department.

She received a degree from Angelo State University and has lived in an Angelo for twenty years.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Dee Larned of Haskell and the late Curtis Cox.



WE'D RATHER BY SHOPPING!—These ladies join in a team effort to turn the fire plug on during the 6-man ladies pumper race held last Saturday in Haskell. Cold temperatures made the races a frigid event.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Spring one day and winter the next!!! Everyone is wondering if it is safe to put out the tomato plants, and get the gardens planted. We'll just go ahead and hope for the right kind of weather.

For those readers who receive early mail, you are reminded that the U.I.L. play competition will be held in Levelland today, Thursday the 17th instead of the 19th as was reported last week. Sorry for the mistake.

The home of Frances Clark was the scene of a family dinner last Saturday for Laughlin descendants who were here for a family reunion. Relatives enjoying the meal and fellowship included Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland, Mr. & Mrs. Renny Laughlin, Garron and Renee of Odessa, Ben & Gail Dyer of Houston, Ladain Anderson of Houston, Skeets and Earline Jameson of Matador, Laressa Earthman of Weimar, Linda Pierce of Wylie, Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule, Shane LeFevre of Sundown, Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola, Warren, Aline, Jodie, and Holly Ables of Austin, Heather Friezt, Rayna Myers and Travis Twillegear of Odessa and Johnny, Jana, Jace and Jacob Manske, Mozelle Manske, Delbert & Joyce LeFevre, Ken, Jill, Tully, Cade and Kinsey Brown, all of Sagerton and Jerry Manske of Stamford.

A large crowd enjoyed the Mexican dinner after church Sunday at Faith Lutheran sponsored by the local A.A.L. branch to benefit Big Country Lutheran campers from Faith. Proceeds will be used to send the youth of the church to summer camp at Lake Brownwood. The youth thank everyone for their support.

The Sagerton Hobby Club met at the community center with Wilma Teichelman serving as hostess. The group made mats for pictures as their project for the day and picked the pattern for the quilt to be given away at the Fall Bazaar. They voted to sponsor a girl for the softball team at Rule. Members present were: Margie Hertel, Joyce LeFevre, Jo Brown, Peggy Tabor, Dorothy Toney, Ev Ulmer, Margaret Wendeborn, Christine Stremmel and Yvonne Swofford.

Ladies of Faith Circle met at the church for their monthly meeting and Bible Study. Dorothy Toney led the topic discussion and LaVerne Stanhope served refreshments to Odene Duhensing, Mary Neinast, Helen Lehmann, and Pastor Zell.

A meeting of the Hee Haw cast was held at the community center Thursday night and Larry LeFevre was selected to direct the show for 1998.

Mae Stegemoeller and Dorothy Clark were in Sweetwater Saturday for Mesquite Zone Spring Workshop of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They are members of Faith Circle of the L.W.M.L. at Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene.

Melvin & Flo New have returned from a vacation and visit with Flo's sister-in-law at Walnut Springs and her sisters at Cleburn and Weatherford. While at Walnut Springs, they enjoyed a 2 1/2 inch rain. Maybe they brought some of it home with them as we received one inch here.

A special treat for the News on their trip was a visit also with a sister in Coppertown who is 98 years old. Actually, they say she is 98 years YOUNG since she is healthy

and as "sharp as a tack". She advised Melvin on when to plant his blackeyed peas. She said that April 20 would be the day to plant.

Sagerton students participating in the area F.F.A. Judging competition at Texas Tech in Lubbock last Saturday were Stephanie Stegemoeller with meats, Michelle Stegemoeller and Brian Lehmann with animals and Jennifer Lehmann with Dairy Cattle.

Sagerton students helped the Rule track teams win third place team total at the District 8-A meet in Throckmorton Saturday. Jeremy Hertel placed first in the 400, and second in the mile relay. His brother, Michael placed second in the 400 relay. They are the sons of Mike and Cheryl Hertel. Jennifer Lehmann placed first in the 800, and second in the mile relay and 800 meter relay. Her brother, Brian placed second in the 800. They are the children of Steven and Karen Lehmann. Michelle Stegemoeller placed third in high jump, fourth in the 100 meter hurdles, second in the 800 meter relay and second in the mile relay. She is the daughter of Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller. All first and second place winners will go on to the regional meet in Levelland the week after the one-at-play competition. Congratulations to these fine athletes who represent their school and our community so well, and to their coach, our own, Jill LeFevre Brown.

Citizens are reminded of the school board election coming up at Rule in early May. We will be represented in our community by one candidate. Don't forget to vote!

Ladain Anderson of Houston is visiting in the home of Frances Clark.

New extension effort WILD about deer

WILD about Deer, a new wildlife management series from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, kicks off April 28-29 in Ozona. WILD (Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development) is an intensive multi-site training whose pilot focus is on white-tailed deer.

Students are expected to

participate in each of three, two-day workshops. The two other locations and their dates are Sonora, July 14-15 and San Angelo, Sept. 29-30. Each workshop features hands-on exercises and detailed homework assignments. The program's purpose is to give participants a chance to develop a greater working

knowledge of the deer management triangle—that triangle being habitat, population and people.

Part of the training is aimed at honing leadership skills. One of the obligations of a WILD graduate is to conduct at least four educational programs in his or her local community. These may include giving talks before local school groups or fellow ranchers, or writing news articles for the general public. The program series features elements from other popular Extension programs, include TALL (Texas Ag Lifetime Leadership), TRM (Total Ranch Management) and the Bobwhite Brigade. The curriculum will be fast-paced and intensive, and Rollins warns participants to expect a rigorous schedule. "Hours involved will be long," commented Rollins, "but we'll use hands-on exercises whenever possible."

A maximum of 30 students, ranchers and other land managers interested in wildlife management will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must attend all three functions because each workshop builds on the previous one. Tuition is \$200 per person. Fees cover a textbook, resource materials, most meals and refreshments. Lodging and travel costs are the student's personal responsibility. For further information, contact Dr. Dale Rollins at 915-653-4576 or your local county Extension Agents. Deadline for registration is April 20.

Be alert to credit card term changes

Credit cards are easy to come by, but be alert to changes your credit card provider may be making. Extension Family Economics Specialist Dr. Joyce Cavanagh cautions you to read the fine print on the papers that come with your statement each month. She says some companies are changing their fees or reducing the grace period for payments.

One credit card company is even penalizing its patrons who do not carry a balance. It isn't making

much money off them, so it's charging an annual fee to cardholders who pay off their bills in full. Cavanagh says all the competition among credit card companies plays to your advantage when you encounter situations such as that. If your terms change, shop around for a better deal.

Cavanagh also encourages keeping only one or two major bank credit cards rather than one from each store or gas company.

In-line skating is good work-out

In-line skating is the fastest growing participation sport in America, with 22.4 million people lacing up their skates in 1996.

"In-line skating is an excellent, low-impact cardiovascular workout," said Dr. John Cianca, a sports medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It raises your heart rate to help with conditioning, and it strengthens the legs."

In-line skating can also be part of a cross-training program to complement other sports, such as

cycling, running, swimming and tennis.

"It's a good exercise because it's pretty easy on the body. It's a perfect alternative for people who've developed over-use injuries from running," said Cianca.

But they may pick up a few cuts and scrapes without the proper protective gear.

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Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Munday ISD is taking bids on two portable buildings to be sold to the highest bidder. Sealed bids will be opened on May 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Administration Building at 811 West D. The buildings to be sold were manufactured by General Shelters in Munday in December 1991. They are 16 ft. x 40 ft. Complete specifications can be obtained from Jerome Hall, Superintendent, Munday ISD, P. O. Box 300, Munday, TX 76371. Bids should be sent to the same address.

The buildings have a large room (16 ft. x 35 ft.) with two bathrooms and a mechanical room on one end. Each bathroom contains a commode, a sink, and cabinets. The mechanical room contains a small electric hot water heater. Also included are two 220 air conditioner/heater. The cooling is rated at 18,000 BTU and the heating at 13,600 BTU. The lighting is fluorescent. Each contain 8 electrical wall outlets. There are two steel doors on one side and two windows located on the other side of the building.

The buildings are on skids and must be moved. They may be moved after May 24, 1997 and before July 1, 1997. They may be seen at 1111 West Main at Munday Elementary.
The Munday ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 16-18c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for a new police car until 12:00 noon, April 25, 1997 at which time bids will be opened at a special called meeting of the Haskell City Council to be held at 12:00 noon on April 25, 1997. Specifications will be available at the Haskell City Hall from 8:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. The City of Haskell reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 15-16c

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Charles and Nedra
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The family of Carl J. Myers would like to thank everyone for the abundance of food, flowers and other remembrances during our loss. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses for their love and care, also to Bro. Amburn and Carl's son-in-law, Robert Mansker, for the funeral service, the Assembly of God choir for their song ministry, and to the church for the lunch served. May God bless each of you.
Lillian Myers
Robert and Ilene Mansker and family
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Danny and Donna Myers and family

Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, flowers, food, phone calls, memorials and visits due to the death of our Mother, Mattie Lou Cole. A special thanks to the loving, caring, compassionate people at Haskell Healthcare Center who cared for her when it became extremely difficult, and a special thank you to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead who was so understanding and to the beautiful people at her Rochester Methodist Church for the lovely memorial service. Words simply can't express our appreciation.
Dr. Woodie D. Lovelady
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and the Richardson family

As we continue grief's journey, we are more and more aware of how others are helping us travel this path. Our hearts are refreshed by the tremendous outpouring of love we receive daily. Our blessings continue to unfold from your thoughts, prayers, gifts, memorials, cards, visits, etc. We understand a little better what Jesus meant when He said, "Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted."
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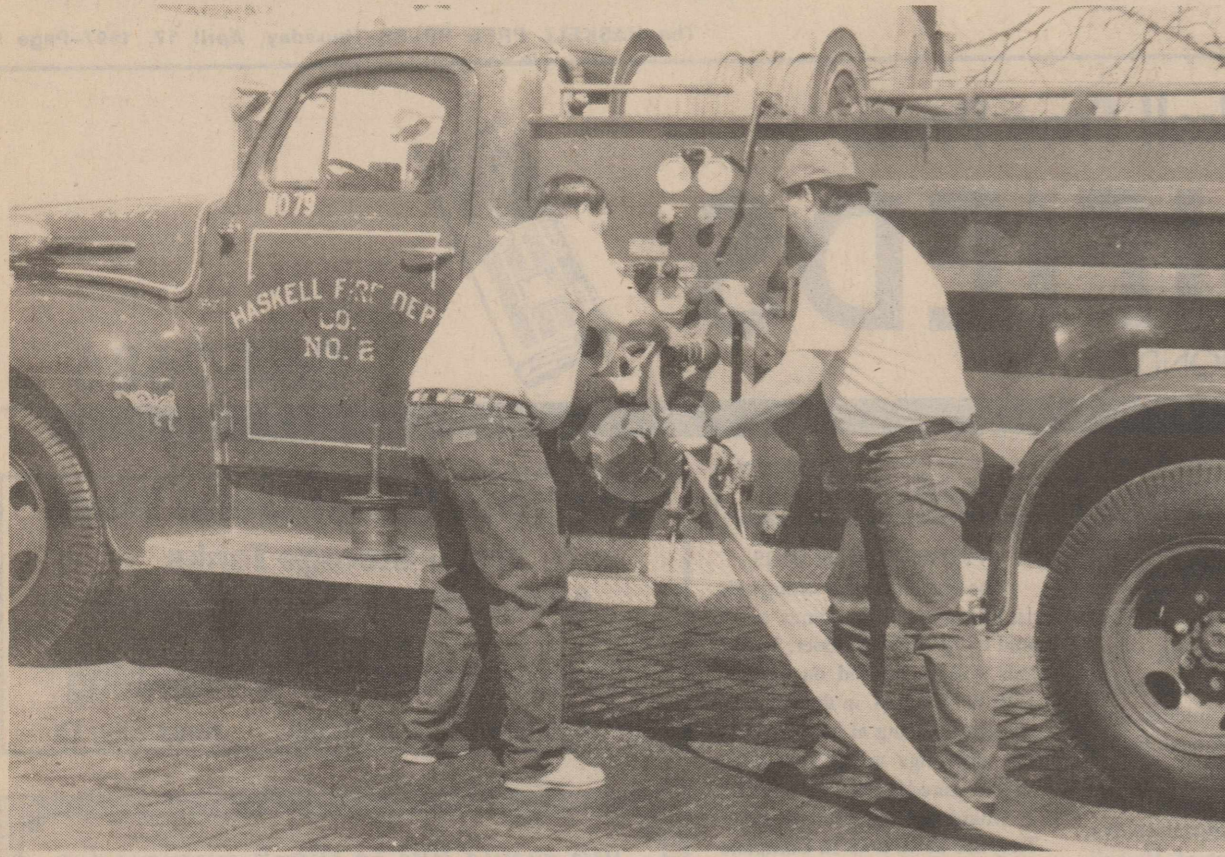
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NOT YET!—Lots of effort was made to keep the water in the hose during Saturday's pumper races. Those who missed their connections were treated to a cold Saturday evening bath. Approximately 160 attended the fire convention.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

April is a vine month. Plant vines. Plant caladiums and elephant ears where they will not be exposed to hot afternoon sun. Remember they need watering almost every day during the summer.

If you need a screen, plant castor beans. Plant a small herb plot.

The lilac bushes are beautiful in Haskell. Give them a feeding of superphosphate with a little lime.

A Comanche Indian chief told his people that the Great Spirit would send rain only if one of them would give up his most valued possession. That night, the chief's small daughter took her beloved cornucopia doll with its bonnet of bright blue feathers to the top of the tallest hill. There she left her cherished doll. The next morning the rains fell, and a lovely blue flower blanketed the hillside. Thus, the bluebonnet was born.

I read this and wanted to pass it on to you, my readers. Interesting, I thought.

Gardening to me is a variety of things. —makes our yards look good, by planting annuals and perennials. Another category is producing cut flowers. For a little money, you can plant annuals and

perennials until the frost next fall kills them. Zinnias, marigolds, and the smaller types of sunflowers are easy to grow for a full season of cut flowers. Buy flower seeds that will produce long stems for easy cutting and arranging.

Choose colors that will work in your home and blend well.

If your flowers are fertilized a couple of times and regularly watered, you should have an almost constant bouquet from early summer until frost.

Divide your chrysanthemums every year or two in late spring, about May or June the first, by sticking a fork underneath to loosen the soil; then work with your fingers to separate the shoots and lift them up. If you prefer, you can do it this month.

Replant the daffodils right away, if possible. These plants are still growing, place them individually, spacing them several inches apart. Leave the leaves on them. They will continue to yellow and then disappear after a month or so.

Mid-April is the target time for starting to fertilize warm-season lawns in our region.

Check with your nursery or garden center or feed store for fertilizers such as 21-7-14, 16-4-8, 20-5-10. Any of these ratios will be fine.

Plant containers, hanging baskets, for color on patios, decks and other living areas.

Do you like old things? I do and I love to go where I can get iron gates, tables, window boxes and maybe old beds for trellises. I really prefer parts of fences to frame a garden setting.

Sometimes as I stroll through these places, I imagine I am in an informal English country garden. Here's where I take time to smell the roses. Here I find unusual flowerpots, and old garden floral prints that I paint when I return home. They give me that "old, loved-on look".

Reach for the foil to keep birds out of berry bushes and fruit trees. Wrapped over cardboard cut outs, foil will flash in the sun. It will frighten the birds away better than a scarecrow.

Rolling Plains Cotton Conference slated April 30 in Haskell

by Lou Gilly
Haskell County
Extension Agent

The first annual Rolling Plains Cotton Conference will be held on Wed., April 30 in the Haskell Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the first session starting at 8:30 a.m. The last session will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

A free meal will be provided to those calling to register prior to April 22. Those registering after that date must pay a \$10 late registration fee. To pre-register or for more information, call your local County Extension office.

The conference is a combined effort of the Rolling Plains County Extension offices of Jones, Taylor, Fisher, Stonewall, Kent, King,

Dickens, Knox, Baylor, Haskell and Throckmorton counties. The planning committee has put together a slate of speakers and topics which can benefit the smallest of farmers to the most progressive farmers.

The following topics and speakers are currently scheduled: "Managing for an Early Crop (Growth Regulators)" by Dr. Randy Bowman; "Managing Fertilizer on Dryland" by Dr. Dan Krieg; "Use of Plant Mapping to Make Plant Mapping Decision" by Dr. Randy Bowman; "Latest Technology on Weed Control in Cotton" by Todd Baughman; "Importance of Proper Plant Populations" by Dr. Dan Krieg;

"Boll Weevil Eradication Update" by Michelle Thompson;

"Boll Worm Outbreak/Beet Army Worm" by Chris Sansone; "World Cotton Market Outlook" by Dr. Carl Anderson; "BT Cotton/Roundup Ready" by Paymaster; "Irrigation Management (including Efficient Water Use of No-Till [Double Cropping]; Irrigation Timing and Frequency; Comparing Economics of 4 Irrigation Methods; and How to Make a Crop with Less Water)" by Dr. Bill Lyle; "Pest Outlook for 1997" by Emory Boring; and "Managing Beneficials" by Chris Sansone.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

GTE announces new services available in Rule April 23

Effective April 23, GTE is bringing the most advanced technology and services to Rule customers—making telephone service more efficient, faster and quieter. A slightly different dial tone will be heard, and the seven-digit number will have to be dialed for all local calls.

Beginning April 23, unless you have GTE's optional Touch Call Service, pushbutton phones will place calls only if the phone's switch is on "pulse." Touch Call Service allows you to place calls and use other optional services faster and easier.

"We're delighted to offer GTE customers these new services that deliver some of the most advanced technology of the modern telephone network into people's homes and small businesses," said Danny Ferguson, Area Manager—Customer Operations for GTE's Plains district. "We've found people appreciate having more control over their phone, such as knowing who's calling them before they answer the phone".

Rule customers will be able to

choose a long-distance provider beginning April 23, for calls made to locations outside of the GTE long-distance calling area. "1+" and "0+" calls made within the long-distance calling area are handled by

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Storyteller to offer tall tales at Copper Breaks

Noted storyteller Tom Medley will offer a selection of tall tales and short stories to Copper Breaks State Park visitors on Sat. April 19. The campsite program will begin at 7 p.m. in the park's amphitheater, located adjacent to Comanche campground.

Medley is a member of the Tejas Storytelling Association and the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. Included in the 100 or so folk tales he tells are nine originals and a few regional favorites such as "No Way, Jose," and "The Witchy Woman of Medicine Mound." He serves as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Electra and has volunteered his storytelling skills at schools, clubs, retirement centers, workshops, and festival across Texas.

Campsite Programs are free with regular park admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Special rates are available for groups.

For more information on the Copper Breaks State Park or the Campsite Programs, call 817-839-4331 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Copper Breaks is located 13

miles south of Quanah and 8 miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

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