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Calendar

Cotton Turn-row meeting set

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service of Haskell County will hold a Cotton Turn-Row meeting on Wed., July 23 at 8 a.m. The location is to be announced. Emory P. Boring, III, Extension Entomologist and Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist will be on hand to visit with cotton producers about insect control/damage, field inspection, weed control, field fertility and etc. Two CEU's will be offered to producers who have a private, non-commercial or commercial applicator license. For more information, contact Greg Kaase, Haskell Co. Extension Agent at 940-864-2658.

Business breakfast

A business opportunity breakfast will be held July 21 at the Towne Crier Steakhouse, 818 E. Highway 80 in Abilene, beginning at 7 a.m. Focus topic "Financial Planning for Small Business," will be presented by Phil Harris of Merrill Lynch. For further information, contact Joanne Meyer at 915-672-5661 or 915-672-5633.

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Tues., Aug. 5. The service, through Bethania's Mobile Mammography Van, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 817-864-2621.

Youth football, cheerleader registration set

Registration for Haskell Youth Football and Cheerleading is set Thurs., July 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Pool. Those who pay the registration fee that night will be allowed to swim free. All youth between the ages of 4 to 12 are invited to register. For more information call Todd Barnes 864-3067.

Hunter safety education course

A hunter safety education course is scheduled Sat., July 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ag buildings in Haskell. No pre-registration is needed. A \$10 fee will be charged. Instructors are James Bevel and Steve Barbour.

Cheerleading camp

A cheerleading camp will be held July 21, 2 & 25 by Deanne Wallace Morgan. Cost of the first session for ages 4 years to Kindergarten is \$20. Cost of the second session for ages first through sixth grades is \$30. First session is from 6 to 7 p.m. The second session is from 7 to 9 p.m. The camp will be held at Macias Ballroom. Call Morgan at 864-3786 after 5 p.m. for more information.

Anson musical

Chris Johnson from Fort Worth will perform at the Opera House in Anson at the Third Saturday musical on Sat., July 19. The country music show begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Concession sales and donations go toward Opera House projects.

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HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL-123 students from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma and California participated in the Haskell Church of Christ's Singing School last week. Instructors attended from Texas, Arkansas and Colorado. Students participated in classes and wrote original compositions, original songs

and learned harmony. Boys were taught song leading. Students were housed by members of the church. A closing program played to a full house where students presented their original songs. The chorus was also featured at the closing ceremonies.

Commissioners announce installment of new 911 center

The announcement of a new 911 communication center being installed at the County Jail was the topic of the regular Commissioners Court meeting on July 14. Two new computers from the West Central Texas Council of Governments and an encoder from Knox City Fire Dept. has helped bring this project nearer completion. Equipment will be housed in a computer island built by Precinct 1 workers. Results will

be state of the art communications and will dispatch for the whole county.

The MHMR building has been painted by community service workers. An estimate for roof repairs for \$250,000 was approved.

The new dock at the Anchor at Lake Stamford is in place. Both the dock and new boat channel are in use since rains have replenished the lake.

Court officials will attend a

hazardous material meeting in Abilene Aug. 13.

The county road sign blanks are being received and will be printed as soon as possible.

The court decided to continue with Rolling Plains State Operated Community Services for Haskell MHMR.

Hoby Strand with the Waste Tire Recycling Plant in Stamford reported on the future of the plant and the uses for the shredded tires.

He asked the Commissioners to consider using the tire material to control erosion. The cost of the material is \$7 per ton and a ton is larger in volume than gravel or soil.

Mike Haley, DPS Trooper, asked the Court to provide pagers for the Highway Patrol and County Officers. This will be discussed further and addressed in the new budget.

Haley updated the Court on the efforts of the local law enforcement officers in recognizing and apprehending drug shipments.

Court discussion of the possibility of health insurance for county employees did not result in any decision. The County would

provide a part of the insurance with the balance being deducted from salary. The employee would be responsible for family insurance. The court may decide to give employees a raise instead due to financial reasons. Preliminary estimates project the total insurance costs at \$175,950 a year at an average of \$287.50 per employee. The County has 51 employees. If the County was to pay \$100 per month of each employees insurance, the cost would be \$61,200.00, the equivalent of a 6 percent raise. These are only estimates and of the 51 employees, some are part time and would not be covered. The costs could be more or less than estimated.

Haskell's July sales tax receipts show increase

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$153.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Consumers continue to show confidence in the rising employment numbers and robust rate of growth of the Texas economy," Sharp said. "So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are running 5.7 percent ahead of the same period last year."

Sharp delivered sales tax rebates totaling \$140 million to Texas

cities, 7.4 percent higher than last July's payments of \$130.3 million. Rebates of \$13.6 million to Texas counties were 7.6 percent higher than allocations of \$12.6 million to counties in July 1996. Another \$4.1 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected on May sales and reported to the Comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly returns.

Haskell County had a 30.98 percent increase for July, 1997 of

\$20,070.92 in comparison to \$15,323.34. 1997 payments to date of \$190,717.91 reflect a 1.52 percent increase from 1996 payments to date of \$187,860.74.

The city of Haskell had a 31.14 percent increase for July, 1997 of \$18,737.35 in comparison to \$14,287.33 for July, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$172,536.33 reflect a .06 percent decrease from 1996 payments to date of \$172,641.11.

O'Brien had a 73.53 percent decrease for July, 1997 of \$23.09 in comparison to \$87.26 for July, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$2,282.77 reflect a 321.54 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$541.53.

Rochester had a 317.56 percent increase for July, 1997 of \$408.92 in comparison to \$97.93 for July, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$3,863.02 reflect a 7.35 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$3,598.43.

Rule had a 4.84 percent increase for July, 1997 of \$861.51 in comparison to \$821.67 for July, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$10,698.09 reflect little change from 1996 payments to date of \$10,697.46.

Weinert had a 37.39 percent increase for July, 1997 of \$40.05 in comparison to \$29.15 for July, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$1,337.70 reflect a 249.99 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$382.21.

Fund growing nicely Hilee to leave for Notre Dame Sunday

Funds to help Hilee Mulligan attend the national baton twirling competition to be held at Notre Dame July 22-26 are coming in nicely.

The Haskell sophomore qualified to attend the competition in June. She will leave Haskell early Sunday morning, July 20. Her first competition is at 8 a.m. Tues., July 22. She will attend the competition with her mom, Lynn Dodson, and her coach, Roz Love.

Hilee's mom reported that Hilee is very excited about the opportunity to participate in the

competition. John McDougal, Haskell Free Press publisher, said, "It's a pleasure to help provide the opportunity for a talented student like Hilee to attend such a prestigious event. We all wish her good luck."

The trio will leave South Bend, Indiana Sunday morning, July 27 and should be in Haskell late in the afternoon on July 28.

If you would like to help Hilee with funds for the trip, you may drop your contribution by the Free Press office.

Council approves purchase of lots

The City Council discussed the purchase of the block just north of the Fairgrounds during the regular meeting of the City Council on July 14. Sam Watson, Administrator, announced that the city has agreed with the landowner to pay \$20,000.00 and \$20,000.00 in a tax letter for the block (less one lot) and several other lots on South Avenue A also owned by the individual. This block was recently used during the Wild Horse Prairie Days event for the brisket cook-off.

Tribbey Construction is in the process of building a division of homes just east of Addison Drive. Water and sewer lines for the division would cost the City approximately \$5,600.00. Fred Hernandez, alderman, spoke on behalf of Tribbey saying Haskell should welcome any growth. Other Council members were skeptical about the completion of the ten homes planned. If Tribbey Construction completes the total project, the end result would offset the initial costs much sooner. The discussion was tabled.

The possibility of a clean-up committee was discussed to citizens about the upkeep of vacant lots, old

houses and equipment yards. Zoning for a mobile home at 501 N. Ave. M passed.

Watson reported that the possibility of a grant for water lines is good. Also a grant for the airport is still in the works.

Streets are being selected for sealcoating.

The Council decided against aerial mosquito spraying.

Ruby Turner was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Haskell All-Stars end season

Haskell's 9-10 year old All-Stars ended their season with a loss to the Graham All-Stars on Tues., July 8.

The Wichita Falls team defeated Knox City All-Stars on Tuesday night to move to the championship bracket.

Graham drew a bye in the Wednesday night game and moved on to the championship game held on Thursday evening.

In the championship game, Wichita Falls won defeating Graham 7-4.

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TOM E. TURNER

Turner promoted at Haskell National Bank

Robert A. Howard, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Haskell National Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Tom E. Turner to Assistant Vice President for Lending.

Employed by the bank for 1 1/2 years, Turner's duties have been primarily in the agricultural lending department. He has also worked in a number of other capacities within the bank in order to gain knowledge of banking operations.

A native of Rule, Turner graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1988 with a Bachelor

of Science degree. He began his career as a contractor for farmer program loans with the Farmer's Home Administration in Haskell. He later was employed, in the same capacity, by Pruitt Contracting Services of Houston.

Tom and his wife, Denise, have three sons; Logan, age 4, Layton, age 2, and Carter, age 8 months. They are members of the Rule Church of Christ. Tom is a member of the Rule Lions Club and serves as Vice President of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Association. Having grown up on a family farm, Turner remains involved as an owner/operator of Turner Farms of Rule.

Haskell National Bank is a 107 year old, locally owned, community bank with assets of \$49 million.

Hospital

Admissions

Ina Clark, Rochester
Jola Everett, Haskell
E.H. Burnett, Haskell

Dismissals

Emma Bridges, Reginal
Johnson, Mary Alice Cabrera,
Ouida Shubert, Joe Teague,
Christine Lasseter

Obituaries

Bill Dumas

Funeral services for Bill Dumas, 48, of Haskell were held Wed., July 16 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Dumas died Mon., July 14 in Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident last December.

Born Jan. 8, 1949 in Haskell, he was a lifelong resident. After high school, he attended college at the University of North Texas in Denton and Hardin-Simmons University.

He married Charlene Owens Aug. 12, 1972 in Haskell. He was a self-employed farmer and affiliated

with the Baptist church. He was a long time supporter and avid fan of Haskell Indian sports.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene of Haskell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Steven Foster of Haskell and Sheree and Joey Branch of Midland; his parents, Robert L. and Bertie Mae Dumas of Haskell; one sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Don Bartley of Midland; four grandchildren, Kory and Koby Foster of Haskell and Teagie and Maggie Branch of Midland.

Pallbearers were Roger Moeller, Jack Dunnam, Bobby Raynes, Kelly Adkins, Jackie Connally, Ritt Milliman, Ross Dunnam and Mike Cook.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell CISD Education Foundation, Box 937, Haskell, TX 79521.

Nina Catherine Schrick

Funeral services for Nina Catherine "Cathy" Schrick, 44, of Elk City, Okla. were held Tues., July 8 at First Christian Church in Frederick, Okla. with Rev. Bob Copeland officiating and Rev. Michael Oberlinder assisting. Burial was in Frederick Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Gish Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schrick died Sat., July 5 in a Elk City hospital after a brief illness.

Born Sept. 28, 1952, in Graham, she married Kenneth Allen Schrick Aug. 13, 1970 in Stillwater, Okla. They lived in Frederick until 1985 and then moved to Elk City where she was a project coordinator for great

Plains Regional Medical Center. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband; her parents, Guy and Freddie Collins of Frederick, Okla.; three sons, Geromy Allen of Yukon, Okla., and Justin Wade and Zachary Jace, both of Elk City, Okla.; two brothers, Cliff Collins of Frederick, and Ed Collins of Edmond, Okla.; two sisters, Julie Tyler and Jana Cobb, both of Frederick, Okla.; and three grandchildren. She is also survived by her aunt and uncle, Benny and Mary Basing, of Haskell.

Livestock leaders unify for fair market

free, fair competitive marketplace for independent producers.

The more than 50 leaders attending the session agreed that enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act provisions requiring a competitive marketplace is a top priority for the nation's livestock producers. The group also appointed a steering group to develop the next steps needed to enforce the Packers and Stockyard regulations.

Packers and Stockyards is the primary federal agency charged with enforcing laws and regulations to assure competition in the livestock industry.

In a statement adopted during the

session, the group said, "We, the market reform coalition, unite to restore and maintain a fair, open and competitive market for livestock producers."

The meeting here was prompted by growing concern among producers over the increasing economic concentration in the livestock marketplace.

The "Jackson Principle" adopted during the meeting, include:

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS—Frank and Roberta Jenkins of Haskell will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Mon., July 21. The couple has a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Mike New and three grandsons, Josh, Micah and Aaron New, all of Haskell.



TOUR IN ABILENE—Haskell third through sixth grade summer school students recently toured the Crown Cork & Seal Company and Abtex Company in Abilene. Students had the opportunity to see the production of aluminum cans from the raw material to the final product. Products distributed throughout the Southwest include Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Big Red and Gatorade. Abtex gave the students and teachers a canned drink and a t-shirt. Crown Cork & Seal contributed earplugs which were needed during the tour. Students pictured include Justin Camacho, Vicente Salano, Juliua Aguilar, Ana Benavides, Holton Hernandez, Saphron Roysdon, Sonya Hernandez, Corina Trevino, Jacqueline Kilgore, Phillip Collins, Jay Walling, Osiel Garcia, Larry Trevino, Bert Diaz, Tara Wilson, Julio Salano, Latasha Siegfried, Krystle Kluth, Reyes Benavides and Melvin Garcia. Teachers for the group are Caron Yates, Diane Huff, Kathy Futch, Donna Waggoner and Paula Everett.

Weinert FCE club hears literacy program

The Weinert FCE Club met July 8 in the Extension Office Kitchen with hostesses Myrtle Therwhanger and Estalynn Liles. Cordie Cunningham gave the salad luncheon prayer.

Myrtle Therwhanger gave a reading on "Ways To Achieve Happiness". Members answered roll call by telling what each would like for the club to do for the coming year.

Billie McKeever gave a very interesting and informative program on literacy. McKeever stated one of the best ways to eliminate illiteracy was through early reading education programs. Haskell has two teachers trained for teaching students in a Reading Recovery program. A new phonics program was implemented this year. The speaker stressed Haskell has the buddy program, PPE (Practical Parent Education), and Lunch N Learn are all being utilized to assist the students in their early education. Readers are needed and welcomed for the Pre-K or EE (Early Education).

Jonita Felty gave the Treasurer's report. President Alice Yates presented the Council report. Yates stated a 4-H scholarship will not be awarded this year due to no student applied for one. A PA system for the Extension Office use was suggested for the unused portion of money. Council members elected Jane Smith as TAFCE-Vice President '97-99.

Myrtle Therwhanger was awarded a 50 year membership certificate at the spring meeting in Jayton.

The members present paid their membership dues which have to be in by August 1. The members also voted for Club Woman and Rookie of the Year.

The Weinert FCE club will sponsor a family game night on Sat., August 2 at 7 p.m. The place is to be determined later. Weinert's new residents will be recognized that evening.

Estalynn Liles and Kathryn Schonerstedt, dinner theatre chairman committee, reported plans are being checked on to attend a Dinner Theatre in Abilene in July or August.

Weinert will serve as hostess for the July 16 Council meeting. Kathryn Schonerstedt will be hostess for the Sept. 2 meeting.

The July meeting was attended by nine members and one guest. Those attending were Billie McKeever, guest, and members: Cordie Cunningham, Jonita Felty, Erma Liles, Estalynn Liles, Myrtle Therwhanger, Henrietta Rueffer, Betty Sanders, Kathryn Schonerstedt, and Alice Yates.

Rick Brazell visits in Haskell

Rick Brazell, a Haskell native, dropped by the Free Press office on Tuesday, July 8. He is working with the U. S. Forest Service at the Caddo Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands near Decatur.

Brazell was on his way to speak at a noon meeting with U. S. Rep. Charles Stenholm in Stamford.

Harrell family sets reunion

Descendants of Ike, Nathan, Charlie and Will Harrell will hold a family reunion Friday night, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Mike and Julia Harrell's backyard. Broiled hamburgers will be served as family members gather.

Saturday, July 26, activities will be held at the Haskell Country

Club. Each family is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish to be served with the brisket, which is provided.

Crafts and other items will be auctioned after the noon meal. Swimming, golfing and tennis will be available.

Family and friends of the family are invited to attend.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in June by Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk, include:

Ryan Eugene Olson and Tara Lea Moeller both of Haskell.

Shannon Gene Waters of Stamford and Heather Camille Guess of Weinert.

Victor Ortiz and Juanita Guzman both of Haskell.

Richard Rodriguez and Dorothy Anne Mauricio both of Haskell.

Nicolas Ortiz and Helen Diane Aguiro both of Haskell.

Brad Thomas Bevel of Rochester and Kendra Jo Williams of Guthrie.

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OPINION

Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

In a 1995 court ruling, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles was forbidden to consider letters from citizens protesting an inmate's release on parole, unless the inmate had the opportunity to investigate and rebut the letters. This decision meant that the letter writer's identity would be revealed to the inmate. The Office of the Attorney General appealed the 1995 decision and obtained a stay of the ruling.

In April 1997, a circuit court affirmed the right of crime victims to submit confidential letters protesting an inmate's potential release on parole. The decision in Daniel Johnson v. Victor Rodriguez is a clear-cut victory for crime victims and their families.

Court decision empowers crime victims

As your Attorney General, I am glad I could obtain a favorable court decision in the Daniel Johnson case. Protest letters empower the crime victims. Many people might fear writing letters to the parole board if prisoners could read them.

Throughout my career as a prosecutor, legislator and Attorney General, I have always been committed to restoring balance in our justice system. My goal is to assure that no crime victim is forgotten after law enforcement officials leave the crime scene. Instead, the crime victim should continue to be involved in all phases of the criminal justice process.

Due process and the constitutional protections for the accused are fundamental to our society and to our justice system. However, these rights should never take precedence over the rights of innocent victims and law-abiding citizens. It is not too much to ask that the Parole Board give citizens the opportunity to protest the early release of a prison inmate without fear of retribution.

Crime victims' rights guaranteed by law

The U.S. Constitution's Sixth Amendment guarantees that "in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right...to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; (and) to be confronted with the witnesses against him." This ancient principle, a foundation of English common law for centuries, is fundamental to our justice system.

We all believe in a justice system that presumes an accused person to be innocent until he or she is found guilty. During a trial the person should be able to hear everything he or her accusers have to say.

However, in a parole hearing, we do not presume that the "accused" is innocent. On the contrary, we have already proven with due process in a court of law that a person eligible for parole has committed a crime. Let us not forget the bedrock principle of the Texas Crime Victims' Rights Act. Stated in the Constitution, this Act says a crime victim has the right to privacy throughout the criminal justice process. This includes, but is not limited to, parole proceedings. (The Texas Constitution also says that crime victims may be present at all phases of the trial.)

Crime victims' rights take precedence

Once we convict a person of a crime and sentence the lawbreaker to a term in the penitentiary, that person should expect to serve the full amount of time. We should grant parole sparingly, and only where truly warranted. Nothing in either the Texas or United States Constitution grants convicted criminals the "right" to get out of prison early.

Victim assistance programs in criminal justice agencies can help swing the balance back toward victims. Law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, parole officers and probation officials all have a part to play in assuring that we do not forget crime victims in the criminal justice process. And there is no reason to increase their anguish by discarding their constitutional right of privacy when they protest the parole process. After all, victims are law-abiding citizens of the state of Texas.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

July 16, 1987

Faye Mullino, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mullino of Rochester was elected Texas Hereford queen during the annual Texas Junior Hereford Association Field Day.

Paul Jon Gibson and Casey Coleman attended the West Texas State University basketball camp.

Kelly Wade Klose and Eric Leonard Clark have been named winners of scholarships of the Texas Exes Club.

20 Years Ago

July 21, 1977

Melissa Nierdieck returned home after attending a Band Camp and Flag Team Camp for a week at ACU in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alvis Mullino of Rochester announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Azlee, to Samuel Cole Turner, Jr., Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cole Turner of Rule.

Danny Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hartsfield, was notified recently that he had been named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of Texas at Austin.

30 Years Ago

July 13, 1967

It's summertime in Texas again, and many of us are shedding winter's wool pants and jackets in favor of bathing suits and shorts. Since this means showing more skin, it also means more sun exposure.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to understand the critical importance of taking preventive measures against the damaging rays of the sun.

As a result of the thinning ozone layer and an increasing emphasis on outdoor leisure and work activities, Texans are now at increased risk for skin cancer, cataracts, and other serious health problems.

These health consequences are being documented already. Just recently, the American Academy of Dermatology announced new data

Pretty Michele Lee co-stars with Robert Morse and Rudy Vallee in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," which opens in Color by DeLuxe and Panavision at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday, through United Artists release. The film is a Mirisch Corp. Presentation.

Mrs. W.A. Lyles and Mrs. E.M. Frierson of Lyles Jewelry Store, were in Dallas last week attending the "Christmas in July Market."

Mrs. R.S. Sanders, along with other teachers of this area, have been attending an Art & Music workshop at the University of Texas this week.

40 Years Ago

July 18, 1957

A rat and mouse killing demonstration meeting will be held in the county court room Friday, July 19, according to F.W. Martin, County Agent. A similar meeting will be held in Weinert at Buck Turnbow's gin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Carl Wayne Myers of this city has enlisted in the U.S. Army, and has been assigned to the 36th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla.

One of Haskell's most prominent and popular citizens and nationally known figures in the

sports world, John Kimbrough, will be featured next week in "Texas in Review," Humble Oil & Refining Company's weekly television program.

50 Years Ago

July 17, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Overton of the Paint Creek community celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 4. They are both native Texans.

The Haskell National Bank has announced that they will remain open during the noon hour until further notice. This move was made in order to render a more complete service to the public.

Earl Alvis of Rochester, is enlarging his ice plant.

90 Years Ago

July 1907

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brockman, Mr. and Mrs. Killebrew Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, Misses Vera and Faye Neathery, Vernan Cunningham, Annie Ellis, and Messrs. Clifton Fitzgerald, Wallace Alexander, Byron Wright and Wether Long spent several days on the Clear Fork fishing last week. Returning home Saturday, they reported a good catch.

Summer tan increases cancer risk

It's summertime in Texas again, and many of us are shedding winter's wool pants and jackets in favor of bathing suits and shorts. Since this means showing more skin, it also means more sun exposure.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to understand the critical importance of taking preventive measures against the damaging rays of the sun.

As a result of the thinning ozone layer and an increasing emphasis on outdoor leisure and work activities, Texans are now at increased risk for skin cancer, cataracts, and other serious health problems.

These health consequences are being documented already. Just recently, the American Academy of Dermatology announced new data

showing a 500 percent increase in the incidence of malignant melanoma between 1950 and 1985. Based on this same data, the Academy further predicted that more than one million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 1997 alone. At the same time, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and other eye care groups predict that the incidence of cataracts—also related to sun exposure—will increase to 1.6 million cases annually by the year 2000.

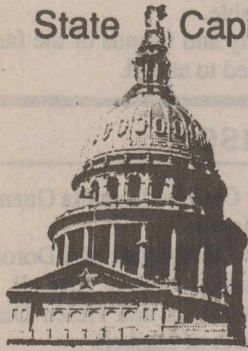
It is estimated that one out of seven people in the U.S. will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. One serious sunburn can increase the risk by as much as 50 percent. The incidence is one in three in the Sunbelt.

What these statistics make very clear is that exposure to UV radiation is a public health issue that all Texans must take seriously.

Take precaution. Minimize your time in the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher to all areas of the body which are exposed to the sun. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, even on cloudy days. Reapply after swimming or perspiring. Also, protect your children. Keep them from excessive sun exposure when the sun is strongest, and apply sunscreen liberally and frequently (don't forget lips, nose, ears, and the backs of hands and feet) to children 6 months of age and older. Do not use sunscreen on children under 6 months of age. Parents with children under 6 months of age should severely limit their children's sun exposure and dress them in protective clothing.

Because melanoma occurs at a younger age than other forms of skin cancer it's important that children and teens know the risks of the sun. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the Texas Cancer Council sponsor a program on sun safety and skin cancer prevention for Texas middle and high school as well as elementary school science classes. The program, Project S.A.F.E.T.Y., explains why sun safe behavior is important, especially at an early age. It encourages teachers to incorporate sun safety and skin cancer prevention into their curricula. This program was created in hope of stopping skin cancer risks before they start, at an early age.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, the Texas Education Agency's first major public school curriculum-revising proposal in a decade, has drawn the support of many top educators and barbs from others.

State Board of Education member Donna Ballard and conservative groups including the Texas Eagle Forum, American Family Association and Texas Christian Coalition have criticized the proposal, questioning whether the standards are adequately rigorous.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses, who called a news conference to answer critics, said the standards already have undergone many revisions to address earlier concerns of conservatives.

Ballard, in an opinion column published in several newspapers, called for another set of standards with "intensive systematic phonics; increasingly rigorous grammar instruction; and grounding in classical reading beginning the second grade." In her published column Ballard also criticized Gov. George W. Bush for endorsing the proposal.

Bush Questions Man's Hiring

Gov. Bush last week questioned Land Commissioner Garry Mauro's decision to put a one-time campaign contributor convicted of bank fraud on the state payroll.

Mauro, who is contemplating a challenge to Bush's re-election, has hired former Austin banker Ruben Johnson at \$61,343 a year to help direct a \$52 million state construction project to build nursing homes for veterans.

"I'm confident this person would not have been appointed in my administration. I would be concerned about putting a person who was indicted and convicted of a construction issue in charge of a construction project," Bush said.

Mauro spokesman Joe Cutbirth defended Mauro's decision, saying, "I hope that doesn't mean that George Bush doesn't believe in giving people a second chance."

Early Voting Starts July 21

Early voting for the Aug. 9 election, in which voters will decide whether to use the state's \$1 billion surplus to cut school property taxes, begins July 21 and extends through Aug. 5.

If the constitutional amendment passes, homestead exemptions will increase from \$5,000 to \$15,000, reducing school property taxes by an average of \$140 per year. Also, senior citizens who sell their homes would be able to transfer their tax freeze to a new property.

The tax measure is the only constitutional amendment on the Aug. 9 ballot. Fourteen other proposed amendments will go

before voters on Nov. 4.

Gov. Bush plans to go on the road before the Aug. 9 election to stump for the school-tax rollback, saying he wants to be sure Texans know about the measure and ratify it.

"I'm confident that with a reasonable turnout it will pass. Very few people should be against it," he said.

Gramm Wants Fire Ant Panel

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has renewed his call for the creation of a national advisory commission to battle Brazilian fire ants.

Speaking in Kerrville, Gramm described the fire ants as "the worst insect infestation we are experiencing today in the United States."

Fire ants accounted for \$2 billion in damage nationally last year and \$300 million in Texas alone, said Gramm, R-Texas.

With a budget of \$3 million annually for two years, the advisory commission would select research programs that show the most promise.

The commission then would seek competition among research organizations and decide which two have the most effective plan to carry out the eradication. Those two would then be funded for an additional five years at a total of \$6 million a year.

Other Capital Highlights

State Rep. L.P. "Pete" Patterson, D-Brookston, said he will retire from the Texas House after 20 years and announce his candidacy for state agriculture commissioner "in the near future." Incumbent commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican, is running for lieutenant governor.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, 41, and the former Christine Glenn, 28, of Abilene were married on the Fourth of July weekend at his parents' San Antonio home. Glenn was a TV weather reporter in Abilene. About two dozen relatives attended the family-only wedding. Before the ceremony, the bride, groom, minister and some of the brothers played basketball and swim.

Thirty-six persons lost their lives on Texas roads and highways during the long Independence Day holiday weekend, the Department of Public Safety announced. Spokesman Mike Cox said the DPS had predicted 36 deaths for the 78-hour reporting period. Sixteen people were killed during last year's Fourth of July holiday in a 30-hour reporting period.

State Comptroller John Sharp, who is seeking the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, announced in Corpus Christi that he had been endorsed by 60 county judges and commissioners from South Texas.

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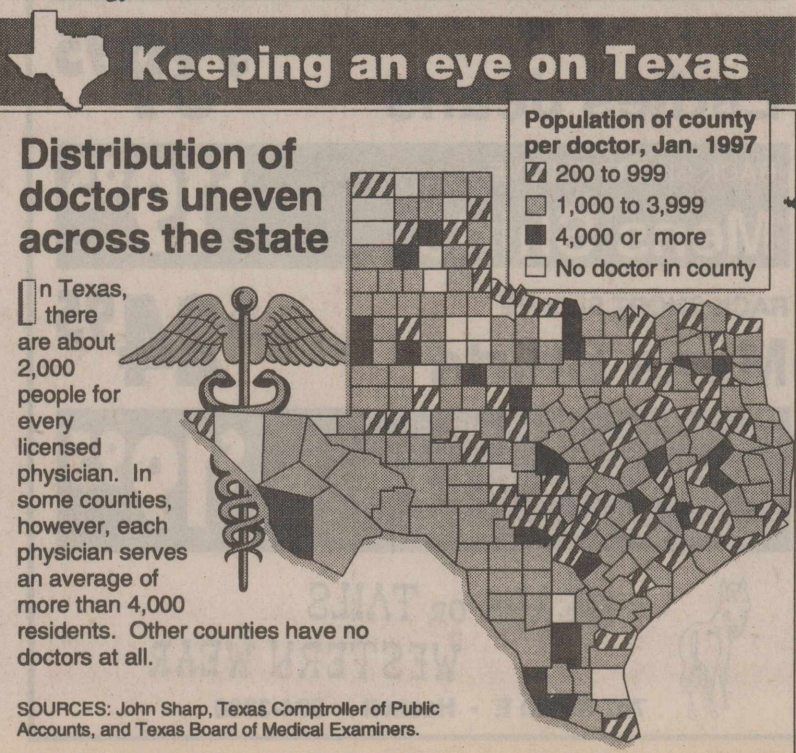
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins



CARRUTH SIBLINGS—The seven siblings of the Carruth family held a family reunion in Haskell June 21-22. Pictured are Dora Holley, Ocie Carruth, Frances Hutchison, Callie Moore, Helen White, Mattie Abbott and Nellie Bird. They are the descendants of William J and J. Emma Johnson Carruth.

Carruth descendants hold reunion

Descendants of William J. and J. Emma Johnson "Carruth" held their annual reunion June 21-22 at the Civic Center in Haskell.

One brother, Crawford Carruth, passed away on May 8, 1994. Seven siblings include Dora Holley, Ocie Carruth, Callie Moore and Nellie Bird, all of Haskell, Frances Hutchison of Pomona, Calif., Helen White of Breckenridge and Mattie Abbott of Arlington.

Frances and husband C. N., Mattie and husband Noel, and Helen and husband Alvin were in Haskell visiting during the week before the reunion.

A fish fry at the park kicked off the reunion. The men and friends had caught the fish and the women prepared all the fixings and served the food. About twenty-five family members and friends were in

attendance. Fellowship and food were enjoyed by the group.

On Sunday, the reunion was held in the Civic Center. Lunch was served after the church service. An auction of homemade items and crafts was held. Money raised from the auction helps defray reunion expenses.

Five generations were in represented with approximately 80 family members in attendance.

Camp Goodenough contest results

Coach Julie Goodenough reports the following contest results from Camp Goodenough held recently at Hardin-Simmons University. These girls are all from Haskell unless otherwise noted.

Camp I Gold Division
Passing: 2. Megan Busby, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blakley; 4. Monica Buerger.

Dribbling: 3. Monica Buerger; 4. Megan Busby.

Free throws: 1. Megan Busby, 3. Monica Buerger; 4. Eden Thomas; 5. Morgan Acosta.

Hot shot: 1. Monica Buerger; 3. Megan Busby; 4. Eden Thomas
1 on 1: 1. Megan Busby.

Purple Division
Passing: 5. Lindsey Reel, Paint Creek; 6. Mollie McKnight.

Dribbling: 5. Chambray Bartley.
Free throws: 2. Chambray Bartley.

Hot shots: 6. Chambray Bartley.
3 on 3: 1. Megan Busby, Haskell; Erin Wartes, Abilene; and Chelsea Ruffin, Sweetwater. 2. Ashley Allen, Jim Ned; Chambray Bartley, Haskell; and Ashley Hillin, Eula.

Camp II Gold Division
Free throws: 3. Katie Thompson.

Hot shot: Jama Lee McCoy, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Gerald McCoy, Abilene.
Dribbling: 3. Jessica Rieger; 4. Jama Lee McCoy, Abilene.

Purple Division
Free throws: 1. Mandy Adams, 2. Jillian Thomas; 3. Kristen Rodela; 6. Brittany Bird.

Hot shot: 4. Jillian Thomas; 5. Kristen Rodela; 6. Mandy Adams.

Passing: 1. Kristen Rodela; 4. Mackenzie McCoy, Abilene; 5. Taylor Seelke.

Dribbling: 2. Kristen Rodela; 5. Mandy Adams; 6. Jillian Thomas.

1 on 1: 1. Jillian Thomas.
3 on 3: 1. Nikki Truss, Abilene; Katie Thompson, Haskell; and Adria Wendeborn, Stamford.

Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having their homecoming program Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Occasion speaker will be Rev. Marshall, of Dallas and Rev. Burton, of Vernon.

Greater Independent Baptist Church was in Anson Sunday evening at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church Annual Women's Day program. The occasion speaker was Rev. Robert Sweet of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Snyder.

Other guests were Hopewell, Haskell; Mt. Rose, Sweetwater; St. John, Abilene; Bethsadia, Anson; West Beulah, Munday; Solomon Temple, Stamford; Mt. Olive, Stamford; The Community Brotherhood was at the Revival Center Tuesday night.

Joyce is back from vacation for a week with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hufhines of Dimmit and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Russell Magby and boys of Lubbock. They went to Corpus Christi, Padre Island, deep sea fishing in the gulf and San Antonio, where they toured the

Alamo, went on the River Walk, rode the river boat and spent a day at Sea World. Michael Hawkins also went with them.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank White on Sat. were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Redding of Seymour and granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon McDorm and son Conner of Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Redding had lunch with them.

In June, Bernice Hilliard and Linda and Mary Jane Short and Pat Shaw flew to Minneapolis, Minn. to visit with Bernice's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kalasia and attended the wedding of Bernice's nephew Mark Kalasia to Amy. While there, they went to the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn.

Last Sat., Bernice Hilliard went

to Abilene for the Key City Square where they did wagon and line dance with Ed Hart calling. On Sunday she went to Country Cousin where Leon Ivey did square calling and Maxine Ivey did line. She also visited with Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard.

Visitors in the home of Neat Bevel over the 4th of July holidays were Pat Kidney of El Paso and Darlene Cummings of Abilene.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Johnson, Jr. was his cousin Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lewis, Jr. of Dallas. Also his daughters, Kim Lewis, of Dallas, and Desharnee Lewis, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker were their children Mr. and Mrs. Luther Odom and their children Arie Swinger and Betty Smarket all of Midland.

Tips for mosquito repellents offered

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Citronella is the buzz word when it comes to protecting yourself against mosquitos. Extension entomologist Dr. Jim Olson says the candles work pretty well in areas sheltered from the wind. He says some people don't know that citronella plants are only effective if the leaves are crushed. He says bug zappers do kill mosquitos, but they can also attract bugs.

He says covering yourself in products that contain deet is still your best bet. Deet is the active ingredient in many of the sprays and lotions you apply to your skin and clothing.


Olson says you can also cut down on the number of mosquitos by eliminating standing water. Beyond that, if you really can't stand them, avoid them by staying indoors from dusk to about eleven at night.

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Environmental education grant available

Since 1989, the Texas General Land Office and the H-E-B Grocery Company have sponsored the Environmental Challenge program, challenging students to expand their knowledge of environmental issues through active participation in problem-solving initiatives. Grants from \$100 up to the \$750 will be awarded with a total of \$25,000 available. The deadline for submitting applications is October 8, 1997.

"Every year, teachers, parents and students propose projects that are incredibly creative and comprehensive," said Land Commissioner Gary Mauro. "The projects involve all aspects of the curriculum," Mauro said, "ranging from science and math to arts and

bilingual education. The projects show that our educators are doing a great job of integrating real-life problems and solutions into their studies."

"H-E-B is very committed to environmental education. We are extremely pleased that the Environmental Challenge program offers to students across Texas opportunities to learn through the hands-on projects things not ordinarily taught in the classroom," said Linda B. Smith, H-E-B's Manager of Environmental Affairs.

Grant awards range from \$100 to \$750 for projects to be conducted during the 1997-1998 school year. Grades K-12 are eligible. For more information contact Vickie Blackman, Texas General Land Office, 817-926-4187.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1113 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, July 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was \$1 higher on all classes.

Cows: fat, .37-.45; cutters, .36-.47; canners, .26-.41

Bulls: bologna, .49-.58, feeder, .56-.71; utility, .36-.49.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .96-1.21; 300-400 lbs., .86-1.16; 400-500 lbs., .86-1.01; 500-600 lbs., .76-.96; 600-700 lbs., .75-.87; 700-800 lbs., .73-.79; 800-up lbs., .66-.76.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .86-1.06 300-400 lbs., .81-1.01; 400-500 lbs., .68-.91; 500-600 lbs., .73-.85; 600-up lbs., .63-.78.

Bred cows: young to middle aged \$550-\$700; aged or small, \$350-\$550.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$600-\$850; small or aged, \$450-\$600.

Wet weather fungus wages battle on trees

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Sometimes you just can't win for losing. Last year, we struggled through a drought. This year, there's more than an ample amount of rain. Because of that, ash and oak trees are fighting an uphill battle against fungus.

In ash, it's called anthracnose. Extension plant pathologist Dr. Jerral Johnson says the leaves will turn reddish brown, become twisted and shed. Trees are weakened when they lose their leaves.

Oaks suffer from a similar fungus called oak leaf blister. It causes leaves to pucker but usually will not kill a hardy oak tree. Johnson says it's too late to apply fungicide. The best thing you can do is rake the leaves and either compost or get rid of them.

Fertilizing may give the trees that boost they need to make it through the summer.



WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS VENDOR—Rick Phenister of Heads or Tails Western Wear in Haskell had western attire and items available for those attending the Wild Horse Prairie Days last month.

100-year fight with boll weevil takes big step forward

The long-running battle with the boll weevil, a tiny creature that has played havoc with American cotton crops since before the turn of the century, took a major step forward with the approval of U.S. Department of Agriculture funding from a new loan program for the expanding boll weevil eradication effort in Texas.

"This assistance, along with the efforts of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and our other partners at the Texas Farm Credit Bank, the National Cotton Council and the State of Texas, brings us closer to saying goodbye to one of the most persistent threats ever to a major segment of our farm economy," said Randy Weber, Associate Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "A lot of credit is also due to Rep Charles Stenholm for his continuing interest and strong support."

Carolyn Cooksie, FSA Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs, also stresses the importance of the program: "Because weevil eradication means a great deal to cotton producers, it is a very high priority for the FSA. In a few months, the agency developed a loan program from scratch to support the eradication foundations. Ordinarily, a complex project like this could take a year or more, but the FSA farm loan staff really pushed themselves to the limit to implement this program in time to keep the eradication efforts going in 1997."

Weber said that, "When this undertaking in Texas is completed, it will make the end of a journey begun as a trial in 1978 in Virginia and North Carolina in a cooperative State-Federal-Industry effort to finally remove the boll weevil as a threat to cotton growers. In those 19 years, the boll weevil has been systematically eliminated in many cotton-growing regions of the United States, including both coasts and part of Mexico.

Added Bill Grefenstette, senior operations officer for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: "We have been working with the cotton growing community for years, and it's exciting to see that we now have in the loan program a financial mechanism that allows the program

to be more affordable to growers...a mechanism that helps bring the cost of the program more in line with the realities of their cash flow."

Weber, Cooksie, and Grefenstette were in Abilene to help put the final touches on a \$25 million loan to keep the eradication program moving forward in Texas. The loan will be used for term debt financing and allow the Farm Credit Bank to provide a line of credit to meet the foundation's operating needs. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has provided about \$9 million this fiscal year to assist eradication efforts.

The eradication program relies primarily on a combination of intensive trapping and careful spraying to eliminate the cotton-eating beetles. Since the program began, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, most of Alabama, central Tennessee, California, Arizona and adjacent areas of Mexico have completed the eradication program. Only the mid-South, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are left, with grower referenda scheduled in several large areas this fall. Once eradication is completed, the need for pesticides is drastically reduced.

The boll weevil originally found its way into the United States from Mexico around 1892. Costing producers over \$12 billion over the years, it resisted all attempts to get rid of it until the current program began moving across the Cotton Belt in 1978.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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- The government pays no interest on refunds. Kept in your hands, those dollars could have been productive. For example, invested in equity mutual funds, the money could have earned fifteen percent or more over the course of a year. If the money had been added to a 401(k) plan, tax would have been deferred on both the investment and its earnings. Even better, your employer might have matched all or part of your investment, increasing its potential.
- Inflation zaps purchasing power. Even three percent inflation would have shaved about \$20 off the average refund. While you might not worry about \$20, you could have kept that money.
- Refunded cash is not available for use until actually received. Even though most taxpayers get their checks promptly, circumstances or errors can delay (or stop) a refund.

To prevent losing money on tax refunds, consider reducing your withholding or estimated tax payments. For most taxpayers, withholding must equal either the prior year's tax or 90 percent of the current year's liability. If your annual income changes little, it's relatively easy to avoid overwithholding. Determine the amount withheld so far this year, then subtract that number from last year's tax liability. Divide the difference by the number of pay periods remaining this year. Then ask your employer to withhold that amount each period.

For taxpayers with fluctuating income or multiple sources, the problem is more complex. The IRS provides a worksheet with the withholding statement (Form W-4), but many people find the form very complicated. If you'd like assistance adjusting your withholding, contact our office.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The HOT NEWS in Sagerton this week has been the moving of the old jail back to town. It had been in Stamford since about 1933-34 when it was moved there to house drunks until they could be transported to the Haskell County Jail. It was first located at the south edge of Haskell County on Ferrell's property where "Mike's" is located at this date. There were three famous night spots in Stamford and Haskell County at that time, The Blue Bird Inn, Joyland, and The Black and White. Since they were located in Haskell County, the Stamford City policemen had no jurisdiction and any troublemakers were under the control of Haskell County lawmen. When an election in 1935 or 1936 was held and beer was voted out, the jail was moved to a location on East Bunkley Street and remained there until last week when citizens of Sagerton moved it back home. At this time it was owned by the Stephens family and they gave it to the Sagerton people for moving it away and cleaning up the property. Plans are underway to restore it to its original state and it will be located in the park alongside the highway.

The Hobby Club met at the community center on Thursday for their regular monthly meeting with Margaret Wendeborn hostess. The ladies made plans for the night out with their husbands in August at Harlowe's in Abilene. The ladies meet each Monday to work on their quilt for the Fall Bazaar. Members attending were Mary Neinast, Leona Letz, Joyce LeFevre, Margie Hertel, Wima Teichelman, Peggy Tabor, Christine Stremmel and Ev Ulmer.

The home of Mary Neinast has been the scene of family visiting since the July 4 weekend. Roy, Judy, Doug, Daryl and Dustin M Ewen, from Sudan and the Kenneth Neinast family from Emory met there on the holiday weekend and Mary's brother, Kermit Brown and his wife from Sun City, Georgetown were here this past week. The Browns were on their way to their summer home in the mountains.

Vacation Bible School was held at Faith Lutheran Church this past

week with Tami Baitz, Director, assisted by 12 other teachers and helpers. The theme of the school was Adventuring With God. An average of sixteen students attended the evening sessions. The students and teachers thank the host of ladies who provided refreshments each night.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of former resident, A.L. Gibson of Toyah. A.L. had been hospitalized for over two months in Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio where he was receiving treatment for lung surgery, cancer and diabetes. He passed away on Friday, July 11 and will be buried in Toyah, where he and his wife, Virginia have lived for many years. He attended Sagerton High School where he excelled in football and assisted in coaching football. He and his wife attended the Sagerton Hee Haw almost every year of its existence. He will be greatly missed in our community.

Little Brannon Stegemoeller, son of Clifford and Theresa of Arlington spent couple of days this week with his grandparents, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller. While here, he also visited with his great-grandmother, Emma Raphael of Stamford. Both grandmothers think he is just about the cutest little boy they ever was and the grandfather is bragging, too.

Joe and Dorothy Clark hosted a backyard supper at their home Sunday night. It was to have been in honor of their newly-married granddaughter, Anna and Jeremy Willis, but the newlyweds called early Sunday morning to say that they would not be able to make it since they had to be in Cheyenne, Wyoming earlier than planned for Jeremy to participate in the National Finals Rodeo there. We had supper without special guests and those attending were: Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford, Mae Stegemoeller, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Frances Clark, Chelsea and Brian Tonnar.

Frances Clark entertained her gret-grandchildren Sunday with a visit to the Abilene Zoo.

Thought for the week: Beware, Be Careful, Behave...you might be the first "guest" in the Sagerton Jail!!!

Helen Boykin enjoys sixteen day journey

On June 14, Helen Boykin of Weirnet left on a sixteen day journey with Fun Line Tours.

She visited Dodge City, Kansas where she toured the old museum and took a stage coach ride. On day two, she traveled to McCook and Ogallala, Nebraska.

Day three found her on The Oregon Trail, Courthouse Rock and Jail Rock, Scotts Bluff, Eagle Rock, through Mitchell Pass, Dome Rock and the Bad Lands. She lunched in Douglas Wyoming at the Senior Citizens Center where she enjoyed a good meal and wonderful fellowship.

Later she viewed Hell's Half Acre and the world's largest mineral hot springs in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Day Four was spent touring Buffalo Bill Historical Museum and The Little Big Horn Battlefield. She visited Custer Battlefield National Monument and spent the night in Billings, Montana.

Bozeman Pass and Helena, Montana were on the agenda for the following day. She visited an old gothic style cathedral and traveled on to Great Falls where she toured a trout hatchery.

The scenery was beautiful at Glacier National Park on day six as was Logan Pass where the snow was higher than the bus was tall. Later on Day Six she viewed the breath-taking Canadian Mountains prior to lodging at Radium Hot Spring, British Columbia for two nights.

Lake Louise was impressive on day seven of the journey. She rode the Sno Coach on a trip over the Athabasca Glacier in Jasper National

Feed children nutritious snacks

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Diet plans primarily target adults. So how do you know what to feed children? Extension nutritionist Dr. Dymple Cooksey says three meals a day are not enough for kids. They have smaller stomachs, so they need smaller, more frequent meals and snacks.

To make sure they get the proper nutrition, she suggests categorizing foods. For instance, one important group includes breads, cereals, rice and pasta. These foods are good sources of complex carbohydrates, fiber and B vitamins.

The best source of calcium would be milk, yogurt and cheese. So that's another nutrient group. Fruits and vegetables contain essential vitamins such as A and C and they add fiber to the diet.

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Day eight was another journey through the mountains alongside the rivers and waterfalls prior to stopping at Revelstoke, British Columbia at a restored area called Three Valley Gap. Restored theaters, hotels, jail, miners shack, school, church etc., were there. The Bell family had spent twenty years restoring these buildings. That night was spent at Kamloop, British Columbia.

One day nine, she traveled down Fraizer River and stopped at Hell's Gate. A tram ride over the gorge at Fraizer River was a highlight. On day nine she visited Minter Gardens, a 27 acre garden which was beautifully landscaped with flowers and trees. Many birds in aviaries among the maple leaves, maze, rose gardens and peacocks were there. That evening she returned to the United States and rested in Tacoma, Washington.

Mount Helens National Monument was on the agenda for day ten prior to stopping Tigard, Oregon. Devils Punchbowl State Park and Yaquina Bay State Park were pleasures to visit as was the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. The drive down the highway to Sea Lions Cave was breathtaking and it was remarkable to walk down steep hills to see where the Sea Lions lived. It was on to Eugene, Oregon for the evening.

Crater Lake National Park was visited on day eleven. The lake is 1,932 feet deep and is especially pretty and blue with stark white contrast of snow all around—mountains even higher than the bus. In the afternoon she traveled to

Klameth Falls and crossed the tip of California driving into Reno, Nevada for the night.

Day twelve was spent crossing the hot desert-like plains and journeying to Las Vegas, Nevada to the Union Station Hotel. Here they viewed a laser show and enjoyed the busy hustle of the town.

The sights of Las Vegas were enjoyed on day thirteen. Sights here included the Mirage and the Liberace Museum. At the museum she enjoyed seeing the flamboyant costumes of Liberace, his cape that weighed 200 pounds, his pianos and his cars. That afternoon she toured Zion National Park in Utah. A unique quality of beauty was evident in the mountains and tunnels. Page, Arizona was the nighttime destination.

On day fourteen she boarded the Navajo Tapestry boat for a cruise along the beautiful red walled Lake Powell. The cliffs and emerald green and blue water was just beautiful. Prior to arriving in Gallup, New Mexico for the night, she viewed the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert.

Day fifteen was spent at Old

Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The history of the area was explained by their guide prior to leaving for Amarillo.

Breakfast on day 16 was enjoyed on the rim of the Palo Duro Canyon. The group had journeyed there in wagons from the Figure 3 Ranch.

6,000 miles and 16 days later, the tour group had ventured through parts of thirteen states and two Canadian Providence. Various mountain peaks, rivers running full, lovely lakes, beautiful water falls and the beautiful, unbelievable glaciers were enjoyed by all forty-eight passengers on the bus.

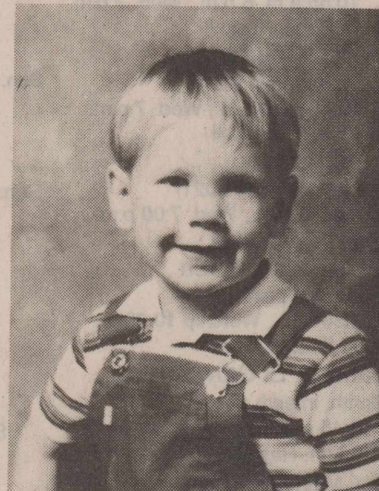
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Monday, July 21
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Wednesday, July 23
Exercise—10:30 a.m.
Lunch—Braised beef tips, three bean salad, squash, tomato slice, tapioca pudding, milk, tea or coffee.

Tim and Suzann Townsend— 11 a.m. (Singing with guitars)

Lunch—Hamburger steak, onion gravy, green beans, steamed cabbage, apricots, 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.

This Week's Devotional Message:

GOD GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO DO HIS BIDDING



There was many a thing you attempted to do,
Then discovered it couldn't be done;
Like a worthless vocation you tried to pursue,
Or some foolish adventure for fun.
With your mission abandoned, in only one way
could you learn it was not in accord
With your temple of worship, where lessons
convey

That your life's in the hands of the Lord.
Let's obey His commands and remember at length

It will help us in getting along,
If we heed His advice He will give us the strength

That we need, and we'll never go wrong.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
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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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Park
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Joel Rister, pastor
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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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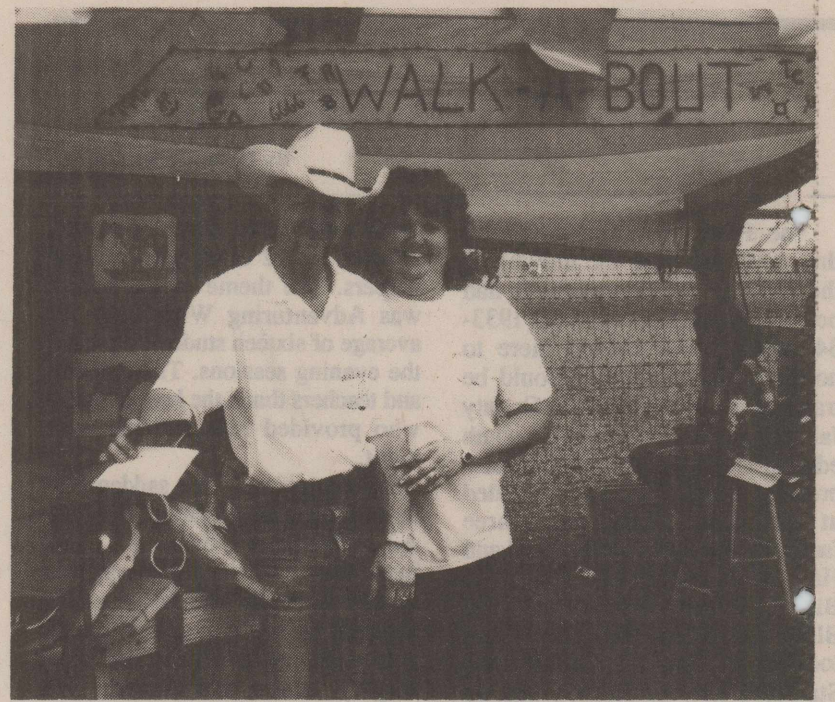
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Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
"That those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Hebrews 12:27

We have many things in our possession at the present moment which can be shaken, and it will become a Christian man to set much store by them, for there is nothing stable beneath these rolling skies; change is written upon all things. Yet, we have certain "things which cannot be shaken," and I invite you this evening to think of them, that if the things which can be shaken should all be taken away, you may derive real comfort from the things that cannot be shaken, which will remain.

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No change of circumstances can ever rob you of that. Although by losses brought to poverty, and stripped bare, you can say, "He is my father still. In my Father's house are many mansions; therefore will I not be troubled." You have another permanent blessing, namely, the love of Jesus Christ. He who is God and Man loves you with all the strength of his affectionate nature—nothing can affect that. The fig tree may not blossom, and the flock may cease from the field, it matters not to the man who can sing, "My Beloved is mine, and I am his." Our best portion and richest heritage we cannot lose. Whatever troubles come, let us play the man; let us show that we are not such little children as to be cast down by what may happen in this poor fleeting state of time. Our country is Immanuel's land, our hope is above the sky, and therefore, calm as the summer's ocean; we will see the wreck of everything earthborn, and yet rejoice in the God of our salvation.

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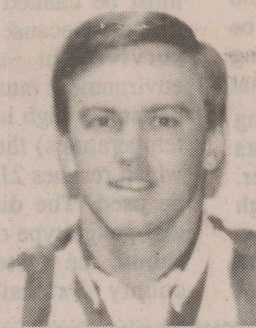
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Stage Stores becoming leading retailer

Houston based Stage Stores, Inc. (SSI), (Nasdaq: STGE) continues on the fast track with a definitive mission statement to become small-town America's leading specialty retailer. A private company formed in Houston, in 1988 by then Palais Royal Chairman Bernard Fuchs as the parent to the merging Palais Royal and Bealls specialty department store chains, Stage has grown from an original 149 stores in four states to 577 locations in 20 states as of the end of June, 1997. The recent acquisition of C.R. Anthony Company (Nasdaq: CRAU), marks the third in a series of successful acquisitions for SSI. SSI's second acquisition of Uhlman's, Inc. a 34-store retailer based in Bowling Green, Ohio, added approximately 460 million initially to the company's revenue. That acquisition, coupled with SSI's first transaction with the Shreveport-based Bealls-Ladymon Group in 1994, and the C.R. Anthony acquisition, now give SSI an impressive total of 577 stores in over 20 states.

Carl E Tooker, SSI's President and Chief Executive Officer, who launched the aggressive expansion program in 1994, has plans on the table to open an additional 24 brand new stores between August 21 and October 16, 1997. This latest development puts SSI well ahead of its stated goal to achieve a presence in 25 states, operating 400 stores, with a total sales volume of \$1 billion by the end of 1998.

A retail philosophy of "thinking small," is allowing SSI to grow at

a rate unprecedented in a decade of failing retail giants. Courting and caring for small-town America is SSI's marketing niche—they understand the market and they service the market with unrelenting zeal. Thanks to the onset of the electronic age, television, movies, magazines, the larger world has come to small-town America and SSI has successfully adapted and edited current trends to the newer and more sophisticated small-town way of life. SSI delivers to this carefully researched customer base the services and labels they crave. Using their marketing muscle to create "vendor partnerships" with some of America's household names—Liz Claiborne, Chaps by Ralph Lauren, Guess, Levi Strauss, Hanes, Nike—SSI's merchandise mix doesn't condescend to this small-town demographic. SSI's in-depth research shows that the core of this market base is located in small, thriving independent markets and county seats—populations average 20,000 with a total trade area of 50,000. Many households are supported by two incomes.

SSI's success to date is based on the simple premise of offering moderately priced, branded apparel for the entire family in these target markets. Stores range in size from 6,000 to 60,000 square feet with an average store of 23,000 square feet. SSI stores are elegantly decorated, well lit, but above all, well-staffed with professionally trained sales associates who are constantly motivated to provide superior customer service. SSI's in-house charge program represents 53% of

total sales and SSI communicates with this loyal customer frequently. This established customer base is knowledgeable and aware of SSI's high standards, and thus an ideal resource for SSI's ongoing mission to improve customer satisfaction and obtain feed-back on current performance, this group is therefore polled for their feed-back on service received, merchandise availability and mix, satisfaction with the product and the overall experience of shopping with SSI. These customers are also asked to grade the sales associate who served them and each associate evaluated is expected to achieve an 85% grade. Employees are aware of this constant evaluation and management offers them substantial support and ongoing training, providing the education to reach expected service goals. Sales associates are encouraged to attend frequent seminars with vendors and quarterly fashion books are distributed, keeping them abreast of current trends and product changes.

Carl Tooker and his management team know from hands-on experience that each and every small-town American community deserves the opportunity to be treated well, offered the best, right in their own backyard, at reasonable prices, and SSI has plans to deliver.

Stage Stores, Inc. operates stores across the central United States under the names Stage, Bealls and Palais Royal. Located primarily in small cities, the stores emphasize brand names in men's, women's and children apparel.



WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS VENDORS—Joy Chapman, left, and John Rutkowski, right, of the Personality-Slipper Shoppe in Haskell take a break during the activities at the Wild Horse Prairie Days held last month. The store offered western items and attire during the celebration.

Serve up good nutrition

The USDA's Food Guide Pyramid recommends three to five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. That may sound like a lot, but filling the daily quota is relatively easy. What counts as a serving? Nutritionists at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston point out that one serving equals:

- *One whole medium fruit, such as an apple, orange, banana or pear
- *1/2 cup cut or cooked fruit
- *3/4 cup fruit juice
- *1 cup leafy vegetable
- *1/2 cup cooked or cut vegetable
- *3/4 cup vegetable juice
- *1/2 cup cooked beans

For young children, between the ages of 1 and 4, a good rule of thumb is one tablespoon of food for each year of a child's age.

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Lou Gilly gives home canning tips

Tomatoes, salsa, jalapenos, apricots, jellies and jams, and even cactus are a few of the favorites of home canners of produce. And let's not forget corn, peas and green beans. Home canning of fresh produce can be a fruitful activity, but unless safe food preservation methods are used, the results can be less than the our "Good Food for All Seasons" campaign implies.

The basics include an explanation of the two canning methods. For most fruit products, jams, jellies and pickles, the boiling water canner method can be used. Boiling water canning employs the use of a large pot that has a lid and rack to hold canning jars. The rack is used to hold jars off the bottom of the container. The container must be large enough to cover the jars with at least two inches of boiling water so that the jars are completely immersed in

boiling water (212 degrees F. at sea level altitudes).

This method is also used for canning tomatoes and products acidified with vinegar such as quick pickles and salsas. Current recommendations are that tomato products be acidified with an acid source so that newer tomato varieties have enough acid to make them safe to can using this method.

Categories of vegetables and fruit which have low acid content must be canned using a pressure canner. Because the bacteria that survive in this low acid environment must be destroyed by extremely high heat (above boiling temperatures) the pressure canner, which reaches 214 degrees F. must be used. The dial gauges on the dial-gauge type of pressure canner should be tested yearly. Most county Extension offices will

perform this procedure for you.

Many questions are asked as to why home canners can't produce safely the same products as some commercial manufacturers can produce. Most home canners just do not have the equipment for processing or the commercial preservatives to use to make products shelf-stable.

Creativity is not a good idea for home canned products. Only tested formulations and processing recommendations should be used.

Store home canned products in a clean, cool, dark, dry place if possible. Avoid storing jar in an area that will be below 32 degrees F. or above 90 degrees F. Under proper storage conditions of 50 to 70 degrees F., products should maintain best quality for up to 1 year. For more information on home canning, contact Lou Gilly, your local county Extension Agent.

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