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Calendar Gospel night

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a night of gospel singing July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Several local groups will provide the singing. Congregational singing will also be held. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for continued operation of the Civic Center.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Aug. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Ronny Tanner of Haskell will bring the program on World War II artifacts.

Play Night set

Haskell Horse Club will sponsor a play night Sat., July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell rodeo arena.

Spiritual musical

A spiritual musical with down home preaching led by Rev. Tony Billington will be held Sat., July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Foursquare Church. Many musicians will perform. All musicians and singers are welcome. The event is sponsored by the Billington and Wright families. For more information call 864-2269.

Hamburger meal

A hamburger meal will be served Sat., July 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on the Modern Way parking lot. The meal will help the Haskell teenage baseball team with expenses to attend the state playoff tournament in Stephenville. Donations will be accepted. Call Mynea Short for more information at 864-2611.

PC girls' athletics

Girls planning to participate in the Paint Creek girls' athletic program need to report for physicals Fri., July 26 at 3 p.m. at Cadenhead Rural Health Clinic.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., July 27 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged.

TASP test

Vernon College will administer the TASP test Sat., Aug. 3 in the Haskell High School Auditorium. For more information or to register for the test, call Christye Gannaway at 864-8123.

HHS parking tags

Haskell High School parking tags will be issued during high school registration Thurs., Aug. 8. Students need to bring \$10 (or more) to cover class dues; a valid Texas driver's license; and the license plate number for the vehicle to be parked in the assigned space. Parking tags will not be issued to students with outstanding class dues.

HHS registration

Registration for Haskell Secondary students will be held Thurs., Aug. 8 in the High School Auditorium. Seventh graders will register at 9 a.m.; eighth graders at 10 a.m.; Freshmen at 11 a.m.; Sophomores at 1 p.m.; Juniors at 2 p.m. and Seniors at 3 p.m. New students may pre-register any time in the high school counselor's office. New students should bring copies of their social security card, birth certificate and high school transcript. For more information call 864-8123.

HHS summer band

Haskell High School summer band rehearsal begins Mon., Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. in the band hall. All high school and interested 8th grade students need to attend.

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Good luck at state, Haskell Teenage Baseball team

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HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL—One hundred fifty-nine students from several states, who attended the 37th Annual Haskell Singing School, conducted by the Haskell

Church of Christ the week of July 7-12, took time out to pose together for a group picture during their busy schedule of classes and fun activities. Photo by Kis

Large group attends annual singing school

By Mary Kaigler

With good attendance once again, the 37th Annual Haskell Singing School was conducted July 7-12 by

the Haskell Church of Christ. One hundred fifty-nine students from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama and

Wyoming, participated in the five day school that is built on the hope and expectation of offering training that will help students of all ages worship God better, improve their individual skills and be able to go back home to help their home congregational singing.

Mostly boys and girls aged 10 to 18, who want to sing, and some adults, who want to come to learn song leading or more about a cappella singing, began arriving on Sunday evening. Each was met by their assigned host family who provided lodging, breakfast and

supper during the week. Families wishing to come and stay together made reservations to stay in the Haskell RV park and camping area.

As in the past, each morning students assembled for a devotional at 8:45, followed by a warm-up session of voice exercises. Daily activities included breaking into groups based on musical backgrounds. These groups moved to various classrooms for instruction in subjects including Rudiments of Music, Song Leading, Sight Reading, Song Writing, Hymn Appreciation, Music Theory, Voice,

Harmony, How to Teach Singing, and others, such as choral singing, and singing in special groups.

School Director was Tom Chapin of Little Rock, Arkansas. Instructors were Eugene Chapin, Bayfield, Colorado; Thomas Chapin, Southaven, Michigan; Bob Connel, Abilene; and John Connel, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Various break times throughout the day were allowed for fun activities and fellowship. At noon a catered lunch was served, with classes resuming and continuing

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City receives contract for federal inmates

The Executive Director of the Development Corporation of Haskell, James Elam, announced Monday that the City of Haskell has notified late Fri., July 19, that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) contracting officer in Dallas has signed an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) that will allow INS Detention Services to begin using the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center to house federal detainees.

"I am pleased to make this announcement and to compliment the contract specialist, Lloyd Burton, and the contracting officer, Arthur S. Cooper, III, who reviewed and signed the IGSA on behalf of the INS," Elam stated. "They were thorough in their review of all aspects of the contract. As a taxpayer, I was impressed that these INS employees made sure all the documentation and proposed detainee day rate was sup-

ported by factual data and reasonable estimates."

INS detention services are in the process of determining the number of detainees that will be transferred to the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center and the timing of the transfer.

Elam said that Congressman Charlie Stenholm and his District Manager, Mark Lundgren in Stamford provided valuable assistance in the process of obtaining this IGSA. "The Congressman was responsible for making the initial contact with the INS and arranging a site visit by the INS detention personnel."

The 48 bed regional jail and 500 bed detention center was completed in Feb. 2002 and the first county inmates were moved to the facility on Feb. 28, 2002. This facility is the first of its kind in Texas. The County and City of Haskell own it jointly,

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Stenholm announces jail contract with INS

Congressman Charlie Stenholm joined the Development Corporation of Haskell, Monday, in announcing that the City of Haskell has signed an agreement with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) that will allow federal detainees to be held at the newly constructed Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center.

"Having toured the facility in Haskell, it was clear that this state-

of-the-art jail would meet the needs of the federal government, and my staff and I worked to bring local officials and representatives of the Department of Justice together," he stated. "Knowing that they would want to use the facility once they saw it, I pushed INS representatives to tour the Rolling Plains Regional Jail."

He noted that, although an

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Local burglaries reported

Haskell City Police Chief Tom Bassett has issued an advisory for local citizens concerning the burglary of motor vehicles.

Cell phones, coins and in one incident, guns have recently been stolen from local vehicles.

To prevent burglary of your vehicle, Bassett urges residents to take

property and valuables out of vehicles or at least keep items out of plain view; then lock your vehicle.

Car windows have been broken out to obtain valuables.

Report any burglary, theft or missing property to the Haskell Police Dept.

Baseball team headed to state

After winning the Texas Teenage Junior Boys League District 3 Tournament, the Haskell baseball team will compete in the state playoff, July 29-Aug. 1 in Stephenville.

Teams competing in the district tournament were: Breckenridge, Coleman, Haskell, Ranger, Stamford, Tuscola Rangers and Tuscola Indians. The Haskell team played Stamford, Tuscola Rangers and two games with Coleman.

Teams in the local league are Anson 1 and 2, Hamlin, Aspermont, Stamford 1 and 2, and Haskell.

Members of the Haskell team, ranging in ages 13 to 15, are Jon Dulaney, Austin Coker, Kendall Mitchell, Josh Tidrow, Brandon McClatchey, Ronald Chapman, Brad Blanks, Cameron Short, Josh Barbee, Jeffery Silba, Noe Rivera, Gary Frierson, Weston Rutkowski and Cody Myers.

Cliff Short is the team manager. Coaches are Jeff Blanks and Jerry Coker.

On Sat., July 27, the Haskell team will hold a hamburger feast on the Modern Way Food Store parking lot, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the meal will help fund the team's trip to the state tournament. To make donations to the fund, call Mynea at 864-2611.



TEAM GOING TO STATE—Members of the Haskell Teenage Boys Baseball Team hold their plaque after winning the District 3 tournament. They will compete in the state playoffs in Stephenville. Front row, kneeling, l-r, are Josh Tidrow, Jeff Silba, Josh Barbee and Weston Rutkowski. Standing, Gary Frierson, Cameron Short, Brad Blanks, Cody Myers, Manager Cliff Short, Sean Dulaney, Kendall Mitchell, Brandon McClatchey, Austin Coker, Coach Jeff Blanks, Ronald Chapman and Noe Rivera.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 474 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., July 22, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle \$1-\$3 higher; feeder cattle \$1-\$3 higher; stockers steady to \$2 higher.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .32-.38; cutters, .36-

43; canners, .25-.35.
Bulls: bologna, .44-.50; feeder, .64-.74; utility, .33-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.45; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .82-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-700 lbs., .70-.78; 700-800 lbs., .65-.76; 800-up lbs., .60-.70.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .92-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .82-.95; 400-500 lbs., .77-.87; 500-600 lbs., .72-.82; 600-up lbs., .55-.75.

Bred heifers medium frame, 495-550.
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-700; aged or small 450-575.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-850; aged or small, 650-750.

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and through an Inter-local agreement, the City will be the lead agency to administer the contract. James Elam, has been appointed to be the point of contact with INS by the City of Haskell. Management and Training Corporation (MTC) will provide detention services for the City and County. MTC was selected through a competitive bidding process in Dec. 2000 to provide detention services for the City and County.

Haskell County Judge, David Davis and the Mayor of Haskell, Ken Lane, both expressed their pleasure with the signing of the IGSA with INS. They confirmed their commitment to provide first class detention services through MTC.

Elam said that MTC's priority is the safety and security of the community, staff and inmates. Based in Centerville, Utah, MTC is a leader in the management and operation of correctional facilities. They have 17 contracts in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Ohio, Canada and Australia. In addition, they operate 23 Job Corp centers for the U. S. Department of Labor, where youth ages 16-24 are offered vocational, academic and social skills training.

Stenholm

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Intergovernmental Services Agreement has been signed, the INS has not yet determined how many detainees will be housed in the Rolling Plains facility and when such a transfer would occur.

"The success in this instance is attributable to the hard work of the Development Corporation of Haskell, particularly James Elam, Executive Director of the Development Corporation; Randy Hise, Development Corporation President; Haskell Mayor Ken Lane and the City of Haskell; Haskell County Judge David Davis; Shane Hadaway, Attorney for the City, County and Development Corporation; Sam Watson, City Administrator and Haskell County Sheriff, David Halliburton," Stenholm said. "They had the vision to bring this project to fruition and the dedication to ensure that it is used for its intended purpose."

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until 4:00 p.m., when they were dismissed to their host families. Students again returned to the building at 7:30 p.m., for general practice and a devotional service.

On Friday evening, beginning at 6:30, a program featuring both new and traditional music was presented by the students in the Church of Christ Auditorium.

"There is no over estimating the importance of good congregational singing," says the Haskell Singing School application brochure sent to aspiring students. Sponsored by the local Church of Christ since 1965, under the oversight of the church elders, the school has continued to focus on preparing students to enrich themselves and make their worship more meaningful through singing, all taught and performed a cappella.

Brett Anderson is the Evangelist at the local church. Charlotte Peiser, secretary, is the school's registrar.

Obituaries

Paul Richard Merchant

Funeral services for Paul Richard Merchant, 60, were held Sun., July 21 at Haskell Church of Christ with his son, Jonathan Merchant officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Merchant died Fri., July 19 at a Fort Worth hospital after a long illness.

Born Oct. 16, 1941 in Sulphur Springs, he grew up in Haskell. He served in the U. S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Lawrence and worked as a technician and a charter bus driver. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, Glenn and Maggie Merchant of Haskell; his wife, Rita Merchant of Weatherford; two sons, Jonathan Merchant of Arlington and David Merchant of Weatherford; one daughter, Rebecca Merchant of Weatherford; two brothers, David Eugene Merchant of Dallas and James Emmons of Magalia, California; one sister, Pamela Pollard of Memphis, Tenn.; one niece, Carla Reed of Show Low, Ariz.; one nephew, Art Merchant of Phoenix, Ariz.; and one great nephew, Scott Reed of Abilene.

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Learning about long term insurance is important

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Now that the federal government will start making it possible for its workers and retirees to buy long-term care insurance, more information about this important type of insurance will start showing up in the news. The publicity surrounding this new Federal benefit plan will be a good thing. Everyone, not just federal workers and retirees, will benefit from learning more about this insurance product.

Right now, the general level of awareness about long-term care insurance is low, but that will change. While a growing number of private and public sector employers offer it as optional coverage for their employees, many employees don't give it a second look, because they have not begun to think about their long-term care needs. Still others are unaware that some employer-provided plans now allow coverage for an employee's parents. The vast majority of employees do not know that Medicare is not set up to pay for long-term care.

Long-term care is the type of medical or personal care services people need if they become unable to care for themselves because of chronic illness, disability, loss of functional capacity or cognitive impairment. Traditional medical care tries to permanently cure or control physical problems, but long-term

care services help people maintain an ability to function. People frequently need long-term care if they become unable to physically or mentally perform certain Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

Although specific insurance policy coverage may vary, many people with long-term care insurance are eligible for covered services when they become unable to perform two of six basic ADLs: bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring (mobility), eating and continence. Cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease or other causes is also covered but a doctor or other health practitioner licensed to make the diagnosis in Texas must certify it.

The cost of long-term care insurance is a bargain for many people when compared to the cost of long-term care. It is not unusual for the average cost of a nursing home stay to range from \$30,000 to over \$50,000 per year in Texas. Average daily rates of care may run from \$90 to more than \$150. The cost of insurance coverage will depend on many factors including the age you are when you first buy insurance coverage. Employees in their 40's and 50's could be looking at monthly insurance premium costs of \$45 to \$65 per month, depending on the type of coverage and features selected.

Every person should assess their need for long-term care insurance. Some people have sufficient resources to pay all costs of long-term care from out-of-pocket sources. Some people without sufficient resources or income may qualify for Medicaid assistance. Many people can benefit from long-term care insurance by buying it when the premiums are most affordable. A monthly premium of \$65 is clearly more affordable than a monthly long-term care cost of \$4,000. Delaying the initial purchase of long-term care insurance will mean a higher premium later on.

Many factors besides age determine the cost of the insurance policy, such as the type of daily benefit payments and when such payments will begin. Policies sold in Texas must offer certain optional features, including inflation protection and nonforfeiture benefits.

Long-term care insurance may not be on everyone's shopping list, but it's something to consider, especially with the expected increases in long-term care costs in the decades ahead.

Those seeking to learn more about long-term care insurance plans in Texas can consult the Texas Department of Insurance website www.tdi.state.tx.us for a list of companies that sell long-term insurance, consumer publications and selection guides, and a long-term care insurance rate guide.

Teenage drivers cause auto insurance costs to skyrocket

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

When teenagers start driving, family auto insurance costs skyrocket. Although it is not required by law, some insurance companies insist every licensed driver in the family be listed on the policy. Failure to do so could result in your policy being cancelled.

The high cost of insurance for teenage drivers is a big challenge. Can parents do anything to control these costs? Involve your teenage driver in finding the answer and choosing the options to take.

Comparison shop with the Texas Department of Insurance rate guide, located at the agency's web site: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/consumer/aut.html#rates>.

With the rate guide for your county and driver profiles (number, sex and age of the family's drivers), scan rates for basic liability coverage from regulated companies. Choose the best three and call for quotes.

Compare their rates, and how they rate as companies. Does the State Board of Insurance have any claims filed against them?

Take the highest deductible you can afford. A \$300 increase in the amount you pay before the coverage applies could save 15 percent to 30 percent of the premium cost. Use savings from lower premiums to build savings to cover deductible expenses.

Although teenagers might find it hard to accept, low-profile cars are the least expensive for them to drive. Cars that are expensive to repair, or that are often the target of thieves, have higher insurance costs. To minimize costs, teens should drive older, safer cars.

If the car is not collateral for a loan, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage, and going with liability coverage only. Find out if an umbrella liability policy that would cover all the family's cars, the home and any other liability needs would be cheaper than separate

policies.

Some auto insurance discounts are mandatory in Texas—make sure you are getting them. These discounts include: having two or more qualifying cars on the same policy, completing defensive driving, drivers education or a drug and alcohol driving awareness course. Discounts are also required for an automobile with airbags, automatic seatbelts or certain anti-theft devices. If these features are not in the car your teen will drive, determine if, over time, it would be cheaper to pay the premiums for the car or get a newer car with the safety features.

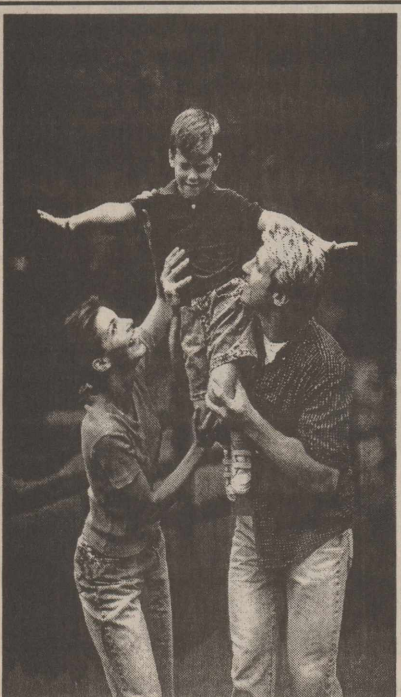
Ask about other discounts. Do premiums go down if a young driver has no accidents in three years, completes a driver training course, adds anti-theft devices or has good grades, or if the policy insures more than one car with the same company?

Switching companies to save a few dollars may not have the unwritten benefit of having longtime insurer who may be more lenient if your teen has mishaps. Most companies drop young drivers who have two accidents in the first year—they may be more lenient if the parents have a good track record.

Compare the costs and benefits of putting an accident-prone teen on a separate policy with a high-risk company to keep the rest of the family with a preferred insurer. However, teens who have their own policies must also have their own car, and never drive their parents' car.

Write down the full costs and benefits of each choice and compare. Make a "super consumer" certificate for your teen and you as a reminder of how much you saved by working together to find the best buys.

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Cunningham, Martin wed in Angel Fire



MRS. RANDALL MARTIN

Amy Lynette Cunningham and Joseph Randall Martin, Jr., both of Haskell, were united in marriage Sat., July 6, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Angel Fire Baptist Church in Angel Fire, New Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Denia Cunningham of Haskell and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cunningham and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. McDonald, Sr. The groom is the son of Buck and Becky Walton of Stamford and the late Randy Martin. He is the grandson of Ruby Martin and the late Joe Martin of Haskell.

Vows were read by Dr. Clyde Herring. The aisles of the church were decorated with tulle and lavender bows accented with purple dendrobium orchids. The altar was flanked by silver candelabra and urns filled with mixed arrangements of lavender and pink hydrangeas, sunflowers, pink wisteria, purple statice, black-eyed susans and blue delphinium. The altar was decorated by a white wisteria archway covered in pink wisteria, sunflowers, and lavender hydrangeas, accented with tulle and grapevine.

Pianist Jean Gwin of Angel Fire played prelude music of classical selections. Candles were lit by the bride's cousins, Timothy and Robert Brown of Amarillo. Following was the flower bearer, Heather Brown of Amarillo, cousin of the bride. Vocalist Katy Martin, childhood and long-time friend of the bride from Wichita Falls, sang "How Beautiful" during the seating of the mothers and groom's grandmother and the lighting of the family tapers. The pianist played Pachelbel's "Canon in D" as the groomsmen and bridesmaids entered. Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" was played when the bride was escorted in by her father. Pianist Gwin provided classical music during the lighting of the unity candle. "The Lord's Prayer" was sung a capella by Katy Martin.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore a white matte satin wedding gown. The sweetheart neckline bodice was covered in venise lace and tiny

pearls. Three-quarter length sleeves were of venise lace and illusion, covered and accented with pearls and small bows at the elbows. The basque waistline fell into a ballgown skirt. The back waistline featured three rosettes with thin ribbon bows and dangles ending with individual pearls or lace flowers. The gown had a semi-cathedral length train, which had a scalloped lace and pearl-adorned edge and was embellished with venise lace appliques and pearls. The bride wore an elbow-length veil attached to a tiara covered in lace and pearls to match her gown. She carried a cascading mixed bouquet of bright summer flowers, including large and small sunflowers, blue delphinium, purple dendrobium orchids, red-orange alstromeria, purple statice, small purple mums, blue misty and greenery.

The bride carried the "something old" treasures of her maternal grandmother's silver spoon pin and her paternal grandmother's wedding ring in a black velvet pouch. "Something new" was her wedding gown. "Something borrowed" was her aunt's diamond ring that was also worn by other cousins during their weddings. The ribbon on the bride's garter served as "something blue." She also carried a sixpence.

Matron of honor was Jamie Minter of Amarillo, friend of the bride from pharmacy school. Maid of honor was Tammy Ejem of Roscoe, friend of the bride and fiancée of the bride's brother. Bridesmaids were Christy Cadenhead of College Station, a childhood and long-time friend of the bride, and Amy Waide of Dallas, friend of the bride from college. Junior bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Chelsea and Ashley Bullard of Haskell and Kristy Judd of Angel Fire. Bridesmaids and junior bridesmaids wore short-sleeved, lavender georgette, floor-length gowns with empire waists and princess-style silhouettes. The dresses had overlays on the bodices and featured floor-length sheer, detachable trains accented with three rosettes in back. Attendants carried hand-tied bouquets of large sunflowers; white,

purple and raspberry statice; blue misty and greenery.

Wayne Hodgin, long-time friend of the bride handed out programs and was of special assistance to the bride.

Best man was Roland Gardner of Haskell, uncle of the groom. Groomsmen were Stanley Martin of Haskell, uncle of the groom; Buck Walton of Stamford, step-father of the groom; Mathew Cunningham, of Haskell, brother of the bride; and Kyle Martin of Haskell, cousin of the groom. Casey Judd of Angel Fire, cousin of the bride and Kyle Martin of Haskell, cousin of the groom. The groom and his attendants wore double-breasted black tuxedos with white shirts and silver herringbone vests with matching windsor ties. The groom wore a boutonniere of delphinium, small sunflower and a purple dendrobium orchid. Groomsmen wore boutonnieres of deep purple carnations and small sunflowers.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the Angel Fire Baptist Church. Guests were treated to appetizers and lemonade while the bridal party took pictures. The food table was draped in a sage and lavender plaid cloth and decorated with a mixed arrangement of flowers. Tim and Shelly Judd of Angel Fire, cousins of the bride, attended the food table.

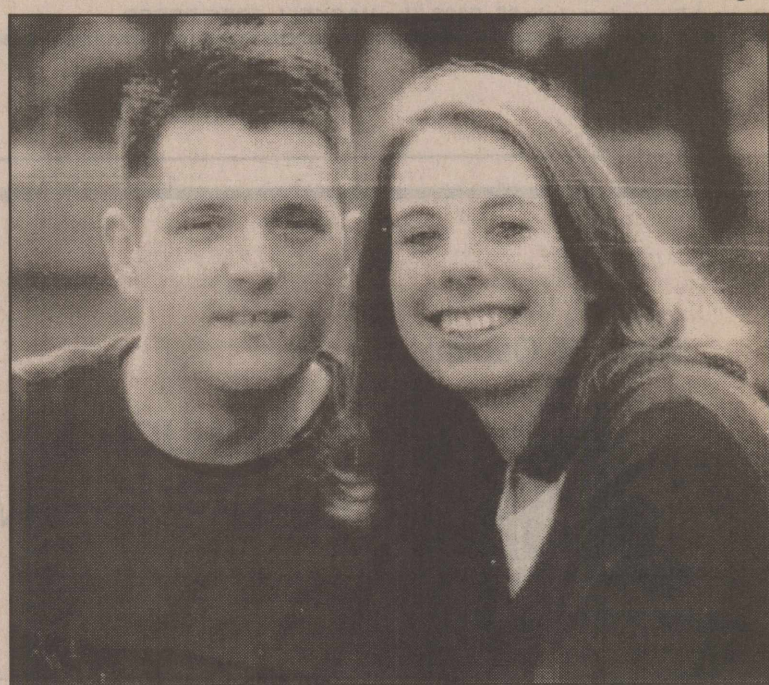
The bride's table was draped in a lavender cloth. Ficus trees and a white wrought-iron gazebo adorned with white lights, sunflowers, purple hydrangeas, pink wisteria, grapevine, tulle and lavender bows served as a backdrop to the bridal table. The bride's mother made the wedding cake. The three, double-layer tiers were stacked and placed on lace doilies in a large basket and circled with tiny pearl-edged ribbon. The basket was surrounded by flower blooms in bright summer colors. The cake was decorated in a dotted pattern and individual blooms of sunflowers, blue delphinium, alstromeria, dendrobium orchids and statice. The cake table was also decorated with a set of two silver candlesticks. The brides' cousins, Leisha Walker of Red River, New Mexico, and Shelly Judd of Angel Fire, served the wedding cake.

The groom's table was also draped in lavender. Two four-layer, rich chocolate cakes topped with chocolate-covered strawberries were displayed on crystal cake plates at varying heights. The base of a flower arrangement made by the groom's aunt, Sharee Gardner, was an ambulance. Two pillar candles on silver candle holders also decorated the table. The table held cheese logs, salami, crackers, cheese, and grapes. Behind the table was a set of white shutters. Serving at the groom's table were Brandy Gardner, cousin of the groom, and Eloise Reese.

The beverage table was draped in a cloth with purple and lavender hydrangeas and greenery. Strawberry punch was served from a crystal punch bowl. Surrounding the bowl was ivy intermingled with dark purple ribbon, white lights, tulle and two silver candelabras. Coffee was served from an antique silver service. Miniature cheesecakes in a variety of flavors were also served. Behind the beverage table was white lattice adorned with lace, tulle, and an arrangement of white wisteria and lavender hydrangeas. Serving at the beverage table was the bride's cousin, Vickie Bullard of Haskell.

The evening before the wedding, wedding guests joined the bride and groom and their families for a casual rehearsal dinner at the Eagle Nest Community Center. All enjoyed a feast that included salmon, trout, elk, barbecue brisket, ham, fresh black-eyed peas, and squash. Also, a traditional Fourth of July gathering featured a homemade ice cream social before the large fireworks display over Eagle Nest Lake. During the wedding and rehearsal dinner preparations, many family and friends assisted with decorating and food preparation.

Following a honeymoon to Taos, New Mexico, Estes Park, Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park and Denver the couple is at home in Haskell. Both are 1995 graduates of Haskell High School. The bride recently obtained her doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech Health Sciences School of Pharmacy. She will work as a pharmacist for United Pharmacy in Abilene. The groom is a paramedic for Haskell County Ambulance Service.



JONATHAN LINDSEY - STEPHANIE COOK

Cook, Lindsey to marry

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsey of Haskell are announcing the engagement of their son, Jonathan Carl, to Stephanie Ann Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook of Wichita Falls.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorland of Electra and Betty and the late W. G. Lindsey of Electra.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gentzel of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lucas of Jacksonville, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore of Wichita Falls.

The wedding is planned for Sat., Oct. 19, at First United Methodist Church, Wichita Falls.

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Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread sticks, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, pickle spears, cinnamon rolls
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato slices, assorted chips, apple

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., July 29
Lunch-Beef and spaghetti with sauce, whipped potatoes, fresh lettuce/tomato salad, greens/bacon seasoned, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., July 31
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Chopped BBQ beef sandwiches with BBQ sauce, creamy potato salad, tomato/mayo/mustard, let-

tuce/onions/pickles, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Hospital
Admissions
William Martin, Jr., Haskell
Dorothy Bowers, Haskell
A. D. May, Haskell
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Mozelle Fletcher, Willie Currie, Gladys Whitaker, Virginia Daniels

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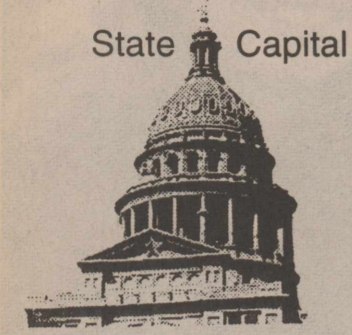
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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas television station owners must love election years.

Required state campaign spending reports show that the Tony Sanchez gubernatorial campaign spent \$12.5 million in less than three months from March 3 to June 30. That figure includes \$5.1 million forked over by the Democrat's campaign for TV advertising.

Republican incumbent Rick Perry's campaign spent \$4.7 million, including nearly \$2.2 million on air time.

That kind of spending nearly four months before the November election puts the gubernatorial race on the road to record spending, surpassing the \$50 million 1990 contest between Democrat Ann Richards and Republican Clayton Williams.

Medina Dam came close to failure
The 90-year-old Lake Medina Dam may have come closer to failure than initially believed during the flooding in Central and South Texas earlier this month.

An engineering report released by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said if water had broken across the 164-foot-high dam, the foundation of the structure probably would have eroded. Had that happened, as the engineering report put it, "a sliding or overturning failure" likely would have occurred.

Residents below the dam, located in Medina County near San Antonio, were evacuated when water came within 17 inches of its top on July 5.

Terrorism hasn't dented summer travel

Despite the events of Sept. 11, travel is expected to be up 2 percent this year compared with last summer.

That's the good news. Bad news for any Texas business person involved in the huge travel industry is that travelers are scheduling shorter trips, spending less and staying closer to home.

These conclusions come from a study by the Travel Industry Association of America that said statistically the average American is planning three trips this summer, the longest being eight nights. The study also found that 76 percent will go in a personal vehicle as opposed to flying.

Maybe the terrorism war has brought us closer together: 37 percent plan to attend a family reunion this summer, compared with 25 percent last year.

New park in East Texas

If you're planning one of those reunions, the Texas Parks and Wildlife has a new place to gather and East Texans have a new state park, one that's also handy to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The 376-acre park is near Wills Point on Lake Tawakoni, about 50 miles east of Dallas.

The newly-opened park has 78 campsites, hiking trails, a four-lane boat ramp, a swimming beach and numerous picnic sites.

As many as 400,000 visitors a year are expected at the new park.

Marfa ghost lights now safer to see

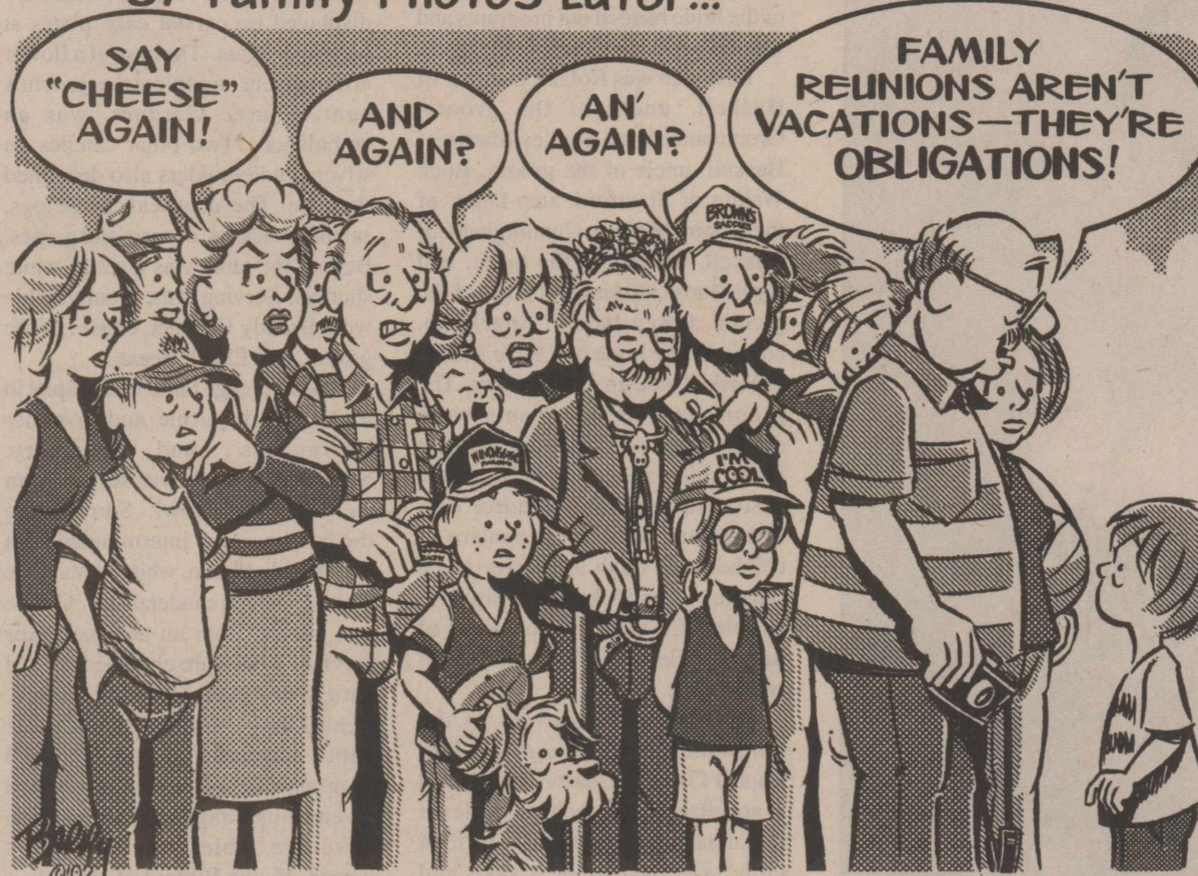
The Texas Department of Transportation has opened a new and safer area on U.S. 67/90 for folks interested in viewing the Marfa Lights, a mysterious nightly twinkling in the mountains visible from that point in the roadway.

Located eight miles east of Marfa, the new viewing area has a viewing deck (for an elevated view, visitors used to have to climb up on concrete picnic tables), new restrooms and an information center.

Made possible with federal funding obtained by the agency's El Paso District, the viewing area also was expanded from 2 to 8 acres to improve parking and enhance safety.

The only thing the state transportation agency didn't do was explain the mystery of the lights, which no one has yet been able to do.

57 Family Photos Later...



Research foundation honors memory of Justin Baty

By Mary Kaigler

Two years ago on July 19, thirteen-year-old Justin Baty, son of Willie and Beverly Strickland of Rochester and Allen Baty of Devol, Oklahoma, died from a little-known or understood malady after spending a day swimming in the water of Lake Texoma.

When he was finally diagnosed with primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, (PAM), the medical establishment could give little information on the disease. Even the Health Department seemed unaware of the many reports about the disease that is caused by an amoeba entering the body, usually through the nasal passages, then traveling to the brain, causing an almost always fatal infection similar to bacterial or viral meningitis.

Since that fateful day in July 2000, when Justin was taken from them by the insidious disease, members of his family have been working hard to get research funded and educational materials about PAM out to the public.

His grandmother, Janice Tolson of Benjamin, reports that after going through mountains of paper work, they have now established the nonprofit Justin Baty Amebic Foundation. Chartered in September, 2001, its vision and goal is to educate the public about PAM.

Included in their considerable accomplishments is an informative website about Baty and the disease he encountered while swimming during that July day in 2000. Pamphlets developed and printed are in process of being distributed to state wide organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, parks, swimming pools, lakes and resorts. The family is hoping to establish a support system for other families who have been affected with PAM. Other long-term goals include

establishing a network of physicians who have experience with treating PAM patients, who will share information and resources; to increase public awareness and to encourage schools to educate students about the risks of swimming in water during the peak season of June through September.

In addition, they hope to work with the Center for Disease Control and State Health Departments to establish guidelines for safe swimming; educate swimmers to use nose plugs and help establish a protocol for the cleansing and "water-turnover" policies for public water bodies in order to decrease the risks of PAM for recreational users of public water sources.

Considered at one time to be rare, recent research has found the disease is more common than once thought. Of the 225 cases documented throughout the years, 80 percent were in Texas. The summer after Justin Baty's death, three other swimmers in Texas and one in Oklahoma died from PAM.

Carried by the Naegleria fowleri amoeba that thrives in fresh water when water temperatures are high, research shows that amoebas are always present in the water, moving to the bottom in winter and surfacing to the top when the water gets warm. It has been shown that deep water contains them as well as shallow water.

Once a person contracts the disease, there is apparently no cure. Justin Baty's family is hoping to raise funds to help with research that may eventually produce a cure for PAM. Their motto is "If it saves one child's life it is more than worth it." Their website detailing the dangers of the deadly disease can be found at www.justinbatyamebicfoundation.org. One family member, young

Becky Daniel of Truscott, who remembers her cousin Justin and was especially affected by his untimely death, wanted to do something more to honor him. When a sorrel colt was born on the Circle Bar ranch about two years ago, she decided to name it Justin in honor of her young cousin. Now, when she competes riding on Justin, Daniel takes his memory and story with her.

Working hard in her own way to bring more awareness of the disease, this summer the Foard County 4-H Club member, who has been riding since she was small and will compete in the state 4-H show in Abilene, has handed out brochures with information on PAM and often talks to others about the disease that took her cousin. "I just want them to know," she says.

Symptoms of PAM include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens.

Precautions against the disease include:

- *Never swim in stagnant water or polluted water.

- *Avoid underwater swimming, and hold your nose or use nose plugs when jumping into the water and when water skiing or inner tubing.

- *Swim in properly maintained pools.

- *If water feels warm and there is no wave action or water movement, amoebas can be expected to be present and one should be cautious swimming.

- *Persons who allow children in lakes, ponds, and streams should be aware of meningitis symptoms.

Anyone wishing to help the family with funds for ongoing research and public information through the Justin Baty Amebic Foundation may send donations to: P.O. Box 304, Benjamin, TX 79505

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
July 23, 1992

Three Haskell County 4-H girls won first place in the District Fashion Show in Paducah and will advance to the State 4-H Fashion Show. The girls are Mindy Ballard of Rochester, Kim Gilly of Haskell and Leigh Ann Reel of Paint Creek.

Jimmy Huff of Haskell attended Hardin-Simmons University's annual "Threshold" program for gifted and talented children and youth.

Rule High School cheerleaders attended cheerleading camp at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The 1992-93 cheerleaders are Lisa Macias, Christy Mathis, Angela Hisey, Kenna Tanner, Julie Saffel and Laurie Boger.

20 Years Ago
July 29, 1982

Betty McCoy and Claude Payne were the big fish winners in the Third Annual Carp Tourney held at Lake Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yeary, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toliver and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wall, all of Haskell, have returned from a 15-day tour of the New England states.

Kirk High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle High of Haskell, was one of approximately 100 students to attend the Junior High School Band Camp held at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

30 Years Ago
July 27, 1972

127 young people attended the Church of Christ Singing School. They came from all parts of the United States and stayed in church members' homes during the school.

J. B. Gipson, H. T. Wilkinson, Royce Adkins, Leonard Weise, Abe Turner and Bill Comedy attended a meeting with the College Coordinating Board at Austin in regard to Haskell getting an extension to West Texas College of Snyder.

Pauletta Wilfong, a freshman nursing student at Texas Women's University, is on the Honor Roll.

40 Years Ago
July 26, 1962

The old Haskell County jail building located on the southeast corner of the square is to be razed and site cleared as possible future location of a modern county office building. The old jail, a three story brick structure with basement, was built in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Tooley of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Alvis of Rochester attended the 58th session of the State Convention of Rural Letter Carriers and Auxiliary held in Austin.

Douglas Myers, superintendent of Weinert schools, attended a workshop for educators in Austin.

50 Years Ago
July 24, 1952

Kirby Kirkpatrick, Haskell farmer and Air Force veteran of World War II, was elected commander of the Rogers-Cox Post of the American Legion at the annual election of officers.

Billy Matthews, senior student in North Texas State College at Denton, recently placed in three swimming meets. One meet was held at Tyler, one at Blackwell, Okla. and one at Texas A&M.

The Birthday Luncheon Club of Rochester met with Mrs. A. A. Gauntt. The day was spent in doing handwork and chatting.

90 Years Ago
July 27, 1912

Mrs. T. M. Murray returned Sunday evening from Childress, where she has been visiting her husband who is handling fruit. She said there were five cars of watermelons, one of peaches and one of bananas at that place. She said she had a nice time at a four day fair and horse racing.

Postmaster John B. Baker made a business trip to Sweetwater last week, returning Saturday.

Ernest Grissom, Raymond Lewis and Claudis Walden spent Sunday in Stamford with friends.

Dick Williams and wife and two daughters of the Foster Community have returned from a visit to East Texas.

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Baseball team

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I am writing to the people of Haskell County and beyond. Our children, Jimmy and Melissa Burson are very blessed to live in your very caring community. We are the parents of Melissa, and I felt compelled to write and "sing your praises." Never before have I known of such an out pouring of love, concern and support in every way possible.

It is one thing to help people for a short period of time or to take that customary "pot of home made chicken soup" when someone is ill or to go by and take the children for "an afternoon." But you people have gone way beyond the norm. It has been months and still you come and

do!

You have filled in the gap when we her family were there or not there. You have blessed us all in so many ways.

I only wish I knew all of you so I could name you all, but that is virtually impossible. But I have to name Michelle Dunnam and Billie Lindsey, simply because I know how they have expressed their love for their friends for unending months. To all of you in the school system who have helped we thank you, to their church family, we thank you, to all of you farmers and friends who have supported and helped Jimmy when Mis was in the hospital, we thank you, for all the meals, child care, for the visits in the hospital, we thank you, whatever capacity you have served we thank you. As a Christian, I believe the greatest blessing we receive is when we give knowing it

cannot be repaid, this is what you good people have lived out and are still continuing to do so! God bless you all!

I have sung your praises far and wide to all my family and friends. If there were a nomination for the friendliest, caring little town in Texas, in my opinion, Haskell would win uncontested. So count your blessings that you are a part of your great community!

We love you all,
Sparky and Barbara Eckles

Correction

In a story appearing in last week's edition, Dr. Frank Cadenhead was quoted as having delivered Rick Perry and Rick Hardcastle. The quote should have read that both Rick Perry and Anita Perry were delivered by Dr. Cadenhead.

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HONORED WITH FLAG—Gilbert Colmenero, Wal-Mart store manager, receives an American flag from U. S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The flag was flown at the U.S. Capital, June 4, in Colmenero's honor. Colmenero represented Wal-Mart as a sponsor of the fiddler's contest at the Annual Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford.

Shopping tips for auto insurance

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

When you buy auto insurance, you are buying protection against risks that come with owning and driving automobiles—risks that you could not afford to cover on your own. However, paying for auto insurance coverage does not absolve you of the responsibilities of safe driving. The costs of safe and unsafe driving are tracked by the insurance industry and are used to determine insurance rates we all pay.

To cover your risks at the lowest cost, you must first know what risks you need to insure. Policies have many coverage options. Delete coverage you are able to meet from savings, such as collision repairs to an auto that is old enough to cost more to insure than it is worth. Save for its replacement instead, since older cars usually need to be replaced sooner rather than later.

If you buy collision or comprehensive coverage, compare the fees for the amount of deductible you could assume. The larger the deductible, the lower premiums will be. A \$300 increase in the deductible—the amount you pay before the coverage applies—could save 15 percent to 30 percent of the premium cost. Put the difference in savings to cover your deductible expense.

Insure against risks that are unlikely, but costly. For instance, buy insurance to replace an automobile you are still paying for; buy insurance for personal injury and property damage liability costs resulting from the use of your vehicle by you or another driver. Basic liability insurance is required in Texas.

After trimming coverage not needed from your current policy, compare current coverage rates with current rates from your carrier and other insurers. Get quotes from several companies before you buy. If you are using an independent agent, ask to see the rates for all the companies he or she represents.

Compare your quotes with the benchmark rates for your zone, which are set each year by the Commissioner of Insurance for rate-regulated companies selling 80 percent or more of the auto liability insurance in your area. This rate guide also includes information from the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) and companies that have asked to be in the rate guide. The guide is at Web site http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/apps/perfoot/u_cp_autorate/auto.html. The rates shown are for a one-year basic minimum liability policy; collision and comprehensive coverages are not included.

If you live in an area designated by the Texas Department of Insurance as "underserved," the state's Market Assistance Program (MAP) may be able to help you lower your insurance costs. For more information call 888-799-MAPP (6277).

Some drivers pay higher rates than others. Factors that might cause individual rates to go up include: your risk to insurers, the type of vehicle you drive, the area where you live, your driving record, claims

history, age and how you use your car (business, pleasure or to drive to work). Preferred drivers, with no at-fault accidents or traffic convictions, get the lowest rates. If you have had accidents, tickets or claims on your record during the past three years, you may be rated a standard- or moderate-risk driver, or a non-standard, high-risk driver. If so, focus on improving your driving record for three years. Not only will you have a better driving record, you will have gained personal benefits as well.

To keep rates low, avoid companies and agents who advertise to high-risk drivers. They often charge higher premiums. If you are offered coverage through a county mutual or other non-standard company, ask why you are considered a high risk.

Ask about the discounts that are mandatory in Texas, including: two or more qualifying cars on the same policy, and completing a defensive driving, driver education or a drug and alcohol driving awareness course. Discounts are also required for an automobile with air bags, automatic seatbelts or certain anti-theft devices. The Commissioner of Insurance sets discount rates for rate-regulated companies. County mutual companies that insure high risk drivers are not required to offer these discounts. If these companies offer discounts, they set the amount of the discount themselves.

Optional discounts may be offered based on your age, annual mileage driven, anti-lock brakes, daytime running lights, good grades in school, membership in certain youth groups or if a student covered by your policy is away at school.

Before you sign a contract, check out the company's financial strength and complaint history. A. M. Best Company rates the financial strength and operating performance of each company. Use the ratings shown on the TDI rate guide Web site, or access its rating information at www.ambest.com.

Ask about payment options. Make sure you understand what coverage is included and that you're comparing equivalent policies. Compare the total cost for single or multiple payment plans.

Never cancel your old policy until your new policy is effective. A policy becomes effective when the insurer or its local recording agent accepts it. A company can cancel your policy within 60 days from issue date for any reason, except illegal discrimination. Giving wrong information could cause an incorrect price quote or a denial or cancellation of coverage.

With the money saved on auto insurance premiums as a result of your informed consumer decision, you could pay off a high-interest debt faster or add to your savings. Either way is a win.



MR. AND MRS. BILL BLANKENSHIP

Blankenships to celebrate anniversary

Bill and Lennie Ruth Blankenship of Haskell will celebrate their golden anniversary, Wed., July 31.

They were married in 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Billy Ray Blankenship was born in Seymour, the son of James O'Dee and Claudia Blankenship. Retired after 42 years with GTE, he takes photos of school activities and weddings. Most Haskell students

know him as Mr. Bill.

Lennie Ruth (Sloan) Blankenship was born in Weinert, the daughter of Steve and Nell Sloan.

The couple has three daughters, Jeleta Xedis of Altus, Oklahoma, Ruth Ann Phillips of Abilene and Susan Moore of Arlington. They have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

About sixty friends and family attended 22nd anniversary of Sue Cox's 38th birthday at the Johnny Case Restaurant in Longview Saturday night. Among those attending were Sue's sisters, Marie and B. D. Kirkland of Fort Worth and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell; and Tammy Tension and daughter, Jennifer of Fort Worth.

Among those who helped Delma Matthews celebrate her birthday

were Dwanna Klose, Pam Opitz and Tommy Matthews, all of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Chucky Castillo of Lewisville spent the weekend with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Castillo. They attended the Gonzales wedding while here.

Shirley Short of Rochester and Bernice Hilliard of Haskell visited in Lubbock on Saturday and attended a bridal shower for Chessa Hilliard, bride-elect of Dr. Scott Akins.

American Legion News

At the July 16 monthly Legion meeting, five year member, Dale Denton of Rule, paid his dues for the year 2003. At the end of the meeting his name was drawn for a special award.

Starting in 2004, his dues will be paid by the Post, and he will have the status of PUF, a paid-up-for-life member of the American Legion.

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Rains have halted drought losses

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Recent rainfall halted Texas' 2002 agricultural losses due to drought. Some areas of South and Central Texas have received up to twelve inches of rain. Farmers will now save time and money that had been spent on irrigation.

Cotton from Central Texas, and citrus and sugarcane from the Rio Grande Valley will benefit the most

after missing virtually all of the necessary rainfall needed during the spring.

Cattle producers also benefitted greatly from the rain. They had been experiencing very poor range conditions. Now, they are expecting excellent hay cuttings and rangeland growth over the next month, which should make up some of the forage and feed deficit prior to the rains.

Be aware of ticks

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Summer is here and the great outdoors beckons. But, people need to be especially careful of ticks. They are flat, brown and well-designed to slip into a cat or dog's fur coat.

Ticks are more likely in areas with cattle or other livestock. But they can be in any natural, wild area with woodland and grassy areas.

If bitten by a tick, don't panic, but be aware that it's possible for them to carry diseases. These diseases sometimes show up as a rash, or with

flu-like symptoms.

To prevent getting bitten, pant legs should be tucked into socks or cuffs should be sealed off with duct tape. Wear long pants and tuck in shirts to further discourage ticks.

If a tick does bite, entomologists recommend removing it by grabbing the tick on the head as close to the skin as possible. Pull straight out with a gentle, steady pull.

Old fashioned remedies such as hot match head and Vaseline do not work and may increase chances of infection.

Watch for fleas, too

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Fleas can be indoor pests year round. They come indoors with a pet. The most heavily-infested areas in the backyard will be moist, shady spots with sandy soils.

The legless flea larva lives primarily in the soil or in pet bedding. Fleas are not difficult to recognize. Adult fleas are about an eighth of an inch long, they are covered with very short spines, have big jumping legs on the back, no wings and are brown.

They are major disease carriers. They can cause dogs and cats to have itching, tapeworms and lose blood. The best thing to do if pets become infested is to take them to the vet.

The fleas that get on pets are not normally human blood feeders. Most do not live and reproduce on humans, but they do bite. Flea infestations can stay under control without having to resort to a lot of spraying as long as the problem is taken care of before it becomes serious.

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Seniors can travel worry-free with simple planning

Seniors packing their bags for travel this summer can make the trip safe and worry-free with a few simple considerations in advance, said Dr. Julie Gammack of Baylor's Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine.

One of the most important considerations older adults should make before embarking on a trip is the management of medications. "I recommend seniors always bring medications in the original package or bottle," said Dr. Gammack. "That way, they will never get confused with another medicine. Avoid pillboxes. And, make sure you bring enough for the length of your stay, plus extra in case there is a delay."

They should also bring those drugs that are used "as needed," such as over-the-counter pain relievers and anti-diarrhea medications. Gammack recommends seniors make sure they have their insurance card and

doctor's phone number with them at all times.

"Sometimes a simple call to your doctor could resolve an issue and keep you out of urgent care while on vacation," she said.

Other tips include:
 •Contact your doctor in advance to check on diseases specific to the area and to receive any necessary immunizations.

•Research your destination and its weather patterns beforehand and bring the appropriate clothing and supplies, such as hats, sunglasses and sunscreens. This includes appropriate footwear if there will be extensive walking.

•Write all medication and health condition information on a piece of paper that can be easily found in case

of emergency.

•Be sure and have a bottle of water on hand, both while traveling and once at the destination to avoid dehydration.

•Be aware of time zone changes and plan for appropriate rest.

•Stop frequently during travel and stretch to cut down on the risk of leg blood clots.

Dental sealants not just for kids

Preventing tooth decay is not just an issue for children. More than half of adults in the United States develop cavities after age 30. Now, according to experts at Baylor College of Dentistry, grown-ups can fight back by "sealing out" harmful bacteria.

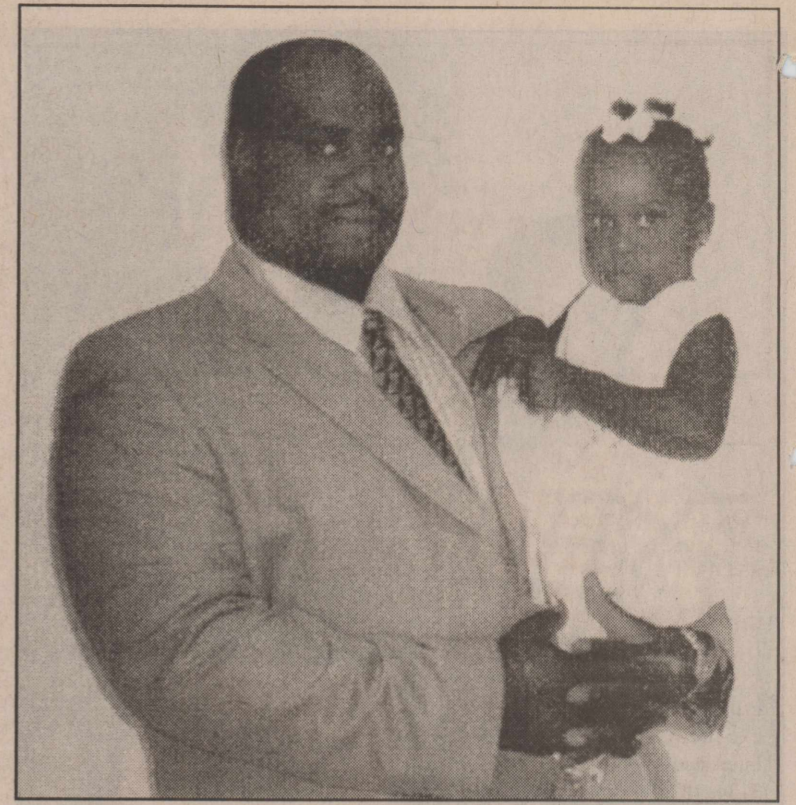
Most tooth decay occurs on the chewing surfaces of back molars. This is because molars have irregular surfaces with pits and grooves, which tend to trap food and bacterial debris.

Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings that flow into and coat these pits and grooves so that bacteria cannot multiply and cause decay. Almost any chewing surface can be sealed, even ones with fillings.

Dental sealants prevent tooth decay from emerging and can even halt existing decay in its earliest stages. Sealants disrupt the development of cavities by shutting

off two essential elements needed for decay; oxygen and bacteria from food.

Applying sealants is a simple process that may be done by a dentist or dental hygienist. Sealants, which can last up to five years, require no drilling and little or no removal of the tooth surface. They should be checked regularly and reapplied when they appear to have worn off.



PREACHER—Rev. Tony Billington, pictured holding daughter Gabriela, will preach at Haskell Foursquare Church, Sat., July 27.

Groundwater District approves well permits

Members of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met at the district offices in Munday, July 18.

Following the review and discussion of the financial statements, they were approved.

Five water well permits were presented for review. Three board members approved and signed the permits as presented.

A motion was approved to hold the next regular meeting in Munday, Aug. 15, at 7:00 p.m.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD IS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF POWER

We have been constantly hearing about the 'energy crisis,' which has resulted in the desperate search for new sources of power, both natural and artificial. Whatever the source, the goal is the continuation of our good life and the further achievements of progress in every aspect of it.

Human beings also need a continuing supply of power in order to accomplish their own personal goals, whatever they may be. God is a never-ending source of the power you need, so go to your church and learn about this unlimited resource that is always available to you.

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- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
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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.
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Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
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- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, 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**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 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

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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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- Church in the Park**
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- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
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- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Chris Powell, pastor
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
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West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
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Rochester

- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Kyle Gullede, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

- 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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Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
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Sue Rowlett, pastor
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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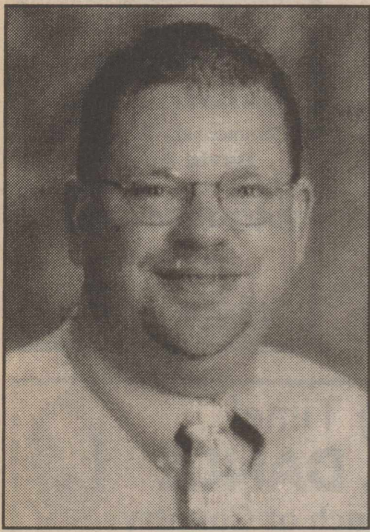
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Starkweather is new Paint Creek superintendent



BRETT STARKWEATHER

Brett Starkweather has been named new superintendent at Paint Creek School. He replaces Larry Shackelford in the position. Starkweather completed his

Superintendent's certification at University of Texas, San Antonio, and his Mid-Management certification at Sul Ross University.

Growing up in Katy, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Houston.

Beginning his career as a teacher and coach, he then went into Library Science for a number of years. Prior to coming to Paint Creek he was at Karnes City in the central office, working with special and federal programs.

Starkweather's wife, Melissa, is a teacher, and is currently seeking employment. The couple has a 10 month old daughter, Madison.

Speaking of his move to Paint Creek, the new superintendent said he wants to thank everyone in the community for being so nice to the family, and for helping make them feel welcome in their new home.

July sales tax receipts show slight gains

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent \$301.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts.

July sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.1 billion, up 1 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$202.7 million to 1,114 Texas cities, up 0.5 percent compared to July 2001. Sales tax rebates of \$17.6 million went to 121 Texas counties, up 0.5 percent compared to one year ago.

Haskell County had a 13.59 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$27,468.53 in comparison to \$24,181.74 for July 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$190,581.51 reflect a 5.82 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$202,370.74.

The City of Haskell had a 11.57 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$26,130.44 in comparison to \$23,419.04 for July, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$177,354.81

reflect a 6.00 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$188,682.22.

The City of O'Brien had a 92.87 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$18.69 in comparison to \$9.69 for July, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$511.27 reflect a 20.11 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$640.03.

The City of Rochester had a 49.42 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$343.49 in comparison to \$229.88 for July, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$3,721.72 reflect a 2.50 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$3,630.76.

The City of Rule had a 90.64 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$943.96 in comparison to \$495.14 for July, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$7,921.38 reflect a 3.55 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$8,213.17.

The City of Weinert had a 14.14 percent increase for July, 2002 of \$31.95 in comparison to \$27.99 for July, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,072.33 reflect a 10.97 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$1,204.56.

Regional workforce survey to be conducted

James Elam, Haskell Economic Director, announced Monday that several regional economic development entities are asking regional employers to participate in a workforce survey that will be conducted by a mail out on July 31. Surveys should be completed and returned by August 23. Cards alerting employers that the survey will be mailed to them, were sent out July 24. Reminder cards will be sent out on Aug. 7, asking employers to return the survey if they have not already done so.

The surveys are part of a four-part regional study covering nineteen

West Central Texas counties. The study includes workforce assessment, curriculum need (covering K-12 and higher education), technology and community infrastructure, and targeted industry. The Development Corporation of Abilene, West Central Texas Workforce Board Economic Development Board, and Brownwood Economic Development Corporation are partnering in the project and are sharing the cost. Employee surveys were conducted June 21-23 throughout the region; this survey is a continuing part of the overall study.

Surveys will ask regional employers to answer brief questions regarding current employment. In addition to the mail out, a survey team will be in the region the week of Aug. 12, to conduct some in-person employer interviews. Employers participation, responses, and input are very important, and will be key to conducting a successful study. This survey provides regional employers an opportunity to speak out and to have input into the future economic direction of the region, including workforce development and training issues.

Information from the survey will be used in two ways by various groups: economic development corporations will be able to use the information for marketing purposes in recruiting new businesses for providing assistance to existing businesses for expansion purposes; and the Workforce Development Board and educators will be able to develop training programs and/or make adjustment to educational curriculum to meet existing business needs. This will position the region with

a fully skilled workforce in the future.

This survey of regional employers, along with the earlier survey of regional employees, will identify key workforce information including:

- *Labor requirements of regional employers
- *Skills and characteristics of the labor force
- *Any untapped labor segments
- *The extent of underemployment in the workforce
- *Types of employee training needed to keep local businesses competitive.

Workforce issues have become a critical factor for business selecting a location for a new facility or expansion. To create quality job opportunities and to meet the needs of industry, the region must understand and address workforce issues.

The Wadley-Donovan Group, Ltd. of Edison New Jersey, is conducting the survey with assistance from Younger Associates of Jackson, Tennessee and Garmise and Associates of Washington, D. C.

Poison ivy can be an unhappy experience

Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are the causes of the most common allergic contact dermatitis in humans in the United States. During the spring, summer and fall seasons, these plants are a common cause of skin rash in children. All three of these plants belong to the Rhus species and grow throughout the U. S. The entire plant is poisonous to the touch, and even breathing smoke from burning plants may be harmful.

All three plants produce similar skin reactions. The rash produced by

poison ivy is an allergic reaction to an oil called urushiol. The rash begins in the form of blisters which are accompanied by severe itching. Fluid from broken blisters does not spread the eruption—it is the oil remaining under fingernails or on clothing that causes new eruptions. The poisonous oil is found in all parts of the plant, and it can remain potent on clothing for up to two years. Skin irritation can also be obtained through contact with contaminated clothing, tools or pet hair. At this point, there is no acceptable method of immunization against this poison.

Prevention is the best treatment—keep children away from these plants if possible. If contact with poison ivy or its relatives occurs, wash the area of the skin that was exposed well with soap and cold water (hot water causes the pores to open and let the oil in) for at least 10 minutes. The oil from poison ivy is soluble in water, so washing is an effective way of removing it. Cloths used in washing should be handled carefully and washed well with soap and water after use.

Coming Events

Berryhill reunion

The Berryhill reunion will be held July 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VIP building in Stamford.

Harrell reunion

Descendants of Ike, Will, Charlie and Nathan Harrell will meet July 26-27 at Haskell National Bank Community Room. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and an auction item. Brisket, sausage and beans will be furnished. Excess funds raised by the auction are donated Willow Cemetery.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Aug. 6 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Aug. 1 at 9:30 a.m.

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