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Boys basketball

Boys Summer League
-Varsity and JV-
Thurs., July 3 at Haskell
Throckmorton vs Haskell (JV) 5 p.m.
Newcastle vs Throckmorton 6 p.m.
Throckmorton vs Haskell 7 p.m.
Tues., July 8 at Aspermont
JV 6 p.m.
Varsity 7 p.m.

Calendar

Homeschooling

A meeting for those wishing to learn about homeschooling will be held Tues., July 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Contact Randy or Janet Bowers for more information at 864-2964.

Benefit luncheon

A smorgasbord benefit luncheon will be held Sun., July 27 at Haskell Elementary Cafeteria from noon to 2 p.m. to benefit Susan Skinner. Tickets are available now at local churches. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 11 and under. Those interested in bringing a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert should call 864-2581.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., July 7 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Summer meals

Haskell CISD will sponsor a summer food program at Haskell Elementary, 306 S. Ave. G, Mon.-Fri., through July 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages from age 1 through 18 years of age will be served. Adults may eat for a \$2.50 charge. No meals will be served Fri., July 4.

HCCN Lab

Haskell Elementary School will open the HCCN Lab Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45. Internet, Email and basic computer skills will be available.

Variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is planning a fundraising variety show tentatively set for Aug. 9 or Aug. 16. Talent needed includes singers, bands, instrumentals, magic acts or funny routines. Individuals or groups wishing to perform should call Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3703 or 864-3875. Proceeds will benefit the Experienced Citizens Center.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., July 3 at 9:30 a.m. The next visit by a representative will be in October, with following visits on a quarterly basis.

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CLASS OF 1948—Members of the Haskell High School graduating class of 1948 attending their 55th reunion at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene, Sat., June 14, were: front row, l-r, Jolene Hattox Henderson, Anita Jo Pitman Medford, Joyce Crow Smith, Jane Gentry Smith, James Dodson, Doris Ann Taylor Harrell, Patsy

Cain Johnson and James Strain. Second row, Don Peavy, Genelle Bailey Weeks, Betty Jo Adkins Criswell, Billy Charles Matthews, Janelle Kennedy Sullivan and Bobby Ray Kimbrough. Back row, Marvin Hancock, Gene Brown and Don Nanny. Not pictured: Nancy Ratliff Plunkett.

Vaccinate horses for mosquito-borne diseases

A few moments with your local veterinarian in Haskell County can help protect horses, mules and donkeys against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses: West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness," that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of June 26, 26 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger. "According to the TDH, the 26 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Van Zandt Counties. WNV also has been detected in six birds and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird in Orange County; one bird and two mosquito pools in Dallas County; four mosquito pools in Tarrant County, three mosquito pools in Jefferson and two in Nueces Counties."

"In June 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Haskell County had seven equine cases. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their

veterinarian or the TAHC for assistance. Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

WNV infection was first detected in the U.S. in New York in 1999, and since then, the virus has swept across the country, spread by infected mosquitoes that have fed on birds carrying the disease. Only four states on the U.S. mainland have not reported cases: Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah. Dr. Conger said it is likely that these states also will eventually have cases of WNV.

"Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout the U.S., and this year we may have cases in Texas, as South Carolina, Florida and Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger.

"It is important to note that the vaccines for WNV, WEE and EEE do not provide cross-protection. For example, WNV vaccine protects only against WNV." As of late June, fourteen horses in South Carolina have been diagnosed with EEE. In Florida, more than 110 EEE cases in equine animals have been confirmed, and in Georgia, a dog, three birds and 16 horses have tested positive for the disease.

"WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger.

Dr. Conger explained that the WNV vaccine for horses vaccination

requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart. After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year. In areas where mosquitoes are a continual problem year-round, animals should receive a WNV booster every six months. "Owners should take action now to get their equine animals vaccinated, before cases become more widespread," urged Dr. Conger.

"EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Conger. "In most cases, horses can be vaccinated for WNV, EEE/WEE at the same time." He said some veterinarians also employ the EEE/WEE vaccine in an off-label use to protect raites (emus, rheas and ostriches) against the disease.

"While no vaccine can guarantee 100 percent protection, it's much better than no protection," commented Dr. Conger. "Last year, Colorado State University followed more than 500 equine animals infected with the WNV in Colorado and Nebraska. The death rate was greater than 36 percent in animals that had not received vaccine. The death loss dropped to around 20 percent for animals that had received at least one dose of WNV vaccine. Of the 13 animals properly vaccinated with two doses of vaccine, a dozen survived."

Dr. Conger said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, an inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused

illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers. If an owner has been exposed to rabies while caring for a sick horse, appropriate preventive health measures must be taken immediately, he said.

"WNV, EEE and WEE impact a community's animals, and owners should take advantage of

Tillage meeting set July 16

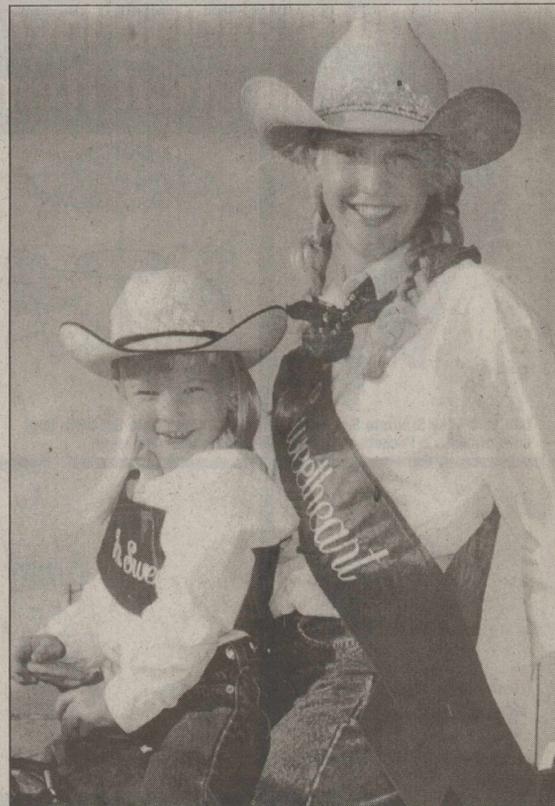
The Texas Cooperative Extension Service in Haskell and Jones Counties and Monsanto will sponsor a conservation tillage meeting Wed., July 16. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Hollis Callaway's place south of Haskell. Directions are: go 4-4.5 miles south of the spotlight in Haskell on 277 to F.M. Road 1225; Turn east on 1225 and go 1-1.5 miles west to Callaway's place on the north side of the road.

The group will spend about an hour in the field and then adjourn to the Haskell National Bank meeting room in Haskell.

Three continuing education units will be available. After donuts and registration, discussions and presentations will be by John Bradley, Conservation Tillage Specialist with Monsanto; Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist of San Angelo; and Dr. Michael Hare, Toxicologist with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

New and innovative ways of utilizing conservation tillage practices will be shared at this meeting along with weed minimization and implement design ideas. Interesting information will be shared concerning the toxicity of chemicals used by farmers.

To attend, R.S.V.P. by Mon., July 14 to (940) 864-2658.



POSSE SWEETHEARTS—Shelli Terrell, age 14, was recently chosen as the 2003 Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse Sweetheart, and Cequin McIlwain, age 3, was chosen as the Jr. Sweetheart. They will both participate in Stamford's Texas Cowboy Reunion Parade and related rodeo events this week. The Jr. Sheriff's Posse recently took first place for Best Riding Club at the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade and at the Aspermont Parade.

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LINDSEY SIGNS—Haskell High School athlete, Brittany Lindsey, center, is joined by her parents, James and Billie Lindsey, as she signs with Wayland Baptist University to run track. Standing, l-r, is Haskell athletic director, Brad Brunson and track coach, Brandon Smith. Wayland Baptist University track coach, Chris Beene, was unable to attend the signing.

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 578 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., June 30, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 54 sellers and 36 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$3 higher, feeders steady, stockers \$1 to \$2 higher.

Cows: fat, 42-.50; cutters, 45-.54; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.59; feeders, .64-.76; utility, .48-.54.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.12-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .78-.89; 700-800 lbs., .75-.85; 800-up lbs., .69-.81.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .82-.94; 500-600 lbs., .76-.89; 600-up lbs., .64-.82.

Bred heifers medium frame, 500-625.
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-800; aged or small, 475-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-975; aged or small, 550-650.

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Obituaries

Clothille J. Harris

Funeral services for Clothille J. (C.J.) Harris, 81, were held Sat., June 14 in the Porter Loring North Chapel in San Antonio under the direction of Porter Loring Mortuary North of San Antonio.

Mrs. Harris died Fri., June 6.

Born Dec. 26, 1921 in De Leon, she was the daughter of Jack and Dorothy Jenkins. She grew up in west Texas attending school in Levelland and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She earned her bachelors degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She married Shelby Jack Harris March 17, 1943 and together they shared a thirty-year Air Force career, traveling extensively and living throughout the United States.

She was an accomplished debater and public speaker. She loved the outdoors working successfully to preserve the natural environment in her community. She enjoyed travel: visiting Asia, Hawaii, Europe and the Caribbean. An effective educator, she worked in many roles in the education field including library science at Samuel Clemens High School, where she was a friend and mentor to many students.

After surviving a stroke at age 66, her courage and perseverance were a comfort and inspiration to those around her. She was active in the American Heart

Association, counseled others and participated in a video production about heart disease. She was honored by Rotary International with the Paul Harris Award for community service.

She touched the lives of others with kindness, respect and generosity. A woman of exceptional beauty and vitality, she is remembered with great love for her gentle spirit, profound faith and her sincere interest in the well being of others.

Survivors include her husband, Colonel Shelby Jack Harris (Ret.) of Haskell; four daughters and their families, Dr. Jan Ford Mustin and husband, Dr. Al Mustin of Austin, Penny Hicks and her husband, Dr. Phil Hicks, and their son, Michael Hicks of San Rafael, California, Jacqueline Sanner of Austin and Dr. Susan Buckner and her husband, Rev. Mark Buckner and their children, Dorothy, Jon Mark, Joshua and Grace of Indonesia.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 8415 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Memorial messages or memories may be made at www.porterloring.com by selecting Visitation and Services. Select 'Sign Guestbook' at the bottom of the individual memorial. PD. NOTICE

H. R. 'Pete' Callaway

Funeral services for H. R. 'Pete' Callaway, 92, of Haskell were held Sat., June 28 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Callaway died Wed., June 25 at the home of his daughter in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Born Oct. 22, 1910 in Haskell County, he was the son of Joe Shelby Callaway and Addie Robertson Callaway. He worked in the oil field in Oklahoma in the 1920's and homesteaded in New Mexico in the 1930's. He married Julia T. Butler while in New Mexico and later moved to

Arkansas. In 1949 he and his family moved back to Haskell. He farmed for many years in Haskell County. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Julia; four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Teresa Wilson of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; two sons, Hollis Callaway and wife, Judy, of Haskell and Clinton Callaway of Seminole, Oklahoma; one brother, Bob Callaway of Oregon; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Virgil Laffette Fullerton

Graveside services for Virgil Laffette Fullerton, 79, of Beaumont were held Wed., June 18 at Weinert Cemetery with Roy Trahan officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Fullerton died Wed., June 11 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Beaumont.

Born Sept. 29, 1923 in Weinert, he was the son of Ed and Effie Hunt Fullerton. He was in the U. S. Navy and

an Army veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include four sons, Ricky Fullerton, Virgil David Fullerton and Steven Perry Fullerton, both of Vidor and Michael Lee Fullerton of Bridge City; one daughter, Katy Marie Williford of Vidor; two sisters, Viola York of Lubbock and Hazel McClintock of Abilene; four grandchildren and one great grandson. PD. NOTICE

City Council report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., June 23, a bid was accepted from Chan Guess for the purchase of all the old theatre property located north of Haskell County Insurance Agency.

Also accepted was the bid of Sammy Larned for the purchase of vacant city-owned lots located on South First East.

Decision was made by the Council to advertise for bids on the Matthews property located west of

Dollar General.
Franciene Johnson, president of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center Board, spoke to the Council requesting that liability insurance coverage for Civic Center Board members be included under the City liability insurance coverage. Decision on the matter was tabled for further discussion by the Council.
After a request from East Side Baptist for help on the cost of repairs made to the enclosed portion of the

Corral Building for use of the Food Bank, the Council agreed to assist with the funding.

Joey Kimbrough and Billie McKeever were reappointed to the Development Corporation of Haskell Board.

A public hearing, discussion and possible action concerning a Rural Development Grant was tabled by the Council until a later date.

Haskell County horsemen make strong showing at Vernon

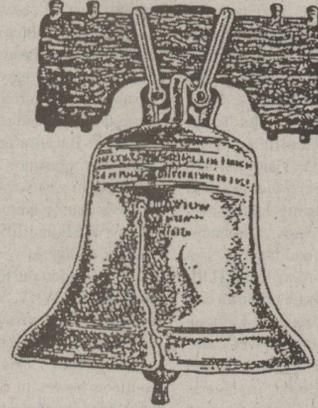
by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Four Haskell County 4-H'ers competed at the District 3 4-H Horse

Show in Vernon June 19-21. Aubrey Bassett, Morgan Cox, Gay Lynn Gary and Taylor Williams competed in various events during the horse

show.
Aubrey Bassett placed fourth in the Yearling Filly Futurity and fourth in the Yearling Longe Line. Taylor Williams placed sixth in the Yearling Gelding Futurity. Gay Lynn Gary placed thirteenth in barrels. Morgan Cox placed first in barrels, first in poles and sixth in stakes.

Cox accumulated enough points to tie for the Overall Timed Event Champion during the horse show. These four 4-H'ers will compete in Abilene at the State 4-H Horse Show in late July.

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So our staff, families and friends can join in the national celebration of the birth of our nation's independence, we will be closed Friday, July 4.
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Wedding plans washed in water woes

By Mary Kaigler

Not only do the "best laid plans of mice and men often go awry," but as one couple found last year, so can the best laid wedding plans of a young man and woman.

"Michelle, as long as we have each other, everything will be all right," are words that will ring forever in the heart of Michelle Murray. They were spoken by Michael Murray on the day of their wedding, one year ago on July 6. That was the historic day the rains came down and flooded Buffalo Gap, where the two had planned to be married.

Their engagement began a year before, while they were both students at Abilene Christian University. With a year in which to get ready for the wedding, everything went along fine, with each month seeing another detail of planning completed for the wedding. Michelle graduated in December and began teaching while Michael continued his education at ACU.

About a month before the wedding, when the couple was visiting with Michael's parents, Ed and Charlene Murray of Rule, everyone was talking confidently about how everything for the wedding was going along without a hitch.

But, things were soon to start unraveling.

Two weeks before the wedding, Michelle learned that all of her attendants' dresses had not arrived, though they were ordered three months before. During numerous phone calls to the dress company she

had been repeatedly told that they were on their way. In one final call, she was advised that the last dress was a special order, and would be shipped "as soon as they could."

This news sent her to Dillard's in Abilene to find other dresses for the attendants. Her mother, Patti Burchard of San Antonio, ended up going to eight different Dillard's stores there to find the sizes needed. Between the two of them, they found the new dresses. Their difficulties seemed to be over.

One week before the wedding, while spraying some bugs that were trying to come in her back door, Michelle stepped off the porch backward and badly sprained her ankle. An X-ray showed no broken bones, but she would have to be on crutches for at least three weeks. Everything had been working out so well, what else could possibly go wrong?

The evening of the rehearsal was beautiful in Buffalo Gap. The Historic Village Church was in readiness and the wedding reception was set to be held in the two-room schoolhouse next door to it. The minister and his wife, John and Orheana Greeson of Rule were there, along with all the wedding party. After the rehearsal, the group enjoyed a dinner at the Duetchlander Gardens Restaurant in Buffalo Gap.

On the return back to Abilene Michelle commented on how she hoped the next day's weather would be as beautiful as that day had been. Michael's dad, Ed Murray, mentioned that there was a ten percent chance of rain forecast for the



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL MURRAY

next day, but Michelle said she wasn't worried about that small forecast. Ed laughed and said she just hadn't lived in West Texas long enough to know that is when we usually get rain.

True enough, everyone awoke the next morning to the sound of pouring rain. TV reports were already saying that Buffalo Gap residents were being evacuated and all roads into that area were closed.

The bride-to-be's mother had spent the night with Michelle at her apartment in Abilene, and when they heard the reports, Michelle started crying. Surely this could not be happening on this of all days; the day she and Michael had dreamed of. They had planned this for a full year, and now all of their careful plans were washed away.

As a frantic and distraught Michelle walked the floor, she told her mom she had to talk with Michael. "Michelle, are you sure? This is your wedding day," her mom said, mindful of the traditional "bad luck" of the bride and groom seeing each other before the wedding. But, Michelle insisted she was sure, and since Michael lived in the apartment next door, he came right over.

Solving the problem of not seeing each other, Michelle stayed in the bathroom with the door closed and only her hand sticking out. Tenderly taking her hand, Michael told her through the closed door that they would be married somehow, that day. Worried that his bride-to-be was so upset, he continued to talk, trying to console her, and finally said, "Michelle, as long as we have each other, everything will be all right."

At that point Michelle realized that Michael was going to be her rock and would take care of her. Drying her eyes, she stopped crying, trusting that things would somehow work out for them. Michael went back to this

apartment. Michelle's relatives were all staying at the Best Western Motel on Ridgemont Drive in Abilene; her parents and grandparents, all of San Antonio, several aunts, uncles and cousins. When the motel manager heard of their plight, he asked if they wanted to have the wedding in the lobby.

Furniture and plants were quickly rearranged, phone calls made and everything moved to the motel. That evening, as Michael said it would, everything worked out all right, and a beautiful wedding and reception took place without a mishap, as flood waters began to rise in Abilene.

Members of the wedding party were their parents, Ed and Charlene Murray of Rule and Eddie and Patti Burchard of San Antonio; the bride's grandparents, Bill and Lucille Burchard, Olin and Roxie Morgan, all of San Antonio; the groom's grandmothers, Sena Mae Murray, of Haskell Living Center and Jerry Clem of Stamford.

Maid of Honor was Courtney Motwani of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Lauri Phillips of San Antonio and Jennifer Murray of Rule, sister of the groom. Flower Girl was Jordan Hatcher.

Best Man was Jeffrey Murray of Rule, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Billy Flower, Grand Prairie, cousin of the groom, and Wayne Burchard, San Antonio, a brother of the bride. Ushers were Corey Robinson and Joey Beard of Denton, Rob Patton and Paul Depree of Abilene.

Changing their plans to honeymoon in the Hill Country, the couple stayed that night at the Embassy Suites in Abilene.

It all happened that historic day just a year ago on July 6. Happy first anniversary, Michael and Michelle.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Wilbert and Dwanna Klose enjoyed visits from Otis and Billie Hawkins of Anadarko, Okla., Tenille Williams of Lubbock, and Cam and Tyler King of Stephenville.

Bryan and Nancy Middlebrook were hosts for a reunion of longtime friends and ACU college chums. Those in attendance were Brad and Kerry Loveland, John, Robert, Sarah, James of Bowie; Leann, Gary, Emily, Littlefield of Abilene; Scott Duncan of ACU and Bryan's parents, Bill and Peggy Middlebrook.

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Thursday were her daughter-in-law, Donna Hawkins of Stamford and Donna's mother and stepdad of Belton. They were on their way to

Albany to see the Fandangle.

Faye Gray's daughter, Judy Hix of Abilene, picked her up on Saturday to attend a church concert. Faye returned on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair surprised their son, Cody, with a cookout in honor of his birthday on Saturday night.

Fannie Mae Barton and Erma Liles of Weintert were in Fort Worth recently to visit Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick, a granddaughter Kristy Waltman of Kansas City and other relatives.

Alexia Castillo of Lewisville spent two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Castillo.

Student in the News

J. J. New has received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Minot State University. The degree was conferred during spring commencement exercises May 16 at the university in Minot, N.D.

While attending MSU, New was named to the President's List by maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a minimum of 12 hours. She is employed by Trinity Hospital in Minot as a labor and delivery nurse.

A 1999 graduate of Haskell High School, she is the daughter of Don and Nene Comedy of Haskell. She and her husband, Josh, reside at Minot Air Force Base, where Josh is stationed and serving with the Office of Special Investigations.

Attending the graduation ceremony were: Don and Nene Comedy, Lyla Mary Isbell, Mike and Teresa New, Frank and Roberta Jenkins, all of Haskell and Jennifer Holmes of San Antonio.

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Bridal Selections

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Perry calls special session on redistricting

AUSTIN—Like the little girl said in Poltergeist II, "They're baaack." The Legislature convened in special session on June 30 to come up with a Congressional redistricting plan for the state. So far, that is the only issue Gov. Rick Perry has laid before lawmakers who started returning to Austin last week and over the weekend.

For a short time, it looked as if Perry would have to open the session up for reconsideration of the state's \$117 billion two-year spending plan, which the Comptroller's office refused to certify on June 19.

But Perry was able to save enough money through agreed-on—and not agreed-on—line-item vetoes. Some of the money cut came from Comptroller Carole Strayhorn's budget, but she and Perry said they agreed on those funding cuts.

The 30 employees of the state's Aircraft Pooling Board, had they been given a choice, probably would have said no thanks to their small agency losing all its funding with one stroke of the governor's pen.

Created in the 1970s, the board maintains all the state's aircraft, the biggest fleets belonging to the Department of Public Safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department and the University of Texas. The board also owns nine aircraft available for use by other state agencies.

The governor's office said the veto would save \$7.3 million, but the agencies that have to fly, particularly DPS and TPWD, will have to figure out how to pay for maintenance and storage out of their own already-strapped budgets.

Some good news...

Various experts say it's way too early for Texans to start organizing

celebrations, but in May, for the first time in nearly a year, sales tax collections increased over the amount deposited during the same month the year before.

What that translates to in numbers is \$1.3 billion in state sales tax proceeds deposited in May, up nearly 3 percent from the \$1.26 billion collected in May 2002.

In April reporting, the state deposited \$1.15 billion compared to \$1.16 billion collected in April 2002, a 0.5 percent decrease. The real good news will be if revenues continue to increase this summer.

Best quote on the issue came from Billy Hamilton, deputy comptroller, who told the Austin American-Statesman: "Does one robin make a spring? The sales tax was up last month, but we're still trailing pretty far behind estimates."

So, to stay with the bird metaphor, Texans shouldn't count their chickens before they hatch, nor does ope summer make a swallow.

And a little more good news...

If you are one of Texas' nearly quarter-million state employees who still has a job, you already knew you didn't get a pay raise or any improvement in retirement or insurance benefits. But you did get an extra hour a month annual leave—vacation time.

That, of course, comes to an extra day-and-a-half off each year for state employees.

History Month act signed...

House Bill 294, which proclaims March as Texas History Month, has been signed into law by the governor.

The bill does not create any new holidays, but it recognizes that beginning with March 2, 1836, when Texas declared its independence from Mexico, the rest of the month was a pretty busy time.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell County, five miles southwest of Weinert.

I was married 47 years, have no children, brothers or sisters.

I attended Myers Rural School, Haskell Grade School and graduated from Haskell High School and West Texas A&M in Canyon.

No one knows that I herded turkeys on horseback as a child or that my first language was German.

I also played hookey from high school my senior year in 1929, and therefore we didn't get to have a Senior Day.

My favorite TV show is "Jag."

My favorite type of music is gospel and classical. My favorite song is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

I like to play the piano and organ, play all kinds of dominoes, party, read and work crossword puzzles.

The last book I read was *Will's War*, five times. I am now reading *Louis L'Amour* books again.

My favorite places in Texas are Fort Worth and Haskell County. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Ruidosa, New Mexico.

My best quality is being on time and enjoying each day as it arrives.

My worst quality is procrastination and my spelling.

I hate it when people pretend what they are not.

My greatest accomplishment is traveling five times to Europe, all of the United States, and three times to England. Also, my music and my education.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is that it is home and I always enjoy coming back.

Watch next week for the identity of this Mystery Reader of the *Free Press*.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Kathryn Medford of Haskell, who says she really likes to clean house and the good feeling of

accomplishment it gives her, even becoming overjoyed in having cleared out and made more space in the house.

Kathryn Kretschmer was raised on a farm 13 miles east of Haskell. She was seven years old when her mother, Annie, was widowed, and she was 24 when her mother married Clarence Goebel.

Kathryn, who has been a stepchild, stepmother and stepister, is a self-proclaimed member of the "sandwich generation;" living between children, grandchildren and older family members, variously juggling her time and attention as needed by each one, along with working full time at Haskell National Bank for the last 19 years.

The 1962 Mattson School graduate attended McMurry College a year, then married and moved away to live in Grand Prairie. After 20 years, at age 40 she returned to Haskell, a single mother with a son to provide for. During the pain and unknown of the transition, she continued to pray for two things; finding a job with group insurance to cover her son, and for a house with a fence. Over time, she began to find her prayers being answered.

Fortunately, the very day she applied at the local bank, an employee called in saying they were quitting, and she got the job. However, it wasn't until she married Bobby Medford a year later in 1985, that she got the house with a fence.

"Bobby and I are soul mates," she says of their relationship, adding that through the years and circumstances of their marriage, she has seen that God has answered prayers, even though "parcelling them out," over time.

The couple's combined family, including her son, Vance Roberts, and Bobby's sons, Jeff and Bobby Jr. and daughter Edgwynna, has now grown to include 11 grandchildren.

Being a caretaker in some form since 1990, Kathryn said she has

learned that there may be a plan in the midst of chaos. Even before she came back to Haskell in 1984, she had a vision of doing caretaking; seeming to hear the words, "Kathryn, we need you."

Without really having that in mind when she made the decision to return here, she did find this to be a place she was needed. Through the years as a caretaker, she has looked after her mother, her son's grandmother, her mother-in-law, several aunts and uncles.

Along the way she has enjoyed a number of creative hobbies, often finding unusual ways to celebrate co-worker's birthdays, such as crafting an original card or writing an article or short poem just for them.

She likes to write her experiences, and has learned and developed dramatic monologues about Bible women, which she presents in authentic costumes on occasion. One of the characters she developed for these is that of "Katha" her adapted name for Martha, the caretaker, housekeeper sister, with whom she more closely identifies than with Mary, the other sister in the Biblical story.

Bobby Medford occasionally works with her as "Hab the Hobo" in some of the pantomimes they have worked out together in their clown ministry.

They are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Haskell and are involved with the Walk to Emmaus program.

She began the dramatizations after the age of forty, and one of her dreams for the future is to be able to have the time to write. In a different frame, another of her hopes for the future is to leave her closets clean before passing on, she says. Admittedly, she may have a fixation on running a vacuum, and loves to wash window curtains, except when she is "on the other side of being tired." Right now, she says she is fifty years behind in her reading program, closet cleaning and making photo albums.

Of her considerable time taken up in caretaking by volunteering when the need arises even before being asked, Kathryn says she'd rather "burn out than to rust out."

Understandably, perhaps, one of Kathryn Medford's favorite pastimes is taking a nap on Friday evenings before bedtime.

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Higher education has a significant impact on the Texas economy, fueling the Texas economic engine with \$28.7 billion a year. Every dollar invested in the state's higher education system returns more than \$5 to the Texas economy.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 1, 1993

Representing Haskell at the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State in Seguin were Cynthia Halliburton and Janeen Jordan.

Haskell varsity twirlers who earned a third consecutive Division I at state competition were Cindy Henry, Nichole Cothron, Andrea Bridwell and Kelly Nanny.

Beverly Enterprises presented the "E-Award" to associates of Haskell Nursing Center for improving the quality of life for their residents.

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 31st annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo were Wayne Hodgkin, Nacole Lefevre and Casey Coleman.

20 Years Ago July 7, 1983

Julie Coleman from Paint Creek played for the North All-Stars in Lubbock.

Clark Twirling Academy held a four day clinic for Haskell students and surrounding areas. Wendy Smith and Dala Harris received an Outstanding Practice and Dedication award.

Abilene Police Sergeant James Berry, a Haskell County native, was promoted to Lieutenant in a formal service.

The Garden Club of Haskell announced the Yard of the Month belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard.

30 Years Ago July 5, 1973

Billy Don Davis of Throckmorton won the Haskell County Club Invitational Golf Tournament with a 3-over par 145 in the championship flight.

Lane-Felker again brought to the Haskell area Mrs. Mary Lynn Ratcliff of Fort Worth who taught a charm course.

Winners of the women's Big Five Golf Association were Ruby Medford and Naomi Bell, first low gross; Dorothy Smith and Arnell Denton, Low Net; Odell Harbert, Low Putts; Loia Milstead and Margie Hitt, second low gross; Inez Ferguson, Low Putts; Temple Alvis and Pat Ford (tied), Low Net; Darlene Phillips and Mary Kennedy, third low gross; Betty Skiles, low putts.

40 Years Ago July 4, 1963

A countywide day of fun for everyone was named "Haskell Hey-day," which Chamber of Commerce stemwinders hope to make an annual affair.

Sonny Everett, a former all-state end on the Breckenridge Buckaroos' state championship teams, was named line coach at Haskell High School.

Mrs. Betts a perky, lady of medium height and build, who asked for an eyebrow pencil when she heard kinfolks were coming, five generations of them, and she makes the sixth, was still "mighty persnickety" about the way she looked on her 100th birthday.

50 Years Ago July 2, 1953

Sandra Nell Hadaway, 13, appeared on a television program on Channel 13, Lubbock. She performed a dance and acrobatic number in a talent show.

Bill Thomas, Kenneth Lane and Bobby Stone were among the 3,000 boys who went to Fort Worth to help celebrate the Future Farmers 25th anniversary at the annual FFA convention.

The teachers of the Haskell Public Schools and their families honored the former superintendent, Sam H. Vaughter and his family with an ice cream supper.

100 Years Ago July 4, 1903

We learned from County Judge Hamilton that the scholastic population of the county is 1295, consisting of 644 boys and 651 girls.

R. A. Knowles left for Martin, where he has accepted a position with the ice plant at that place.

M. F. Springer and his boys, Witt and Fayette, went out on the Brazos plum gathering. They secured ten or twelve bushels.

Home fireworks often cause of eye injuries

A fireworks display at home may sound like a fun way to celebrate Independence Day, but amateur shows, including the backyard variety, can be dangerous and vision-threatening, says Dr. Preston Blomquist, an ophthalmologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"We have seen people lose vision and lose eyes," he says, adding that bottle rockets tend to cause most of the injuries. "The rockets fly erratically and the bottles or cans used to launch the rockets can explode, creating shrapnel."

Besides showering spectators with glass and metal fragments, bottle rockets can also strike the eye directly. Anyone who suffers a fireworks-related eye injury should immediately go to a hospital emergency room.

There are about 11,000 fireworks-related injuries every year, with almost 2,200 of those affecting the eyes. Consumer fireworks are responsible for one third of all eye injuries.

Says Dr. Blomquist: "Go watch a professional fireworks event; don't do this at home."

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GIRL EXES TEAMS—With the even-year graduates team in black T-shirts and the odd-year graduates team in white T-shirts, Haskell girl exes playing in the Exes Basketball Game during Easter were: back, l-r, Peggy Harris Adams, Leiza Morales McTasney, Shawna McKenzie Rosenquist, Robyne Weaver Stewart, Shayne McKenzie, Brittany Bartley, Dala Harris Allen, Emily Cox and Kim Lane Cram. Front: Shannon Lane Williams, Tiffany Lindsey, Glenda Gayle Chapman Rutkowski, Nikki Wallace and Joy McKeever Bevel.



ODD-YEAR EXES—Playing for the odd-year graduates team at the Haskell Exes Basketball Game held during Easter weekend, were: back, Coach Mark Wallace, Rusty Stocks, Shane Hadaway, Michael Lindsey, Dusty Meeks, Fred Rike, Casey Burgess and Andy Griffith. Front, Referee Sammy Larned, Cody Josselet, Cole Larned, Brad Bevel, Cy McGuire and Keith Chapman.



EVEN-YEAR EXES—Haskell graduates playing on the winning even-year Exes Survivors basketball team during the Easter holiday were: l-r, back, Harper Stewart, Cliff McGuire, James Rike and Mik Everett. Front, Zac McGuire, Paul Cox, Loren Cole and Terry Chapman.

Haskell exes play in benefit games

With the even year graduates playing against the odd year graduates, the first Haskell Exes Basketball Games event, held Easter weekend at the high school gym, was enjoyed by both participants and a large crowd of spectators. As a result, plans are already underway for another Exes Survivors Basketball Game.

In the girls game, the team of graduates from even years beat the odd years graduates team 35 to 29. Players on the even years team were: Robyne Weaver Stewart and Leiza Morales McTasney, Class of 1988; Emily Cox, Class of 1982; Brittany Bartley, Class of 2000; Tiffany Lindsey and Nikki Wallace, Class of 2002.

Players for the girls odd years team were: Glenda Gayle Chapman Rutkowski, Class of 1973; Kim Lane Cram, Class of 1981; Shannon Lane Williams, Class of 1983; Peggy Harris Adams, Class of 1979; Shawna McKenzie Rosenquist, Class of 1993; Shayne McKenzie, Class of 1999; and Dala Harris Allen and Joy McKeever Bevel, Class of 1989.

In a hard-fought boys game, with players coming from a spread of 35 graduating years, the evens beat the odds, 67-61. Players for the evens team and their graduating years were: Paul Cox, 1984; Cliff McGuire, Loren Cole and Zac McGuire, 2002; Terry Chapman, 1970; James Rike and Harper Stewart, 1990; and Mik Everett 1996.

Playing for the odds team and their graduating years were: Micheal Lindsey, 2001; Andy Griffith, 1987; Cole Larned, Dusty Meeks and Brad Bevel, 1989; Cy McGuire, 1999; Keith Chapman, 1967; Rusty Stocks, 1991; Cody Josselet, 1993; Shane Hadaway and Fred Rike, 1985; Casey Burgess, 1997.

A rematch game event is scheduled for Oct. 11, during Haskell Homecoming. The girls game will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the boys game following. Registration forms will be included in the homecoming mailouts, or may be done on-line at www.haskellcisd.net.

The games are sponsored by the Haskell Educational Foundation Board to assist its program of mini-grants to local teachers for classroom projects not covered by the school's budget. The work of the Foundation is also funded through memorial and honorarium gifts and through the sale of engraved memorial bricks for the memorial patio laid outside the front entry of the High School Gym.

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Biemeret, Earp to wed August 2

Connie Spicer Biemeret of Abilene, and John Wesley 'Johnny' Earp IV of Big Spring, have announced their engagement to be married August 2, in a ceremony at the First Baptist Chapel, Abilene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicer of Abilene. She is a graduate of Cooper High School and Hardin-Simmons

University, with bachelors and masters degrees in education.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Marilyn Earp Jetton of Denver, Colorado, and the late John Wesley Earp III. He is a graduate of Weinert High School and holds a bachelors degree in science from West Texas State. He is employed with Wells Fargo in Big Spring.

Chambray Jean Phemister celebrates first birthday

Chambray Jean Phemister was joined by a host of relatives and friends at the home of her parents, Rick and Emmalee Phemister of Haskell to celebrate her first birthday. A backyard hamburger supper with birthday cake was enjoyed by those who attended from Haskell, Stamford, Valley View, Rowlett and Abilene.

Special guests included her grandparents, Don and Patsy Bivins

of Valley View, Max and Doris Jean McMeans of Haskell, Wayne and Linda Phemister of Rowlett and great grandparents Joe and Dorothy Clark of Sagerton and Doris Roberts of Haskell.

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Commissioners' Court report

At a Haskell County Commissioners' Court Special Meeting, Tues., June 24, approval was given to the proposal presented by the West Law representative for the Haskell County Law Library.

A letter of resignation was accepted from Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent, effective Aug. 31.

Following a report given by J. C. Wendeborn on deteriorated County roads in the Bunker Hill Community, Judge David Davis stated that Commissioner Bobby Smith has plans to begin repairs on the road.

A motion was approved, setting the speed limit at 35 mph for 1 1/2 miles on East Road in Haskell County.

Approval was given to allow Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk, to purchase computers and a laser printer for her office. This will be taken from the County Clerk's Records Management Fund.

In the matter of personnel, a motion was approved for the hiring of Linda Lacey to replace Ember Medford in the Justice of the Peace Office at \$15,086.00 per year, beginning June 23. Also approved was a motion to allow Derwood Livengood, Veterans Service Officer, to draw his retirement but continue to work on a part time basis until a replacement is found.

No bids were received on the MHMR building and lot.

No bids were received on power-wash and application of a Conklin cap to Sheriff's Office and old jail roofs.

No bids were received on the 7225 water gallon propane transport trailer.

Due to budget constraints, the Court voted not to donate \$1,000.00 to the Texas Historical Commission on behalf of the Texas Forts Trail.

Upon the recommendation of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, a motion was approved to leave the retirement plan as is for 2004.

A motion was carried to table the agenda item concerning the fund for the constable's state money.

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FIVE GENERATIONS—Kacie Linn Easterling, daughter of Doug and Jenny Easterling, is pictured with family members representing five generations of the Epley and Williams families. Back, l-r; Cinda Williams Flanary, paternal great grandmother and Jina Flanary Beakley, paternal grandmother. Front row, Ruth Epley Williams, paternal great great grandmother, Doug Easterling, father, holding the infant, and Herbert Williams, paternal great great grandfather.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Kacie Linn Easterling, born May 14 in Abilene Regional Medical Center is pictured with family members representing five generations of the Isbell, Patton and Flanary families. Seated front, l-r, are Isabell Patton Flanary, paternal great great grandmother; Doug Easterling, holding daughter Kacie Linn; and Gene Flanary, paternal great grandfather. Standing back is Jina Flanary Beakley, paternal grandmother.

Newborn delivers five generations to area residents

It is unusual for a child to be born into one living set of five generations, but when Kacie Linn Easterling was

born, she became a fifth generation baby with three direct sets and one step set of five generations.

The daughter of Jenny and Doug Easterling was born at Abilene Regional Medical Center, May 14, weighing 8 pounds 1/2 ounce and measuring 20 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Trish and Don Hisey of Abilene. Maternal great grandparents are Lou and John Hisey of Rule, and the late J. P. and Louise Stewart.

Paternal grandparents are Jina and Russell Beakley of Rule, and Mark and Amy Easterling of Haskell. Paternal great grandparents are Cinda and Gene Flanary of Sagerton. Joyce and Bob Easterling of Rochester, and Nelwyn and Lavon Beakley of Rule. Paternal great great grandparents are Ruth and Herbert Williams of Haskell, Isabell Patton Flanary of Haskell and Leona McSpadden of Quanah.

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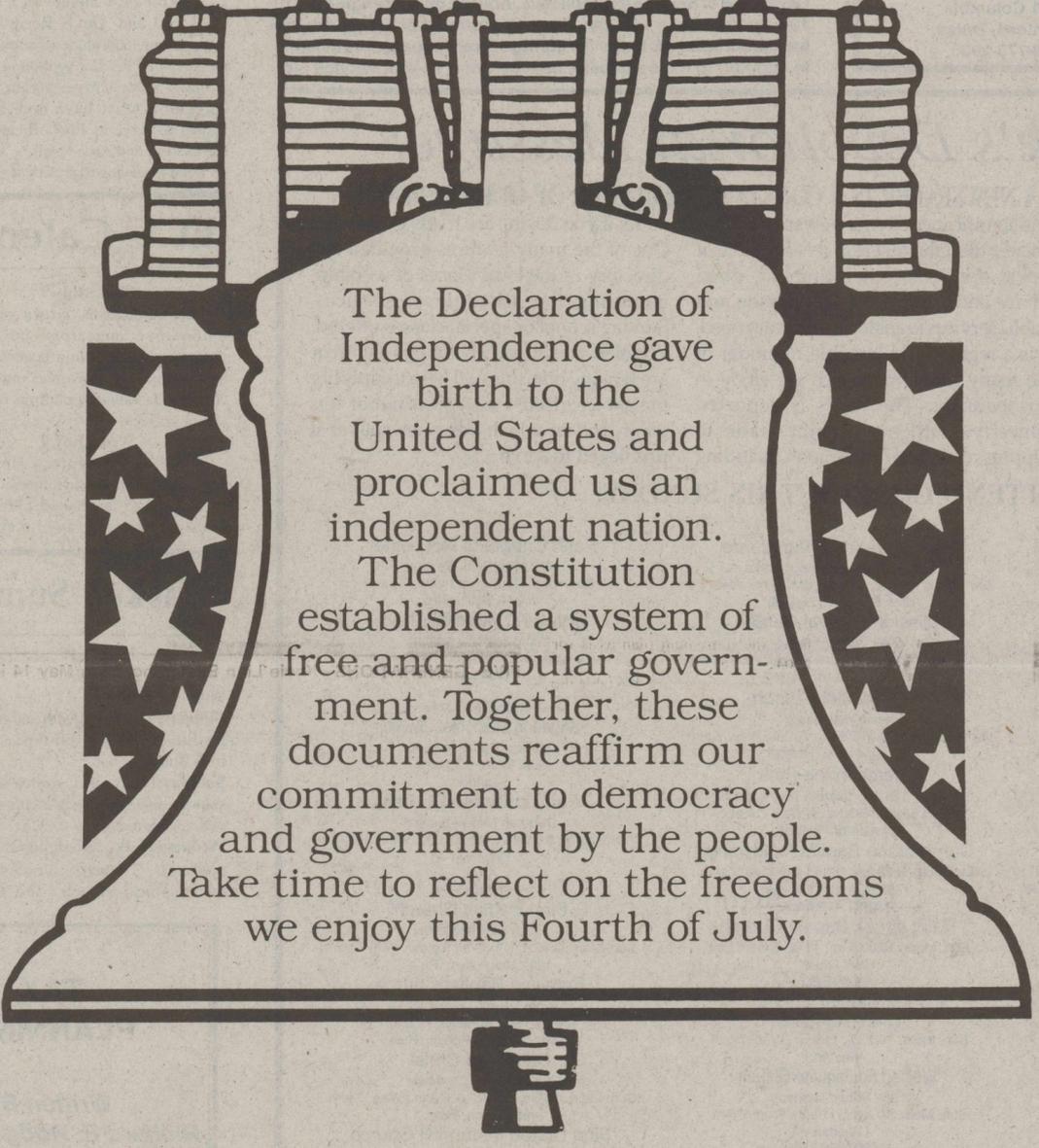


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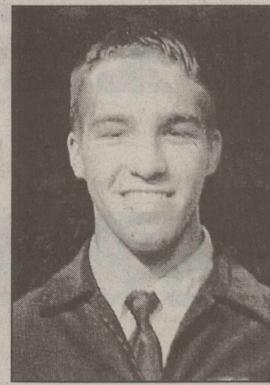
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HONORED FOR SERVICE—Vernon Session, right, sign technician in the Haskell County maintenance section, is presented a Certificate of Service from Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer. The 10-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting. In addition to the certificate, he received a 10-year service pin.



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ALEXIS REED

Cockerell, Reed serve FFA at district, area levels

Haskell FFA members, Chase Cockerell and Alexis Reed, who were among local students attending the Area II FFA Convention at San Angelo State University in San Angelo in May, have both been named to serve as FFA officers on the District and Area levels. Reed is serving as president of the

FFA Double Mountain District. Cockerell was elected Area II FFA vice president during the convention in San Angelo. Encompassing 100 schools in West Texas, with over 10,000 FFA members, Area II stretches from the Panhandle to El Paso and from Del Rio to Haskell.

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East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- 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**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
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**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., July 7**
Lunch—Meatballs, brown gravy/ onions over macaroni, creamy mashed potatoes, lima beans/ham bits, sliced tomatoes and onions, cornbread, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
 - Fri., July 11**
Lunch—Salisbury steak, onions/ brown gravy, cheese potatoes, savory coleslaw, green peas, cornbread, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
 - Wed., July 9**
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Oven baked chicken breasts, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered corn, yeast rolls, brownies and peaches, milk, tea, or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

- July 7-11 Lunch**
Milk is served daily.
- Monday:** Country fried steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, sunshine bar
- Tuesday:** Taco salad, garden salad, sour cream, pinto beans, chips and salsa, watermelon
- Wednesday:** Popcorn shrimp/shrimp cocktail sauce, coleslaw, hushpuppies, French fries, fresh strawberries
- Thursday:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadstick, chocolate pudding
- Friday:** Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomatoes/pickle, French fries, ice cream with topping

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



NEW LAW HAS TAX CUTS FOR BUSINESS, TOO

The new tax law, the *Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003*, doesn't just cut taxes for individuals. It also contains two measures to help boost the economy by encouraging business spending. Here's a quick overview.

Small and mid-size businesses can now expense up to \$100,000 of the cost of business equipment purchased and placed in service during the year. Expensing gives an immediate tax write-off instead of deducting the cost as depreciation expense over several years. This new limit applies from 2003 through 2005. The previous limit for 2003 was \$25,000. Most tangible personal property used in your business qualifies for this tax break. Land, buildings and certain other kinds of property aren't eligible. The benefit begins to phase out when your annual equipment purchases exceed \$400,000.

All businesses can now claim bonus depreciation of 50% of the cost of new equipment in the first year. This is up from 30% bonus depreciation under the old law. The 50% bonus applies to new equipment purchased on or after May 6, 2003. Purchases made this year before May 6 are eligible for the earlier 30% bonus. Remember that you can claim the bonus depreciation in addition to regular depreciation.

Between them, these two provisions offer significant tax incentives for spending on business equipment. If your business is eligible for both, you need to plan carefully to maximize the benefits. Both rules have some complex requirements and exceptions. If you're a manager or business owner, first put together your equipment needs and spending plan for the next couple of years. Then review those plans with the new rules in mind to make sure you're maximizing your tax savings.

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Cheerleaders attend summer camp

The Haskell High School cheerleaders and mascot recently attended a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) summer camp held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Accompanied by their sponsor, Amanda Hadaway, they were among 350 cheerleaders attending from across the state of Texas.



CHEERLEADERS AT CAMP—Haskell High School cheerleaders and mascot hold awards they won while attending the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp in Stephenville. Back row, l-r, are: Erin Hise, mascot, Brittany Bird, Stephanie Grand, Shannon Bird, Kerri Newton and Brittany Rutkowski, head cheerleader. Front, Amber Bingham, Jasmine Thomas and Kellye Tidrow.



CHEERLEADERS IN PARADE—The Haskell High School Cheerleaders and Mascot participated in the Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade, riding in a pickup. Pictured l-r, are: Erin Hise, mascot, Brittany Bird, Brittany Rutkowski, Stephanie Grand, Kellye Tidrow, Amber Bingham, Shannon Bird and Jasmine Thomas.

The Haskell High School Cheerleading squad received numerous awards at the camp. On the first day they received an "Excellent" on the Home Cheer evaluation. On the second day they received "Superior" on both the Camp Cheer and Camp Chant evaluations, and again, on the third day, the squad received "Superior" on those two evaluations, and a Top Team nomination for Final Evaluations on the last day.

On the fourth and last day, they received "Superior" in the final Camp Cheer and Camp Chant competition and competed in the Top Ten competition and the Champion Chant competition, with each member receiving a "Superior" ribbon for their performance. At the final closing rally, the team brought home the prestigious Spirit Stick award.

In addition to the team awards, Brittany Rutkowski and Kerri Newton received All-American nominations for their tumbling, and competed for this award on the last night at camp. The All-American award is the most prestigious award in cheerleading today. Participants competing for it are judged on motion technique, jumps, tumbling, spirit and enthusiasm, voice projection and overall crowd appeal. Approximately 40 cheerleaders received this award at the Tarleton camp. Both Rutkowski and Newton came home with an All-American award and the opportunity to perform at various NCA special events.

"We have a young, talented, very enthusiastic squad this year," said Amanda Hadaway, Haskell sponsor. "We have five freshmen, two sophomores and two seniors, and they are eagerly working on ideas to boost the spirit level of Haskell High School and our town. Camp was a tremendous experience—the seniors provided quality leadership and the whole squad bonded quickly. I am very excited about working with all of them."

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