

Wild Horse Prairie Days schedule

Sunday, May 30
John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping, Haskell Arena

Friday, June 4
Vendors All Day
Cowboy Swap Meet All Day
Western Art Show All Day
Barbecue Cook-off
Ranch Cutting Horse 9 a.m.
Rodeo Parade 5 p.m.
Chuck Wagon meal 5-7 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m.
Western Dance 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 5
Vendors All Day
Cowboy Swap Meet All Day
Western Art Show All Day
Barbecue Cook-off
Ranch Horse Competition 7:30 a.m.
Children's Rodeo with Pokey and Clown 1:30 p.m.
Chuck Wagon meal 5-7 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m.
Western Dance 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 6
Cowboy Church Service with Jeff Gore Pavilion 10 a.m.
WTBRA Barrel Race

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., June 3 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 27 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 31 for Memorial Day.

PC Pre-K

Paint Creek ISD is accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten students. To qualify for the program, children must be 4 years of age before Sept. 1 and meet eligibility requirements. Contact Paint Creek ISD at 940-864-2471 for more information.

8th grade graduation

Paint Creek 8th grade graduation and awards program will be held Thurs., May 20 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Paint Creek graduation

Paint Creek graduation will be held Fri., May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Paint Creek cafeteria.

Teenage baseball

Those interested in playing summer league baseball should call Haskell Butane 864-2426 days or Rex Pittman 864-2716 nights. Participants must be ages 13-15 on Aug. 1.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., May 22 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

All-Sports banquet

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will host the All-Sports banquet Fri., May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased at the Haskell Administration Office or at the door.

Memorial roping

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held May 30 at the Haskell arena.

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Garden Club landscapes around courthouse

By Mary Kaigler
Upon the request and with the approval of the Haskell County

Commissioners, early Monday morning, May 10, members of the Haskell Garden Club began a project

to landscape the entire plot next to and across the north side of the Haskell County Courthouse.

Working with the help of County Pct. 2 Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield and county crew members, Larry

Brueggeman, Rick Tidrow and Chad Pannell, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Bobby Don Smith and crew, Neil Kreger, Donald Kreger, Johnny Stulir and Charles Diers, Garden Club members Melynn Wittenborn, Florence Alexander and Janie Powers, assisted by Brandie Smith, followed an extensive, well-planned schedule to beautify the area with living plants and flowering shrubs.

To prepare the beds, cotton burrs, donated by County Judge David Davis, were dug into the soil. Plantings of tough, hardy perennials, included Blue Queen Salvia, Salvia Greggii (an antique sage), eight crape myrtle trees, purple fountain grass, Purple Sprawling and New Gold lantanas, plumbago, Mexican bush sage and two antique roses named Martha Gonzales and Meideland.

When all of the new plants were put in place, loads of free mulch from the City were spread, which Wittenborn said is the key to keeping down weeds and keeping moisture in.

"With no mulch, soil will be 20 degrees hotter than the prevailing temperature, and that is hard on plants," she said, adding that more people should take advantage of the free mulch provided by the city.

Tuesday, planning the most effective watering system, the group laid soaker hose throughout the new planting area.

Wittenborn said the club's plans are to plant another side of the Courthouse later, in another season.

With dedicated and detailed work, the Haskell Garden Club members have begun an extensive work of living art around the County Courthouse that will be a source of color and beauty for everyone for many years to come.



GARDENING GROUP GREENS UP COURTHOUSE GROUNDS—Members of the Haskell Garden Club and county employees working together last week to extensively landscape and beautify the north side of the County Courthouse with new plants, watch

a load of gravel being spread in one of the beds. From the left are county workers Chad Pannell, Larry Brueggeman, Ricky Tidrow, Pct. 2 Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield and Garden Club members Florence Alexander, Melyn Wittenborn and Janie Powers.

WWII pictorial book republished by Society

By Mary Kaigler
"First in Our Thoughts-Forever in Our Hearts" is the sentiment expressed by the attractive red, white

and blue "Service Book" which has recently been republished by the Haskell County Historical and Genealogy Society as a fund-raiser

for their activities.

The original booklet, published soon after the war, contained pictures of Haskell County men and women serving in the Armed Service during World War II in 1941-1945.

A foreword written by Historical Society member, Wanda Ham, in the new version of the book, states, "When this book was first published, every effort was made to obtain

names and pictures of all the men and women in the Armed Forces from this County. Since the people who had this booklet printed in the beginning realized they missed some of our men and women who served their country in World War II, we feel too much time has passed for us to locate all the soldiers who were left out in the original booklet published. Therefore, it was our decision to

republish the booklet in its original format."

She added that, "For all the men and women included in this booklet and those who were missed, it does not diminish our pride in what you did to help preserve the freedom we now enjoy in this County and our Country."

Ham, who was instrumental in continuing on page 8

Paint Creek, Rule to graduate May 21

Graduation exercises for the Paint Creek ISD graduating seniors will be held Fri., May 21 at the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m.

A baccalaureate service was held Sun., May 16 at the Paint Creek Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

Graduation exercises for the Rule graduating seniors will be held Fri.,

May 21 at the School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

A baccalaureate service was held Sun., May 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

The complete graduation story of all Haskell County schools will be run in the Thurs., May 27 issue of the Free Press.

Stocks, Hoover, Foster elected

Total turnout of Haskell citizens voting in the Sat., May 15, city elections was 288, with an early voting total of 74 and regular voting 214.

Unopposed Incumbent Mayor Ken Lane received 195 votes.

Voting tally for the two at-large seats on the city council was as follows:

Ruby Turner, Incumbent, 70; Muriel Nanny, 118; Leiza Morales,

19; Dan Hoover, Incumbent, 130; Eunice Lamed, 45; Jerry Stocks, 133; and Baldermar Perez, 23.

Hoover and Stocks will be the councilmen.

In the Haskell CISD Board election for Single Member District 6, Incumbent Stephen Foster received 53 votes, and Paula Garcia received 13 votes, making a total District 6 voter turnout of 66.

Queen's contest set Sunday

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant will be held at the Haskell High School Auditorium, Sun., May 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Open to all Haskell County girls, winners will be named in the categories of Little Miss (K-5th grade), Junior Miss (6th-8th grade), and Queen (9th-12th grade).

As winner, the queen will receive

an academic award, and represent the Wild Horse Prairie Days during all the events.

Interviews and practice for the contestants will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, at the Haskell High School Homemaking Cottage. All of the contestants will participate in the parade on Fri., June 4, and serve at the Sponsor Party on June 3.



HISTORICAL BOOKLET—Johnny Scoggins, president of the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society, left, presents Freida Piland, center, with a copy of the Service Book of men and women serving in WWII, which was recently republished by the Society, taken from Piland's original copy, published in the late 1940's. Holding the original book, is Wanda Ham, who initiated the project and worked to get the memorial booklets republished. The booklets are on sale by the Historical Society.

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Milburn, Hertel complete training

Carl Milburn and Jeremy Hertel of Richardson's recently completed the Bronze Level of the STIHL Service Advantage Training. The three tier school provides technical service and safety training for the service personnel of retailers who sell STIHL outdoor power equipment.

The STIHL Service Advantage Training course is a hands-on workshop targeted toward technicians who wish to increase their technical abilities and expertise with the two-cycle engine, STIHL's chain saws, hedge trimmers, blowers/vacs, and other equipment.

"There are a lot of places where you can buy a chain saw or hedge trimmer, but can you imagine asking a clerk at a so-called 'big box' store to change the fuel filter on your chain saw?" said Stan Woodfin, Technical Sales Manager for CDC-BME, the distributor that provides STIHL outdoor power equipment and training to over 1400 retailers in their six state area.

"It's the commitment to after-the-sale service that sets a STIHL dealer apart from most outdoor power equipment retailers," Woodfin noted. "Consumers who buy a STIHL product do so with the certainty that qualified personnel at their local dealer are there to stand behind the product, providing service, maintenance, and safety instruction."

"Our courses train our dealers' service personnel to handle just about any problem or maintenance question a customer could have," said Woodfin. The training course was held recently at CDC-BME's Training Facility in McKinney. The Bronze training is the first tier of courses. Silver and Gold levels follow it.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 314 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., May 17, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 41 sellers and 29 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$4 higher. Stockers steady, feeders steady to \$3 higher.

Cows: fat, 47-56; cutters, 49-60; canners, 30-43.

Bulls: bologna, 64-70; feeders, 84-96; utility, 58-65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.43; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.18; 600-700 lbs., .97-1.12; 700-800 lbs., .94-1.05; 800-up lbs., .83-98.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.12-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.17; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.10; 600-up lbs., .75-.98.

Bred heifers medium frame, 650-820.

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Obituaries

Lofton LaVaughn Meredith

Funeral services for Lofton LaVaughn Meredith, 70 of Marble Falls were held Wed., May 12 at Marble Falls Church of Christ with Mark Hanstein of Denver, Colorado and Gene Greer of Temple officiating. Burial was in Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Marble Falls.

Mr. Meredith died Fri., May 7 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple from complications of heart surgery.

Born Feb. 3, 1934 in Smithwick, Burnet County, he was the son of Lofton and Velma Meredith. He graduated from Marble Falls High School in 1951 and spent his life ranching in the area. He was a long standing member of

the Church of Christ in Marble Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lofton and Velma Meredith.

Survivors include his wife, Danielle; sons, Lonnie and wife, Kim Meredith of Haskell, Leonard and wife, Angela of Marble Falls; and grandchildren, Nathan, Emily and Courtney; sister, Juanita Watts of Lampasas; mother-in-law, Esterrea Crownover; brother-in-law, Butch Crownover; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Marble Falls Library, 101 S. Main St., Marble Falls, Texas 78654 or Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, 2707 S. Lamar, Denver, Colorado 80227.

PD. NOTICE

Hortense 'Tensie' Lees

Funeral services for Hortense 'Tensie' Lees, 88, lifetime resident of Haskell were held Thurs., May 13 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall, Dr. Troy Culpepper and Doug Starr officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lees died Mon., May 10 at an Abilene hospital. Born Oct. 3, 1915 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Frances Irene Watson Walling and J. E. Walling, Sr. She married Douglas Lees on Oct. 4, 1942 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1967. A 1934 graduate of Haskell High School, she attended Beauty School in Fort Worth with Louise Neineest. She worked at Lane-Felker's for 50 years. A member of First Baptist Church, she taught in primary Sunday school for 30 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church Choir. She was a member of the Historical Society and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Douglas Lees; two sisters, Mattie Muriel Felker-English and Sarah Hodge; one brother, J. E. Walling, Jr.; step

granddaughter, Starla Jackson Mitchell; and niece, Nancy Hodge Matthews.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Kermit Jackson of Hurst; sister, Frances Lane of Haskell; sister-in-law, Anna Mae Davis of Haskell; step grandchildren, Debbie and Ron Wallis and Darla McKinney, all of Walnut Springs, Tim and Debbie Jackson of Fairview, Elaine Hatley of Glen Rose; 14 step great grandchildren, and six step great great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews including Rob and Suzanne Starr, Linda and Eduardo Bloise, Tommy Matthews, Hazel and Kenneth Clark, Harold and Belinda Hodge, Mike and Liz Brandt Felker, Walter Felker, Ellen and Donnie Rieger, Ed and Mary Walling, Rodney and Judy Davis, Gary and Sondra Davis, Judy Gibson and Deanna and Bob Askins; and many great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Methodist Retirement Systems, One Village Drive, Suite 400, Abilene, Texas 79606; First Baptist Church, 301 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521; or Hopewell Baptist Church, P. O. Box 142, Haskell, Texas 79521.

PD. NOTICE

Jay T. Thomas

Graveside services for Jay T. Thomas, 77, of Haskell will be held Thurs., May 20 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Hodge officiating. Services will be under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas died Sun., May 16 at his residence.

Born Dec. 24, 1926 in Haskell County, he was the son of Tom and Lou Birdie Glover Thomas. He married Bobbie Thomas-Hendrick in Haskell County.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Bobbie Thomas-Hendrick; two sons, Carl Dean Thomas of Haskell and Lawrence Thomas of Rio Vista; two step-children, Betty Jean Tate of Saint Louis, Missouri and Jimmy Lee Hammon of Houston; sister, Billy Jean Jones of California; six grandchildren, Tyrone Thomas of Fort Worth, Otis Thomas of Haskell, Jasmine Thomas of Haskell, Niki, Aron and Marc of Columbus, Ohio; and three great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Aurora Flores

Funeral services for Aurora Flores, 59, of Rule are pending with Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Flores died Sun., May 16 at a local hospital.

Born Sept. 22, 1945 in Yancey, she was the daughter of Pedro and Lenora Carasco Reyna. She married Jose Flores in 1965 in Austin. She had lived in Haskell County since 1949.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dorigo Carasco; and sister, Roberta Reyna.

Survivors include her husband, Jose Flores of Rule;

three sons, Pete Flores and wife, Rachel of North Carolina; Joe Flores and wife, Kristal of Rochester, and Felix Flores and wife, Jennifer of Rule; daughter, Josephine Flores and husband, Armando of Rule; three brothers, George Reyna of Rule, Felix Reyna of Ballinger and Jesse Reyna of Rochester; four sisters, Virginia Cardoza of Knox City; Thomas Reyna of Wichita Falls, Carmen Hernandez of Rochester and Jesusa Reyna of Plainview; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

'Click it or Ticket' campaign seeks to improve safety belt use

During the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization May 24-June 6, travelers in Texas and across the region will be ticketed if they are ignoring state safety belt use laws, according to Terry Pence, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

"More than 15 percent of Texans are still not using their safety belts. We want these drivers and passengers to know that far too many of our State's close-knit families are being needlessly torn apart for lack of wearing a safety belt. That's why law enforcement officers would rather write them a ticket than see someone injured or dead in a crash down the road," Pence said.

This month, traffic safety advocates also kicked off a "Buckle Up in Your Truck" educational campaign to increase safety belt use

in pickup trucks in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nations. Well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. Last year in Texas, safety belt use in pickup trucks was measured at only 80.27 percent.

"The pickup truck drivers in this region of the country are our good neighbors, our good family members, our good friends. That's why it concerns us so much that 18 to 39 year old male pickup drivers, in particular, are less likely to buckle up compared to people traveling in other passenger vehicles," according to Georgia S. Chakiris, Administrator, Region VI National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"Many pickup drivers feel like they are protected from all harm in their big, well-built trucks, compared to being in a car. But they are not. Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars. Wearing

your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by 70 percent. That's incredibly good odds considering the devastating forces of a rollover. And for those who don't buckle up, that unfortunately means someone's boyfriend, buddy, son, husband, or father isn't going to come home after a crash," she said.

According to NHTSA crash cost estimates, if safety belt use in pickup trucks was raised to the same level as use in other passenger vehicles in each of the Region VI states, 132 lives would be saved and 3,032 injuries could be prevented, resulting in an economic cost savings of \$300 million. For more information about the value of safety belts in pickups visit www.BuckleUpInYourTruck.com.

"If you have questions about safety belts, child safety seats, and booster seats, ask for help today. Call Safe Riders toll free 1-800-252-8255 or visit the NHTSA website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Waiting could cost you a lot more than a ticket," Chakiris said.

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Garden Club names officers for new year

Members of the Haskell Garden Club met at the park gazebo, Thurs., May 13 for their final meeting of this club year.

Officers named for the new club year beginning in the fall were: Jane Powers, president; Melyn Wittenborn, 1st vice-president; Ruby Middlebrook, 2nd vice-president; Betty Lefevre, 3rd vice-president; Lois Ann Ballard, recording secretary; Tinka Nelson, treasurer; Martha Spitzer, parliamentarian;

Art Club enjoys salad supper

At the final club year's meeting of the Brazos West Art Association, Mon., May 10, members enjoyed a salad supper and installation of officers for the coming club year.

Installed by Franciene Johnson were: Denia Cunningham, president; Jennie Lyckman, 1st vice-president; Betty Berry, 2nd vice-president; Nelwyn Beakley, secretary; Betty

Laverne Kuensler, corresponding secretary; and Frances Bowen, reporter.

Following the meeting, five members left for a tour of the Abilene garden of Bobby and Cindy Deegan, where they enjoyed a bag lunch in the relaxing surroundings.

Making the trip were Frances Alexander, Melyn Wittenborn, Tinka Nelson, Erna Peizer, and Frances Bowen.

Hook, treasurer; Peggy Middlebrook, reporter/historian; and Beverly Moore, telephone committee chairman.

Others attending were: Flo Olson, Marsha Whittemore, Martha Spitzer, Doris Reeves, Adeline Laird, Bobbie Harrison, Anita Herren and Marilyn Hodge.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Charlotte Foreman of Odessa and Suzy and Coe McElmurry of Monett, Missouri spent Mother's Day weekend with their sister and brother-in-law, Jeanie and Hyrum Richards. They spent a lot of time with the girls' mother, Lois Redwine and attended Sunday services at the First Baptist Church with her. They also visited Charlotte's son, Flint Nanny and family.

Alice Yates and Erna Liles, both of Weinert and Fannie Mae Barton attended the Southern Baptist Convention held at the Lueders Baptist Encampment last Tuesday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Coy Scoggins over the weekend were her children, Micca Morgan and children, Molly and Dania of

McKinney and Jeremy Jordan and children, Marcy and Taylor of Lewisville.

Arial Blair celebrated her 13th birthday Friday with a party at her home. Attending were her parents, Nathan and Ann Blair; sister, Abie; aunt, Vickie Hawkins; grandparents, Charles and Gean Blair; Bobby, Clancy, Amanda, and Abbie Muhle and friend, James.

Cheyne Hill celebrated her 10th birthday Saturday with a party at her home. Attending with her parents, Joseph and Christy Hawkins; sister, Shannee; grandparents, Gary and Vickie Hawkins and Daizy Horan and Dalton Delton, Delynn and Dawley Reed.

Births

Luke William Hiddessen was born on April 8 to Holli and Mike Hiddessen of Wichita, Kansas. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 17 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Mitchell.

Paternal grandparents are Dave and Glenda Hiddessen of Phoenix, Arizona.

Maternal grandparents are Doyle and Bettie High of Austin.

Randall and Amy Martin of Haskell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Scott, born Wed., April 21 at 12:48 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Donald and Denia Cunningham of Haskell and Buck and Becky Walton of Stamford.

Great grandmother is Ruby Martin of Haskell and great-great grandmother is Irene Muse of

Haskell.

Shawn and Misty Sanford of Haskell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Austen Le Sanford, born Apr. 21 at 12:53 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brothers, Christopher and Tyler.

Grandparents are Christy and Russell Hall of Oklahoma, Pat Hall of California, and Bobby and Sandy Sanford of Weinert.

Traci and Fritz Richards of Liberal, Kansas, are the proud parents of a daughter, Leigha Faith, born May 7.

Grandparents are Lee and Ron Gilleland of Rockwall, Volly Ivy of Poetry, and Clara and Darrell Richards of Avoca.

Great-grandmothers are Frances Fischer of Haskell and Myrtle Richards of Stamford.

Students in the News

Megan McCord of Rule has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2004.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Jimmy Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder, was elected president of the Harding University Student Association for the 2004-2005 school year.

Huff and two other students presented their election speeches to the student body during the University's daily chapel service late last month. Two days later, he was elected president with a majority vote.

Huff, a senior computer engineering and vocational ministry major, is excited about the opportunity to lead the student body.

"I want our focus next school year to be on building bridges," Huff says. "I want to build bridges between students and administration, students and students, and students and local churches.

"I want the students to feel more connected with the administration. It's important to be proactive when dealing with student's wants and concerns, and I hope that our bridges will help accomplish this."

Huff also hopes to boost support for various teams and organizations through events that encourage student participation. "I hope students will come to all kinds of events, not limited to sports," he said. "If the band has a concert or some other organization is doing something, I want students there supporting them."

Finally, Huff wants to create a relationship with the students and community churches through coordinated campus and local service projects. "A lot of students come from a great church family and the need to be supported by a church when they are here at Harding," he said.

Huff is determined to accomplish his goals while in office. "The thought to run came to me about a year and a half ago," Huff recalls. "I wanted to make sure I wasn't running just to be running—I wanted to make a difference for the student body."

Harding University is the largest private university in Arkansas.

Vernon College held its commencement exercises Sat., May 8 at Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium for August 2003 graduates, December 2003 graduates, and candidates for May 2004 graduation.

Area students eligible for graduation include:

Laura M. Aguayo of O'Brien, who received a certificate of completion in vocational nursing;

Amy Castillo Walker of Haskell, who received an Associate in Arts degree; and

Donna Lynn Lewis of Haskell, who received an Associate in Science degree.

Michael Travis Poteet, son of Edgwyn and Henry Flores and Mike Poteet, all of Haskell, received four awards from Texas State Technical College (TSTC) West Texas, at the Awards Ceremony in Sweetwater.

Earning the President's Award, his name will be engraved on the plaque which hangs in the campus Center.

He was named the outstanding student for the Computer Network Systems and Administration department and as a resident assistant and full time student, he earned the leadership award for his active role on campus and in the classroom.

With a 3.8 GPA and excelling in his major, he was named Who's Who Among Students in Junior Colleges.

Poteet has been invited to be a graduation speaker at the June 5 TSTC ceremony at the Abilene Civic Center.

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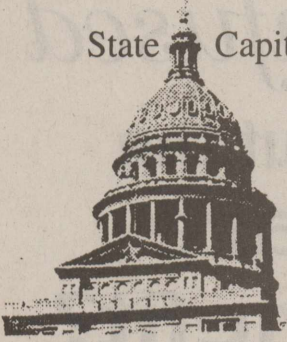
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Special session bell rings without solution

AUSTIN—Texas public schools will hold classes for most of this week, but the final bell for the Legislature's special session on school finance rings May 19.

But the report cards came out earlier, and the grades weren't good. In fact, Gov. Rick Perry almost surely will be calling lawmakers back for summer school, though he has not yet set a start date.

The 30-day session cost taxpayers \$1.7 billion, but the House and Senate could not agree on how to improve education in Texas and still lower taxes. Options ranging from property tax cuts to approval of slot machines as revenue-generating devices were cussed and discussed, but nothing had enough consensus behind it to make it into law.

Some of the lawmakers do deserve some extra credit for good quotes, however. As one House member put it, "Right now, I doubt if we could get 100 votes for Santa Claus."

On the Senate side, Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "Robin Hood is here until King Richard comes back on. Then we'll decide whether we want to do away with Robin Hood."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said last Friday that he believes legislators made progress during the session. Declaring that much remains to be done, he continued, "We need some more time ... to do a good job. The children of Texas deserve no less."

Negative numbers for state workers...

The Employee Retirement System's board has approved a 5.13 percent increase in the cost of the health insurance used by 90 percent of state employees and retirees.

The state will cover all of that hike for its 200,000 or so workers, but since only half of the cost of

dependent insurance is paid by the state, workers whose spouses or children are on the state plan will see more money taken from their paychecks.

For the 10 percent of state workers covered by HMOs, premium increases will average 8.9 percent.

Learning safe hunting skills...

Math, science and language arts are not the only forms of instruction young Texans need, at least if they come from a family where hunting is a tradition.

State law requires that anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 who is at least 17 years old must complete a 10-hour hunter safety course to get a hunting license. Those 12 to 16 years old must pass the course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter. Budding hunters younger than 12 can take the course, but they cannot be certified.

More than 4,400 providers offer the course across the state, and it's available in all 254 counties. Last year, about 33,000 students took the course.

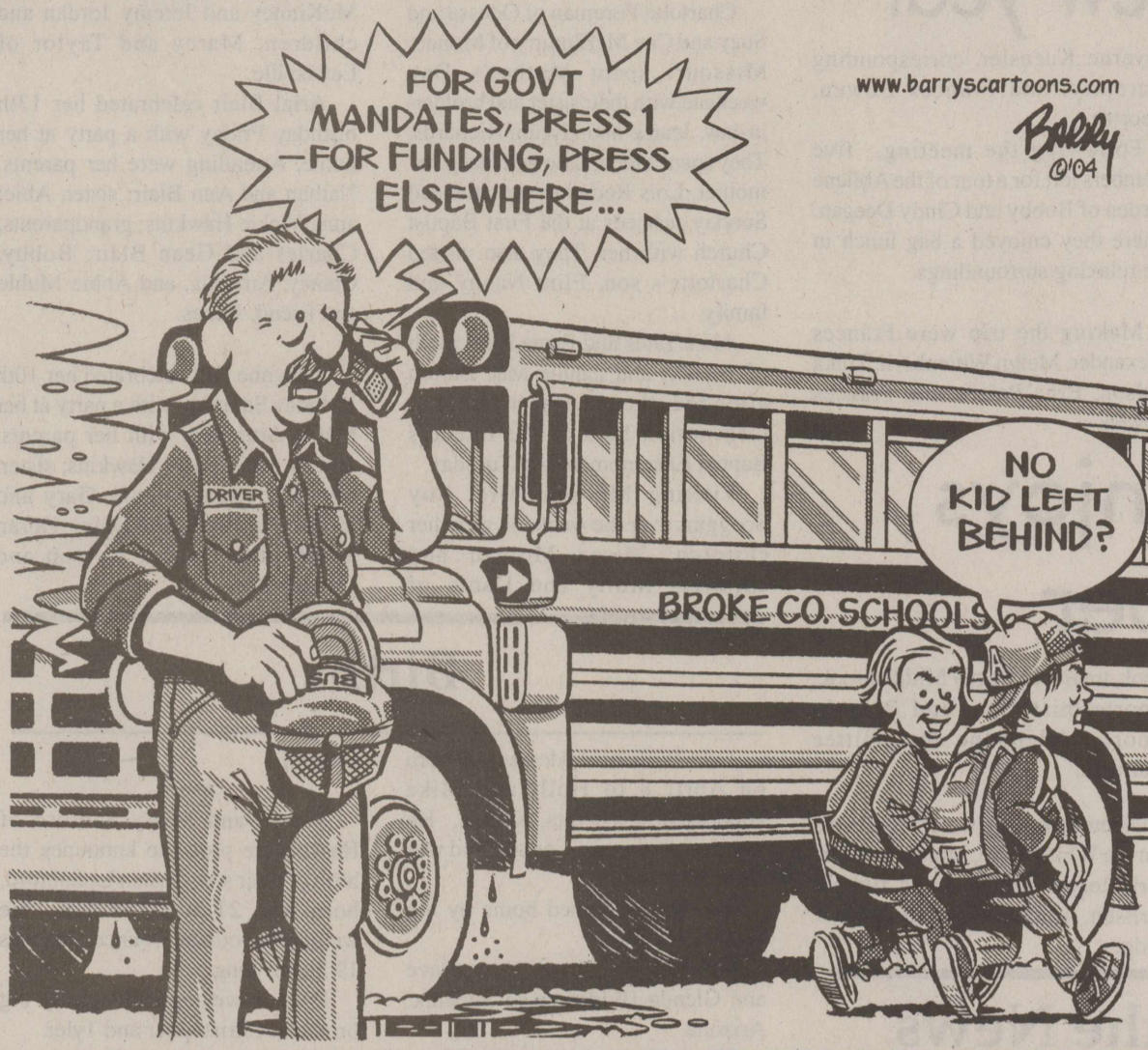
The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which oversees the training program, believes it has saved lives. Though the state has more than a million licensed hunters, last year only 44 hunting-related accidents were reported.

For more information on the hunter safety program, call 1-800-792-1112, Ext. 62, or visit the department's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

New TCEQ commissioner

The Texas Senate unanimously confirmed Larry R. Soward of Austin for a six-year term as commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Commissioner Soward has been serving in that capacity since his appointment by Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 17, 2003. His term will expire on Aug. 31, 2009.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 19, 1994

A book, written and illustrated by a Haskell second-grader, Ross Hairgrove was published by Chimeric, Inc., of Denver, Colorado.

Haskell High School teacher Walter Hargrove was presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award by the Haskell FFA.

Former Haskell student, Sarah Densman, was a honor graduate of Hollis High School. She is the daughter of the former pastor of First Baptist Church Rev. and Mrs. James L. Densman.

Sherri E. Long of Haskell was recognized as a member of Who's Who.

Paul Cox, son of Jo and Wallace Cox of Haskell and vice president of Amherst Human Resource Group, a Chicago-based consulting firm specializing in the recruitment and placement of sales professionals, traveled to Moscow to work in Russia.

20 Years Ago May 17, 1984

Laverne Barnett was selected as Artist of the year for the Brazos West Art Association. Second place went to Betty Hook.

Clayton Neal, Haskell High principal, received the Administrator of the Year Award from the Area II FFA Association. Val Sims of Haskell won first place in the public speaking contest.

Michael Rodriguez collected \$163 to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in a bike-a-thon and won a new bicycle. Runnerup was Betsy McDermott who collected \$111.

Stephen Holt, Patrick Burson, Dalyn Gilly and Penny Peden were first place winners in the Junior Division 4-H district meet.

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office was recognized for their outstanding work on behalf of the National Child Safety Council for their work in fingerprinting area youth. Deputies Johnny Mills and Monnie Hise were presented a plaque by Betty Borgia.

30 Years Ago May 16, 1974

Roberta High was crowned as Frontier Days Queen. Mrs. Gary Davenport was judged most authentic. Karen Clement was judged most original.

Kenneth Sams, superintendent of Whiteface ISD, was named superintendent of Haskell Independent School District.

Bobby Cobb of Haskell was elected president of the Student Senate and was named Outstanding Student at Western Texas College.

Jane Ann Reding of Weinert graduated from the James Connally Campus of Texas State Technical Institute. She received a certificate in print shop operations.

The Deborah Sunday School Class from the First Baptist Church gave a surprise birthday party for their former Sunday School teacher, Lula Turner.

40 Years Ago May 21, 1964

Haskell's Bobby Tatum's graduation from Boys' Ranch High School capped the 25th anniversary of the founding of Boys' Ranch by Cal Farley. Tatum was a member of the Junior staff which is the highest honor a boy can receive.

Haskell's own Paulette Allen won the barrel racing event at the Eighth Annual Haskell Horse Show.

Dr. J. G. Vaughter, well-known Haskell dentist, was tapped for admission to the Honorable Order of Goodfellow of the Texas Dental Association at the annual convention of the TDA.

Elizabeth Simmons of Rochester was pledged to the Angel Flight, women's auxiliary of the Air Force ROTC at North Texas State University.

Paul R. Merchant, fire control technician seaman apprentice, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Merchant of Haskell, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Lawrence which departed the United States for duty with the Sixth Fleet in the

Mediterranean.

50 Years Ago May 20, 1954

Josephine Stueber, Elementary Consultant for the Haskell, Paint Creek, Sagerton and Matson Schools, was selected as teacher of the week. Previously Stueber served as a teacher and as primary supervisor in the El Paso Public Schools.

Charles Hibbits, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Highnote of Haskell, won a certificate of acceptance on a poem which he composed, entitled "My Little Cat." The poem was published in the annual Anthology of High School Poetry.

The Melvin C. Josslet's, Haskell County farm family, were recognized as a Master Farm Family in the June issue of The Progressive Farmer magazine.

Dorothy D. Fouts, Mary Jo Jones and Elizabeth Fagan Sieren of Haskell received degrees at Hardin-Simmons University.

C. J. Freeze of Midland, who has operated a pastry and sweet shop in that city for the past 15 years, rented the building on the south side of the square formerly occupied by White's Auto Store and will open a sweet shop here.

100 Years Ago May 21, 1904

Matt Walker came in from the West to see the boys. He brought with him a tamed lobo wolf, which has since been an attraction at the L. D. Morgan Livery Stable.

Judge H. R. Jones and wife left to visit the great exposition in St. Louis. Prof. E. C. Couch and Ross Hemphill left for Briscoe County to look after some cattle interests in that section.

B. F. McCollum and sister Martha McCollum left to visit relatives in Tennessee. Mr. McCollum, who is an old Confederate soldier, attended the Confederate Reunion in Nashville while away.

S. W. Scott spent several days this week on his ranch branding calves.

Conserving water can help save money

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Conserving water can do more than preserve a natural resource. It can also help consumers save money.

The average home uses between 66 and 118 gallons of water every day. The best way to conserve water is to not waste it.

Some suggestions for saving water are to limit shower time to four minutes; turn the water off while shaving; and only wash full loads of clothes and dirty dishes.

For more information about water conservation visit fcs@tamu.edu and click on housing and environment.

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Dear editor:
On behalf of the Haskell County Food Distribution Center Committee we want to thank the many local volunteers and their organizations who have given so generously of their time and their finances, and have made so many other worthwhile contributions to our local food center.
So collectively, we thank Judge Davis and the Commissioners' Court

for allowing us to use the building east of the Civic Center after remodeling the interior so it would be suitable and compliant. We thank the Ministerial Alliance and other area churches that have been so supportive by taking 'turns' being in charge of the monthly distributions. We appreciate the pastors and their wives who encourage and support and help us along with their members. Then there are the kids that come and help, 4-H, RA, Boy Scouts and other 'just' kids! What a blessing they are.

We are thankful for those involved in food drives like the Postal Service and our local letter carriers last week, the HISD at Christmas, the Boy

Scouts, the Munday Garden Club, and again the churches.

Last but certainly not least we thank the Haskell Free Press for helping us by listing our distribution times and covering whatever other publicity we need. Last Saturday we were able to help 82 families in Rule and 111 in Haskell. It takes a lot of people to do that and we surely couldn't do it without all the help!

If I've missed any of you forgive me, the Lord knows who you are. The bible says that he who helps those in need lends to the Lord. I know He'll richly bless all of you!

Sincerely,
Grace Thomas
HCFCDC Chair

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Protecting Senior Texans

Serving and Protecting Senior Texans is a top priority of my administration. Since May is Older Americans Month, it's a good time for us all to increase our efforts to honor and care for Texas Seniors.

Fraud against seniors is more widespread and devastating than most people realize. My Consumer Protection Division recently filed several lawsuits to stop companies from using deceptive practices targeting seniors. The companies sent out letters that appeared to be official government documents and demanded a fee from seniors who wanted to file for an "elderly tax freeze." The service is free through your local tax office.

We will not tolerate schemes that target seniors. Scam artists tend to spend money as fast as they steal it, so it is hard for seniors to get their money back once they've been taken. That is why my office is committed to communicating with seniors all over Texas in a number of ways.

My agency issues On-Line Senior Alerts, writes columns like this one and works with media across the state to warn seniors about frauds and scams. Con Artists threaten, trick and cajole seniors into an ever growing number of scams, including foreign lotteries, phony sweepstakes, and bogus debt collection schemes. Currently, we are warning seniors to be extremely cautious about where they obtain information about the new Medicare discount cards. Fraudsters are already trying to swindle seniors with fake cards and other unscrupulous attempts to cash in on the new Medicare benefits.

My office has also launched a public awareness campaign to help teach seniors how to protect themselves from the latest scams. It's called "Just Hang Up." It's a critically important message, but easy to remember. If a telemarketer calls, don't even listen to their sales pitch. "Just Hang Up." In addition to our outreach to seniors, we also have a terrific senior on our staff, Nancy Gresham, who is our point person on senior issues. Nancy travels around the state speaking on issues of concern to Senior Texans.

Nancy partners with law enforcement to set up local crime prevention programs such as Triad. A Triad brings together seniors, law enforcement and senior providers to share information about fraud and crime prevention in local communities.

While outreach is one of our most important tools, my office also investigates and prosecutes criminal, abuse and neglect of residents in nursing homes. Earlier this year, my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit arrested six nurses in a sweeping nursing home abuse case. Two others surrendered to authorities. The felony charges stem from conduct investigators unearthed during a lengthy investigation, including severe abuse and neglect of elderly patients, including two deaths, and forgery of government records to obtain controlled prescription, allegedly for personal use.

I am determined to crack down on fraud, abuse and neglect against seniors. I am also committed to preventing seniors from being victimized in the first place. Once these crimes have been perpetrated, the damage is hard to repair. I hope you will join us, starting now, during Older Americans Month, in protecting senior Texans.

Trey Kemp receives award

Trey Kemp, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp of Haskell, wins a landscape architecture award.

These awards were given in competition with evaluations by the faculty of academic performance grade point average, portfolios and service.

Kemp plans to design golf courses and has a summer internship with a prominent Chicago golf course design firm.

Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

Nutrition News for Protecting Your Peepers

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

If you're old enough to think the answer to "What time is it?" just might be "It's Howdy Doody Time!" chances are you're not quite as eagle-eyed as you once were. In fact, if you woke up on your 40th birthday and discovered that overnight, some joker had somehow shrunk all the type in the newspaper, on the back of pill bottles and in the phone book—the only consolation I can offer is, you're definitely not alone!

The truth is, our eyes age right along with the rest of us. But there's some good news as well; sometimes protecting your eyes against some of the ravages of time can be as simple as eating right. (That, and a really cool pair of shades.)

The shades aren't just a fashion statement—although they certainly can be! Sunlight can be considered something of a natural enemy of the eyes. That's because cells in the lens of your eyes make proteins that allow light to pass through the lens and onto the retina, which receives the images formed by the lens. A variety of light wavelengths penetrate the eye's lens—red, blue, green, yellow and ultraviolet (UV). The UV light appears to be the worst in terms of damaging the lens. But there's plenty

of guilt to go around: Blue light appears to damage the retina. And there are normal byproducts of metabolism—called oxygen free radicals—that can also cause eye damage.

Oxygen free radicals may sound funny, but they're anything but. If you don't neutralize these substances, over time they can damage the proteins and other components of the lens of your eye. What happens then? The damaged proteins start to gather in your eye, and you wind up with a clouding of the lens—what we call cataracts.

However, thanks to the vulnerability of those oxygen free radicals, we can fight back by making the right nutritional choices. That's the finding of studies at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, at Boston, Mass. There, bio-organic chemist Allen Taylor has conducted research that suggests that if your diet is rich in antioxidants, you can defuse those oxygen free radicals, reduce initial eye damage and keep your eye's natural protective system (including enzymes that seek out and destroy those damaged proteins that could cloud your vision) working longer.

First, a little background: There are cataracts, and then there are cataracts. Basically, there are three areas of the eye lens that can be

affected by cataracts, the nuclear, the cortical and the posterior subcapsular (let's just call that PSC, shall we?). The PSC area is associated with cataracts related to diabetes; where you see the age-related cataracts is in the nuclear and cortical areas.

Of the three lens areas, the nuclear one has gotten the most focus (sorry, I couldn't resist) from scientists in terms of opacity (clouding) problems. At the Boston center, Taylor, his colleague Paul F. Jacques and others reported in 2001 that antioxidant nutrients played a role in the prevention of nuclear cataracts.

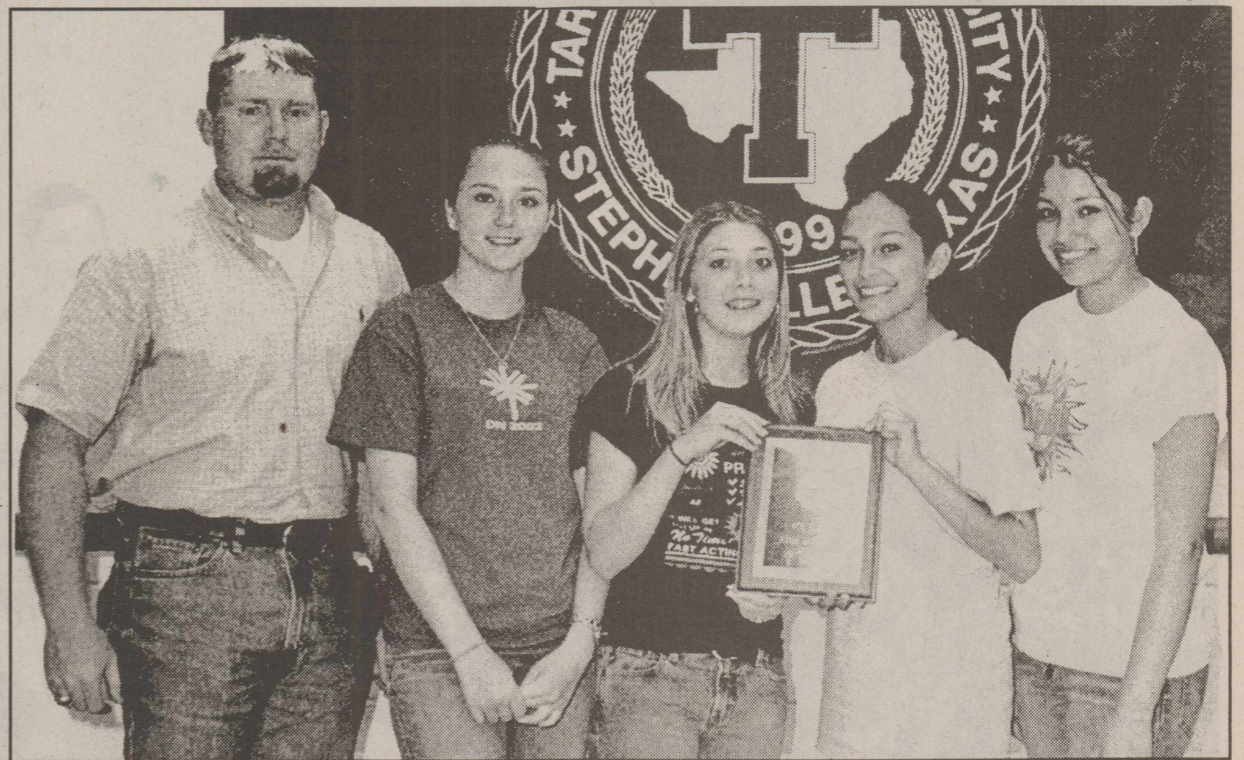
How did they come to that conclusion? They studied 478 Boston women, age 53 to 73, who did not have diabetes and had not been previously diagnosed with cataracts. The researchers examined the women's eyes and also tracked what the women ate over a period of 13 to 15 years.

The results showed that the women with the highest intakes of vitamins C and E, riboflavin, folate, beta carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin had a lower prevalence of clouding of the nuclear area of the eye lens than did those with the lowest consumption of these same nutrients. Plus, the women who took a vitamin C supplement for 10 or more years were 64 percent less likely to have clouding of the nuclear area than those who had never taken vitamin C supplements.

And the benefits don't stop there. Taylor, Jacques and the other scientists subsequently looked for cataracts in the cortical and PSC areas of the eye lenses of some of the women, and saw much the same benefits for those with higher intakes of the nutrients mentioned above. Also, women in the group who regularly took vitamin E had less progression of eye lens damage. In fact, over a five-year span, the increase in the women's nuclear clouding was 30 percent less if they used vitamin E supplements for at least 10 years.

So it turns out your mom was right after all—carrots (a rich source of beta carotene) are good for your eyes... and so are oranges (for the vitamin C), eggs (for the lutein), breakfast cereals (for the folate), and a whole host of other foods that are high in those important vitamins and nutrients. So even if you have to go hunt down your new reading glasses to decipher that list of ingredients, check it out—your eyes will thank you for it!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



TEAM PLACING AT TARLETON—The Range and Pasture judging team from Haskell High School placed 4th in the FFA Career Development Events at Tarleton State University. Pictured with the team advisor, Justin Cox, left, are Ashley Foster, Maggie Teague, Kristen Martinez and Diana Mauricio.

Kids can suffer ill effects of computer use, too

With computers in homes and schools, children, as well as parents, now spend a good amount of time at the keyboard. While occupational health concerns such as neck and shoulder problems, carpal tunnel syndrome and vision strain have traditionally been "adult" problems, they are trickling into the younger population too.

The following adjustments can help keep your child's body from feeling old before its time.

Poison ivy

Poison ivy can be an irritating damper on outside fun. Unfortunately, the pesky plant will continue to be a pain until fall's first freeze, say dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Poison ivy is such a ubiquitous plant—it just grows everywhere," said Dr. Amit G. Pandya, associate professor of dermatology. If you come in contact with the plant, Dr. Pandya recommends the following:

- Wash skin and clothing with soap immediately. This keeps the rash from spreading or infecting others.
- Use cold compresses to reduce swelling, itching and pain. Over-the-counter creams and antihistamines can also provide temporary relief. In severe cases, see a doctor for steroids or other medications.
- Try to avoid future exposure, which will cause the rash to appear faster and be much worse. Never burn poison ivy because inhaling the smoke can inflame the lungs and may cause severe respiratory attacks.

•Set up your child's computer station so that is causes the least amount of strain on the body. The screen should be at eye level or lower, and should be placed a little bit farther away than you would place a book. Buy a chair that offers back support.

•Teach your child to give his or her eyes a break by looking away from the computer screen for at least 10

seconds every 10 minutes. Blink frequently, too. People tend to blink less often when staring at a computer screen, which can dry the eyes out.

•Sitting at the computer for too long can cause muscle strain in the neck and back. Have your child take frequent breaks from the joystick or keyboard. Repeated actions such as hitting a button on a video game can cause tendonitis.

TxDOT helps with grants for end of year parties

In keeping with tradition, the Texas Department of Transportation is again awarding high school mini-grants for their graduation activities.

Called Project Celebration 2004, Haskell High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District participating in the program and receiving a \$350 mini-grant each for their activities.

"I am very pleased that TxDOT has once again approved the expenditure of funds to support graduation activities across Texas," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District traffic safety coordinator, said. "As TxDOT endeavors to inform the public of the importance of safe and sober driving habits, it's essential that we do our part to help communities provide a safe and sober occasion graduating students can look back on with happy memories for a life time," Mitchell said.

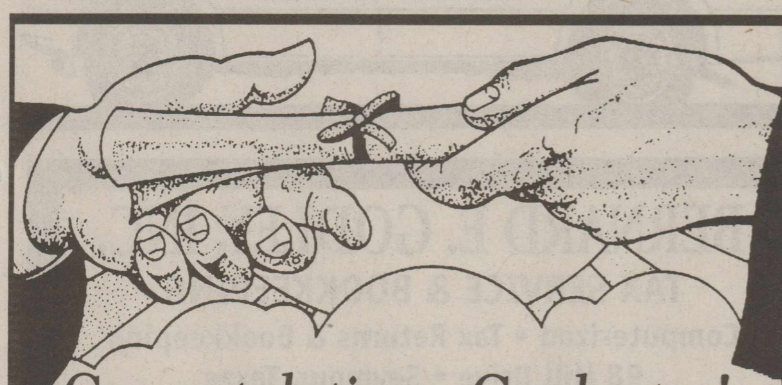
Mitchell also visited each high school and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend

their high school event. Some of the mementos bear the slogan, Friends Don't Let Friends Drink & Drive while others carry the saying Zilch. Zero. None. Nada. Celebrate Sober.

These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free not only around prom and graduation time, but always, Mitchell said.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

Transportation officials report that this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.



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Coronary Artery Disease

The heart is the hardest working muscle in the body. Everyday it beats an average of 100,000 times and pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood throughout the body. To handle this enormous amount of work, the heart muscle requires a continuous supply of oxygen and other nutrients from the blood. To get enough nourishment, the heart muscle has its own circulation, the right and left coronary arteries.

The coronary arteries form a network of blood vessels on the outside of the heart. If these arteries become narrowed, the heart muscle is deprived of some of its blood supply, which eventually damages the heart muscle. This is referred to as a heart attack, or **myocardial infarction**.

What causes coronary artery disease?

Cholesterol and other material can collect on artery walls, causing the arteries to narrow. This condition, called **atherosclerosis**, prevents the passage of normal amounts of blood through the arteries. As a result, two events can occur: (1) these deposits build up over time until they clog the artery so that little or no blood can pass; or (2) blood cells cling to the rough deposits, forming a clot (**thrombus**). The thrombus may grow until it completely blocks the artery, or it can break away and travel to a smaller artery, where it lodges, completely closing off circulation.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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PRIZE WINNERS—Haskell FFA member, Keith Wilcox proudly holds the ribbon he won exhibiting the Reserve Light Weight Yorkshire pig at the San Antonio Livestock Show, and placing 4th in the carcass show.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E Rodgers, CPA



IS MARRIAGE STILL TAXING?

A newlywed couple recently filed for a tax refund after discovering they had to pay \$5,000 more tax than if they had remained single. The IRS denied their claim. In upholding the IRS position, the district court ruled that the couple's ignorance of the marriage penalty was neither grounds for marriage nullification nor a tax refund. Their situation is one many two-earner couples find themselves in after the wedding—facing the marriage penalty in our tax laws.

The marriage penalty essentially causes a married couple to pay more tax than an unmarried couple with similar income. Seen as a tax on marriage, the marriage penalty debate became the centerpiece of the 2003 tax cut. Congress granted partial relief from the marriage penalty by doubling the singles' standard deduction for married couples and doubling their income threshold for the 15% tax bracket.

Although such relief is welcome, the marriage penalty itself still lives on in many aspects of the tax code. The tax brackets above 15% were not expanded to account for the discrepancy between married and single individuals, so higher-income couples benefit less from the change in the tax code. In addition, many of the phase-out and limitation thresholds that affect higher-income couples have not been adjusted to account for the marriage penalty. Middle-income couples are most likely to benefit from marriage penalty relief, but such benefits are likely to be short-lived since the current provisions expire at the end of 2004 unless Congress elects to extend them.

If you're getting married this year, be sure to include some tax planning in your pre-wedding activities to that the marriage penalty doesn't take you by surprise.

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HAPPY 58th BIRTHDAY—Recently celebrating 58 years of Cub Scouts in Haskell were: front, l-r, Rhett Lampe, Micah Thomas, Max Weise, Aaron Waggoner, Levi Grand, Hunter Jordan and Preston Morrow. Middle row, Seth Rock, Andrew Hearn, Kyle Kimbrough, River McTasney, Braden Alves, Phillip Coleman, David Newton and Tucker McCormick. Standing in back are cub scouting leaders Sherri Morrow, Kay Smith and Fonda Newton, holding the birthday cake.

Haskell School Menu

May 24-28 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast on a stick

Tuesday: Pig in a blanket

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Manager's choice

Friday: Manager's choice

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with ham and cheese.

Monday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, curly fries, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Frito pie/cheese/salsa, pinto beans, garden salad, Sunshine bars

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot biscuit, fruit

Thursday: Chili cheese dog, fries or potato wedges, pickles, orange

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, nacho chips or Cool Ranch chips, cookie



CUB SCOUT AWARDED—Haskell Cub Scout, Tucker McCormick, receives his Arrow of Light Award from Scout Leader, Kay Smith.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 24

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check

Lunch—Chicken/macaroni,

English peas, onions slices, tomato

wedges, cornbread, gingerbread and

topping, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., May 26

Movie and popcorn

Lunch—Beef and cheese

enchiladas, tossed salad, Spanish

rice, pinto beans, chips and hot sauce,

jello and sugar cookies, milk, tea, or

coffee

Fri., May 28

Lunch—Beef stew, carrot salad,

sliced onions, pickles, cornbread,

dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45

a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's almost graduation time. Whether you are a young adult just starting out in life or a more mature person who returned to the halls of learning either for pleasure or to acquire new skills, the joy of accomplishment is the same. However, it should be remembered that graduation is not the end of something, but the beginning. Every day of our lives is spent in learning something new, wherever we

are, and we are constantly adding to our store of knowledge; if only by observing the world around us with an open mind during our daily travels. We also learn about life and the Creator who gave us this world in which to live, by our regular attendance at our house of worship. There is no graduation from this kind of learning, and that is the way it should be, for as long as we live.

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Dusty Garrison, minister
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107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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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 George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 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**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
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
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Milton McManus, pastor
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SHERIFF/CONSTABLE NOTICE OF SALE PERSONAL PROPERTY BY VIRTUE of a certain Writ of Execution issued by the Clerk of the 39th Judicial District Court, on the 19th day of January, 2004, in a certain cause numbered D3157, wherein Kathie Stocks is Plaintiff, and Danny Stocks is Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of Fifty thousand eight hundred eighty-four and 11/100 Dollars (\$50,884.11) together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of the judgment recovered by the said Plaintiff, in the 39th Judicial District Court on the 19th day of January, 2004. I, Kim Bassett, on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock a.m., have levied upon, and will, on the 4th day of June, 2004, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at Hanson's Body Shop, 207 South 1st Street in the City of Haskell, within legal hours,

proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of Defendant, to-wit: one 1998, flat-bed trailer, 4GWFS1628WT000450, no license plate attached; one 1978, Honda motorcycle, CB750K2825013, no license plate attached; one 2004, GMC pickup, TX 9KW73, 2GTCE13T241333755. The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Fifty thousand eight hundred eighty-four and 11/100 Dollars (\$50,884.11) in favor of Plaintiff, Kathie Stocks together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof. Witness my hand this 18th day of May, 2004.
Kim Bassett
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Project: 8008141
Parcel: 71
STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HASKELL §
TO: Wesley Embree, whose residence is unknown, and if Deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Wesley Embree, whose names and residences are unknown.
You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 24th day of May, 2004, and at the District Courthouse in the District Courtroom in Haskell, TX, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.
The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 26th day of February, 2004, in Cause No. 11,188 which is styled The State of Texas v. Wesley Embree, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: Wesley Embree, whose residence is unknown, and if Deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Wesley Embree, whose names and residences are unknown, and, if any of them be deceased, their respective heirs and legal representatives, if any; City of Haskell; Haskell County Texas; Haskell Consolidated Independent School District; North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority; Haskell County Memorial Hospital District; Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District; Farm-Market Lateral; and Precinct Road.
The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Cathleen M. Crowley, Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.
This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in Haskell County, Texas, containing Being a 0.2249 acre tract or parcel of land, being out of and a part of that certain map or plat of the Subdivision of the Isidro Ramos No. 109, Patent No. 165, Volume 18, Abstract No. 351, Haskell County, Texas as recorded in Volume 20 Pages 22 through 23, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, said subdivision also being known as the Brown and Roberts Addition to the Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, and being that certain of Lot 6, Block 33 as described in Warranty Deed dated August 18, 1913 from S.O. Frazier to Wesley Embree, recorded in Volume 59 Page 236, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's Petition for Condemnation filed under the above-referenced cause number.
The interests of these Defendants are that they either own or claim an interest in said property, subject to unpaid accrued taxes.
You are further notified that you may appear at the hearing before that Special Commissioners and present evidence you desire on the issue of damages to be assessed against the State. If you do not appear at the hearing, the Special Commissioners may proceed to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.
If this Notice is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned forthwith.
Issued this 9th day of April, 2004.
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Special Commissioners 18-21c

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
Date: May 10, 2004
On the 10th day of May 2004, I impounded the following estray:
Kind of Animal: Calf; Breed: Black; Color: Black; Sex: Female; Age: 6 months; Size: 600 lbs.; Brands, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Found in southwest Haskell County.
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I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Haskell County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.
Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 22nd day of May, 2004, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Haskell Livestock Auction in Haskell, Texas.
Witness my hand this 10th day of May, 2004.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a meeting for private non-profit schools and home schools with tax exempt status to explain the Title I services available to eligible private school students and the conditions for participating in such services. The meeting will be at the Elementary Cafeteria, Thurs., May 20, at 5:30 p.m. 21c

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The Family of Frances Meier
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Contract 0908-00-059 for FLASHING BEACONS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on June 8, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.
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1500 N. AVE. H. Large 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 baths, living, dining, kitchen-den, C/H.A, brick, carport and fenced yard.



BREAKING NEW GROUND—The Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship held a dedication service and ground breaking Sunday afternoon, May 16, at the site where their new building will soon be erected. From the left are Dr. Gibbie McMillan, interim pastor; Mike McGuire, building chairman; and Charles Swinson, member of the building committee.

Breakfast honors top readers

Forty-one Haskell students from third through sixth grade were guests at a Texas Bluebonnet breakfast, Wednesday morning, May 5, in the Haskell Elementary library. It was the largest number ever to attend the annual event which recognizes students who have read and passed the required Accelerated Reading tests on the current year's Texas Bluebonnet Award books.

In the Texas Bluebonnet Award Program, students throughout the state are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in the statewide election in January.

At the breakfast the students were treated to blueberry muffins, blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick, assorted fresh fruits, milk and juice, provided by Haskell Elementary and Secondary lunchrooms.

An added attraction this year was provided by sixth grade students who dressed as characters from their favorite Bluebonnet book and gave a summary of the book and their character. Afterward, other students guessed who they were from a multiple choice selection, and all were rewarded by the sixth graders with chocolate treats.

Top readers recognized from each grade were presented a Bluebonnet book. Top readers were: Carson Hadaway, third grade; Garrett Brueggeman and Casey Calhoun, fourth grade; Brooke Bullinger, sixth grade.

The overall top reader, passing 18

Bluebonnet tests, was Angelica Gonzales, fifth grade. She was presented an autographed copy of this year's Texas Bluebonnet winner, *Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy*, by Phil Bildner.

Students eligible to attend the honorary breakfast were: Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Ethan Frierson, Scottie Rodriguez, Shambrie Rodriguez, Miranda Johnson, Derrick Coleman, Angelica Gonzales, Dawn Skinner, Codi Foster, Bailey Fillman, Ashlee Short, Brady Leach, Casey Calhoun,

Jasmine Klose, Garrett Brueggeman, Cole Casey, Cailey Foster, Morgan Frierson, Ryan Markey, Tillie McGuire, Ashley Pendergraft, Kaly Wheatley, Charitie Winsterstein, Isaiah Llewellyn, Gabriel Torres, Adrian Alexander, Phillip Coleman, Maci Colley, Maegan Gonzales, Carlos Gonzales, Cheyanne Hill, Cole Hutchinson, Leslie Villereal, Ashley Adams, Drake Everett, Levi Grand, Carson Hadaway, Hunter Jordan, Madison Mayfield, David Newton, Veronica Robledo and Brett Shelton.

Reception to honor artist Tom Ryan

World renowned Western artist, Tom Ryan of Midland, who will serve as this year's Grand Marshal of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, will be honored at a reception, Fri., June 4 at 3:00 p.m., at the Haskell National Bank.

Ryan's work is featured at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, and at leading galleries and museums throughout the Southwest. It has also been featured in numerous publications devoted to western life and culture, as well as Time and Life magazines.

Among other awards, Ryan received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western

Heritage Center during ceremonies for the Prix de West Invitational Exhibition.

Ryan, who is the father of Kitsey Drinnon of Haskell, moved to Texas in 1967 to be closer to the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie, where he found abundant material for painting subjects that he could see and feel and know from an intimate perspective, and be closer to the Cowboy Artists of America art shows in Oklahoma City.

Visiting with the artist at the local reception on June 4, will be cowboys from the 6666 Ranch, which was the scene for much of Ryan's extensive Western art.

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getting the book redone, said that although the idea to republish the book had been in her mind for some time, it was just this year that the Society members voted to take it as a project, along with the popular historical calendar they have published since 1999.

Obtaining a copy of the original booklet, belonging to Freida Piland, wife of WWII veteran, M. C. Piland, Ham scanned the photographs and took it to a publisher in Abilene, who worked with her on the new version.

Updating the look, the new booklet has a royal blue laminated backing with white lettering, and features a 48-star flag and a red coil binding.

The first printing of 5000 booklets is expected to go quickly, and the group is hopeful of a sellout, calling for additional printings. The booklets are priced at \$10.00 each and are on sale at several outlets in Haskell and Rule, and by Society members.

Ham said the purpose of the Haskell Historical and Genealogical Society is to preserve Haskell County history. Selling the books is a way to have funds to continue doing this.

The Society was organized in 1993, having as many as 80 members at times. However, most of the members are from out of county and out of state. Johnny Scoggin is president of the local group.

The dedication of the WWII era booklets, which are being offered just before Memorial Day, may well echo our thoughts for today's service men and women who have fallen in the line of duty.

"To the memory of those who so nobly gave their lives for their country, we dedicate this book. We bow our heads in their memory and offer a silent prayer that they have not died in vain."

Strong beef prices to continue

by Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Fed cattle prices are predicted to decline slightly over the summer, but rebound in the fall.

The beef market continues to climb despite the mad cow scare last December. Drought and high prices have caused the number of U.S. beef cows to decline.

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