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Old Glory Days set July 3

The Stars and Stripes will wave on in all its glory on the eve of Independence Day in Old Glory.

Planned during events beginning with noon traditional parade of flags from every state followed by the Old Glory Belle Contest, an auction, bingo, kite flying, a motorcycle rally including bike games, horsehoes, fireworks, Western music by the Sidekicks and a dance.

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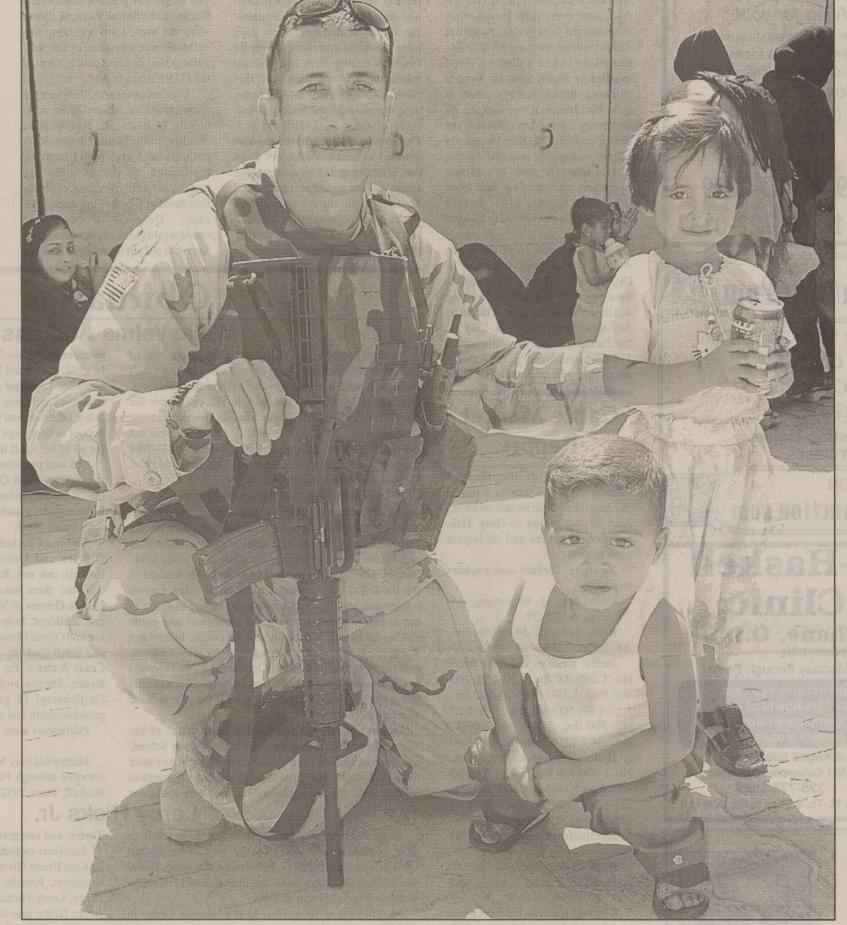
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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the July 8 edition will be Thurs., July 1 at 5 p.m. The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Mon., July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., June 26 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at



Scouts to sell pizza

Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 is holding a Little Caesars Fundraiser, June 24 through July 9, to raise money to attend the National Jamboree in the summer of 2005.

They will be taking orders for Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs, which contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range from \$12.75 to \$18.00, and the Boy Scouts will earn \$5.00 for each item they sell.

Pizza Kit products to choose from are: Personal Pepperoni Pizza Kit; Personal Cheese Pizza Kit; Pepperoni Pizza Kit; Deep Dish Pizza Kit; Cheese Pizza Kit; Thin Crust Pizza Kit; Mexican Style Taco Thin Crust Pizza Kit; Italian Sausage Pizza Kit; Italian Cheese Bread Kit; Crazy Bread Kit; Cinnamon Crazy Bread Kit; Gourmet Spice Kit; Pizza Server Paddle and Pizza Cutter. Each Pizza Kit contains all the ingredients needed to make three pizzas or three bread products.

In addition, the Scouts will have eight delicious varieties of Little Caesars Cookie Dough to choose: Chocolate Mint Chip Cookie Dough; Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough; White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookie Dough; Make-N-Bake Colorful Sugar Cookie Dough; Double Chocolate Cookie Dough; Peanut Butter Chocolate Chunk

5.30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays, weather permitting. Summer food program Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. through Fri. until July 30. Those ages 1 through 18 years of age will eat for free. Adults may eat for \$2.50. All are welcome.

Learning center

Registration for the new 21st Century Books and Beyond Learning Center will be Thurs., June 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students going into grades K-6 will register at the elementary school cafeteria; grades 7-12 will register in the high school lobby outside the principal's office. A parent or legal guardian must accompany each student for registration. For more information on the elementary program call Vickie Josselet at 864-2654 ext. 344 and for the junior high and high school program call Dusty Garison at 864-8535 ext. 226. Summer reading

The summer reading program schedule at the Haskell Co. Library will be as follows: 5-8 year olds, Tuesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 9-12 year olds, Wednesdays July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 2-4 year olds, Thursdays July 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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HELPING HANDS-Haskell County reservist. Master Sqt. Christopher Davis, who works as a prison advisor in Baghdad, took a minute last week to visit with Iraqi children as his team checked over a courthouse in the Russafa District in Baghdad.

Cookie Dough; Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Dough (with cinnamon chips); and Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (with peanut butter chips).

The Boy Scout's delivery time is scheduled for July 15. To order items from them, contact Kay Smith at 940-864-3344 or Emily Medford at 940-864-3552.

Haskell Boy Scouts going to the National Jamboree are Luke Terry, Ethan Frierson, Brennan Medford, A. J. Benton, Jared Webb and Stephen Pace.

County resident is Baghdad prison advisor

Master Sergeant Christopher beyond the personnel in the Davis, an activated Haskell County resident, says the recently exposed Iraqi abuse by coalition forces has damaged troop morale, and the responsibility for the abuse extends

photographs and videos.

Davis works as a prison advisor in Baghdad as part of the Office of Coalition Provisional AuthorityMinistry of Justice. He relayed his comments via e-mail last week and is not speaking on behalf of the U.S. Army.

Davis, who as a civilian is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Institutional Parole Officer, said his team and the Ministry of Justice does not have authority over coalition forces or their detainees. Davis and his team work closely with the Iraqi Correction Service prison system by supervising new facility construction and the training of the Iraqi prison staff.

In view of the recent allegations of prisoner abuse made toward soldiers of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police, Davis stated, "It is a prevailing thought among troops in Baghdad that (prisoner abuse) actions have severely tarnished the image of the American soldier and American values. The old adage of 'You can do a hundred things perfectly, but screw-ups will never be forgotten' may hold true here."

Davis said that military recruits come from all upbringings and have all different types of personalities, and they will seldom develop into a desirable soldier without proper leadership. He added that the responsibility for the abuse extends to contract civilian interrogators and throughout the MP organization, including officers, for not providing that leadership. Despite the prisoner abuse, Davis said the locals welcome his presence. "I've been impressed by the

unique hospitality of the Iraqis whose warm generosity, friendship and sincerity is unmatched by most," he said. "There is that small percentage that strongly oppose our presence in this country. These mujahideen, commonly referred to as 'freedom fighters,' al-Qaeda, Wahhabi Muslims, members of the Arab Resistance Movement and other terrorist elements are conniving, ruthless murderers, targeting not only coalition personnel, but also new Iraq Government leadership and innocent civilians."

L. Paul Bremer III, the Officer of Coalition Provisional Authority Administrator in Iraq, recently awarded Master Sgt. Davis the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his role in a three thousand bed prison construction project in the southern city of Ad Diwaniyah. When competed, this facility will provide 1,500 correctional related jobs in an area that is currently experiencing 80% unemployment.

Davis lives in one of Saddam Hussein's main palaces in central Baghdad, where the U.S. Embassy will be located on June 30, when sovereignty is transferred to the Iraqi Governing Council.

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Council accepts bid tor creek cleanup

the Ambulance Board was approved

Dale Bullinger was appointed to

the Regional Jail Board, replacing

by the council.

Ruby Turner.

the ASCS office.

In a lengthy regular meeting Mon., June 14, a full agenda of items for consideration was brought before the Haskell City Council.

Approval was given to a request from the Appraisal District for permission to retain any excess funds as credit for use in future upkeep of equipment at the Appraisal District office.

The appointment of W. L. Wolf to

CR to open

The 74th Texas Cowboy Reunion will get underway Thurs., July 1 and continue through Sun., July 4, in Stamford.

The excitement kicks off on Thursday with the old fashioned grand parade through the streets of downtown Stamford at 4 p.m. The famed Six White Horses of Hardin Simmons University will be the

parade marshals. The horse team featuring the six flags which have flown over Texas have been performing at the Texas Cowboy Reunion's grand entry since 1935. Also returning this year to play at each rodeo performance is the Hardin Simmons Cowboy Band.

Cowboys and cowgirls of the continued on page 8

A resolution was passed authorizing Mayor Ken Lane to sign Creek cleanup, tabled at the last documents necessary in connection meeting, the Council voted to with the city-owned farmlands and proceed with the project and to accept the low bid of approximately \$200,000.00, submitted by Hans Hanson Construction. According to City Manager, Sam Watson, the work is scheduled to begin in midsummer, after a drying out period for the creek. In his report to the council, Watson

said that the city has received a homeland security grant from FEMA to be used for equipment for security measures by the city. Also, he said, the city has received an \$11,000.00 refund check from the city's electric aggregate, which assures the city of some savings on electric costs.

A resolution was passed authorizing intervention in AEP's true-up proceedings in the matter of any overcharging of residential customers. In this, the city has joined a coalition of other cities. In the matter of the Rice Spring Page 2-Thursday, June 24, 2004-The HASKELL FREE PRESS



Poultry testing continues in Hopkins County

Nope. It's not glamorous work, but it is serious. Even so, observers may smile when two-person teams 'dress out' to collect blood and swab samples for a second round of avian influenza (AI) tests on more than 315 noncommercial poultry flocks in Hopkins County, near Sulphur Springs.

The teams, comprised of state and federal animal health personnel, pull on two pairs of disposable booties over their shoes, wiggle into illproportioned, oversized disposable coveralls (sometimes in white, other times in blue), squeeze into purple rubber gloves, and top off their outfits with an all-purpose, opaque hair net. And, since every germ counts when it comes to preventing potential disease spread, the duo will disinfect equipment before collecting blood samples or swabs from an owner's chickens, ducks, turkeys, emus or other bird species. Once samples for laboratory testing are obtained, the testing team reverses their biosecurity operation-bagging and disinfecting their disposable garb, re-cleaning equipment, and spraying their truck tires with a germ-killer before proceeding down the road to the next premise.

"Testing teams from the Texas Animal Health Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have repeated this hot, exhausting and time-consuming routine day after day since late May, as they've conducted disease surveillance on 315 noncommercial poultry flocks near Sulphur Springs, about 80 miles

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 381 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., June 21, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 57 sellers and 36 buyers were present.

Stockers, feeders and packers steady.

Cows: fat, .43-.49; cutters, .44-.51; canners, .32-.39.

Bulls: bologna, .54-.69; feeders, .84-.96; utility, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.08-1.23; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.14; 700-800 lbs., .94-1.12; 800-up lbs., .87-1.00. Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.14; 600-up lbs., .80-1.00.

east of Dallas. On their first round of tests, all flocks were negative for AI infection," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

The TAHC initiated intensive flock testing in an area encompassing about 300 square miles in Hopkins County after a commercial flock of breeding chickens tested positive May 26 for the H7N3 strain of AI on routine blood tests. Although the commercial flock exhibited no clinical signs of AI, about 24,000 breeder chickens were depopulated and buried on site to protect against the spread of disease. A few days later, a second commercial breeder flock on nearby farm had positive preliminary blood tests, and this flock, also with about 24,000 birds, was depopulated and buried. A task force of about 30 TAHC and U.S. Department of Agriculture field staff combed an area extending 10 miles out, identifying 315 noncommercial flocks and one additional commercial breeder flock for AI testing. All flocks have tested negative for AI.

"Now the two-person testing teams are battling heat and humidity

for a second round of testing on all flocks-standard procedure for ensuring that AI has been eradicated and for regaining international trading status," said Dr. Coats.

"The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories in College Station, Center and Gonzales have been running tests on the thousands of blood and swab samples collected from Hopkins County," explained Dr. Coats. "Samples with inconclusive test results are forwarded to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, for confirmation. Because the AI virus could not be isolated from the two blood-test positive commercial flocks, and clinical signs of illness were not seen, I am regarding this outbreak as being caused by the 'lowpathogenic,' or a less deadly form of the H7N3 strain of AI."

Dr. Coats explained that there are many strains of AI, and those most deadly to birds are classified as 'highly pathogenic.' Even lowpathogenic forms of AI must be eradicated, as the AI virus can mutate, or 'shift' over time, evolving into deadlier forms of the disease, he said. Despite a complete epidemiological review, the task force has not yet determined how the

disease was introduced into the area. However, Dr. Coats said migratory waterfowl are a natural reservoir for the disease, and it is possible that infected birds transited the area and shed the AI virus in droppings or through respiratory discharge.

"Biosecurity is extremely important when dealing with poultry flocks and other birds," he noted. "Disinfect your boots and put on disposable coveralls or clean clothes before walking into poultry pens or houses. Make sure you're not bringing in viruses or bacteria on equipment-disinfect tools with bleach and water or a commercial disinfectant. As an added precaution, disinfect vehicle tires before entering your premise, so you don't haul in, disease. Ask visitors to park away from your facilities, and if they visit your flock, ensure that they also follow biosecurity measures."

"We are very hopeful that the AI situation has been contained and eradicated in Hopkins County, but we'll wait to declare victory until the second round of tests are completed in late June," said Dr. Coats. "With any luck-and lots of hard work-the field teams will return to their regular duties by early July, and Texas will remain free of AI.'

Obituaries

Willie Velma Andress

Funeral services for Willie Velma Andress, 96, of Haskell were held Sun., June 20 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with her son, Rev. Ken Andress, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 8, 1907 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Ruben Densmore Lackey and Olien Buford Lackey. She married Oscar Herly Andress June 14, 1924. He preceded her in death Dec. 31, 1935.

After being widowed at the age of 28 with her three young children; she worked very hard to support her family. In the early years, that included farm labor, hoeing cotton, pulling bolls, selling eggs, working in a laundry and for the WPA to make sure that her family was never hungry. She was an excellent cook and later worked in the Haskell school cafeterias for over 20 years, various restaurants, and even had her own pie-baking business in her home. She was a very good seamstress and made clothes for herself, her family and the public. In her later years, she became an avid arts and crafts enthusiast and sold her work. Each member of her family looked forward to Christmas when they knew they would receive a special gift of her handiwork: it took her most of the year to make so many gifts.

She and her husband were charter members of the Weaver Baptist Church which met in the Weaver School, southeast of Haskell. Her husband served there as pastor from 1933 until his death in 1935. When the congregation moved their church into Haskell, she was a charter member of the newly formed East Side Baptist Church. In 1972, she joined First Baptist Church in Haskell. She loved her Lord and served Him and her church in many capacities including church clerk, pianist, Vacation Bible School director and GA director. She also taught Sunday School to every age from the cradle roll to senior adults for all of her adult life until her health began to fail.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father and stepmother, Pearl Collins Lackey; husband; infant son, Oscar Herly Andress Jr; son-in-law, Rev. Raymond Elmore; great grandson, Lisle Raughton; and sister, Alta Faye Davis Field.

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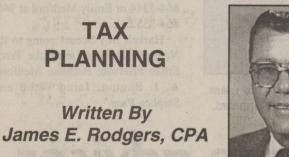
Survivors include two daughters, Olien Elmore of O'Brien and Melva Everett and husband, Felton of Haskell; one son, Rev. Ken Andress and wife, Betty of Abilene; three sisters, Naomi Andress of Miami, Ariz., Juanita Grimes of Weinert and Frieda Fly of Rochester; grandchildren, Judy Elmore, David and Brenda Elmore, Joe and Gloria Elmore, Randy and Rhonda Elmore, Mike and Kristi Andress, Paula and Terry Bowden, Vance and Cindy Andress, Pat and Steven Grand, Nancy and Tim Raiter, Sherrie and Jim Raughton, Cindy and James Castleberry; 18 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

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•Second, talk with your accountant and attorney. They know you and your business and can give insight and guidance throughout this process. They understand the legal and tax implications and might recommend a good business broker.

•Third, think like the buyer. Anticipate the information potential buyers will want and the questions they might ask. Prepare a package that informs and impresses.

•Fourth, be flexible. Are you willing to assist the buyer with partial financing? Are you prepared to assist in the business for a time to insure a smooth transition?

•Fifth, spruce things up. Just as an immaculate house will sell more quickly than on in need of repairs, it's the same for a business. Do you have your systems documented so that operations flow seamlessly? A buyer will pay more for an operation that is self-sustaining and that basically runs itself. Wouldn't you?

•Sixth, sleep on it, and think ahead. What will you do with your time after the business if gone? Will you retire or move on to another business venture? Think through your decision before you commit to selling the business. Make sure it feels right from both an emotional and financial perspective.

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Leroy Hicks Jr.

Funeral services for Leroy Hicks Jr., 45, formerly of Rule, were held Sat., June 19 at the West Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Elijah B. Demerson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

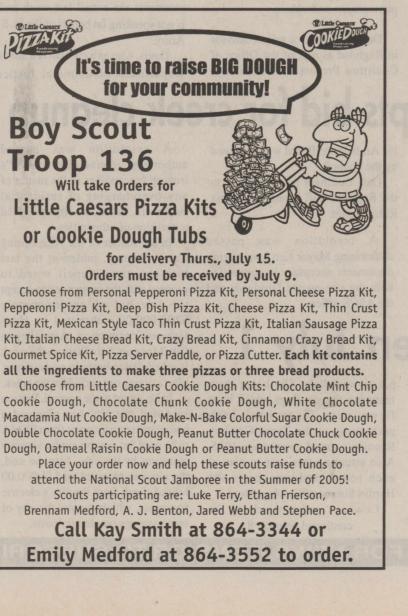
Mr. Hicks died Tues., June 15 at a Hospice Center in Amarillo

Born Dec. 12, 1958 in Stamford, he was the son of Leroy Hicks Sr., and Louise Hicks. He married Alma Rae Jan. 4, 1997 in Amarillo. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother. Louise Hicks: sister, Mary Louise Hicks; grandparents, Stoice Williams, Willie Williams, George Hicks, Sr.; brother, Shannon

Memorials may be made to Buckner Child and Family Services through First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Taylor; and one grandson, Demarlone LaVar Givens Jr. Survivors include his wife, Alma Rae Hicks; two sons, LaKent Breon Givens an DeMarlone LaVar Givens; two daughters, Jennifer Drone and Mary Louise Hicks; his father, Leroy Hicks, Sr.; two brothers, Larry Hicks and James Hicks; one sister, Georgiana Hicks; a very special aunt, Mae Helen Dessivia; seven grandchildren, Ashley, Tavares and Ferdinand Drone, Tia Nicole Toombs, Alexis Givens, Damarlone LaVar Givens III, and Destiny Givens: eight sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law, three aunts; five uncles; grandmother, Euanna Hicks; a very special mother and father-in-law, Missionary Mary Jiles and Elmo Jiles, Sr; special daughters-in-law, Pvt. Tami Terrell Givens and Chasity Givens; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family. PD. NOTICE



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Hilee Mulligan to compete for Miss Texas title

Hilee Mulligan, daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell, will compete as Miss Johnson County in the upcoming Miss Texas Pageant to be held July 4-10 in Fort Worth.

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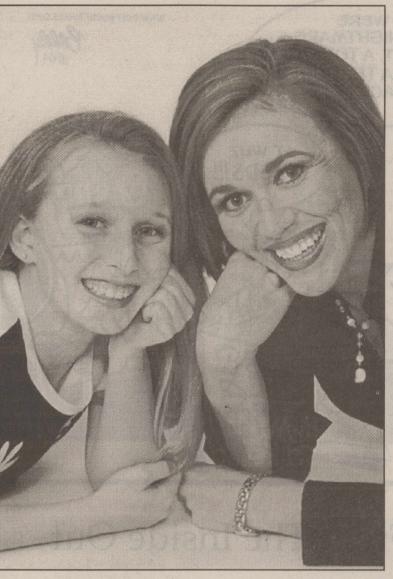
In a mentoring program known as the Lone Star Princess, which was implemented this year by the Miss Texas Organization, Mulligan will have two young ladies with her, from families in this area, to participate in the program as representatives for Johnson County.

Pageant televised July 10 8 p.m. on KTXS

Lone Star Princess, Mackenzie Larned is the daughter of Johney and Derinda Larned of New Braunfels, and granddaughter of Florence Larned of Haskell and Donald and Gracie Griffis of Weinert.

Lone Star Princess, Megan Hawkins is the daughter of John and Brenda Beth Hawkins of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hawkins of Aspermont, Connie Rothell of Abilene and Clarence Rothell of Ada, Oklahoma. She is the great-granddaughter of Dene Hawkins of Aspermont and Mary Swinson of Stamford.

The Lone Star Princesses spent the weekend of June 12 in Fort Worth filming a video to be shown each night of the preliminaries and on the final night of the Miss Texas Pageant. Local coverage of the pageant will be shown on KTXS at 8:00 p.m. Sat., July 10.



BEAUTY CONTESTANTS-Young Megan Hawkins, left, will be mentored by Miss Texas contestant, Hilee Mulligan, right, in the Lone Star Princess program at the Miss Texas Pageant.



MISSES CONTESTANTS-Mackenzie Larned, right, will participate in the The Lone Star Princess program at the Miss Texas Pageant, mentored by Miss Texas contestant, Hilee Milligan.

Around Town **By Joyce Hawkins**

Tammy Flanary and daughter," Ashley of Arkansas visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair and other family over the weekend.

Others visiting with the Blairs during Father's Day weekend were daughter, Michelle Pannell and her daughter Brittney of Throckmorton; daughter, Vickie and Gary Hawkins,* and son, Nathan Blair, all of Haskell; Levi Pannell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilliard of Minnesota spent several days with his_ mom, Bernice Hilliard.

Births

Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Renee Toliver, born Fri., June 18 at 11:10 a.m. at Shannon Memorial Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She had a sister, Chelsea; and two brothers, Marcus and Eric who welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Alvin and Janice Niehues of Norton and Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.

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Library Notes By Joan Frazier

It is time to come in and register for the summer reading program at the Haskell County Library.

Our programs this year are divided into age groups. We think this will make the story times more interesting for all concerned. Our story-times will be held in the month of July, from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Five to eight-year-olds will meet on Tuesday mornings, July 6, 13, 20, 27.

Nine to twelve-year-olds will meet on Wednesday mornings, July 7, 14, 21, 28.

Two to four-year-olds will meet on Thursday mornings, July 8, 15, 22, 29

some new audio, video and book racks. We have been given some classic videos and they have a \$3.00 deposit that is refundable when the movie is returned. We have also purchased some classics on audiotape, and have had several new ones donated. A new shipment of books arrived last Friday, also.

We have a display of dolls from around the world. Nancy Toliver has graciously loaned us her dolls representing all of the countries she has visited. We have two locked glass display cases, and if any one has a collection they would like to share, we would be delighted to house it for a time.

Paint Creek cheerleaders attend national camp

CLASSIFIED SELLS

The Paint Creek cheerleaders, who recently attended the four day National Cheerleader Camp at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, brought back numerous excellent award ribbons and many superior award ribbons for their daily evaluations, as well as one of the coveted "Spirit Sticks" which are awarded for hard work and plenty of spirit.

While at the camp they found new

friends, time to bond as a new squad and learning new cheers, chants and dances.

Junior High cheerleaders attending were Ariel Blair and Tabatha Schonerstedt. Varsity cheerleaders attending were Melanie Bishop, Alice Blair, Tammy Daniel, Kailey McCord, LaShell Walker and Hali Wolsch.

Susan Brooks is the cheerleader sponsor at Paint Creek School.9912



Is it hard to find a comfortable pair of shoes?

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the local library.

Attention Parents: If your child has overdue books from the library or lost items that need to be paid for, ou need to know that your child will not be allowed to check out any more books or play on the computers until these books are returned, the fine is paid or the books are paid for.

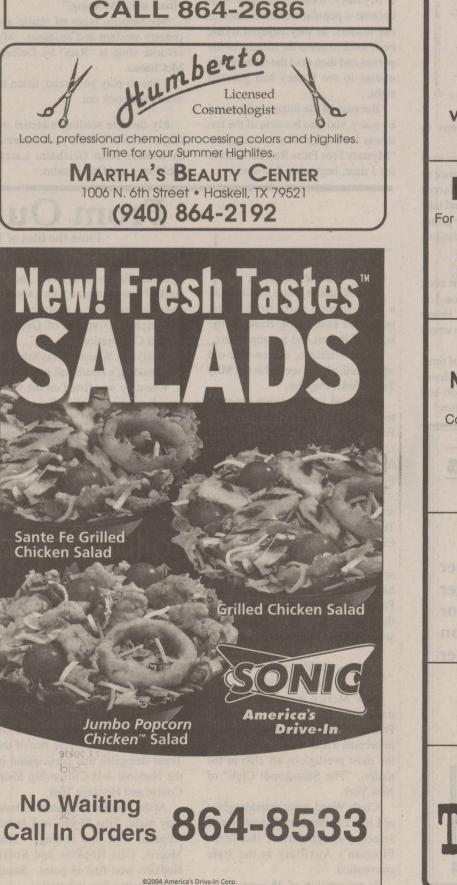
We will dedicate some computers for games and some for the public to use, as we have patrons taking college classes, defensive driving courses, looking up medical information, filling out financial forms, etc., and we must not let all of the computers be taken up with games. The games will be timed, and the children will have to relinquish their computer to others who are waiting. In other words, no one can come in and spend the day playing games on the computers. Please know that parents are responsible for their children at the library; we are not a free day care

We received some extra money this year and we have purchased

Memorial donations to the Haskell County Library are as follows: Emma Bland, Bobbie Merchant Brewick, Lennie Williams, Annie Bess Cobb, Alta Faye Davis Field, Dorothy Halliburton, LaVaughn Meredith, Terry Milam Diggs and Edwin Roberson.

Memorial donations to the Friends of the Library are as follows: Emma Franklin, Ella Bell Burson, Louise McBeth, Raja Hassen, Fadwa Hassen and Nabeela Hassen David, Delma Matthews, Dorothy Halliburton, Alta







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Governor tells agencies to prepare 5% budget cut AUSTIN-Gov. Rick Perry is in Mexico this week on a trade mission, but before he left he told state agencies to start planning for a 5

percent budget cut next session. During the last regular session, lawmakers pared 11 percent from the state budget, a cutback that resulted in drastic program cuts in the health and human services agencies.

The word to get ready for another round of state agency budget slashing came in a letter from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Budget Office directing that budget submissions be based on 95 percent of current general revenue funding.

As soon as news of the letter from Perry's office got out, the Austinbased Center for Public Policy Priorities put out a press release saying the governor's proposed cut amounted to a "man-made disaster" for Texas.

"There is no revenue reason for agencies to be instructed to cut back even more on already-inadequate services," said the center's David Levine. "With our recovering economy, we should have enough money to reverse some of the most harmful cuts made in the last legislative session, not make more."

The governor's office countered that the letter amounted to little more than bureaucratic boilerplate, the first step in a long budget-making process that won't end until some time late in the spring of 2005.

The called-for 5 percent cut is based on "worst-case scenario" planning, said Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt. "We have a lot of time before the next budget is decided," she said.

School finance talk continues... While the Democrats attended their annual convention in Houston and Perry's office finalized his Mexican travel plans, a group of House members from both parties met in Austin to mull school finance options.

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

The meetings were informal, as opposed to gavel-knocking committee hearings. Teacher and business groups also were invited to offer their thoughts on the matter.

The talks were expected to continue this week.

One school fund problem solved... Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick have authorized the Texas Education Agency to transfer funds internally to pay for \$63 million in textbooks needed for the coming school year.

The book-keeping work allows TEA to be able to provide biology and bilingual English as a second language books.

The textbooks were to have been paid for through legislative changes in how fuel tax money is collected, but Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office had refused to certify the revenue, saying it had not met projections.

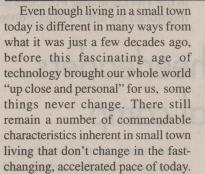
The legislative leadership said last week that the money TEA is ponying up this summer will be repaid in the next budget.

Looking for work?

The Texas Workforce Commission has set up a new way to seek employment or to post a job opening, a Web site called WorkInTexas.com.

A partnership between the state agency and local workforce boards and centers, the site lists more than 27,000 available jobs and 46,000 Texans looking for work.

So far, according to the governor's office, more than 3,800 people have been hired through connections made through the Web site since its launch May 24.



For instance, the way people come together in times of hardship or crisis, the way they grieve, rejoice and celebrate milestones together, is still alive in small town living. Along with all of the great opportunities available for us to move ahead in our perception and understanding of the larger world, our common bonds of community remain strong, and we still enjoy taking time to know one another's "human story."

Last year for several weeks we ran a Mystery Reader feature that became a popular item for many of

our readers, as they enjoyed trying

each week to guess the identity of the

person and then read the next week's

update to see if they had guessed

by many, and also because of the fun

Because of the interest expressed

A Mystery Reader may be one of our neighbors right here in Haskell or a Free Press reader now living in other places around the country. Our special thanks go to all of those who are responding to our invitation to participate in this "people story"

From The Inside Out

Who is This Mystery Reader?

I was born in Abilene. I have been married 30 years and have five children.

I attended Haskell High School, the University of North Texas, Southern Methodist University, University of Houston, Sul Ross University and Prairie View A&M.

No one knows that I once had the best time in the Region for the mile run and the 1600 meter run, and won the District in the mile run two consecutive years.

My favorite TV show/program is "Imus in the Morning."

My favorite foods are steak, seafood and Mexican food.

www.barryscartoons.com

My favorite place in Texas is Austin. My favorite vacation spots in the world are beaches, mountains and New Orleans.

By Mary Kaigler

My best quality is being friendly, personable and having a good sense of humor. My worst quality is being impatient and being mad at myself. I hate it when people are two-

faced and irresponsible.

The person from history with whom I'd most like to talk is Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

For me, the best things about Haskell are friends and former students

Watch for an update on this Mystery Reader next week.

Thoughts for the Week "How we relate to ourselves determines how we relate to others. By cultivating the best in ourselves. we begin to offer the possibility of change; change that ripples outward, creating a unified, interconnected global community with those who are different, those we don't understand. We will then see how, in our differences, we are linked.' Chungliang Al Huang, writing in the collection of essays, "What Does it Mean to Be Human?'

Weather Whys

Q: What is the deadliest type of weather disaster?

A: The weather-related incident that kills the most people in the United States is flooding, says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. "You hear a lot about blizzards or tornadoes, but more people are killed by floods that any other type of weather-related incident," Hammer explains. "This goes back to 1889 and the famous Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania in which 2,200 people were killed. During the 20th century, floods were the number one natural disaster in the U.S. in terms of property damage and fatalities. In 1993, the Great Midwest Flood killed 48 people and did \$12 billion in damage in numerous states. But that's nothing compared to other parts of the world. In 1931, one of the worst weather incidents in history occurred when the Yangtze River flooded, killing 3.7 million in China in flooding and subsequent disease and starvation. In 1971 in Viet Nam, more than 100,000 died in flooding in that country."

Q: Why are floods so dangerous?

A: The best answer is that too much water flows at one place in a very short time, adds Hammer. "Flash floods are the most dangerous because they can happen quickly and have tremendous power, moving anything in their path," Hammer says. "Flash floods can occur any time, any where. The National Weather Service notes that flash floods can occur because of excessive rainfall, a dam or levee failure or a sudden release of water held by ice jams. A flash flood caused by 15 inches of rain in 5 hours killed 237 people in Rapid City, S.D., in 1972. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, most flood deaths are caused by flash floods, and 50 percent of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle-related. Also, 90 percent of people who die during a hurricane are due to drowning caused by flooding. To compound the problem, in the U.S. most homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding."



Take time for a vacation

Taking a vacation-getting away from work and your everyday schedule-is not just a fun diversion. It's essential for mental health and creativity, says Dr. Ann Matt Maddrey, assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"We typically think of a vacation as a period of rest and relaxation," she says. "But if you look at the word 'vacate,' it means to 'leave' or 'empty out'-as in empty one's mind of your normal routine, to make way for other things.

"Sometimes we get so stressed that we don't take time to recharge. When a battery runs down, there's no. energy left; it needs to be recharged.

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That's exactly what happens to people."

Whether you leave town or stay at home, vacations offer a chance to increase creativity, see different things and different people, and take oneself away from life's daily grind, Dr. Maddrey says. And vacations don't have to cost a fortune.

"Take a virtual vacation," she says. "Decide what kind of vacation you want and replicate it at home. Home can be a haven and safe place where you can recharge as well.

"Vacations are not a waste of time. You can't give what you don't have. You will do a much better job and have new ideas when you return."

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it was for us, we are reinstating the "Mystery Free Press Reader" feature for a time, beginning this week.

right.

10 Years Ago June 23, 1994

Haskell native Gene Mullins had a book-signing party for his first published book, Dog Bark, in the home of Robert and Suzanne Starr.

Hilee Mulligan, eleven-year-old of Haskell, placed second in the Miss Teen Model Pageant.

Jo Nored Lane, county program technician with the Haskell County Farmers Home Administration office, received a 30-year service award from Philip C. Madeley of Abilene, FmHA district director.

Jonathan Lefevre, Jennifer Burson and Casey Thompson attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 32nd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

Hans Overton, junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 148, received his Eagle rank during ceremonies in Paint Creek. Overton was presented the Eagle award by his father and scoutmaster, Wallar Overton.

20 Years Ago June 28, 1984

New Mexico artist, Janet Syling daughter of Oleta and Curt Pennington of Haskell, was invited to become a non-resident member of the most prestigious art club in the nation, "The Samagundi Club" of New York.

Cindy Wood, great granddaughter of Lillie Lehrmann of Sagerton, was selected sweetheart of the Texas Fireman's Auxiliary at the state convention.

In recognition of 25 years as an

My favorite types of music are country western and religious. My favorite song is "Rita" by Delbert McClinton.

I like to play golf, read, listen to music and cook out.

My favorite reading material or subject is WWII history, and stories by writers John Grisham, Larry McMurtry and Dan Jenkins.

From Out of the Past From the files of The Haskell Free Press

Oldsmobile dealer, Bailey L. Toliver of Bailey Toliver Chervrolet, Inc. in Haskell was presented with a special commemorative plaque by Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation.

Jacklyn G. Wheatley was listed on the president's honor roll and Roger L. Wheatley was listed on the vicepresident's honor roll at Texas State Technical Institute.

The Haskell Girl's softball season ended with the Jelly Beans sponsored by Kay's Cleaners in first place for the major league. Players were LaKay Gibbs, Jenny Hays, Kristen Campbell, Missy Watland, Teresa Rodriquez, Tiffany Moeller, Vicki Chavez, Varsha Patel, Lori Alvarez and Lori Darden.

> **30 Years Ago** June 27, 1974

Daniel Riley, Monnie Hise, Johnny Fuentes, Ricky Drinnon, Tommy McAdams, Ricky Kennedy, Abel Gomez, Rocky Young, Joe Wheatley, Steve Foster, Jeff Hatfield, Albert Enriquez and Jackie Escobedo were chosen to be on the Haskell Little League All-Star Team.

Melissa Roberson and Calvin Wilfong of Haskell were two of the Texas delegates that participated in the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour.

At the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse play night, Tina Morris and James Hopkins won first in flags. Tina Morris, Carl Hopkins and Susan Hopkins won first in poles. Susan Hopkins won first in barrels.

The Lions baseball team of the Little League Majors presented managers Lonnie Hise, Billy Roberts, Thomas McAdams and Terry Cravey with a first place trophy.

40 Years Ago June 25, 1964

Andrea Bird, Haskell High School senior and a citizen of the American Legion Auxilitary Bluebonnet Girls State, was elected Mayor of "City A" in balloting setting up the administration of Girls State on the campus of the Texas School for the Blind.

Haskell's Sheriff Posse "Saddle Tramps" placed first among riding clubs judged at the Aspermont Rodeo and third at Vernon's famed Santa Rosa Roundup.

Norman Nanny of Haskell was named Outstanding Conservationist Farmer, in the Haskell Work Unit Area, of the California Creek Conservation District and received the Lions and Fort Worth Press Soil award plaque.

The Haskell Free Press, represented by Editor Porter Oakes received a plaque "For Outstanding Achievement in Journalism" as a first place winner in the field of column writing at the 85th annual convention of the Texas Press Association.

Jim Kemp, son of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Kemp, a member of Haskell Boy Scout Troop 36, was presented a jeweled pin for Scouting achievement by Scoutmaster Edd Smart.



June 24, 1954

Janis Pitman of Haskell was Haskell's sponsor at the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford.

Bill Adkins of Haskell was chosen as the head twirling and drummajoring instructor for McMurry College's sixth annual summer Vacation Band School.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Brock of Haskell were happy over the news of the arrival of two new grandsons. Stephen Craig of Lubbock and Roderick Mark of Sweetwater.

Eight Haskell students attended the 38th annual Methodist Youth Fellowship assembly of the Northwest Texas Conference at McMurry College. Attending were June Cook, Janis Pitman, Ruth Hiebert, Culver Carney, Sam Eubanks, Nancy McFarlin, Janice Scott and Bettye Montgomery.

100 Years Ago June 29, 1904

Rev. Geo. A. Nance of Seymour preached at Pinkerton and was in Haskell on his way to St. Louis to see the great World's Fair, after which he intends to visiting friends and relatives at his old homeplace in Kentucky.

G. T. McCullough reports seeing the first cotton blooms of the season on Mr. Benton's farm 14 miles north of town.

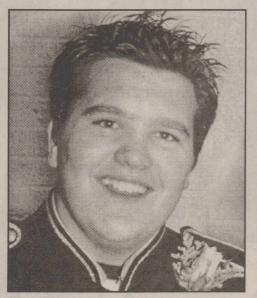
M. L. Lynch has purchased Mr. Patterson's interest in their meat market and restaurant business. He will continue to operate the establishment in the same location.

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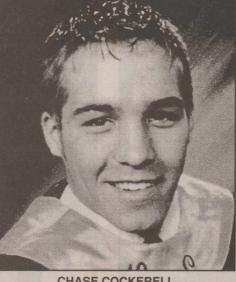
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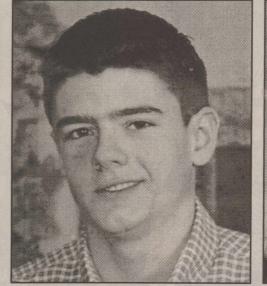
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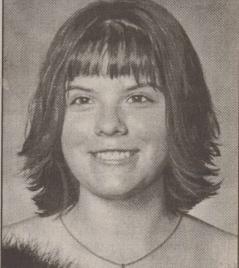


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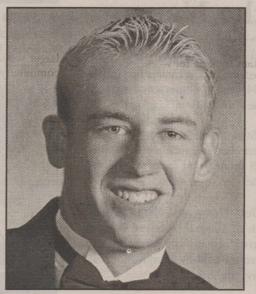
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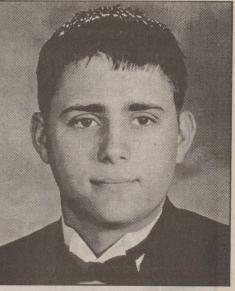
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READING AWARDS–Haskell fourth grade students, I-r, Jasmine Klose and Sara Duncan, received new bikes as readers making at least an 80% grade on the Accelerated Reading Program tests. With them are teachers Sherry Adams and Jonell Roberts.

STEREO AWARD-Haskell fifth grade student, Dawn Skinner, received new stereo equipment after successfully completing the Accelerated Reading Program. With her is teacher Trish Johnson.

Students to attend speech camp

Three Haskell students will be among more than 500 students from 110 schools representing seven states, attending the 30th annual Speech-Debate-Broadcast Camp, July 11-16 and July 18-23, held at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Attending from Haskell in Camp Session II, will be Caleb Hudgens, participating in the Advanced Team Cross Examination Debate division; Andrew Long and Kristen Martinez, participating in the Beginning Team Cross Examination Debate division. "Most of the students come to the camp to prepare for next year's speech tournament competition and to learn new debate, public speaking and acting skills," said Tony Allison, Camp Coordinator.

Cross examination team debaters will work on next year's national high school debate topic, "Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of the United Nations peace keeping operations."

Students in the News

Three Haskell students were among 724 honor students recognized for the spring 2004 semester at Midwestern State University.

Kristin Cypert and Jonie Amanda

Wade Cothron, undeclared major, was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 Spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Students on the Dean's List must



STEREO WINNER-Haskell sixth grade student, McKenzie Barrington, received a new stereo after completing the Accelerated Reading Program. With her is teacher Debbie Earles.





READER REWARDS—Haskell Elementary first graders, I-r, Mathew Frazier and Cierra Moore proudly hold the new bikes they were awarded at the end of the Accelerated Reading Program. With them are teachers, Marijane Cunningham and Susan LeFevre.

Martinez were named to the President's Honor Roll, which requires completion of a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A (4.0).

Ricky Anderson was named to the Provost's Honor Roll, which requires a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

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be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Joel Nanny and Sarah Wheat, both of Haskell, received degrees during spring commencement exercises held by Hardin-Simmons University Sat., May 8.

Nanny received a master of science degree in environmental management. Wheat received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.





BIKE AWARDS-Haskell third graders, I-r, Victor Vasquez and Preston Morrow pose with their teacher, Melodee Christian, and the new bikes they received after completing the Accelerated Reading Program.

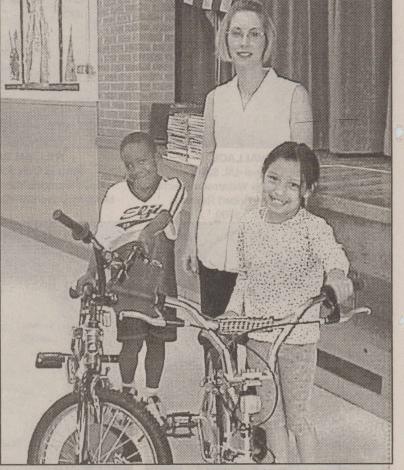
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HAPPY READERS—Haskell second grade students, I-r, Nathaniel Dever and Gloria De Los Santos show off the bikes they received in the Accelerated Reader Program, making at least an 80% grade on the AR reading tests. With them is teacher Rhonda Hanson.



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About The Following Pages

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This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o' discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. ()____ par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

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- A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. Action Level (AL) -The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other
- requirements which a water system must follow.
- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- parts per million, or milligrams per ppm liter (mg/l)
- ppb parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ($\mu g/l$)
- parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter ppt -
- parts per quadrillion, or picograms per ppq -

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Arsenic		3.1000- 3.1000	50	0 pibrite	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2002	Barium	0.202	0.2020- 0.2020	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Fluoride	0.4	0.4000- 0.4000	4	4	pṗm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2003	Nitrate	0.02	0.0200- 0.0200	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Selenium	7.1, suit	7.1000- 7.1000	50	50	ррb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

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2003-2003	Bromodichloromethane 51	51.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2003-2003	Dibromochloromethane 43		ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Constituent	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Turbidity	0.28	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.
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Year	Constituent	Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Copper	1.0300		1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits Leaching from wood preservatives.
2001	Lead	12.6000	Rice SI	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
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Texas Cowboy Reunion

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past, present and future will fill the authentic rodeo arena for the grand entry introduction to the performances each night at 8 p.m. Classic events of the rodeo will include the Wild Mare Race, Wild Cow Milking and the Double Mugging.

A nightly dance under the stars will be held to the sounds of Muddy Creek on Thursday night and Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in the TCR's open air covered dance pavilion beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Throughout the four days, various events are planned including the Western Art Show and Trade Show in the John Selmon Gallery and the TCR Trade Show featuring wall to wall booths of western attire, jewelry, furniture and TCR souvenirs in the upstairs portion of the gallery.

Featured cowboy poet Dennis Gaines will headline this year's Cowboy Symposium scheduled Sat. at 2 p.m.

Other events throughout the TCR will include a Chuckwagon Cookoff, Barbecue Cook-off, Bit and Spur Show in the Roundup Hall and

This Week's Devotional Message:



picture of a beautiful bride or a starry- manners and good nature that united eyed engaged couple. Yet in view of them in the first place, work out some the mounting divorce statistics, we areas of compromise and ignore minor wonder how many of these marriages irritations, they might have a chance. will last even a year, let alone a lifetime. Above all, they should attend their The romantic euphoria can quickly melt house of worship and be reminded of in the heat of arguments about money, what love means. It is quite likely that working wives, children and all the their marital problems could be solved little everyday faults that went at the very altar where they exchanged

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A common sight in any newspaper is a couple would resume the good unnoticed during the courtship. If the their vows. It is certainly worth a try.

-HASKELL-**East Side Baptist Church** Dr. Jim Helfin, interim pastor Sun: 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell New Vision Family Worship Center 864-5438 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 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 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.

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First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester ----SAGERTON---Sagerton Methodist Church Melissa Bemis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton ----RULE---**First Baptist Church** Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 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 Fergerson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church 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. Paint Creek -O'BRIEN-**O'Brien Baptist Church** Milton McManus, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. **O'Brien** Personality Slipper Shoppe 413 S. 1st (South Side of Square) 864-2501 and 864-3051 "One Stop Shopping" Haskell Free **Press**

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Those attending the Preview Party can watch the artists as they are painting. No one will duck, flinch, or reach for a gun when "Draw" is shouted. Instead the artists will start painting and in one hour will have an original painting ready to be auctioned. Patrons can mingle and observe these miracle works in the making and then try to outbid each other in the auction.

Also in the auction is a print on canvas donated by Cowboy Hall of" Fame artist, Wayne Baize from Fort Davis with all proceeds benefiting the Rehab. Baize was an original artist in the Stamford Art Show in 1974 and continues to be supportive.

Tickets for all events available at

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The Preview Party will be Wed., June 30 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Besides the "Quick Draw" event there will be a steak dinner served and music by the Muddy Creek Band. The art for the 2004 show will be viewed for the first time and those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the artists.

Tickets for the Preview Party are \$35 each. For more information about the tickets, call Kris Fouts at 325-773-5777.

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

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Friday: Chili dogs, French fries, pickles, ice cream with toppings



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WATER TREATMENT PROCESS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE FROM FREE CHLORINE

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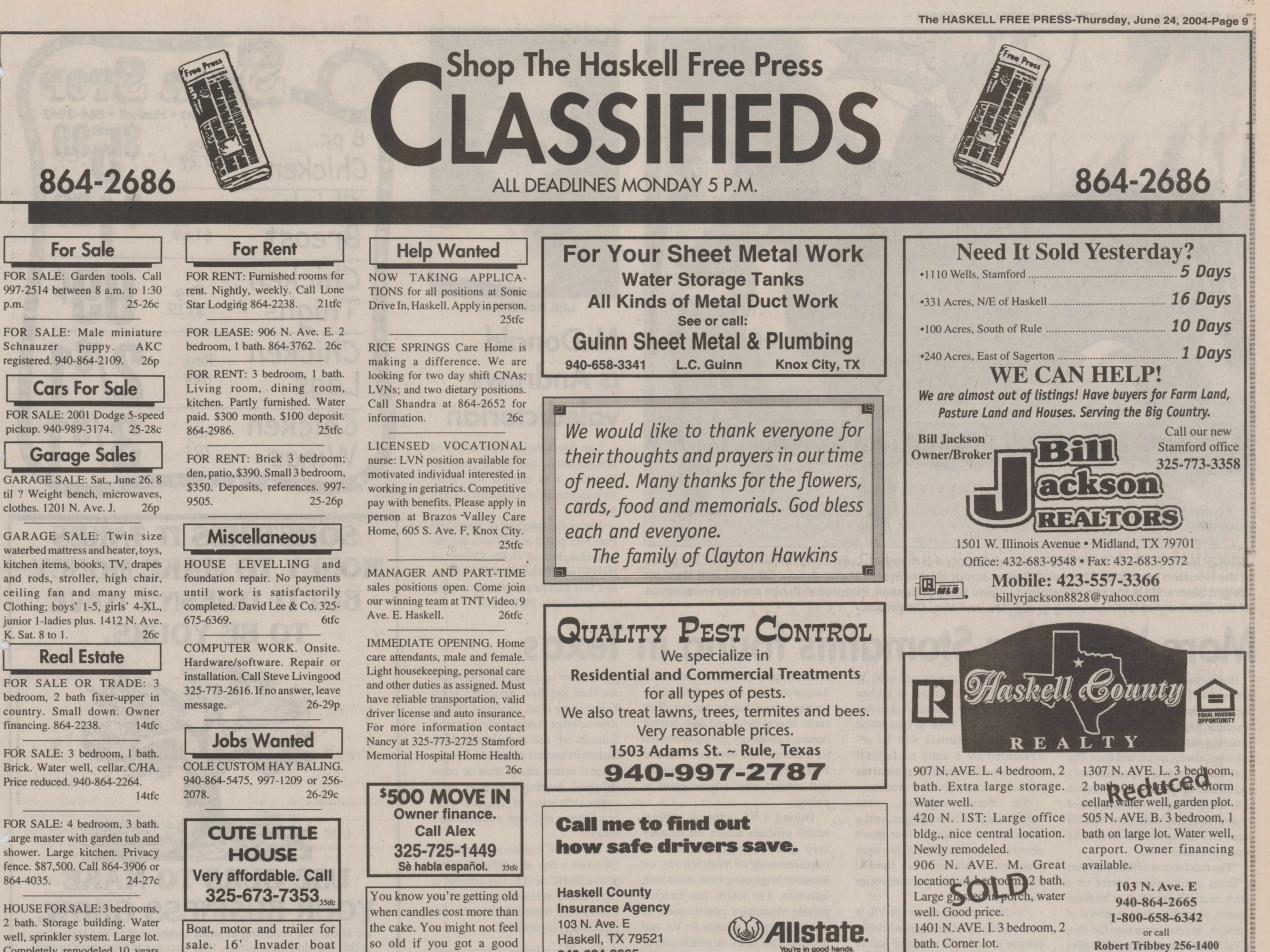
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and living.

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JUNIOR MARKET STEER WINNER-Haskell County 4-H member, Luke Terry, of Haskell took 3rd place at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Market Steers Maine-Anjou, Class 2 Light Medium Weight Steers. He is the son of Pam and Leland Terry of Haskell. Pictured with him are representatives of the Bluebonnet Belles buying group, Mr. and Mrs. Claybrook.

More Vesicular Stomatitis found in Texas Horses on a total of three sites in premise remain quarantined until 30 mouth disease (FMD), an extremely you borrow equipment or tools from

Horses on a total of three sites in Texas and four premises in New Mexico are known to be infected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a painful blistering disease of livestock, such as horses, sheep, swine and deer. The viral disease appears spontaneously and sporadically in the southwestern U.S. and is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. The VS cases this spring are the first to be confirmed since 1998.

"The most recent confirmed cases in Texas involve three horses on a ranch near Denver City, in Yoakum County, about 80 miles southwest of Lubbock, and one horse near Del Rio, in Val Verde County about 150 miles west of San Antonio," said Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The country's first VS cases this year were confirmed May 19, in three horses, which are confined to their ranch in Reeves County, in far west Texas. To prevent animal-to-animal disease transmission, the TAHC requires that the VS-infected animals and the other livestock on the

premise remain quarantined until 30 days after all VS blisters or lesions heal, a process that usually takes two or three weeks. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be reexamined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

Dr. Steve England, state veterinarian for New Mexico, said a "handful" of horses on four small premises near Carlsbad, N.M. were found to be infected since June 4. The animals remain quarantined on their premises.

"During an active year for VS, it is not unusual for this unpredictable disease to be found scattered across several counties and states," said Dr. Hillman. "We urge owners and private veterinary practitioners to report clinical signs of the disease to their state veterinarians, offices. A disease investigation will be conducted, with laboratory tests run at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. There is no charge for these services. Signs of VS-which include blisters, open sores or erosions in an animal's mouth, on the muzzle, teats or hooves-mimic those of foot-andmouth disease (FMD), an extremely dangerous and highly contagious foreign animal disease that can affect cattle, sheep, swine and deer, but not horses. Laboratory testing is needed to differentiate between VS and FMD, or to determine if the animals had contact with a toxic plant or poison.

During a VS outbreak, animal health officials across the country may place additional testing requirements or restrictions on livestock originating from states with infection. The TAHC has directed private veterinary practitioners to carefully inspect animals for VS, and document the exam on certificates of veterinary inspection (health papers) issued for livestock leaving Texas. A similar statement also is required on paperwork for livestock entering Texas from other states with VS infection. Dr. Hillman recommended producers or veterinarians check with each state of destination prior to shipping livestock.

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McDonald is Andrews valedictorian

Lee McDonald, who attended kindergarten and first grade in Haskell, was named the 2004 valedictorian of Andrews High School.

She is the daughter of Barry and Pam McDonald of Andrews and the granddaughter of Golda Colbert of Haskell and the late Dr. Bob Colbert, and Nila McDonald of Andrews and the late Claude McDonald.

another rancher, disinfect them

before using them. At shows, on trail

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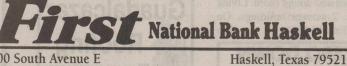


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