



JUANITA BURSON

Burson celebrates birthday

Juanita Burson of Haskell, celebrated her 100th birthday Sat., June 26.

A birthday party with many family members and friends attending, was given in her honor at the home of Dorthea Monroe by her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Earl Smith, and her youngest daughter, Nancy Brite Smith.

Visiting from Rockport were her daughter and son-in-law, Gracie and Paul Nelson, her grandson and wife, Greg and Pat Nelson, and her great-grandson, Josh Nelson. Also in attendance were her granddaughter Morgan Zerelle Ambrose of Atlanta and French Smith of Austin. Also there was her youngest sister, Dorothy Robinson.

Other relatives attending included Don Oates; Susie Oates Wheaton; Glenda Webb; Jim Robinson; Roy and Jewel Pittman; Troy and Gene Culpepper with great-grandchildren Koltan and Kourtney Jeter; Charles and Leatrice Swinson; Leta Norman; Pauline Norman; Mike, Sandy and Emily Norman; Stacy, Emma and Lane Bannen; Shirley Coston and Laura Coston Baughman.

Friends in attendance included Dorthea Rueffer Monroe, Ruth and Dee Larned and Joanie Frazier.

Juanita Burson has resided in Haskell for the past 99 years. She now lives at the Haskell Healthcare Center.

Students in the News

Three Haskell students at Texas Tech University qualified for the Spring 2004 Dean's Honor List.

Dan Fouts, son of John and Bonnie Fouts, is a junior student majoring in Animal Science.

Bergen Peiser, daughter of Charlotte and Robbie Peiser, is a sophomore student, majoring in Early Childhood.

Katie Thompson, daughter of Wanda and Kenny Thompson, is junior student, majoring in Mass Communications.

Making the President's List was Leslie Grand, daughter of Steve and Pat Grand. She is a sophomore student, majoring in Arts & Science.

To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the

semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.59 grade point average, respectively.

Meg McManamon, daughter of Betsy McManamon, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies during Texas Tech University's commencement ceremonies May 15.

Two Haskell students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2004 semester were Tammi Hawkins and Cara Thomasson.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Both Hawkins and Thomasson are working toward a Bachelor of Applied Studies degree.

Students named to honor roll

Area high school students recently named to the 2003-4 National Honor Roll were: Paint Creek High School students, Jessica Messenger and Carolyn Nicole Marshall; Rule High School student, Abby Dudensing; and Rochester High School student, Gilbert Saucedo.

"Young people like these inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," said Lynn Romero, publisher of the National Honor Roll.

"We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

July 5-9

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Thursday: Tacos, pinto beans, salad/sour cream, jello

Friday: BBQ buns, assorted chips, baby carrots, strawberries

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., July 5

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Wed., July 7

Gospel singing

Lunch—Steak fritters, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, garden salad, pinto beans, buttermilk biscuits, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., July 9

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, potato salad, green beans, garlic bread, cookies and pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Recent visitors with Hyrum and Jeanie Richards were Mickey and Merta Rathbone of Eldorado.

Charlotte Foreman of Odessa spent the weekend in Haskell. She stayed with her sister and brother-in-law, Hyrum and Jeanie Richards and visited with her son and family, Flint, Lisa and Austin Nanny and with her mother, Lois Redwine.

John Richards of Dallas spent the weekend with parents, Hyrum and Jeanie Richards.

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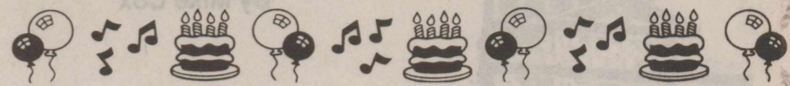
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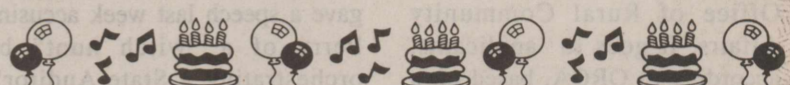
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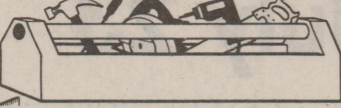
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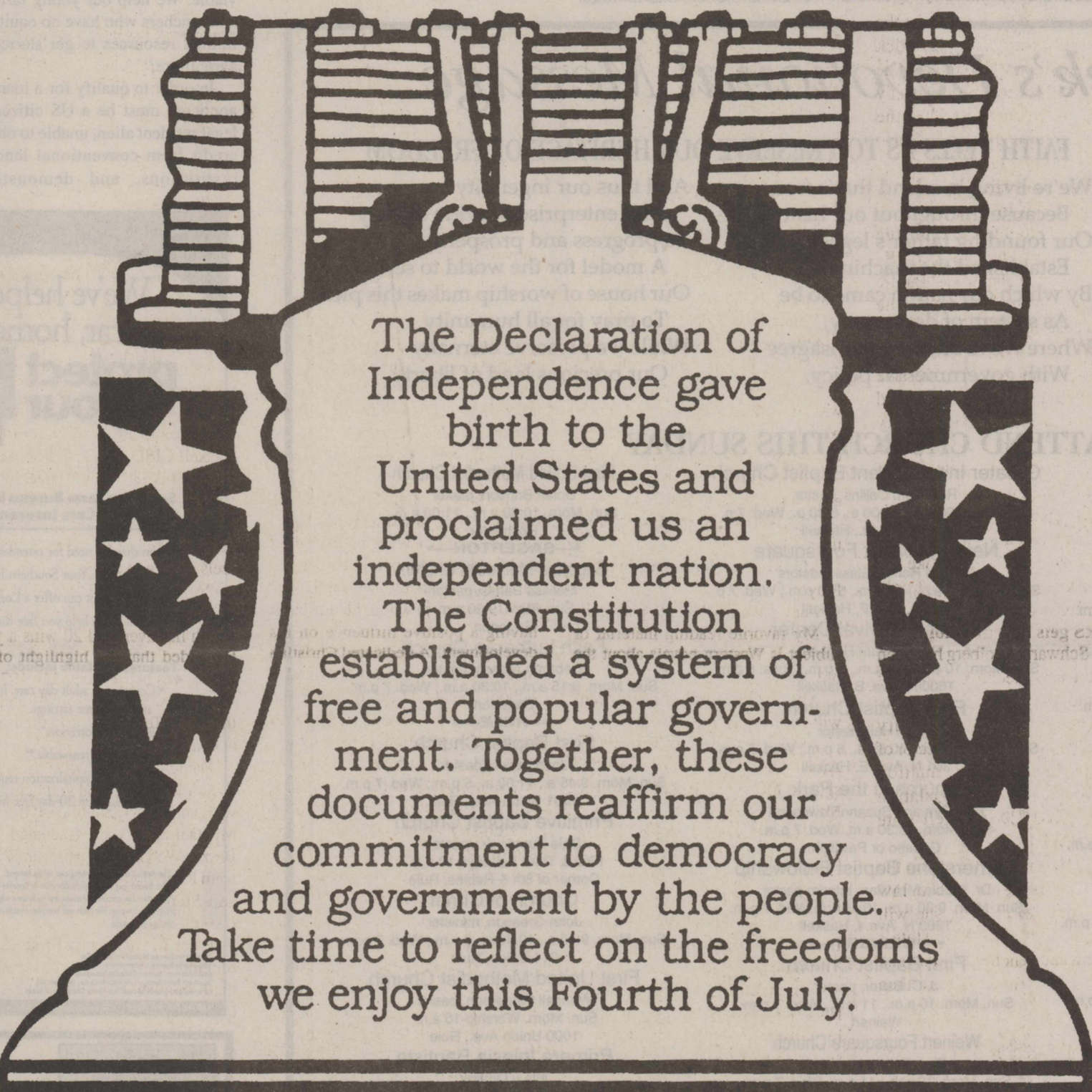


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USDA to help with renewable energy ventures

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman recently announced the availability of \$13.2 million in grants that will support the development of value-added agriculture business ventures and support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy.

Bryan Daniel State Director for USDA Rural Development in Texas

"The Value-Added Producer Grant Program offers Texas producers and businesses with opportunities to obtain capital to develop value-added products that can benefit all Texans."

"Since 2001, the Bush Administration has committed over \$100 million to support the development and enhancement of value-added agricultural in-

vestments," said Veneman. "These funds will help create new job opportunities in rural communities."

Veneman said priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51 percent of project costs dedicated to planning activities for a bio-energy project. To date, the Bush Administration has funded \$15 million in value-added development centers and over \$85 million in value-added grants, including nearly 70 energy projects. The renewable energy projects involve bio-diesel, ethanol or wind energy production or the use of bio-mass to generate energy. As a result of these projects, 669 jobs were created. Additionally, the ethanol plants have added or will add 679 million gallons per year of capacity and the bio-diesel plants have added or will add 41 million gallons per year of capacity.

agricultural product (e.g. conduct a feasibility study, develop a business plan, develop a marketing plan); or (2) acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

Awards will be made on a competitive basis. Applications must be received no later than July 30, 2004. Detailed information about application and program requirements will be included in the June 15, 2004 publication of the Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office.

The Value-Added Producer Grant program was authorized by the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-224) and the 2002 Farm Bill (P.L. 107-171). Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures interested in a competitively-awarded grant to fund one of the following two activities: (1) planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an

CRP haying and grazing approved

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for Texas producers.

Glenn R Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell County Farm Service Agency, announced that managed haying and grazing is allowed on CRP lands. Haying is approved in Texas July 2 through September 29 and grazing is approved beginning July 2 and ending October 29, 2004. The starting date for both haying and grazing is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Brzozowski emphasized that for acreage that is hayed or grazed, annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent.

Under this enhanced CRP provision, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2007. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

"The managed haying and grazing option provides producers latitude when making land management decisions regarding their operations. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said Brzozowski.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940/864-2617.

To take advantage of the haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of its technical service providers.

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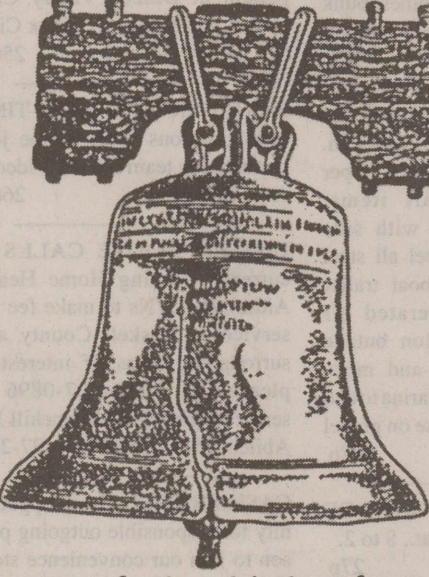
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