

Rains are a welcome sight to Haskell County area

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Haskell and Paint Creek scholarships

Twenty Haskell High School seniors and eight Paint Creek High School seniors receive scholarships.
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Swimming lessons

Jimmy Lisle will teach swim lessons at the City Pool June 20-28. The fee is \$35. To enroll, call 864-3820.

Pool phone number

To book a party or swim lessons at the Haskell City Pool, please call Jimmy or Rhonda Lisle at 864-3820. The phone at the pool is not in service yet. A phone will be available at the pool for emergency use only until the regular phone is installed.

Haskell Civic Center reservations

To make a reservation at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center please call 864-2127, Leland and Joan Thane.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Join the Olympic Team at Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church on June 10-14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. This year's motto will be "Go, Go, Go for the Goal." All children from the ages of four years through the 6th grade are welcome.

Rochester Musical

The Rochester Musical will be held Saturday, June 8, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Rochester. Admission is free and a concession stand will be available.

Youth car wash

The First Assembly of God Youth will have a car wash, Saturday, June 8, on the church parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for cars and \$15 for trucks and vans, and includes inside cleaning. Proceeds will go towards Youth Camp.

Girl's softball game

Girl's softball will hold their last game of the season on Friday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the big field. It will be the Hurricanes vs a team made of coaches of all of the softball teams. Trophies will also be handed out, but the girls will not receive their trophies until after their uniforms have been turned in. A raffle drawing for an assortment of prizes will be held after the game.

Public meeting

The Haskell City Council will discuss the traffic problem on E, F and G Avenues at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday night, June 11 at 6 p.m. They will be discussing the possibility of replacing yield signs with stop signs.

They would like to encourage members of the community to attend the meeting and voice their opinions and feelings regarding the matter.

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Storm does damage in Haskell, Rule and Rochester areas

Downed power lines, uprooted trees, broken tree limbs and reports of some roof damage, were all the result of a storm that hit Haskell around 9:30 p.m. on Monday night.

The storm, that had a possible twister or two in it, came in from the northwest, moving in a southeasterly direction and caused some damage at both Rochester and Rule, before it hit Haskell.

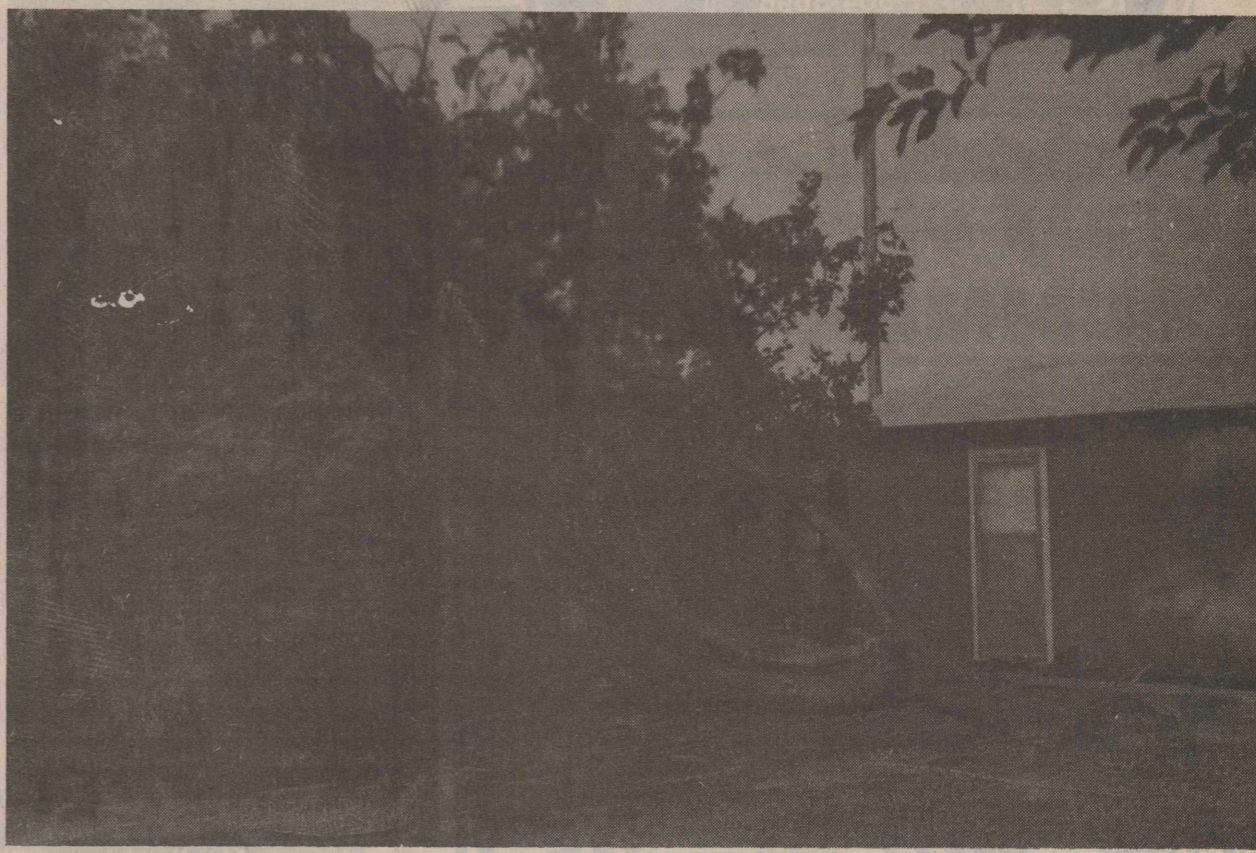
Rochester Fire Chief, Sid Smart said that the school gymnasium suffered extensive damage with the whole roof being blown off and about three inches of water on the floor. He said there were also about five houses that had extensive damage and several trees uprooted around town. Downed power lines resulted in about a three hour power outage. Smart said, "We had a flood and windstorm and possibly a couple of small twisters. When we talked to the National Weather Service last night, they said there was rotation in the clouds above us."

Rule reported a four-hour power outage in some parts of town and also some broken tree limbs.

City Administrator Sam Watson said that a pole and line were blown down at the pump station at the airport but they were able to get them back up quickly and prevent a water shortage. In addition to the tree limbs, Watson said that a lot of dumpsters were turned over around town also.

Fred Hernandez with WTU said that several parts of Haskell were without power for about three hours and some isolated cases longer than that. WTU workers were on the job all night restoring power lines to Haskell, Rule and Rochester.

The storm, however, only produced .78 of an inch of rain, bringing the monthly total to .89 inches of rain. Haskell received 1.02 inches of rain on Thursday, May 30. The rain on Monday night brought the total rainfall to 6.25 inches for the year to date for Haskell.



TREE UPROOTED BY STORM—This tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comedy on Addison Street in Haskell, was uprooted in the Monday night storm. The tree fell over on another tree in their backyard and did not cause any damage to their house. Other reports of storm damage all over the county included more trees uprooted, limbs broken off, power lines down causing power outages and some roof damages. The complete roof was blown off of the new gymnasium at Rochester School, causing flooding inside the building and damage to the floor. There were also several houses in Rochester that sustained extensive damage. The power was down in Rochester and parts of Rule for approximately three hours, and down in parts of Haskell for four hours. WTU workers were on the job all night.

Wild Horse Prairie Days, a tremendous success

"A Tremendous Success," are the best words to describe the first annual Wild Horse Prairie Days in Haskell over this past weekend. It was the culmination of long hours of hard work by the Chamber of Commerce and other community members who gave so willingly of their time.

The festivities started off on Thursday evening with local restaurants and food establishments catering a "Taste of Haskell" appreciation dinner for the sponsors, Chamber of Commerce directors and other volunteers. An assortment of delicious food to please everyone's taste adorned the serving tables and was enjoyed by all attending.

The crowning of Tonya Burson as Miss Haskell County Queen at the High School auditorium capped off the Thursday evening activities. (See separate story).

Food and merchant vendors began setting up their booths at the arena on Friday afternoon preceding the Ranch Rodeo.

The Invitational Ranch Rodeo began the festivities on Friday night, with 10 of the 20 teams entered competing in five events, Wild Cow Milking, Team Roping, Team Sorting, Team Mugging, and Team Branding, followed by a Buddy Pick-Up.

Cowboys from the Flowers Ranch, Guitar Ranch (Paint Creek Cattle Co.), Moorhouse Ranch, Bar S Ranch (Springer), Nail Ranch, Ralph Riddel Ranch, Thompson Ranch, Flat Top 8 Ranch and Bar S Ranch (Stewart), demonstrated their skill and precision in ranch work before a large crowd of cheering spectators (estimated by some to be over 1,000 people) at the Friday night performance.

Friday night's Ranch Rodeo was followed by a dance at the Haskell

Memorial Civic Center, with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys playing an assortment of country and western swing music to a packed house. An estimated 500 people were on hand to enjoy the blend of old and new tunes performed by Nix and his band.

Saturday's activities began with a Chuckwagon Cook-off at the Haskell City Park, with five chuckwagons entered in the competition, each preparing some down-home type ranch cooking.

First place winners of the Chuckwagon Cook-off, Jack Wheat of Brownwood and Bruce Herse of San Angelo with the Wheatland Ranch chuckwagon, served up a delicious meal of pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, red beans, peach cobbler and sourdough biscuits. They were awarded \$560 for their first place win. Wheat said that the wagon they use, which is his grandfather's wagon, is over 110 years old; and that their cooking utensils were all hand forged. Not only do they make all the Chuckwagon Cook-offs, but they also do custom catering.

The NT Ranch of Anson with owners Natha and Wayne Mitchell of Stanton and ranch foreman, Troy Peacock of Anson, were second place winners of \$337, with a finger-lickin' good meal of chicken fried steak, beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, peach cobbler and sourdough biscuits. Natha Mitchell said that they try to make a few of the cook-offs each year. Many of you will recognize Troy Peacock as one of the four Peacock brothers that have worked on West Texas ranches for many years, following in the footsteps of their dad, who was a ranch cowboy.

Horace and Sarah Hatfield of the Rainy Valley Ranch of Baird, served up a tasty rib-sticking meal

of pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, beans, sourdough biscuits, peach cobbler and coffee for a third place win of \$225. Bill Blankenship said that their peach cobbler was the best he had ever tasted. The Hatfields enter cook-offs as time allows. This year they have set up their wagon at a gathering at the San Antonio Fat Stock Show, and also went to Austin to help kick off the Fat Stock Show in that city. Sarah said they also attended a gathering of Chuckwagons at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, earlier in the year, where everyone cooked and sampled.

As there were only three places paid in the cook-off, the other two chuckwagons did not place, but did serve up some very tasty and

delicious food. Wilbur, Annette and Cody Wilson of the Ericisdahl Cattle Co. prepared beef fajitas, fried potatoes spiced up with onions and jalapeno peppers, beans and apple crisp. The Wilsons enter into cook-off competitions through the season.

Homer and Mitzi Robertson of Granbury prepared a mouth-watering meal of smothered steak, fried potatoes, beans, bread pudding and sourdough biscuits. This is the couple's first year to participate in chuckwagon cook-offs, but they said they were enjoying it all.

Just across the way, the brisket cook-off was getting in full swing, with a wide assortment of cookers fired up for competition.

There were 26 briskets judged in the brisket cook-off, with the first

through third place winners receiving a cash award and fourth and fifth places receiving a trophy.

The first place winner was a team from Haskell National Bank, Tom Turner, Robert Turner, Larry Kimbrough and Faye Bledsoe sharing the \$100 prize money.

The second place of \$50 went to Howard Kohout of Stamford, and third place of \$25 went to Terry Brandon of Haskell.

Fourth place winner, Lester Lofton of Lueders and fifth place winner, George Oustad of Munday, each received a trophy. The Showmanship Trophy was awarded to Roddy Kuenstler of the Chatterbox of Stamford.

Tonya Burson, Haskell Co. Queen

Tonya Burson, a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School was crowned Miss Haskell County at the Queen's Pageant held Thursday night, May 30, in the Haskell High School auditorium. Tonya is the daughter of Mrs. Judy Chapman and Tony Burson of Haskell.

Ashton Rutkowski presented Tonya a dozen red roses. She received a \$50 savings bond from First National Bank of Haskell and 1996 silver commemorative dollars from Haskell National Bank.

Tonya, who was sponsored by The Drug Store in Haskell, presided over the Wild Horse Prairie Days festivities and led the Grand Entry at the Ranch Rodeo.

1st Runner-up was Kelli Moeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moeller of Haskell. She was sponsored by Moeller Seed Cleaning. 2nd Runner-up was Misti Henson, the granddaughter of Sue and Cecil Bingham of Haskell. She was sponsored by First National Bank.

Judges were Reesa Kitt and Gail Thompson of Abilene.

Other entries in the pageant were Amy Barbour, sponsored by Personality-Slipper Shoppe; Shayne McKenzie, sponsored by Kay's Cleaners; Halee Walton, sponsored by Shane Hadaway Law offices; Melanie Alvarez, sponsored by Sport About; Amy McWhorter, sponsored Haskell National Bank; Ember Josselet, sponsored by Nanny Plumbing; and Dacia Phemister, sponsored by Heads or Tails.

A group of local people entertained the audience while the judges were making their decision. Ginny Kloog sang two songs, "When You Say Nothing at All,"



TONYA BURSON, crowned Miss Haskell County Queen

and "The River;" Hilee Mulligan performed two twirling routines; Brandy Gardner sang two selections, "Halfway Down" and "Down at the Twist and Shout;" Brittany Rutkowski performed a tumbling

routine; Nick Jimenez on the guitar and John Adam Abila on the accordion entertained the audience with several tunes; and the Wallace grandchildren performed a skit in honor of Wild Horse Prairie Days.

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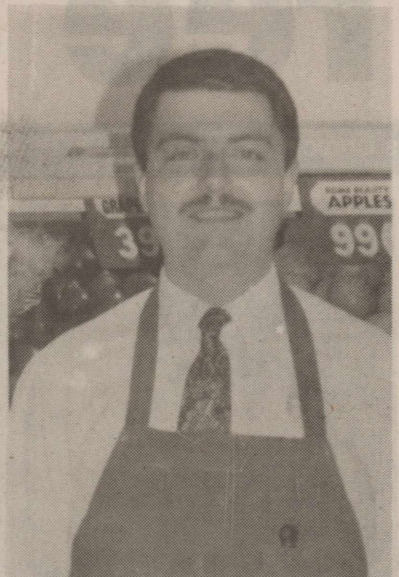
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Obituaries

Glenna Gayle Parker

Services were held for Glenna Gayle Parker, 60, of Haskell on Friday, May 31, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner and Dr. Tommy Culwell officiating. Burial was in Henson Cemetery in Red Springs under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Parker died Tuesday, May 28, at the Edinburg Hospital in Edinburg. She was born Oct. 10, 1935 in Seymour. She married Gene Parker on Jan. 14, 1955 in Seymour. They moved to Haskell in 1971. She was a

homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Parker of Haskell; two sons, David Parker of Raleigh, N.C. and Phillip Parker of Lewisville; one brother, Bill Reeves of Edinburg; one sister, Sue Gleghorn of McKinney; and four grandchildren, George Parker, Sarah Parker, James Parker and Amy Parker.

Pallbearers were Tom Dewey, Ted Jennings, Butch (Alvin) Hertel, Jerry Benson, Joe Cortez and John Jones.

Nola Fay Fowler

Services were held for lifelong Haskell resident, Nola Fay Fowler, 83, on Saturday, June 1, at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Ministers Russell Moody and Dale Huff officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fowler died Thursday, May 30, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was born June 11, 1912 in Haskell Co. She married William Alford Fowler on Dec. 19, 1928. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1983. She graduated from one of the first L.V.N. schools in this area and was a nurse at Haskell Hospital

for 37 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, James Larry Fowler of Lake Whitney; two daughters, Mary Fay Cartwright of Munday and Shirley Ann Strickland of Hawley; one brother, Roy Medford; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lou Cartwright, Jeff Strickland, Greg Fowler, Fred Fowler, Pat Cartwright, Shannon Strickland, Mike Fowler and Rodney Taylor.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehab.

Nannie Lou Miller

Graveside services were held for lifelong Haskell Co. resident, Nannie Lou Miller, 88, of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell on Saturday, June 1, at the Rule Cemetery, with John Greeson officiating, and under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Miller died Friday, May 31, at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell. She was born Dec. 2, 1907 in Haskell Co. She married William Bruce Miller on Dec. 10, 1925, in Rule. She was a homemaker and a member of Sweethome Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Bruce Miller, on May 29, 1988 and three brothers.

Virgil Wilson, Rayford Wilson and Doc Wilson.

She is survived by one son, Genele Bruce Miller of Rule; one daughter, Patricia Ann Laughlin of Irving; three sisters, Trannie Brooks and Vera Mae Denson of Stamford and Connie Madge Owens of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Carol Herron, Gary Bruce Miller, Ricky Lance Miller, Tina Menhaca, Jim Laughlin, Stormy Trussel and Terry Wheeler; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Ben Richie Boys Ranch or the West Texas Rehab.

Mary Ethel Thomas

Services were held for longtime Haskell resident, Mary Ethel Thomas, 85, on Saturday, June 1, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley and Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thomas died Thursday, May 30, at the Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was born Aug. 13, 1910 in Quitman. She married John Thomas on Oct. 4, 1930 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she belonged to the United Methodist Women. She had been a Haskell

Co. resident for over 70 years.

She is survived by her husband, John Thomas, of Haskell; two sons, Clois Thomas of Haskell and Clyde Thomas of Pasadena; one daughter, Christine DuBois of Irwin, Pa.; one brother, Dalton Kirby of Abilene; one sister, Thelma Buntin of Stamford; many grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were William Kirby, Glen King, Bailey Toliver, Stanley Kirby, Danny Fosberg, Woody Turnbow and Ray Lee Bumin.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab.

EDC News

I want to start this month's column off by saying congratulations to all of the folks involved with the recent Wild Horse Prairie Days. This event was an excellent public relations and marketing tool for Haskell and it was done with the utmost professionalism. Thanks to all of you involved in helping with this successful project.

I hope to announce within the next week or so who the new Internet provider will be for Haskell. This is a very exciting development as it will allow businesses, citizens and the schools to connect to the world wide web of global information. The local server will have a Haskellix.Com address, and we will be able to use the Haskell Home Page to recruit businesses and families to town, and to promote local activities.

This office is sponsoring a survey of people ages 55-74 in Haskell and ten surrounding counties to determine the level of interest in a possible retirement center to be built here. This should be mailed out in the next couple of weeks, so please fill it out and get it back to us as soon as you can. If the response is favorable, construction on this project could possibly begin in the next 12-24 months.

Mayor Ken Lane has appointed a committee to ramrod the Extended Local Calling (ELC) proposal for Haskell. (This would allow us to call any five cities we choose in an approximate 50 mile radius as a local call, with no long distance charges). They are currently getting organized on how to best approach this project. Sweetwater recently voted their LDC proposal down (it requires 70 percent approval of citizens living within the Haskell city limits), because the State ballots are so darn confusing. The committee's biggest challenge is finding a way to best explain this ballot to us, so that everybody can understand what it means. This project would be very beneficial for Haskell and I hope you will all support it when it comes time to vote on it.

The Strategic Planning results will be presented to the City Council at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25. Please plan to attend this meeting. If any of you need to contact me, the office telephone number is 817-864-3424, and please remember to SHOP HASKELL FIRST!

Children have a very good ability at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

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PETE and SWEDE KITTLEY

Pete and Swede Kittley honored on anniversary

Billy Dave "Pete" and Thelma Elizabeth "Swede" Kittley met in Washington, D.C. before Pete was shipped to Europe to serve his country in World War II. When Pete returned home after the war he sent for Swede who arrived in Rule, on June 3, 1946. She was introduced to the Kittley family and friends, and married to Pete within two hours of arriving in Rule. That love has lasted for 50 years.

As Pete surprised his family and friends on June 3, 1946; his family and friends surprised him and Swede on June 1, 1996, with a party in

the home of his mother, Mildred Kittley. The surprise party was given by Mildred Kittley; sons, Dave and Jimmy; daughter-in-laws, Pat and Susan; brother, Jack and his wife Margaret; and friend June Biffle. They have four grandchildren, Tre' Ann Kittley, Dave Kittley III, Sara Kittley and Stephen Kittley.

They have been models of stability and loyalty to those they love; and the Rule community loves you Pete and Swede! Surprise!

Eight Paint Creek seniors receive scholarships

By Gerre Larned

On Friday, May 24, eleven seniors proudly took part in the graduation ceremony at Paint Creek High School in the H.P. Morrison Auditorium. Along with receiving their diplomas, eight seniors also received over \$10,000 in college scholarships.

Valedictorian of the class was Leigh Ann Reel, daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Reel. She will attend Hardin-Simmons University this fall, where she will play basketball. After the presentation of the Valedictorian award, which will pay a portion of her tuition, Leigh Ann also received a HSU Academic Scholarship, the Stamford Classroom Teachers' Association Scholarship and a Southern Baptist Matching Grant.

Salutatorian of the class was Marcus Overton, son of Wallar and Steffi Overton. Marcus will attend A&M University this fall and was awarded scholarships from Haskell First United Methodist Church, the Haskell Kiwanis Club and the First National Bank of Haskell.

Casey Thompson, son of Kenny and Wanda Thompson, will attend Hardin-Simmons University, where he will play football. He was

awarded the HSU Dean's Scholarship, a Southern Baptist Matching Grant, and the Hazel and Robert Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.

Josh Howard, the son of Glenn and Sue Howard, will attend Midwestern University in Wichita Falls and major in manufacturing engineering. He received the MENT Scholarship from Midwestern and the Marc and Melisa Robison Scholarship.

Capella Tsoodle and Amy McWhorter also plan to attend Midwestern University this fall. Capella is the daughter of Vern and Laurel Howard and was the recipient of the Paint Creek Ex-Students Association Scholarship and a Coke Fund Scholarship.

Amy, who is the daughter of Kenneth McWhorter Jr. and Mary Ann McWhorter, was awarded the Haskell Co. Police Activities League Scholarship.

Other recipients of Coke Fund Scholarships were Bobby Scheets, son of Minnie Scheets and Alan Merchant, son of Debbie Merchant. Both Bobby and Alan plan to attend Western Texas College in Snyder. Alan also received the Max and Jeannette Calk Scholarship.

TEN BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADIES competed in the Miss Haskell County Queen Pageant on Thursday night at the Haskell High School auditorium. From left: Amy McWhorter, Melanie Alvarez, Amy Barbour, Misti Henson, Dacia Phemister, Shayne McKenzie, Ember Josselet, Tonya Burson, Kelli Moeller and Halee Waiton. Free Press photo by Bill Blankenship.



Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

The Garrett reunion was held Sunday in the Weinert Community Building. Those attending from out of town were: Shag Garrett of Wichita Falls; Carl Garrett of Stamford; Jack and Leta Bell Sellers of Rule; Cleve Farrell of Houston; W.T. Curd and family of Knox City; Chris Farrell and family of Austin; Bill and Beverly Farrell, Elgin, Alton and Loretta Garrett, all of Abilene; Sam and Joyce Roberts of Lake Kemp; Weldon, Monica, Maria and Jr. Garrett of Andrews; David and Chris Sellers of Abilene; R.C. and Ruth Langford of Rule; Carolyn Sisson of Oklahoma; Derna and Trey Larned and Darla Lane of New Braunfels; Randy and Donna Waggoner of Haskell; and one visitor, Florence Larned of Haskell.

Attending from Weinert were: Ida and Willie Farrell, Med and Herschel Alexander Jr. and Bennie Horan, Don and Gracie Griffith, Ann and Trish Horan, Christy and Ray Hill and Maxine Boling.

Everyone enjoyed lots of visiting and plenty of food.

Visiting Joyce Hawkins on Sunday was son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins and a friend, Chad Grimes of Lewisville.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pat

Henry over the weekend, were son, Harry Henry of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kirby of Houston.

Neat Bevel attended the Turner-Phillips family reunion at Camp Christine over the Memorial Day weekend.

There was approximately 60 attending. The time was spent playing 42 table games, swimming, hiking and a hayride. Everyone is looking forward to the same time next year.

Mrs. Sonny Mathews of Midland spent a few days last week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Delma Mathews, who had the misfortune of falling and breaking her left arm.

Cliff and Lois Nicholson were in Irving over the weekend. They visited Lois' brother and wife, Jay and Fern Lackey. Saturday morning, they attended a breakfast honoring the Lackey's son and wife, Jay and Linda Lackey for their anniversary. Sunday afternoon, they attended a 100th birthday part for their aunt Willie Mae of Fort Worth. Willie Mae is the sister of the late Dock Andress and Bulah Lackey of Haskell. At age 100, she remembered nearly everyone at the party.

Experienced Citizens Calendar, Menu

Friday, June 7

Lunch—BBQ chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, brownies, bread, milk, tea and coffee

Monday, June 10

Lunch—Swiss steak, green beans, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, bread pudding, bread, milk, tea and coffee

Wednesday, June 12

10:30 a.m.—Exercise
Lunch—Butter beans/ham, spinach, parslined potatoes, carrot salad, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea and coffee

Thursday, June 13

9 a.m.—4 p.m.—West Tx. Rehab Audiologist (back of hospital) 800-460-5485

Friday, June 14

11:45 a.m.—Lou Gilly
Lunch—Beef brisket, gravy.

buttered potatoes, broccoli/cheese, Rosemary Bennie salad, cinnamon rolls, bread, milk, tea and coffee

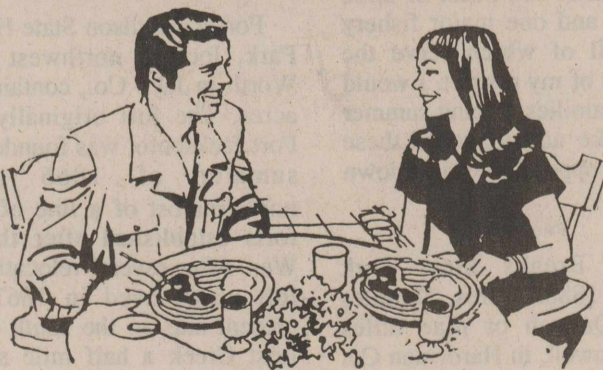
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Volunteers needed for CF walk

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold a "Great Strides" walk on June 15, starting at the Haskell City Park, to raise money for the foundation.

Volunteers are needed for the walk and also to help raise money, through door-to-door solicitation. Volunteers need to pick up a packet

from Cindy Barnes. She can be reached at 864-3067 (home) or 864-2621 (work).

The money needs to be collected by June 15 and turned in at the walk.

Your participation in Great Strides: A walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis will be welcomed and

appreciated. The dollars you raise through Great Strides will keep critical Cystic Fibrosis research moving forward.

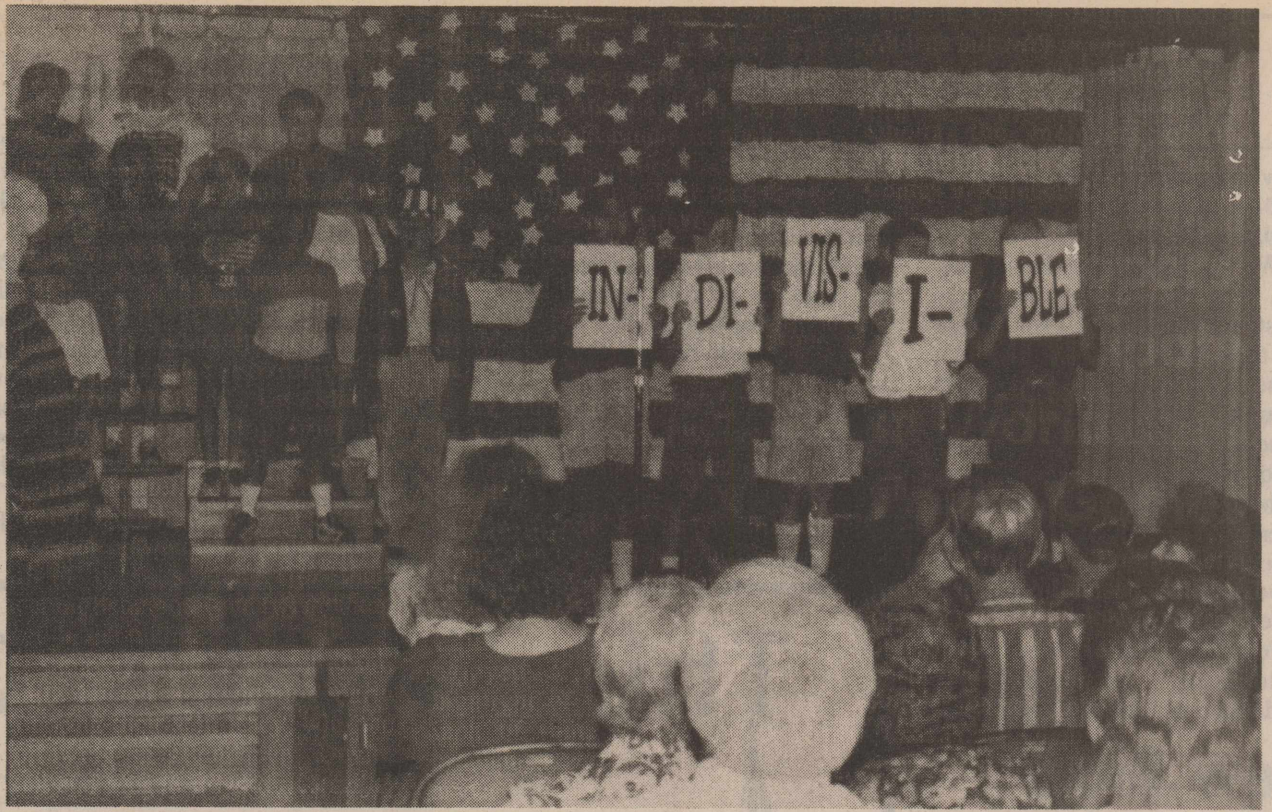
Airplane club to host annual fly-in

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club will host their 11th Annual Open House Fly-in on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16 at the Haskell Model Airport.

This event is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a large number of area modelers is expected. This year there will be no competition so that a wider variety of models may be seen.

The club will have a BBQ supper Saturday night at the flying field. Plaques will be awarded: to the pilot coming the longest distance to attend; to the best example of a civilian aircraft; and to the best military aircraft.

Spectators are invited to come and watch the flying and see the displays. A concession stand will be open both days.



PAINT CREEK ELEMENTARY MUSICAL—Students at Paint Creek Elementary presented their Red, White and Blue musical on Tuesday, May 22. Phol McGuire directed the production. Free Press photo by Jason Shaw.

The Class of 1986

extends a special invitation to all former teachers to attend their

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on Saturday, June 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room

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Quilts and oven winners

The eighth annual Sunday in the Park was held June 2, in conjunction with Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration.

All types of booths serving food, ice cream, cold drinks, Mexican food were available. Other events included a cheerleaders dunking booth, a face painting booth, and some merchandise vendors.

The Haskell County Squares performed for the public from 2 to 3 p.m. at the pavilion in the park.

The winner of the drawing for the roaster oven raffled off by the Kiwanis Club was Ronnie Vaughn of Haskell. Cheerleader Kelli Moeller drew the winning ticket.

The Experienced Citizens Center drawing for the multi-colored quilt was awarded to Zach Wood of Abilene.

The winning bid in the Silent Auction for the sunflower quilt went to Nancy Adkins of Rochester. She is the granddaughter of Effie Green, who pieced the quilt.

The winning bid in the Silent Auction for the multi-colored quilt went to Earmel Bevel of Haskell.

All three of the quilts were pieced by Effie Green and donated by Russell and Selega Grand. The quilting was done by ECC volunteer ladies.

The Center would like to express their thanks to all who supported the fund raiser. A total of \$800 was raised to benefit the Center's building fund.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Congratulations to another of our Sagerton students upon graduation from Junior High. Josh Freeman, son of Tony and Billie Jo Freeman graduated from Stamford Jr. High on Saturday morning and is looking forward to his high school days.

Special activities at Faith Lutheran Church for the week of June 9, include family night on Sunday at 6 p.m. and Faith Circle meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Graduation exercises for Rule High School students was held last Friday night with the following students from Sagerton participating: Kacy Baitz, Lisa and Nathan Macias and Chad Teichelman. Kacy is th son of Fred and Tami Baitz; Lisa and Nathan are the children of Cato Jr. and Sallie Macias; and Chad is the son of Jimmy and Kathy Teichelman.

The Sagerton Hobby Club presented each of the Sagerton students a \$200 scholarship to be used to further their education. Kacy was awarded the Coleman Bivins Memorial Scholarship along with Julie Saffel, and he also received an award from the U.I.L. Lisa Macias received a scholarship from the Haskell County Police Dept. Michael Hertel, son of Mike and Cheryl Hertel received a perfect attendance award. We congratulate all of these students for their accomplishments and wish them well in the future.

Saturday night, Fred and Tami Baitz hosted a graduation party honoring their son, Kacy, with the following in attendance: Devin, Joni and Megan Boyd of Kerrville, Wilton and Dixie Payne of Tahoka, Andrea Epley of Lubbock, Robert Ace, Brenda and Mathew Turner of Rule, Glen and Helen Pierce of Old

Glory, Emma Raphael of Stamford, Roy and Mary Letz of Rule, Cheri Lynn and Christi Stegemoeller of Hewitt, Stacy Townsend of Rochester, Emmalee Bivins of Rule, Melvin and Anella Baitz, Leon and Mae Stegemoeller, Danny and Helen Lammert and family, Ronnie and Kathy Teichelman and family, Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller and daughters, Tony, Billie Jo and Josh Freeman, Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer, Bill and Margie Hertel, Mike and Cheryl Hertel and family, Pastor and Marie Zell and Joe and Dorothy Clark.

On Sunday, Fred and Tami Baitz hosted a family dinner honoring their daughter, Kami, after her confirmation at Faith Lutheran Church. Guests included her grandparents and great-grandmother, Melvin and Annella Baitz, Roy and Mary Letz and Emma Raphael; her baptismal sponsors, Kraig and Leslie Kupatt and their daughters; Joe and Dorothy Clark; Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller and daughters; Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer and their guests Ben and Michael; Bill and Margie Hertel; and Delvin, Joni and Megan Boyd.

Ev Ulmer is recovering from a freak accident occurred Wednesday at her home and she received cuts on both legs.

The Melvin News have returned from a visit with relatives in Cleburne, Weatherford and Walnut Springs. Melvin's sister from California was there and they enjoyed a family reunion. A highlight of the visit was a half inch of rain. Maybe the News brought some of it home with them as we received up to 1.1 inches north of town on Thursday. It was a welcome sight and has given the local farmers hope to be able to plant their cotton.

Wheat harvest is almost completed with a fair yield and good prices.

Joe Salinas

Recent visitors in the Charles and Dorothy Clark home were Joe and Ellie Cyr of LaMarque.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre have returned from a vacation to Lancaster, Calif. where they lived while Delbert was in the service during World War II. A point of interest in between that they visited was the Biosphere in Tucson, Ariz.

Jennifer Lehrmann and teammates Holly Smith, Debra Wilson and Amy Hisey from Rule attended basketball camp at West Texas A&M in Canyon last week. Jennifer was chose to be on the All-Star team.

Brian Lehrmann, Jeremy and Michael Hertel attended basketball camp at Cooper High School in Abilene last week.

Eugenia Puebla, daughter of Arthur and Beatrice Puebla was among the members of the confirmation class at the Catholic Church in Rhineland.

DPS troopers to participate in World Police Games

Department of Public Safety troopers, Gary Johnson, stationed in Aspermont, and Johnny Josselet, stationed in Haskell, will participate in the 1996 World Police Games (once called the Texas Police Olympics) to be held in Houston June 10-14. This 20th anniversary of the games will feature 40 sports with over 90 events and 6,000 competitors.

Josselet will pair up with partner, Perry Braley, for doubles in golf. Johnson will be appointed a partner when he gets to the competition.

TAX PLANNING

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA



SUMMER TAX UPDATE

•The Tax Foundation recently announced that May 7 was Tax Freedom Day for 1996. That's the date on which the average American taxpayer had earned enough money to pay all his or her federal, state, and local taxes for 1996.

•The Internal Revenue Service will begin testing a new tax collection program this summer. The Service will be using law firms and debt collection agencies to contact certain taxpayers who owe back taxes. Contracts will be made by phone or mail, not in person.

•IRS interest rates dropped for the second quarter of 1996 (April through June). The IRS will assess 8% interest on tax underpayments, and it will pay 7% interest on tax overpayments.

•1996 per diem rates have been set for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred by employees while away from home on business. The rates will remain the same as 1995 per diem rates; however, additional localities have been added to the high-cost list. The 1996 list is available in IRS Publication 1542.

•Also unchanged for 1996 are the depreciation limits for business automobiles first placed in service this year. The limits are reviewed annually and changed if inflation has been high enough. As in 1995, the 1996 limits will be: first tax year—\$3,060, second tax year—\$4,900, third tax year—\$2,950, each succeeding year—\$1,755.

•The IRS is still hoping to perform some statistical audits. Its Tax Compliance Measurement Program (TCMP) audits were postponed indefinitely because of budget considerations. Now the IRS indicates that it would like to do audits of a smaller sampling of tax returns in order to obtain "at least some of the benefits that the postponed TCMP study was designed to achieve." It's estimated that the sample size for this scaled-down audit program would be 34,000 tax returns.

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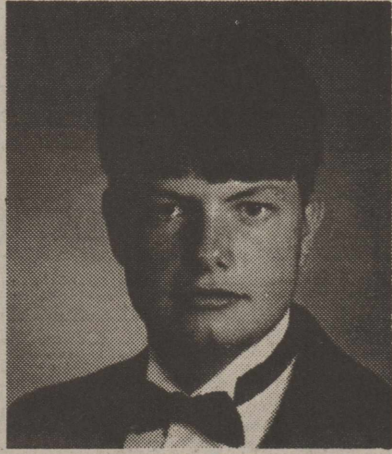
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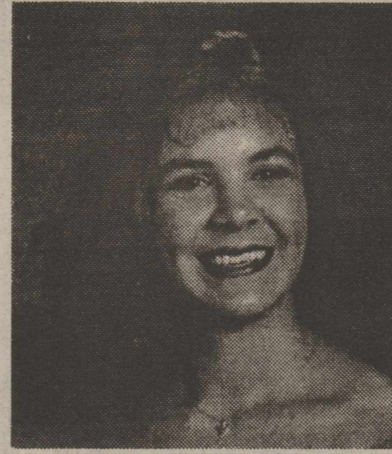
Twenty Haskell seniors receive scholarships



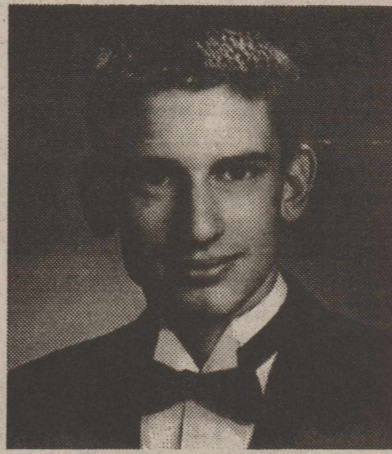
HEATHER GUESS—\$500 Rotary
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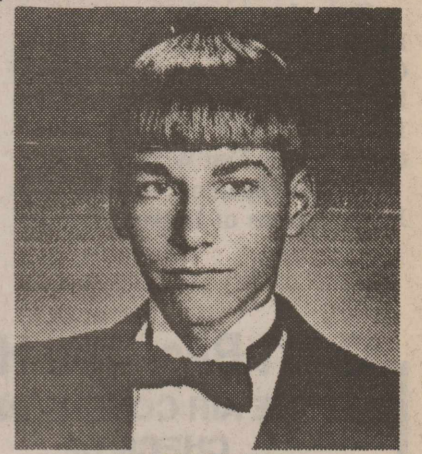
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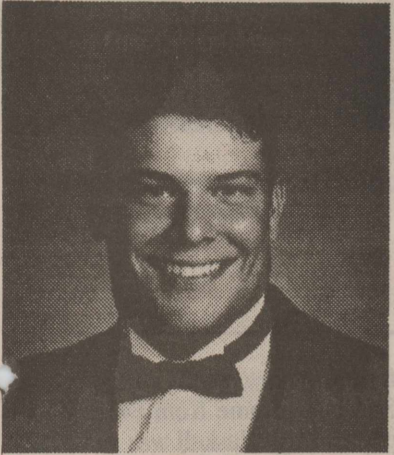
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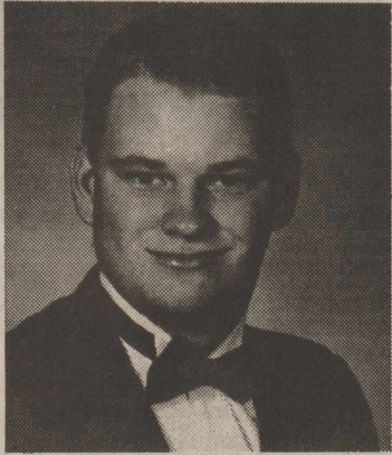
REBECCA UNGER
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AARON EARLES
\$300 Dr. Cliff Ray
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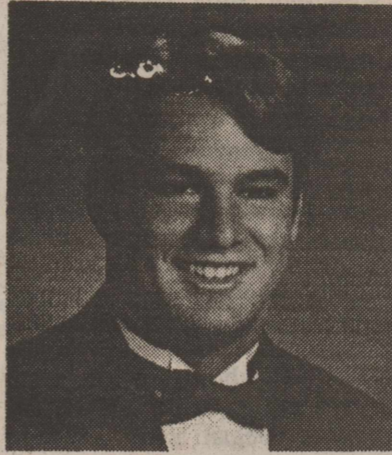
JAMIE HODGIN
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\$700—Crawford Conoco



CHRISTOPHER TATUM
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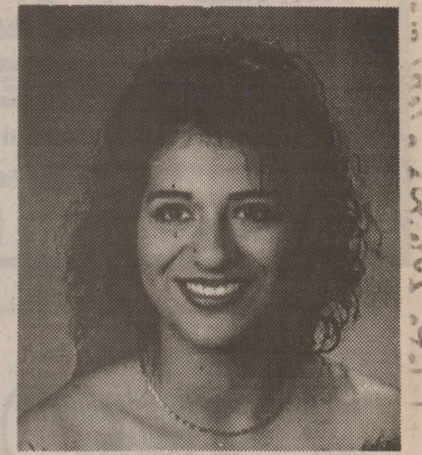
LISA RODRIQUEZ
\$250—Progressive Study Club



JUSTIN LISLE
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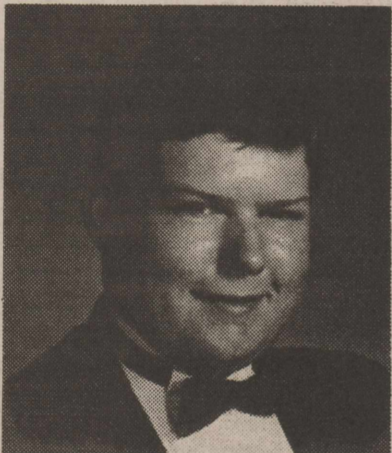
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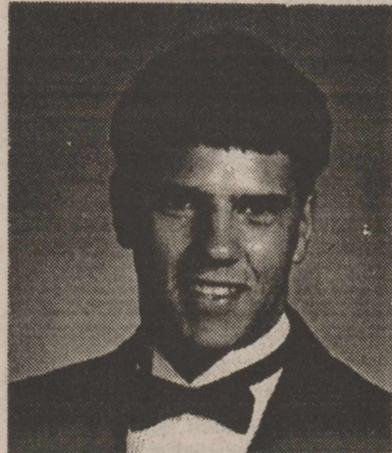
VERONICA GONZALEZ
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APRIL ABILA
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KORY TIDROW
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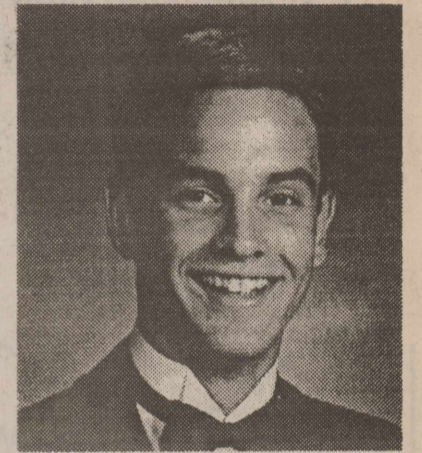
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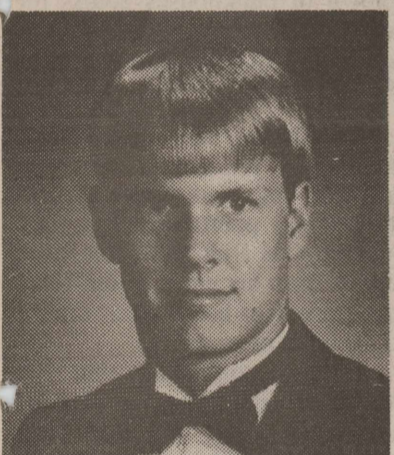
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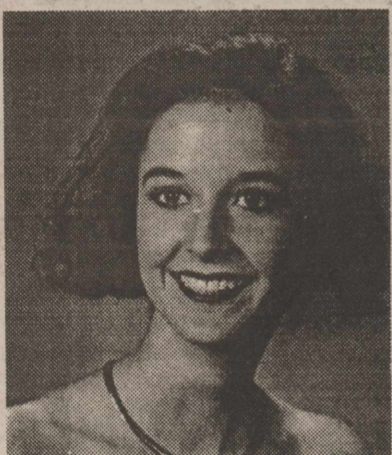
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\$1,000—Hask.-Matt.-Wein. Exes



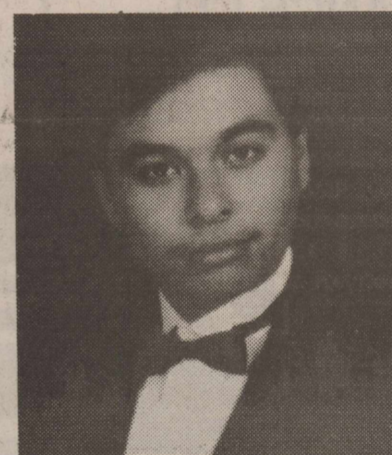
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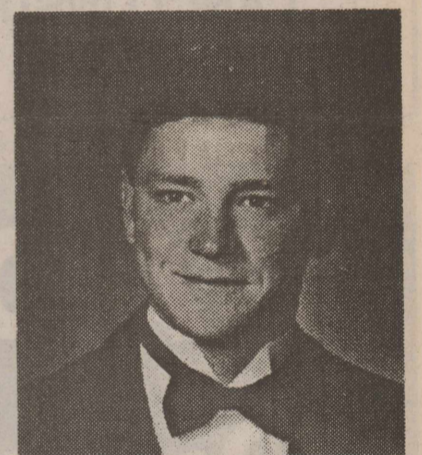
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\$250—Dr. Bill & Carol McSmith
\$1,175—McKenney Trust



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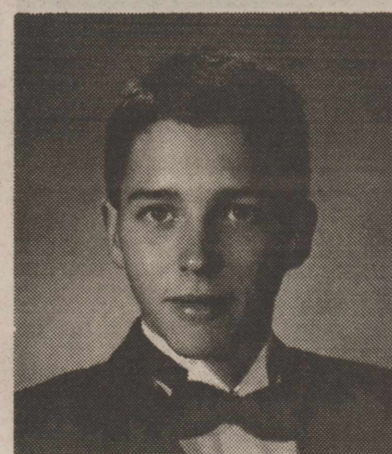
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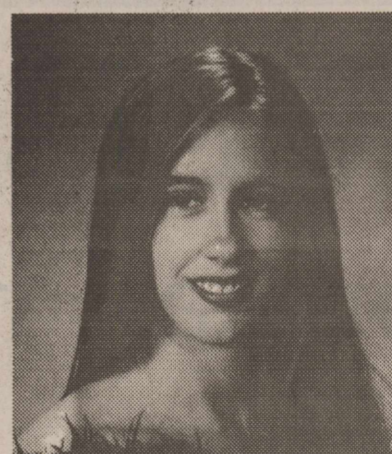
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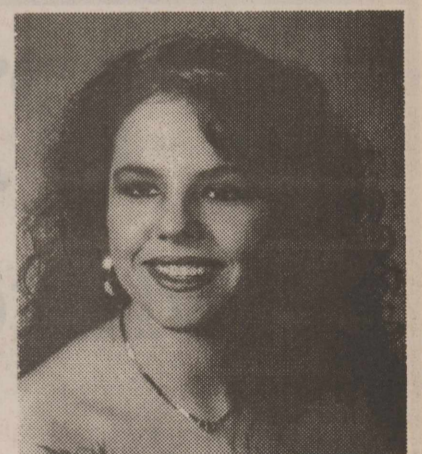
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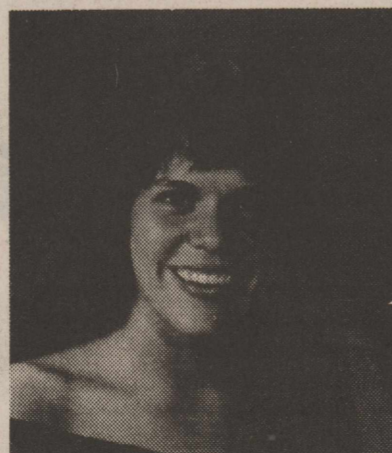


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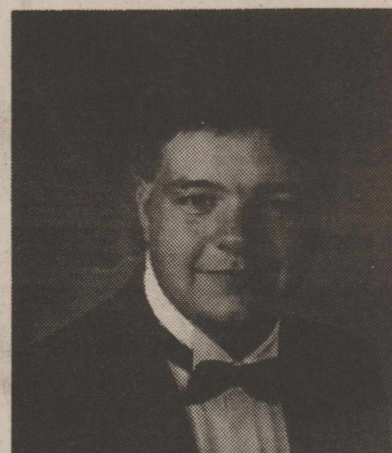


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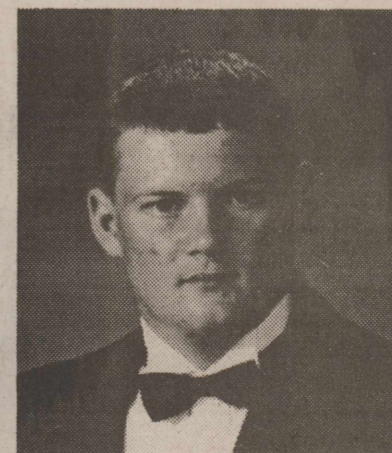
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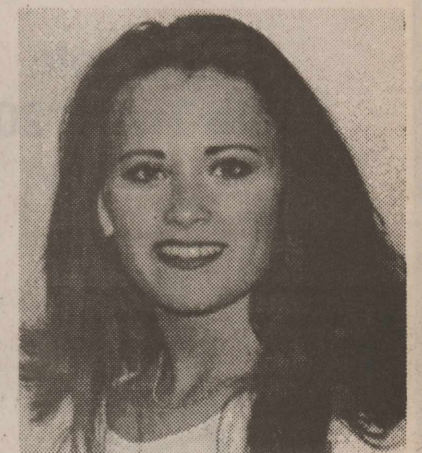
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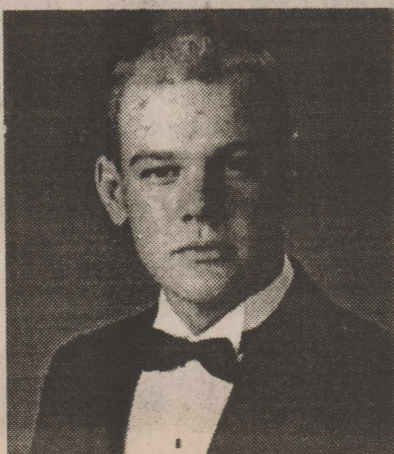
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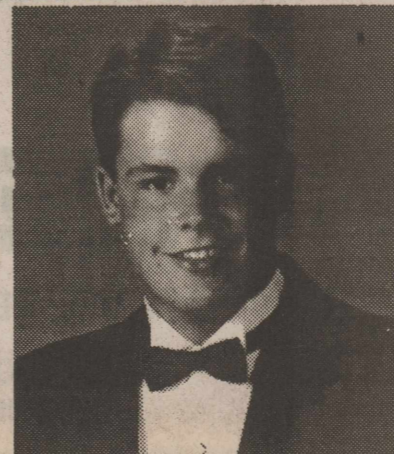
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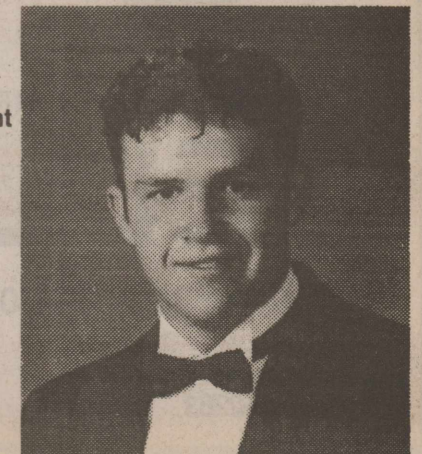


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CASEY THOMPSON
HSU Dean's Scholarship
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Hazel & Robt. Reynolds

JOSH HOWARD
MENT Scholarship
Marc & Melissa Robison
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Thomas' grandson graduates

Cody Lewis Wollard, son of Mike and Suzanne Wollard of Grapevine, graduated from Carroll High School, Saturday night, June 1, at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

His grandparents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell, and his

aunt, Debbie Scheffel of Lubbock, attended his graduation.

Cody plays on the varsity baseball team of Southlake-Carroll as catcher. They will be playing in the State play-offs in Austin on Thursday, June 6.

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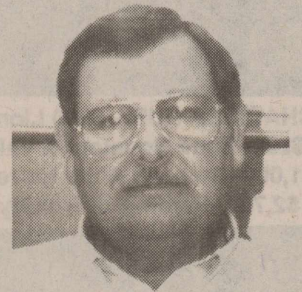
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Births

Jimmy and Cherry Pittcock of Aspermont are the proud parents of a daughter, Kannan Marie, born Tuesday, May 28, at 2:15 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 3-1/2 ozs. and measured 19 inches. Kannan has a sister, Kelli Ann, to welcome her home.

Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Doris Pittcock of Aspermont. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Marianna Graves of Guthrie. Great-grandparents include Loyd and Mary Massey and Nan Pittcock of Aspermont, Hauley and Jean Graves of Guthrie and Hulon and Anna Bell Egger of Mullin.

Rob and Julie Goodenough announce the arrival of Bailey Grace, born May 30. She weighed 7 lbs., 14-1/2 ozs. and measured 20 inches.

Paternal grandmother is Linda Check of Amarillo. Maternal grandparents are Conrad and Betty Roewe of Haskell.



MISS HASKELL COUNTY QUEEN and the first two runners-up are Tonya Burson, Kelli Moeller—1st Runner-up and Mistil Henson—2nd Runner-up. The girls were chosen at the Haskell Co. Queen Pageant held Thursday night at the High School auditorium.

Wild Horse Prairie Days continued from page 1

The Cowboy Poetry and entertainment, with Jeff Gore presiding, began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and continued until 6 p.m. that evening at the Haskell City Park Gazebo. A number of poets and musicians entertained a crowd of participants throughout the day, despite wind gusts and showers that threatened the event earlier in the day.

Gore sang a lot of his cowboy songs and recited poetry about the cowboy way of life. Other poets and musicians followed with their stories, poems and songs—some sad and some funny—about the cowboy way of life, as well as some gospel music. It brought to memory, for some attending, a way of life that is almost gone; and to others attending, a way of life that they wish they could have known—the cowboys, the campfires, the prairies, the buffalo herds and the old west as it was once.

A WTBRA barrel race was held Saturday morning at 9 a.m. but results were not available at press time.

At noon a team roping, with 30 teams entered, got underway. A

total of \$700 was paid in prize money.

1st go-round winners of \$100 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Hegan Lamb of Paint Creek.

1st in average winners of \$300 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Brand Cude of Gore; 2nd in average winners of \$200 were Rod Townsend of Rochester and Brand Cude of Gore; 3rd in average winners of \$100 were Stoney Jones of Aspermont and Cody Springer of Guthrie.

Saturday night's Ranch Rodeo featured the Tate Ranch, Swenson SMS Ranch, Clark Cattle Co., 6666 Ranch, Spike Box Ranch, Lyles Ranch, Brown and Bellah Ranch, Waggoner Ranch, Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co. and the R.A. Brown Ranch demonstrating their skill and precision in the same five events as on Friday night. An estimated crowd of 1,200 people attended the Saturday night performance, which ended with the presentation of a total of \$7,300 in prize money to the top six winners.

The first-place prize of \$2,409 went to the 6666 Ranch of Guthrie; the Flat Top 8 Ranch of Haskell won second place for \$1,825; the Triangle Ranch of Paducah won third place for \$1,314; the Brown and Bellah Ranch of Throckmorton won fourth place for \$876; the R.A. Brown Ranch of

Throckmorton won fifth place for \$511; the Clark Cattle Co. of Breckenridge and the Ralph Riddel Ranch of Aspermont split the sixth place win, receiving \$182.50 each.

The Top Hand Award went to Mike Sego of the 6666 Ranch and his mount, Partner, won the Top Horse Award.

Friday night's Buddy Pickup winners of \$100 were Michael Martin and Stoney Jones of the Triangle Ranch. Saturday night's Buddy Pickup winners of \$100 were Carl Hopkins and Brand Cude of the Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co.

Alvin Davis, president of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration announced the rodeo and also participated in the Cowboy Poetry Reading and Cowboy Church Service.

At the beginning of the rodeo each night, Davis paid a special tribute to "Hub," the legendary 22-year-old cowhorse and his rider, Sam Graves, who won the World's first cutting horse competition on July 27-29, 1898, at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Haskell.

The story goes that the Texas Cowboy's Reunion was first held in Seymour in 1896 and again in 1897, and was then moved to Haskell in 1898. Both the *Kansas City Star* and the *Dallas News* told of the cowboy convention, and special railroad rates were provided

from everywhere in Texas. Spectators came from everywhere, even though Haskell was some fifty miles from the nearest railroad. There were estimates of 15,000 attending this celebration.

Sam Graves had owned Hub as a young man and then sold him to Bud Arnett, owner of the old "8" Ranch. But his association with the horse did not end there. He rode him many years in his work on the "8" Ranch. However, old Hub had been put out to pasture by his owner, Arnett, and was more or less living in his final days.

Sam heard about the contest at Haskell and asked permission from Arnett to take old Hub out of retirement. By this time, Hub was a pitiful remnant of his former days, but within days, Sam had fattened him and patiently retrained him in the cow work he had done so expertly as a young colt. His expertise as a cowhorse was well-known in bunkhouses across the western ranch country, so needless to say he was the star attraction of the competition.

Even though he was competing with much younger horses, Hub and Sam delivered eight calves to the delivery point before the time expired. Old Hub had come back almost from his grave to thrill this great throng of horse lovers almost to the point of madness.

Another contestant tied the record of eight, but the skill of horse and rider did not even approach the work of Sam and Hub. This was undoubtedly the decision of the judges also, who awarded the \$150 prize money to Sam Graves. The 22-year-old horse that had been turned out into the cedar breaks to die had had his final day of triumph.

The weekend long Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration and Invitational Ranch Rodeo was a fitting tribute to Sam Graves, and old Hub.

After the rodeo, the Little Rock Band from San Angelo played a blend of country, rock and popular music to another full house on Saturday night at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Both dances, Friday and Saturday night, were termed a huge success.

A Cowboy Church service, with close to 200 people in attendance, was held at the Haskell City Park Gazebo on Sunday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. with Jeff Gore as the featured speaker for the services. Gore and Dickie Greenwood sang during the service, with John Allen Medford and Wallace Rennels providing poetry and words of inspiration.

An Open Roping at the rodeo arena on Sunday evening ended up the Wild Horse Prairie festivities, however results were not available at press time.

Pictures of the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration, complete with pictures of event winners will be in the June 13 edition of the Haskell Free Press.

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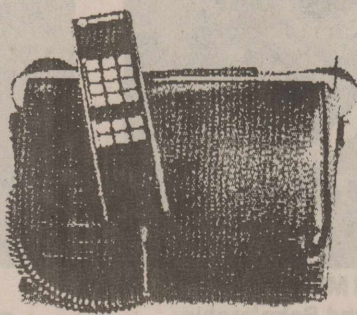
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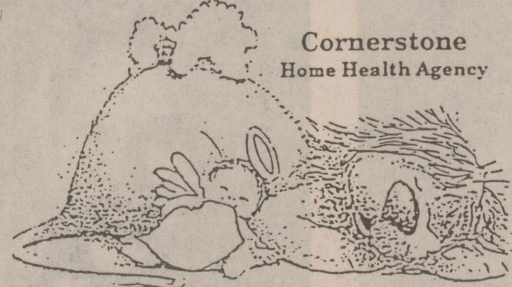
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FSA accepting applications for emergency farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and high winds, which occurred from Jan. 1, 1995 through Feb. 5, 1996 and continuing are being accepted by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, Ag Credit Manager Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County is one of seven counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan

Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme fire hazard.

McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial

lender, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Jan. 6, 1997, but farmer should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster

emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or

cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Submitted by The Haskell Co. FSA.

American meat goat association plans fifth annual event

By Steve Byrns
Texas Ag. Ext. Service

Meat goat producers should mark their calendars for June 21 and 22, the dates of the American Meat Goat Association's (AMGA) Fifth Annual Premier Meat Goat Buck and Doe Sale and Summer Conference at Junction.

Activities start June 21 with a membership meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. in Junction's Coke Stevenson Memorial Building on Highway 83N. A social mixer with music and refreshments follows at 7:30 p.m. The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 22 in the Coke Stevenson Memorial Building. The sale starts at 2:20

p.m. at the Hill Country Fairgrounds.

Robert Kensing, Conference Chairman and AMGA Vice-President from Menard, said the purpose of the two-day event is to bring producers up-to-date on the latest news affecting the meat goat industry and to allow them to buy some of the best goats in the business.

The afternoon sale concludes the conference activities. "The sale features a superior string of animals," said Kensing. "The offering includes top animals from the most progressive meat goat breeders in the nation. Goats picked with care through this particular sale will improve any flock."

Kensing said the auction is open to all meat goat breeds. Percentage bloodlines will also be offered. A sifting committee will remove non-qualifying animals prior to the sale. Consignors must be AMGA

members. Bucks and does offered must have two or more permanent teeth. Sellers are limited to three bucks and three does. Sale animals must be in the barn by noon, June 21. Auctioneer is Mark Tillman of Junction.

Conference cost is \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. There is no charge for children under 12-years-old. For further information, contact Anita Jones, at 915-853-2312 after 7 p.m. or P.O. Box 551, Eldorado, TX 76946.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 710 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, June 1, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was \$2 to \$3 higher on all feeder and stocker cattle. Packer cows and bulls were steady. Young bred cows and pairs \$25 higher.

Cows: fat, 24-28; cutters, 25-30; canners, 15-25.

Bulls: Bologna, 32-38; feeder, 35-45; utility, 20-30.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 55-65; 300-400 lbs., 50-60; 400-500 lbs., 48-57; 500-600 lbs., 48-56; 600-700 lbs., 47-55; 700-800 lbs., 47-54; 800-up lbs., 40-54.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 40-55; 300-400 lbs., 40-50; 400-500 lbs., 35-51; 500-600 lbs., 40-52; 600-up lbs., 38-53.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$200-\$250.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$300-\$400; aged or small, \$200-\$300.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$350-\$490; small or aged, \$250-\$380.

Shop around for milk

Milk consumption is up and so is the price. More people are drinking milk and recently they started paying more for it. Extension Dairy Economist Dr. Bud Schwart says consumers are paying more because of increased costs to producers for labor, fuel and feed. Schwart suggest you do some comparison shopping.

Some stores keep their milk prices low as a drawing card to get customers in the door. Some customers are loyal to one brand, but Schwart says brand names don't

really make a difference. All milk is basically the same. It all meets government standards. Keep in mind that you'll pay a higher price for name brand milk mostly to cover the cost of advertising.

Schwart says milk prices should come down if there are good corn and sorghum crops this year. A good grain crop means it'll be cheaper for dairy operators to feed their cattle.

Submitted by Lou Gilly and Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agents—FCS and Ag.

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