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Baseball games

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Haskell JV vs Quanah
Mon. at Haskell 5:00

Track

Regional Meet--Stephenville
May 1-2
State Qualifiers Meet
May 7-8-9

Calendar

Mexican Fiesta lunch

The Paint Creek High School Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Mexican fiesta lunch Sun., May 3 at the Paint Creek School Cafeteria. The lunch will be held from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Carry outs will be available.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., May 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Cinco de Mayo

St. George Catholic Church will hold a Cinco de Mayo celebration May 2 and 3. A dance will be held Sat., May 2 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Hall. Sun., May 3 Jamaica will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church located at 910 N. 16th St. Jamaica activities will include food, games, an auction, arts and crafts, and music. A volleyball tournament will be held. Call 864-3171 for information concerning the volleyball tournament.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a Hearts and Hands Banquet May 5 at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria at 6 p.m. Those attending must register. A speaker and an awards ceremony will be held.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge will meet Sun., May 3 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The hall opens at 2 p.m. The meat for the meal will be provided. Those attending are to bring a side dish.

Parade

The Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Steering Committee is sponsoring a western theme parade June 5. Cash prizes will be awarded. Contact Loutina White 940-864-3507 for more information.

Spaghetti supper

A spaghetti supper will be held May 1 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall to benefit the group going to Romania-Hungary on Mission. A silent auction will be held. Live entertainment will be featured during the supper. Tickets are \$6.

Calf roping

An open and #3 calf roping will be held May 3 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Co. Arena. For information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Senior roast

The Senior Roast has been rescheduled for May 19 at the High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Parents need to set up and decorate immediately after school.

Siren testing

The City of Haskell will test storm warning sirens each Friday at 12:00 noon.

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TECHANS MEET--Together at the Red Raider ex-Student Rolling Plains Chapter annual meeting in Haskell, from the left, are Tech graduates Sam Toliver, and Joey Kimbrough,

Tech Coach Spike Dykes, Tech Assistant Athletic Director, Jess Stiles, who coached at Haskell in the late 50's, and Tech ex, Clark Richardson.

School Board considers employee day care program

With all members of the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees present at the April 21 meeting, a number of student and student programs were presented for recognition.

Cathy Bartley presented the boys and girls tennis teams who were advancing to the regional tournaments.

Michael Copeland and the 97-98 Haskell Indian Band were commended for their outstanding performances during the year which culminated with the first Sweepstakes win in sixteen years.

Math and Science teams sponsored by Bonnie Fouts were recognized for their success in the state TMSCA Competition.

Others recognized were James Bevel's Agriculture students who placed at the state judging finals. Jimmy Lisle presented information concerning the continued success of the elementary literary program, and the students and teachers involved.

The trustees approved a new course title, Diversified Career Preparation, which will be replacing the current course offering Multi-Occupational Co-op Training.

Information was presented the Board from Deanna Jordan concerning the need for considering the feasibility of offering a day care for Haskell CISD employees. Types of care, requirements and licensing needed for this type of facility, which would be for exclusive use of CISD employees only, was discussed. More information will be gathered and presented at the May 19 meeting. Any interested patron is invited to attend the meeting to have dialog with the trustees.

Superintendent Bob Pheil's comments included a review of the 98-99 calendar, and plans for the trustees to canvas election returns

on May 5, at 8:00 a.m.

Action taken on new business, following a closed session of the Board was: All para-professionals, support staff, maintenance and

All-Sports banquet set May 9

The Haskell All-Sports Banquet will be held Sat., May 9 at the Civic Center at 7:00. The annual event will be hosted by the Haskell Indian Booster Club.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$7.50 from Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Sport-About, Haskell High School and Haskell Elementary School. Tickets bought at the door will be \$8.50. Shindig's of Haskell will cater a delicious barbeque meal for the occasion. Brisket, sausage and the trimmings will be served.

All varsity and junior varsity athletes will be honored during the

custodians were rehired for the 98-99 school year; Administrator salaries were established for Billie McKeever, Jimmy Lisle and Jim Rumage.

banquet with special recognition being given to senior athletes. Regulated UIL sports in which Haskell students participate include cross country, football, basketball, baseball, track and field, golf and tennis. In addition, girls' softball was successfully added to the program this year.

This is an opportunity for everyone in the community to show his support and appreciation to the coaches and athletes for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Mark your calendars now and come be a part of an enjoyable evening.

City, school elections set Saturday

Haskell County candidates on the ballot in the upcoming May 2 election are:

HASKELL

School: Dist. 1: Melisa Robison; Dist. 6. Bob Aycock, incumbent, and Bill Steele.

There will be no City election. Incumbent Mayor, Ken Lane, incumbent Aldermen Don Kretschmer and Ruby Turner are all unopposed.

PAINT CREEK

Election cancelled. Incumbents Darlene Walton, Keith Medford, Wallar Overton and Brian Bredthauer are unopposed.

ROCHESTER

School: Incumbents Bill Penman and Larry Short are unopposed.

City election cancelled. Unopposed are incumbents David Lisle, Bobby O'Neal, and Conrad Saucedo for two year terms.

RULE

City: For Mayor, J. N. Cornelius opposes incumbent Malcolm Herttenberger. For two at-large city council seats are R. C. Langford, Larry Kimbrough, Winston Stephens, Chris Trussell and Oleta Cornelius.

School: Incumbents unopposed are Bobby Don Short, Rob Kitley, and Jackie Wilcox.

WEINERT

City: For Mayor, incumbent Dwight Burgess is opposed by Leonard Mahan and Wade Raynes. For city council, incumbents Freddie Horan, Ann Horan and Don Welch are opposed by Jerry Walker, W. R. Hager, Don Griffith and Tammy Kimmel.

School releases proposed calendar for '98-'99 year

The Haskell CISD has proposed the following calendar for Haskell Schools for the 1998-1999 school year. It will be presented for adoption by the Board of Trustees at the May 19 meeting.

Aug. 11-17: Teacher Preparation/Staff Development.

Aug. 18: School starts, first six weeks starts.

Sept. 7: Labor day Holiday.

Sept. 25: First six weeks ends.

Sept. 28: Second six weeks starts.

Oct. 12: Holiday.

Nov. 6: Second six weeks ends.

Nov. 9: Third six weeks starts.

Nov. 25, 27, 28: Thanksgiving holidays.

Dec. 22: Third six weeks ends.

Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Christmas holidays.

Jan. 4: Teacher Preparation/Staff Development.

Jan. 5: Fourth Six weeks starts.

Jan. 29: Holiday.

Feb. 12, 15: Holiday.

Feb. 19: Fourth six weeks ends.

Feb. 22: Fifth six weeks starts.

Mar. 15-19: Spring Break.

April 2: Bad weather day.

April 16: Fifth six weeks ends.

April 19: Sixth six weeks begins.

May 14: Bad weather day.

May 28: Sixth six weeks ends.

May 29: Teacher preparation/Staff Development.

Grain deadline

Glenn Brzozowski of the Haskell County FSA Office reminds producers that the deadline for certification of small grains is May 1, 1998. This is a requirement if you want to be eligible for loans, NAP and EQIP.

Call 864-2617 for an appointment immediately. The deadline is fast approaching.

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Students visit Rotary Club meeting

Creora Tatum is the daughter of Margaret and Billy Tatum.

Active in FFA, she has been listed in Who's Who Among American High Schools Students. Favorite leisure-time activity for Tatum is spending time with her friends. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

After high school, she plans to attend Western Texas, South Plains or Midwestern University to

major in elementary education.

Sherita Tidrow, daughter of Ricky and Gale Tidrow, is active in cross country, basketball, and track. She has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Spending time with friends, and family and reading are among her activities.

She is a member of East Side

Baptist, where she enjoys helping out with the Youth on Wed. nights.

Tidrow plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland. She plans to go into accounting or other career relating to computer science.

Wendy West, daughter of Dana and Sonny West, is active in track, shot-put and discus.

She is a member of East Side Baptist Church.

Her leisure time activities include baby sitting and spending time with her family.

After high school, she plans to attend prison guard school in Beeville.

Tarleton State is site of UIL competitions

Tarleton State University is once again the site of the Region II AA University Interscholastic League competition this spring.

Including Haskell CISD, students representing 57 school districts from 28 counties in Central Texas will be participating in the UIL scholastic and athletic event which began April 24, and will continue through May 2.

The UIL Region IIAA athletic events began on Mon. April 27, with the opening rounds of boys tennis and girls golf. On Wed., April 29, the boys and girls tennis will play their first rounds, with the finals today.

The track and field competition will be held at the Tarleton Memorial Stadium. Field events begin at 2:00 p.m. Fri., May 1. The finals of the timed events will begin at 1:00 p.m. Sat., May 2.



TOP TRACKSTERS—Paint Creek winners at the District track meet in Throckmorton were Jason Shackelford, left, who took first place with 13-6 in Pole Vault, and Jodie Reel, who took first in Triple Jump with 41-11 1/2.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1316 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, April 25, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Fully steady, packer cows \$1 lower; old pairs and cows cheaper; Young cows and pairs steady; Thin yearlings good demand. Fleshier yearlings off wheat cheaper.

Cows: fat, .35-.42; cutters, .34-.40; canners, .24-.37.

Bulls: bologna, .47-.53; feeder, .55-.67; utility, .42-.48.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.18-1.34; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .82-.94; 600-700 lbs., .74-.86; 700-800 lbs., .72-.79; 800-up lbs., .60-.71.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.05; 300-400 lbs., .87-.97; 400-

500 lbs., .80-.93; 500-600 lbs., .72-.85; 600-up lbs., .55-.75.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 550-700; aged or small, 475-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 625-840; small or aged; 525-650.

Hospital

Admissions

Mary Garner, Haskell
Mary Aguilera, Rochester

Dismissals

Henry Guerrero, Jerry Carver, Leone Strickland, Joyce Hawkins, Mary Martin, Hazel Wofford, Marguerite Watkins, Elsie Jacobs, W. O. Skipworth

Obituaries

Juanita Denson Rhea

Funeral services for Juanita Denson Rhea, 89, of Hurst were held Tues., April 28 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rhea died Sun., April 26 in Hurst.

Born May 21, 1908 in Sagerton, she married Floyd King in 1926 and later married Charles Rhea in 1960. She worked in the Haskell community for 30 years as both a sales clerk and a secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. She served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Cowboy Old Timers Association. She was a member of both the Haskell and Stamford Garden Clubs and the Rebekah Lodge. She was a member

of the First Baptist Church where she attended the Fidelis Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Rhea; three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one son, Joe Bob King of Haskell; two daughters, Wanda Nelle Brown Henry of Bedford and Alice Jane With of Hurst; one step-daughter, Ida Fay Young of Albuquerque, N.M.; two step-sons, Henry Rhea of Sacramento, Calif. and Glen Rhea of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Jack Denson and Guy Denson, both of Stamford; one sister, Lonell McCandless of Rule; seven grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

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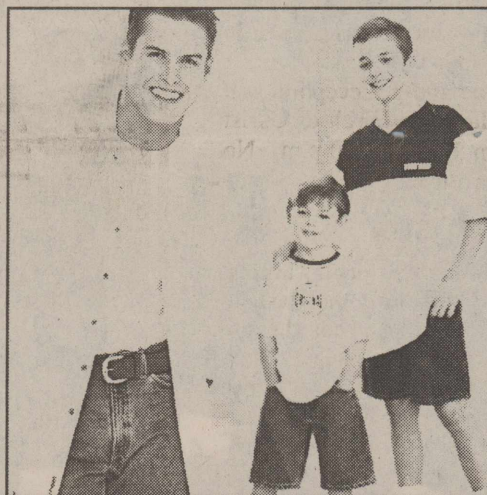
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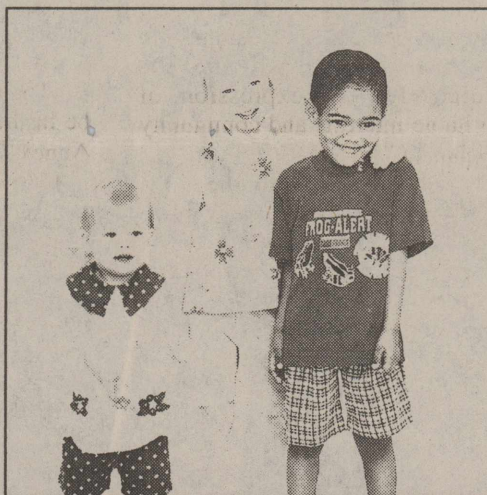
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Bellinghausen presents Study Club program

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., April 9 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Mary Kaigler gave a report on the Mesquite District Convention which was held in Moran. She stated that the host club did a wonderful job with the convention and catered a salad luncheon which had a Texas theme. She was proud to report that our club received 15 awards including 12 first place and 3 second. Our yearbook received second place.

Judy Patterson introduced Darlene Bellinghausen, known to her students as "Mrs. B." She teaches Junior and Senior English at Haskell High School and for about nine years has researched and presented scholarly papers and programs. With the assistance of Pam Thigpen, Bellinghausen brought a slide presentation of the life of George Radcliff Jowell and the "Lucky Hit Ranch." One of his many accomplishments was the founding of the town of Hereford. At the time of the founding, Hereford had many bodies of water as was shown in slides of rivers and ponds. Jowell was a person

who did a large number of firsts—He brought the first registered Herefords to Texas, was the first County Assessor and was the first to try irrigation. The house where he and his wife, Lennah Dobbs,

raised their seven children is featured in the Texas Tech Heritage Center.

After his wife died in 1898, he married again and moved to Mexico where he died in 1912.

Cameron speaks to Rule Seniors

Lori Cameron, representing West Central Texas Tech Prep of Abilene, was the recent guest speaker for the Rule senior class.

Introduced by Rule counselor, Leslie Kupatt, Cameron's topics of

interest included job-seeking skills, interviewing techniques, resume' writing, preparing a portfolio, and HOT JOBS for the future.

After the informative presentation, students visited individually with the speaker.



HOSTESSES—Members of the local FCE clubs were hostesses for the 'sidewalk cafe' luncheon during the annual meeting of the Rolling Plains District 3 of Texas Association for Family and Community Education, held April 16. From the left are Extension Agent Lou Gilly, Faye Jetton, Joetta Burnett, Coleta Whitfield, Estaiynn Liles, Jane Smith, Jeri Burke, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Mildred Robertson, Ophelia Newsom, Alice Yates, Lena Tidwell and Dolores Medford.

FCE meeting brings District women together

By MARY KAIGLER
Staff Writer

All of the nearly 200 women who gathered at the Haskell Civic Center, Thurs., April 16, are members and leaders of a state organization which goes back to the early 1900's, and has figured in some way at some time in most of our lives.

Representing 25 counties, comprising Rolling Plains, District 3, of Texas Association for Family and Community Education (TAFCE), which is conducted through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the women enjoyed the 'sidewalk cafe' atmosphere and setting arranged by host FCE clubs from Haskell, Knox, Throckmorton and Young counties. Coordinating the meeting where the county extension agents, Lou Gilly, Jane Rowan, Arla Felts and Sheryle Mahaney.

For one attending as an invited media representative, it was not only interesting to meet and have lunch with women from the area, but also to participate in the motivational work-shop on "Communicating Through Body Language," led by guest speaker Stormy Higgins, Licensed Professional Counselor of Clinical Associates of Abilene. The rousing presentation of County Extension Agent Pamela Foster of Childress on "Jump-start Your Club for the Next Millennium," would jump-start just about anything one had going.

For a non-member guest, whose earliest and main impression of "Home Demonstration" is the 1930's memory of her mother's club making hogs-head cheese in the kitchen, there was a lot to be learned about this organization.

During the years since the Clubs first began, the world and the need for an extension service have changed immeasurably. In the early days, families and neighbors bonded and banded together to assist one another. But the flow of information was slow. Home Demonstration Clubs were established that were mostly 'show and tell'. Jewel Mote, of Greenwood Community in Wise County, who was honored at the meeting for her sixty years of membership in a club, said that the first meeting she attended was a demonstration of how to take care of an electric refrigerator, given at

the house of a woman who had just bought one.

In 1903 it was determined that a State Dept. of Agriculture was needed to assist the largely farming communities. In 1914 the Extension Service was established, and in 1926, the Texas Home Demonstration Association (THDA), was organized at A&M University by 399 women, primarily to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl.

Specific purpose clubs were formed, such as Tomato Clubs, Canning Clubs and Sewing Clubs. Gradually, however, state funds waned, and in 1933, 1800 Home Demonstration members marched on Austin to protest. In what was perhaps a tribute to "Never underestimate the power of a woman", changes were made.

During the Great Depression, the clubs led in helping people be resourceful. Recycling was done as an everyday routine. Women learned to sew feed-sack clothes and household linens. Outdated men's suits were remade and recycled into other items of wearing apparel and heavy quilts.

In 1941, many women were involved in the clubs; helping one another and others who were needing and searching for help. During that time, 35,000 Texas homes demonstration members and leaders made 530,614 cotton mattresses. Also, local leaders over the state made 183,552 cotton comforters.

The THDA's slogan for war year, 1943, was "Food for Victory—Keep Them Eating." School hot lunch programs grew out of this 'victory garden' movement.

Also, immunization clinics, well-baby clinics, rodent control projects, rural reading programs, traveling libraries, and 2858 rural community libraries were established by the clubs. In the better times of 1947, the club dues spiraled from five cents to fifteen cents, and by 1952 the membership grew to 40,000.

With the depression over and the war over women went to work outside the home, leaving them little time for club work, and the Home Demonstration Association saw a time of decline in membership. The names was changed in 1979, to Texas Extension Homemakers Association.

In the 1980's new grants to the state helped revive the Extension movement. Today its mission is working with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and emphasis on community service.

Speaking of today's challenges for the Texas Association for Family and Community Education, as the organization was been called since 1993, LuJuana Thames, the District vice-president of programs, reminded the groups that although society changes, the family is still every child's most basic need. "FCE is needed now more than ever," she said, adding that it is time for the clubs to rekindle their efforts, and become more and more aware of cultural problems.

The Family and Community Leadership program, as now envisioned by FCE, "will be the catalyst for leadership development of Texas women, and community service activities will be the medium for the expression of charitable interests and community enrichment."

From the 1930's to the 90's, this organization of Texas women has remained a contributor to the world through local leadership programs and community service. "Volunteering is the means," Thames said.

The world, our society and the purpose of the FCE have greatly changed; but one thing hasn't. Just as LuJuana Thames said of the Home Demonstration women working to make all those mattresses during the depression, the women working today to improve the quality of life for

Texas families through Family and Community Education are also "a heck of a bunch of women."

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold a regular meeting May 4 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Billy Middlebrook. He will display Indian arrowheads and other artifacts from this area. He will also tell us where and how he found them and share other knowledge about Haskell County. Middlebrook attended school at Paint Creek and now resides at Haskell.

The public is invited.

Ella Belle Burson to celebrate birthday

Friends of Ella Belle Burson are invited to come and help her celebrate "Eighty Fun-Filled Years" at a birthday party being given in her honor, Sat., May 2.

The come-and-go reception will be in the Haskell Church of Christ Annex from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. No gifts are requested.

Reunion set

The White-Suggs family reunion will be held in the Haskell City Park again this year during the Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24-25.

All the friends of Ben and Josie White's children and Raymond and Tennie Suggs are invited to visit with family during this time. A worship service will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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OPINION



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"Where will you be in the year 2000?" was the thought-provoking question Childress County Extension Agent, Pamela Foster asked the women gathered at the recent meeting of Rolling Plains District 3 of the Texas Association of Family and Community Education. She was speaking of the FCE clubs which they represent and her timely topic was "Jumpstart Your Club for the Next Millennium."

Instead of giving what one might have expected to hear: a list of ways to revitalize a club, such as planning more innovative programs or field trips, bringing in "whizz-bang" speakers, thinking up catchy mottos for projects, or getting everyone involved, (any one of which might spice up some pretty dull club agendas), she talked instead about attitudes—personal attitudes.

Her up front advice was, "Learn how to get out of your own way," and it soon became evident that the "how-to" she was giving was not just applicable to a club.

In a delightful discussion of attitudes, with a tie-in to several chapters of the book *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff and its all small stuff* by Richard Carlson, Ph. D., Foster pointed out the human foible of thinking we are the only one responsible for doing it all and being perfect all the time.

"Make peace with imperfections," she quoted. "Ease up on yourself and be aware of the snowball effect of your own thinking on yourself and others."

Foster said the statement that, "You become what you practice," became real for her when she recently heard a lovely eulogy read at the funeral of a friend by the friend's husband. Wondering what her own husband would say about her as he stood over her coffin, this efficient, everything-always-under-control achiever asked him about it.

"What would you say at my funeral that would give the 'essence' of the real me?" she asked him. After a few moments of thinking, her husband's reply was, "You're really organized."

She said the thought of having that description quoted in a newspaper obituary or the Extension magazine, brought her up sharp in a contemplation of her attitudes as they related to how others perceive her.

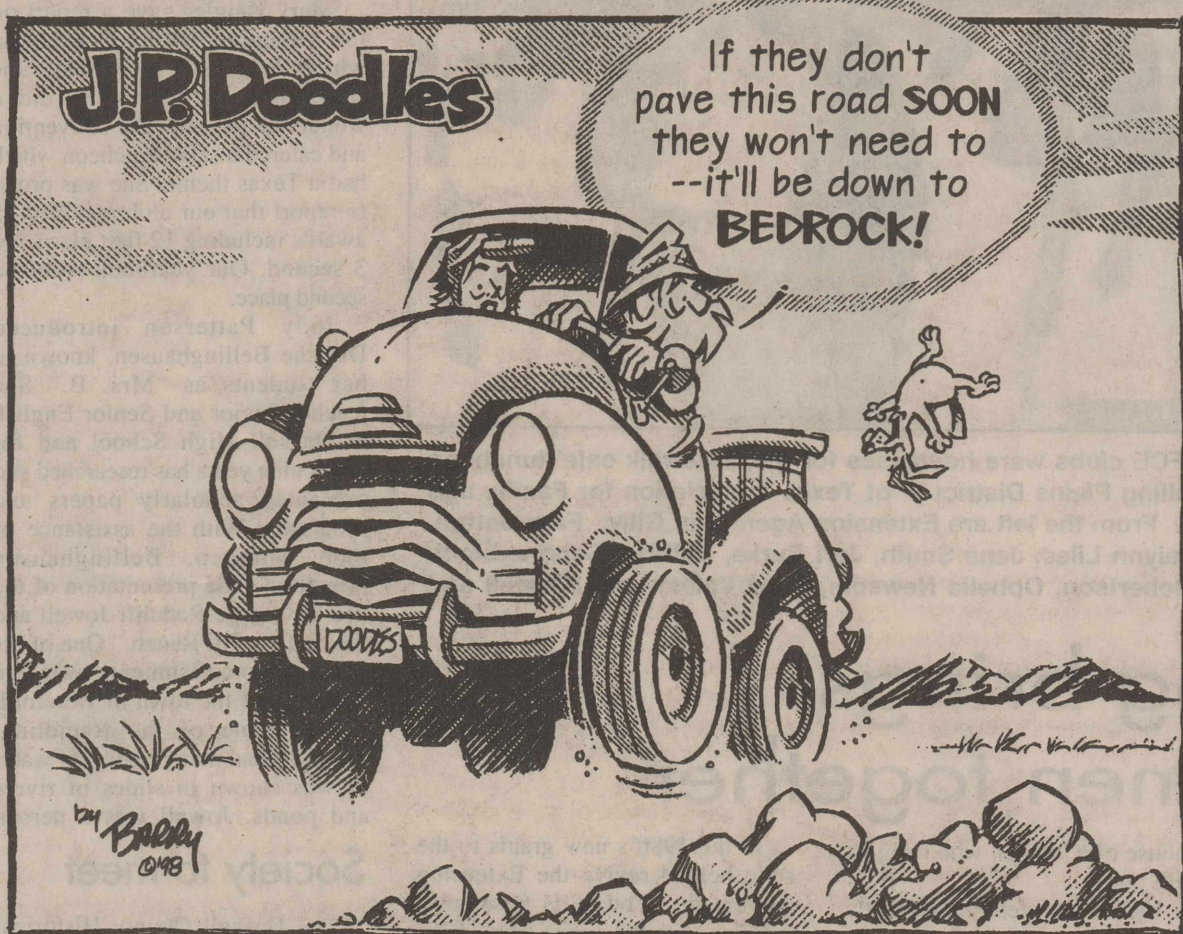
Making peace with imperfection can involve letting others have the glory once in a while; letting others be right now and then, (do I want to be right or happy?); becoming patient with others (will it matter in a year from now?); being the first to reach out with a loving act and allowing yourself the time to just be bored once in a while, (it'll restore body and soul).

Taken from the book, Foster's advise for personal attitude training for having better relationships with others might hit home with a lot of us.

"Quit finishing their sentences for others who are talking; choose your battles wisely and carefully; practice humility; resist the urge to criticize and just for the fun of it, agree with criticism directed at you. Remember that 100 years from now it won't make any difference."

In a thoughtful consideration of the importance of attitude in any situation, Foster gave the group a quote from Charles Swindoll. He said, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance or skill. It will break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."

Such thinking by individuals would lower the stress level and jump-start most any organizations or lagging relationship. It's worth a try.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 28, 1988

Students selected for the Six-Man All Star Basketball were Barry White, first team All-District; Kevin White, second team All-District; Shane Stout, Honorable Mention. Laurie Hester, was selected first team All-District all of Weinert High School.

Twirlers for the 1988-89 season were seventh-grade Andrea Bridwell, Joni Martindale and Heather Stewart. Eighth-grade were Nichole Cothron and Cindy Henry. Senior twirlers were Julie Nanny, Hollie Reed and Wendi Smith.

Lt. James N. Berry of the Abilene Police Dept. has graduated from the FBI Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Berry of Haskell.

20 Years Ago April 27, 1978

Charles Thornhill of Haskell posted a 97 to tie for first place in the handicap event at the Haskell Trap Club.

The Haskell Livestock Auction ran 1252 head of cattle, 250 hogs and no sheep in its sale, April 22.

30 Years Ago April 25, 1968

The "High Sheriff" of Haskell County, these days, is known as "Pork Chop" Garrett—as he reported the second case of hog theft in the county.

The marker with interpretative plate giving a capsule history of the Haskell Railroad Museum has arrived and is on display at the Personality Shoppe.

Nan Jones and Susan May, seniors of Rule, placed on the Class-B All-District Basketball team.

40 Years Ago April 24, 1958

Haskell math teacher for 14 years, Mrs. Scott Greene, was honored at the 18th district P-TA conference in Abilene.

Jack Holcomb, senior in Rule High, was named county winner in the 1958 Texas FFA Tractor

Operators Contest held by Woodard Farm Sales.

50 Years Ago April 29, 1948

The new softball field, at Fair Park has been completed and will have its first opening game.

Giles Marion Kemp, student in John Tarleton College, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp of Haskell.

The structure of the new Bill Wilson Ford Motor company on South Ave. E. is under way.

80 Years Ago April 27, 1918

Two youths were charged with burglary, following their arrest in the Reynolds and Stephens grocery store in Haskell.

Haskell merchants this week received their first shipments of flour made from milo maize. Housewives are urged to use it to conserve wheat flour.

E. O. Chapman has returned after a few day's visit with some of the Haskell county soldier boys at Camp Bowie.

Yard trimmings make good compost material

The yard trimmings many Texans consider garbage and throw out with their household trash could hold the key to opening up landfill space and improving water quality throughout the state.

A recent demonstration project funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWB) through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 319(h) program, showed that compost and wood clippings from yard trimmings could be used to significantly benefit two problem areas affecting urban and agricultural sectors of Texas—water contamination from eroding farmland and the growing scarcity of landfill space.

When water carries away topsoil as runoff, it can carry soil and agricultural chemicals into drinking water supplies. Part of the project's objective was to determine the effectiveness of using compost to increase the water infiltration of erodible soils, making them less likely to be blown or washed away.

Tests at a demonstration site in Big Spring indicated that the addition of wood chips and compost can significantly increase a soil's infiltration. At a test area of typical, sandy, east Texas soil, using yard trimming compost collected at the Lufkin city landfill, showed a marked improvement in structure after the addition.

Many people are beginning to realize the benefits of compost, particularly when used to aid soils supporting crops like cotton, which doesn't add much organic material to the land. Ken Awtry, Piney Woods Resource Conservation and Development coordinator, of Nacogdoches said, "Even with rates of application as low as five tons per acre, soil benefit would accrue over a period of years."

Diverting yard wastes into compost might lessen the burden on landfills. Last year, approximately 11 million tons of compostable materials were put into state landfill, according to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Composting sites were set up in Pampa, Big Spring and Lufkin, to process yard clippings and brush, and document amounts of compostable materials diverted from the landfill. Close to 20 local residents come to the Pampa landfill each week for the free compost.

In Lufkin, 6,556 tons of brush and yard trimmings were composted, with the amount expected to double in 1998. Between 20-25 cubic yards of compost are sold weekly to commercial and private users for \$5.00 a cubic foot. Loading is done by the city at no charge.

Howard Shivers, superintendent of solid waste, said most of the trimmings diverted at the Big Spring site were wood chips. In 1997, the landfill processed 15,000 tons of wood chips and 20 tons of compost.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Haskell High School Junior Class would like to thank everyone who assisted us in the 1998 version of the Junior-Senior Banquet, "Hollywood Nights." We are especially grateful to Video Mania, Carriage Flower Shop, KIS Photo, Smitty's Auto Supply, Sport About, Nemir's Antiques, Holden-McCauley Funeral Home and G&G Carpets for their contributions. Special thanks goes to Mr. Ramage and Shindigs for the delicious meal and to the high school faculty for the time and effort each gave to their unique "roles."

We would also like to express our appreciation to our parents for the many hours they spent helping us make it "perfect." Because of the cooperation and teamwork among so many, our dreams of a special evening became a reality that we will always remember.

Sincerely,
The HHS Class of '99 and their sponsors: Dalyn Griffith, Martha Jarred, Jo McGuire, Scott

Broussard, Robb McClellan, Bob Rapp and Randy Waggoner

Dear Editor:

The Scholastic Book Fair at Haskell Elementary was a big success again this year, due to the assistance and support of many people. I would like to thank the faculty and staff at Haskell Elementary School for their cooperation in planning and scheduling for the book fair and allowing classes to come to the library to see the great books that were available.

Many thanks are due also to the ladies who volunteered their time to help at the book fair and who kept things running smoothly. Finally, we thank the members of the community who came in with their children, and by doing so, showed their appreciation for books and reading.

Thanks again for another great book fair.
Betsy McManamon
School Librarian

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Gov. George W. Bush last week asked a federal judge to throw out his previous ruling that declared lawyers' \$2.3 billion fee reasonable in the state's \$15.3 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Attorney General Dan Morales hired the team of private lawyers to represent the state in the lawsuit.

Lawyers for Bush and seven Republican and Democratic state legislators who joined the governor in suing to cut back the lawyers' fees (15 percent of the settlement) said they are prepared to appeal to a higher court if U. S. District Judge David Folsom rules against them.

Austin lawyer Pete Schenkkan, who is representing Bush, said, "We think the law is clearly on our side, but that doesn't mean we are going to win in front of Judge Folsom."

If an appeal of Folsom's ruling is necessary, Schenkkan said, the lawyers opposing the \$2.3 billion fees would argue that the judge acted improperly when he ruled Jan. 22 to enforce the state's contract with the private lawyers, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Court Sides With Ticketholder

A New Jersey police officer is closer to collecting the \$10.4 million Texas Lottery jackpot he won in 1994.

Last week the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that Scott Wenner is entitled to a trial of his lawsuit in which he claims that the Texas lottery is trying to cheat him out of his winnings by not paying.

The court's decision clears the way for a December trial, but Wenner's lawyer said he believes Texas will settle rather than go back to court.

Wenner bought the \$1 ticket from a now-defunct multistate ticket agent in Pennsylvania.

The Texas Lottery argued that the agent illegally sold the ticket, making Wenner's claim invalid. But the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the sale was legal and the high court upheld the ruling.

LCRA Ends Private Briefings

Though it is legal for government bodies to hold staff briefings in private, the lower Colorado River Authority last week announced its decision to curtail them.

"We found that we have been holding too many briefings in executive sessions," LCRA General Manager Mark Rose told the *American-Statesman*. "These briefings can be difficult to police and eventually we could find ourselves in trouble."

Under the Texas Open Meetings law, meetings of tax-supported entities must be held in public. The definition of what constitutes a meeting is sometimes blurry to officials whose responsibility it is to post public notice of the meetings and conduct them in accordance with the law.

The Austin-based LCRA manages the Colorado River and provides water and power to customers from near Abilene to Bay City.

AG Shuns Hopwood Meeting

About 25 University of Texas students demonstrated outside the state attorney general's office demanding that Attorney General Morales appeal the Hopwood case.

The students chanted that minorities were being denied access to higher education because of the case, but Morales declined to meet with them.

The week before the demonstrations, Morales said he was unconvinced Texas should launch an appeal.

Hopwood—named for lead plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood—was brought in 1992 by four white students who said they were denied admission to the UT school of law because of their race.

In 1996, the U. S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that race could no longer be a factor in awarding scholarships, financial aid and college admission.

Meanwhile, U. S. District Judge Sam Sparks denied a request by black and Hispanic American groups that they be allowed to intervene on behalf of the University of Texas in the Hopwood case.

Gov. Bush Takes Campaign West

Gov. Bush traveled to California last week to raise money for his re-election campaign, speak to movie executives and attend a fund-raiser for GOP gubernatorial candidate Dan Lungren.

Garry Mauro, Bush's Democratic challenger, chided the governor for doing the same thing he criticized his predecessor Ann Richards for doing in 1994; accepting campaign money from Californians and promoting the Texas film industry.

According to finance reports, Bush has raised about \$8 million for his re-election, including \$1.2 million from out of state.

Senate Kids' Site Opens

The Texas Senate launched its Texas SenateKids Internet site, at <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/kids/>.

Each of the 31 members of the Senate is pitching in to pay for the \$3,000 site.

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CERTIFIED—Local area women who completed the Food Protection Management Training Program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, were, left to right, Joyce Turner, owner of a Rule Bed and Breakfast, Lynn Blair, Dietary Service Manager for Haskell Healthcare Center, Denia Cunningham, owner of Double A Drive Inn, and Dawn Rodela, Head Cook for the Experienced Citizen's Center.

Four complete food service managers certification course

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Four food service managers in Haskell County recently completed the Food Protection Management Training Program to stay up-to-date on food safety and sanitation.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health, seeks to help reduce the incidents of foodborne illness by providing the latest information on food safety to food service establishments.

Those who participated in the program were: Lynn Blair, Dietary Service Manager for Haskell Healthcare Center; Denia Cunningham, owner of Double "A" Drive Inn; Dawn Rodela, head cook for the Experienced Citizens Center and Joyce Turner, owner of a county bed and breakfast in Rule.

Each food establishment which had an employee to complete this 15-hour food safety course received certification from the National Restaurant Association.

FCE Council meets

Haskell County FCE Council met April 15 at the County Extension Office. Council Chairman Lena Tidwell called the meeting to order. A reading "Retirement" was given by Ophelia Newsom. Roll call was done by Kathryn Schonerstedt with ten members, three guests and agent Lou Gilly present.

Chairman Lena Tidwell appointed a committee for Information Day in Sept.

Volunteers honored

At a recent party honoring volunteers from area communities, the Haskell Healthcare Center recognized several groups for their continued service to the Center.

In appreciation, a volunteer pin was given to each of the 22 volunteers present.

Recognized were the Sunshine Ladies from East Side Baptist Church, who serve lunch and sing hymns for residents one time

membership until the year 2003 with the Industry Council on Food Safety and a decal to display in their window to let customers know they are certified in food safety.

The Industry Council on Food Safety is a coalition of food service industry operators, suppliers and association committed to addressing food safety. It was formed to encourage industry-wide training in safe food handling and preparation procedures and to focus attention on prevention of foodborne illness.

Extension's Food Protection Management Training Program provides high quality, effective food safety training for food establishment managers throughout Texas. In effect, it is designed to increase the safety of food served to customers, thereby, reducing the incidence of foodborne illness in the state.

Instructors for this class were Lou Gilly and Jane Rowan, County Extension Agents-FCS for Haskell and Knox Counties. Managers who have been trained and certified are encourage to train

Chairman is Joetta Burnett, Ophelia Newsom and Betty Sanders.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Jane Smith, read the new officers including Betty Sanders, chairman; Kathryn Schonerstedt, vice-chairman; Lennie Blankenship, secretary; Joetta Burnett, treasurer.

Thirteen members visited the ECC for lunch.

monthly; The Gospel Singers, who come twice monthly, Spiritual Time, coming each week; and the Church of Christ members who come each Sunday with a church service and communion.

Betty Hearne, Activity Director of the Center, expressed thanks to all of the volunteers from the surrounding towns for giving their time to make the resident's life happier by their coming.

their employees in food safety, further reducing the risk of sickness from contaminated or mishandled food. Jeanette Stephens monitored the last three sessions with her supervisor, Dawn Rodela.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE Program from the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

For more information of the Food Protection Management Training Program, call Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 454-2651.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mickey Dewey and Ryan Casanova of Lubbock and Lynn Denton of San Antonio visited in the home of Tom, Mary and Tim Dewey over the weekend.

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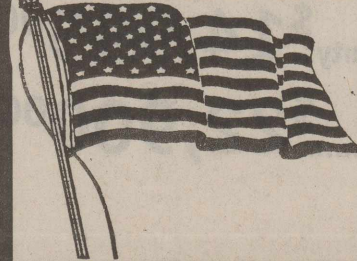
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Rule 4-H Club hears Williamson

Scott Williamson of the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association spoke to the Rule 4-H Club April 14. Williamson presented a video of the actions a Texas Ranger has to take in capturing a cattle rustler. Members in attendance were Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing,

Holly Wolsch, Mackenzie Miller, Miranda Robertson, Kortney Kupatt, Sam Kittley, Laci Standefer and Lisa Caddell.

April 23 a group of the Rule 4-H'ers traveled to Abilene to watch the Taylor County 4-H Roundup. Share-the-fun and Jr/Sr Method demonstration were presented at the

roundup. Attending the roundup were Tully Brown, Kinsey Brown, Sam Kittley, Laci Standefer, Kortney Kupatt, Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, Miranda Robertson, Mackenzie Miller, Jacob Manske, Kymbre Kupatt, Leslie Kupatt, Renee Dudensing and Lana Culpepper.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

We welcome another month...the year is almost half gone already...and we approach the cotton planting season, farmers are desperately looking to the skies for much needed moisture.

Your correspondent has joined the ranks of those who forget important functions...like the Friendship Club last week. Some in the community are still pretty sharp and the following were present for the meal and fellowship that followed: Doris Lehrmann, Minnie Monse, Isabell Mrazek, Ed Fouts, Frieda Knipping, Dorothy Toney, Leona Schonerstedt, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Larry LeFevre, Frances Clark, Mary Neinast and Bubba Mrazek.

Faith Lutheran Brotherhood Breakfast was held also last week with Marchel Nauter, Marvin Stegemoeller, Lewis Corzine, J. B. Toney, Melvin Baitz, Ronnie, Ross and Eugene Teichelman, Alvin Bredthauer, Clayton and Leon Stegemoeller, Dean Quade, Joe Swofford, Clancy Lehrmann and Pastor Jeff Zell in attendance.

Jennifer Lehrmann has been listed in the top ten tracksters in the area.

Linda LeFevre of Wylie was hostess for the Bob Laughlin family reunion last weekend in her home. Approximately 50 family members met for food, fun and visiting. People from Sagerton to attend the gathering included: Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Frances Clark, Larry LeFevre, Jill, Cade, Kinsey and Tully Brown. Ladain Anderson of Houston returned with the group and is spending some time in the home of her niece, Frances Clark.

Patty Kelly demonstrated Tupperware Products at a party in the Community Center last week with Yvonne Swofford as hostess. Mrs. Swofford plans to be a distributor and invites customers to call her for bookings.

Michelle Stegemoeller, daughter of Clayton and Paula, was at Texas

A & M this past weekend for dairy cattle judging competition in the state meet. Her team from Rule placed 7th of 64 teams entering and Michelle was one of the top ten individual scorers.

G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre have returned home from a vacation to the Hill country with their travel trailer. They visited at Fredricksburg, Johnson City and then with relatives at Eddy and Glen Rose. On Sunday afternoon

they attended a birthday party at Harmon Park in Stamford honoring Debra and Danielle Oliver.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend in Valley View and Sanger visiting with their children and grandson, Don, Patsy and Tom Bivins. On Saturday night they attended the Muensterfest. The traditional German celebration is held annually at Muenster and features authentic German food, music, arts and crafts of all kinds and activities for all ages.

Food for thought

by Charles E. Spurgeon
"He that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby."

Ecclesiastes 10:9
Oppressors may get their will of poor and needy men as easily as they can split logs of wood, but they had better mind, for it is a dangerous business, and a splinter from a tree has often killed the woodman. Jesus is persecuted is every injured saint, and he mighty to avenge his beloved ones. Success in treading down the poor and needy is a thing to be trembled at; if there be no danger to persecutors here there will be great danger hereafter.

To cleave wood is a common everyday business, and yet it has its dangers, so then, reader, there are dangers connected with your calling and daily life which it will be well for you to be aware of. We refer not to hazards by flood and field, or by disease and sudden death but to perils of a spiritual sort.

Your occupation may be as humble as log splitting, and yet the devil can tempt you in it. You may be a domestic servant, a farm

labourer, or a mechanic, and you may be greatly screened from temptations to the grosser vices, and yet some secret sin may do you damage. Those who dwell at home and mingle not with the rough world, may yet be endangered by their very seclusion. Nowhere is he safe who thinks himself so. Pride may enter a poor man's heart; avarice may reign in a cottager's bosom; uncleanness may venture into the quietest home; and anger, and envy, and malice may insinuate themselves into the most rural abode.

Even in speaking a few words to a servant we may sin; a little purchase at a shop may be the first link in a chain of temptations; the mere looking out of a window may be the beginning of evil. O Lord, how exposed we are! How shall we

be secured! To keep ourselves in, work too hard for us: only thou thyself art able to preserve us in such a world of evils. Spread thy wings over us, and we, like little chickens, will cower down beneath, and feel ourselves safe!

Turkey gnats are becoming troublesome

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

If you are going to be outside make sure you take along an insect repellent such as Skin-So-Soft or vanilla extract. Turkey gnats which are also called black flies and buffalo gnats are active. The females feed on birds and other animals. The turkey gnats are gray and about 1/16 inch in length. They get the name buffalo gnats from their humped backs.

Both sexes feed on the nectar of flowers, but the females suck blood. They bite exposed parts of the body and get into the hair and under clothing. They often bite where clothing fits snugly against

the body. Children may be more severely bitten while adults in the same area hardly notice them. Bites are not usually apparent until well after the gnat is gone. The bite typically has a small, red central spot, surrounded by a slightly red, swollen area. Bites often itch and are irritating for several days.

During the past week the activity of turkey gnats has increased. The abundant rains earlier this year which resulted in the continuous flow of streams and rivers provided areas for the development of the larval stage. Turkey gnats are most abundant near streams or rivers.

Texas Tech football tickets are now on sale

New ticket options for the 1998 Texas Tech football home season are now on sale through the Athletic Ticket Office.

Season ticket renewals will become available for next season beginning Fri., May 1. New season tickets will begin sales on June 22.

"We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets for the 1998 football season now," said Athletic Director Gerald Myers. "It's important to show our support for the program and our athletes in the upcoming season."

"Texas Tech's place as the only Division I institution between Fort Worth and Albuquerque gives us a significant presence in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico," Myers

said. "We are looking forward to an exciting year on the field in 1998-99. I hope everyone can be a part of Texas Tech Athletics."

The Red Raiders kick off the 1998 schedule at home with a Sept 5 game vs. Texas-El Paso in Jones Stadium at 6 p.m. Five additional home games line the season, including Sept. 19 vs. Fresno State, Oct. 3 vs. Baylor, Oct. 10 vs. Oklahoma State, Oct. 31 vs. Missouri and Nov. 14 vs. Texas.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office at 806/742-4412 or toll free at 1-888-GO BIG 12. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bull evaluation seminar to be held Mon., May 4

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The Haskell County Extension Agricultural Committee is sponsoring a bull evaluation seminar Mon., May 4 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic and will cover the following topics: Nutritional Management Before and

During the Breeding Season, Selecting Your Herd Bull, Breeding Soundness Examination, Parasite Control and Diseases Associated with Fertility.

Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist will present the program. If you have any questions, please call (940) 864-2658.

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10	11 Boys & Girls Golf State-Austin Baseball Quanah at Quanah JV	12 Baseball Electra at Haskell V State Golf-Austin	13 Medical Exam Tour at Lubbock	14 Leave for State Track	15 State Track Meet-Austin	16
17 Senior Supper Catholic Church 7:00	18 Jr. High Band Concert Senior Trip	19 Senior Roast	20	21 HHS Band Concert	22 Bike Day Lutheran Church 7:00	23
24	25	26	27 Senior Graduation Practice 2:00	28 Senior Graduation Practice 2:00	29 Senior Graduation Practice 1:00	30 Graduation 8:00

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BRYAN McCULLOCH

Bryan McCulloch named assistant principal of the year

Bryan McCulloch, Haskell Secondary Assistant Principal, has been named Region XIV assistant principal of the year. McCulloch, who is in his third year at Haskell was selected for the honor by the Region XIV principals' association.

"I am very honored to receive this award. We all work together to make our campus the best it can be," said McCulloch.

The award is for providing exceptional educational leadership to his campus. The secondary campus is a recognized campus according to data provided by the Texas Education Agency.

Prior to coming to Haskell McCulloch taught and coached at A. permont, Cisco, Gustine and Moran. His wife, Cindy, is the counselor at Haskell Elementary. They have three children.

New treatment

A custom-designed medication improved or cleared psoriasis in two-thirds of the patients studied.

"This new topical cream, called Tazorac, is designed to interact with specific parts of the cells found in psoriasis and to turn them off," said Dr. Ted Rosen, the dermatologist in charge of the study at Baylor College of Medicine and the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Psoriasis, a hereditary skin disease with no cure, is characterized by red, scaly and flaky patches of thickened skin usually found on the elbows, knees and scalp.

"This drug is not a cure, but it is an excellent treatment option," Rosen said. "Many patients will remain improved or totally clear for as long as three to six months."

The treatment, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in February, is applied daily until the psoriasis improves or clears and can be stopped until the psoriasis reappears.

The drug attacks psoriasis skin cell overgrowth by targeting receptors in the skin that react with retinoids, or vitamin A-like compounds.

"The retinoid receptors are responsible for the skin cells' multiplication and growth. By blocking the receptors, the uncontrolled growth seen in psoriasis can be stopped," Rosen said.

When the medication reacts with the skin cell process, the scales begin to fade, the thickened areas thin out, and the redness disappears.

"For the two-thirds of patients who respond well to the treatment, the result is normal-looking skin with perhaps a slight pink discoloration," Rosen said.

Although some patients experience skin irritation as a side effect, Rosen says that problem can be addressed by using a lower concentration of cream or by combining the medication with low-potency topical steroids.

He recommends the new medication for patients who have not been satisfied with conventional treatments such as oral medications, ultraviolet light therapy, topical steroids or topical tar-containing compounds.

"The success of this first custom-designed drug opens the door for other drugs designed to attack the mechanism of psoriasis," Rosen said.

Artist featured

The art works of Gene Hester of Houston, will be among those shown at the 27th annual Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair to be held in Kerrville, May 22-25.

A native of Haskell, Hester is known for work in fused glass. His bowls and platters are in private collections around the world.

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New licenses good for six years

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Department of Public Safety extends license expiration dates.

Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license offices.

"Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day."

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal licenses will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly

distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification cards will be valid for six years.

Driver license fees will remain \$4 per year, but totals will vary during the transition period based on expiration date. Licensees will pay \$16 for four years, \$20 for five years and \$24 for six years.

This new driver license program implements House Bill 1200, which was passed during last year's legislative session. DPS simultaneously is implementing several other new driver license laws. Changes include:

•DPS-issued identification cards will cost \$15 for six years. However, citizens age 60 or older will be able to pay \$5 for identification cards that will be

valid indefinitely.

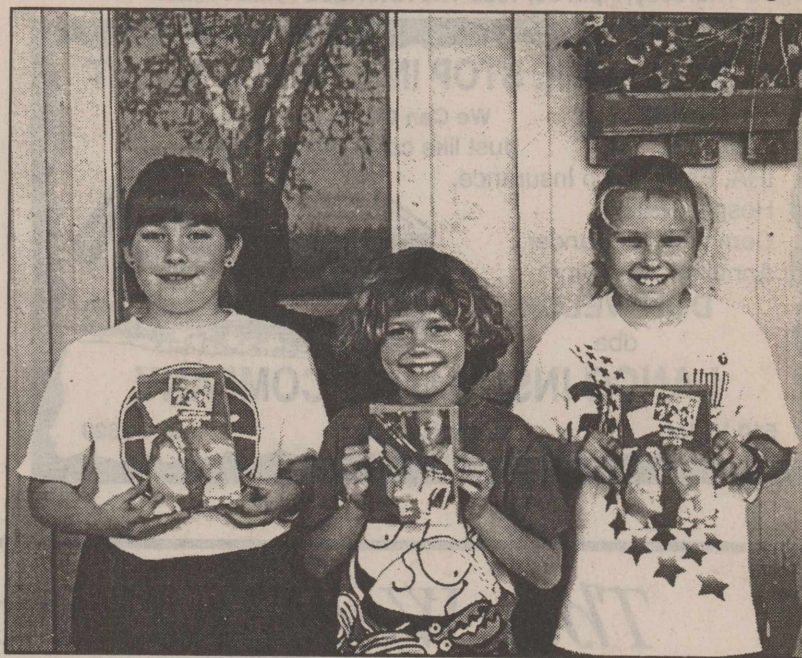
•The fee structure will change for licensed motorcycle operators.

Previously, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses with "Class M" motorcycle operator certification.

Now, new "Class M" applicants will be charged \$15 in addition to the regular automobile driver

license fee. Those renewing licenses with "Class M" certification will pay \$8 in addition to the standard fee. The motorcycle licensing fees are designated for the Motorcycle Education Fund, which provides motorcycle safety information and operator training statewide.

•When renewing or applying for new driver licenses and identification cards, applicants will be given the opportunity to donate \$1 to benefit blindness education, screening and treatment.



TOP COOKIES—Rule Girl Scouts, left to right, Kyla Jones, Laci Stephens and Kortney Kupatt each sold over 150 boxes of cookies to be eligible to attend Girls Scout camp this summer. Other Girl Scouts involved were Kelsie Miller, Christie Judd, Kyna Scheets, Callie Papasan, Kendra Scheets, Jordan Baitz, Miranda Roberson, Mackenzie Miller, Holly Wolsch and Sam Kitley. The Girl Scout leader for their troop is Kristi Jones.

Watch roses for black spot

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

One of the most common rose diseases may be prevalent this year because of the wet El Nino weather pattern. Black spot is a constant enemy for people who love to grow roses. The fungus make ugly, dark lesions on leaves and canes and, if left untreated, can defoliate the plant.

Extension plant pathologist Dr. Larry Barnes says black spot is the number one leaf spot problem in roses. He says warm, wet weather

encourages the fungal disease but that black spot can occur at almost any time and survive through the hot summer. He says if your roses typically suffer from black spot, it's a good idea to start spraying with a fungicide even before you see spots.

Barnes says removal of damaged leaves and canes is also critical. To sanitarly prune your infected rose bush, dip your sheers in a solution of 10 to 20 percent bleach after each cut. Also, remove all fallen leaves which harbor the fungus.

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Data	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TRUST FUNDS	TOTALS (MEMO ONLY)
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	500-599 DEBT SERVICE FUND	600-699 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	800-829 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	98 AUGUST 31, 1997
REVENUES:						
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$535,503	\$15,712	-	-	\$551,215
5800	State Program Revenues	558,393	9,888	-	-	568,281
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	36,110	-	-	36,110
5020	Total Revenues	\$1,093,896	\$61,710	-	-	\$1,155,606
EXPENDITURES:						
10	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	\$572,663	\$15,512	-	-	\$588,175
20	Instruction and School Leadership	71,350	-	-	-	71,350
30	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	135,148	67,749	-	-	202,897
40	Administrative Support Services	92,080	-	-	-	92,080
50	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	189,964	-	-	-	189,964
60	Ancillary Services	-	-	-	-	-
70	Debt Service	9,568	-	-	-	9,568
80	Capital Outlay for School District Facilities	-	-	-	-	-
90	Intergovernmental Charges	20,162	-	-	-	20,162
6030	Total Expenditures	\$1,090,935	\$83,261	-	-	\$1,174,196
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$2,961	(\$21,551)	-	-	(\$18,590)
7020	Other Resources	1,541	21,551	-	-	23,092
8030	Other (Uses)	(21,551)	-	-	-	(21,551)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(\$17,049)	-	-	-	(\$17,049)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	321,288	431	-	-	321,719
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$304,239	\$431	-	-	\$304,670

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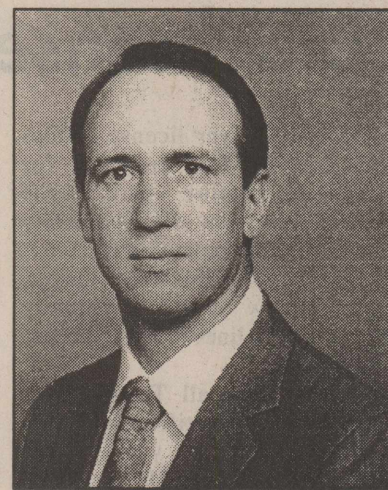


Haskell School Menu

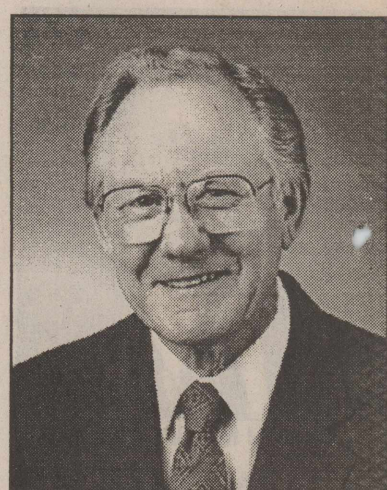
May 4-May 8 Breakfast
 Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Waffles/syrup
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: Cereal, buttered toast/jelly

Lunch
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at

the Elementary School.
Monday: Steak on bun, French fries, pickle spears, fruit cobbler
Tuesday: Pizza, tossed salad, corn on cob, shape ups
Wednesday: Frito bag, pinto beans, cornbread, cookies, diced pears
Thursday: Turkey/dressing/gravy, candied yams, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad
Friday: Hamburgers, curly fries, hamburger trimmings, ice cream



GLENN SHOCK



DALE DURHAM

FBC sets revival May 10-13

A Matter of the Heart, is the theme of the spring revival planned by the First Baptist Church of Haskell, May 10-13.

Evangelist Glenn Shock, Pastor of Seymour First Baptist Church, will conduct the revival. Music Evangelist Dale Durham of Kerrville, will lead the singing.

A native of Danbury, Shock earned a degree in Religion, from East Texas Baptist University, and a degree in Religion Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Gwen, have three children.

Dale Durham holds a Bachelor of Music degree from East Texas Baptist University, a Master of Religion Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary, and has done graduate study at New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Special events planned for the revival starting on Mother's Day, are a ladies breakfast in the Family Activity Center at 8:00 a.m.; High Attendance Day in Sunday School; and Youth Pizza at 5:00 o'clock that night.

Monday will feature Children's Pizza at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday will be an All Church Favorite Dessert after the evening worship service.

Wednesday will be Family Night with a meal at 6:00 o'clock.

Monday through Wednesday there will be noon services, with lunch served. Evening services will be at 7:00 each night.

This Week's Devotional Message:
LEARN THROUGH YOUR FAITH TO BE CHEERFUL IN ADVERSITY



Life teaches all of us that there are intervals when everything seems to go right, while at other times the dark clouds appear and adversity descends upon us like the trials of Job. It is not so much the events themselves as the way we react to them that may determine the outcome. Whenever you are experiencing difficulties, remember that your House of Worship is the place to acquire the ability to "roll with the pun-

ches"; and you might also ask the advice of your clergyman, whose functions include helping people in trouble. Then, having done everything possible to alleviate your problems, you should try to develop a cheerful and positive attitude which will eventually become a good habit and will also brighten the lives of those around you, who may share your woes. This can be difficult, but with the power of God, nothing is impossible.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

East Side Baptist Church
 David Page, pastor
 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
 Dusty Garrison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Gary Bruns, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Vergil Smith, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, 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
 Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 John Lewis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Freddy Perez, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek

WEINERT

First Baptist Church
 Joel Rister, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
 Rev. James Patterson
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ
 Steve Wills, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
 Ed Buerkle, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Rev. Andrew
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church
 Daniel Ramey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
 Jeff Zell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
 Daniel Ramey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

New Life Baptist Mission
 Jesus Herrera
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Matt Herrington, 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

Head Start Menu

May 4-May 8
 Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.

Breakfast
Monday: Corn flakes, banana
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast, orange slices
Wednesday: Waffle w/syrup, strawberries
Thursday: Blueberry muffin, apple wedges
Friday: Rice Krispies, apple juice

Lunch
 Milk served daily with lunch.
Monday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, apricots
Tuesday: BBQ chicken, broccoli,

mixed fruit, slice bread
Wednesday: Turkey/cheese sandwich, tossed salad, pear halves
Thursday: Homemade beef stew, zucchini sticks, apple slices, cornbread
Friday: Tuna sandwich, carrot sticks, orange slices

Snacks
Monday: Oatmeal cookies, orange juice
Tuesday: Vanilla wafers, apple juice
Wednesday: Crackers/peanut butter, milk
Thursday: Snack mix, orange juice
Friday: Animal crackers, milk

Paint Creek School Menu

May 4-May 8 Breakfast
 Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Toast/jelly
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Eggs, ham, toast
Thursday: Cinnamon toast
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Hot steak with gravy, salad, fries, toast, pineapple

Tuesday: Bar-B-Que on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, brownies
Wednesday: Hot dogs with chili, cheese, pickles, pea salad, peach cobbler
Thursday: Fish, tartar sauce, macaroni with cheese, green beans, pears, rolls
Friday: Bologna or tuna sandwich, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pork and beans, chips, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, May 4
 Lunch-Beef spaghetti, green beans, cabbage slaw, plum cobbler, garlic bread
Wednesday, May 6
 10:30 a.m. Exercise, Outreach Home Health
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure,

Outreach Home Health
 Lunch-Meat loaf, potatoes, Spanish cabbage, peaches, cookie
Friday, May 8
 Lunch-Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, Mexican cornbread, strawberry shortcake

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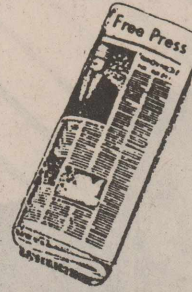
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NOTICE
The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for a 1998, 30 yard garbage truck until 5:00 p.m. May 8, 1998. Bids will be opened at the regular city council meeting on May 11, 1998 at 7:00 a.m. Specifications will be available at the Haskell City Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The City of Haskell reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 17-18c

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. P. Caudle, Nora Nave, Lena Caudle Smith, Edmond Edward Smith, Joe S. Smith, Bonnie Lee, E. N. Benedict, H. M. Caudle, Lola Adora Caudle, Hyram Reaburn Caudle, R. E. (Emmett) Caudle and wife, Lena Caudle, Opal Sims Hightower, Dan A. Sims, Catherine E. Clifton, Norma Gamble, Nora Caudle a/k/a Nora Caudle Nave, Charles W. Kennedy, Jr., Patricia Kennedy Ricci, Belle Sager Sims a/k/a Belle Caudle, Edwin Allen Benedict, Quantrell Caudle a/k/a Quant Caudle, Pearl Caudle, Dan A. Sims, Andrea J. Keeney a/k/a Andrea J. Schoenrock, Mary Smith, Marty Martelle Clifton Dickerson, Betty J. Broyles and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each of the above named people, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 39th Jud. District Court of Haskell County at the Courthouse being located at 1 Ave. D, in the City of Haskell, Haskell County Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 1st day of June, A.D. 1998, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of April, A.D. 1998, in this cause, numbered 10,735 on the docket of said court and styled Harding Co. A Texas Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. J. P. Caudle et al. Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Seeking receivership for the purpose of executing Oil Gas & Mineral Lease covering the following described property in Haskell County Texas to-wit: 284 acres, more or less, out of G. W. Lang Survey #37, Abstract #306 as described in Deed from Belle Sager, et al. to J. C. Davis dated October 10, 1942, and recorded in Volume 154, at Page

126. Deed Records of Haskell County Clerk's Office, Haskell County, Texas.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 13th day of April, A. D. 1998.

(SEAL)
Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk, District Court

Haskell County, Texas
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TESTING DATES ANNOUNCED
Vernon Regional Junior College Nursing Department application deadline is May 29 for August 1998 RN generic, LVN Vernon day and LVN Seymour day programs. Placement testing dates on Vernon campus are April 23, May 5 and May 14. Testing is from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the applied arts building. Pre-scheduling is required. Contact Dona Crow, (940) 552-6291, ext. 2278.

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WINNING WRITERS—Paint Creek girls who placed at the District UIL Literary Meet in Rule, Mar. 26-28, became eligible to compete at the UIL Regionals Meet at South Plains College in Levelland. From the left are: coach Launa Medford, sophomore Heather Hobbs, who placed 1st in Feature Writing 1st in Editorial Writing and 4th in Ready Writing; freshman Candace Everhart who placed 3rd in Ready Writing; junior Susan Acosta, chosen alternate in Feature Writing and Editorial Writing, and coach Cherry Pittcock.

Rule students receive honors at regional

Students from Rule High School qualified for state after earning top honors at a regional meet in Levelland, hosted by South Plains College.

Events, placings and winners were:

Calculator application, individ.: 1. Eric Robinson, Rule 2. Justin Custer, Rule; 3. Sam Bagot, Rule
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 Computer Science, team: 1. Eric Robinson, Sam Bagot, Megan Jones, Rule.

Mathematics, individ.: 1. Eric Robinson, Rule; 2. Justin Custer, Rule.

Mathematics, team: 1. Eric Robinson, Justin Custer, Sam

Bagot, Rule.
 Number Sense, individ.: 1. Justin Custer, Rule 2. Eric Robinson, Rule.
 Number sense, team: 2. Justin Custer, Eric Robinson, Sam Bagot, Rule.

Spelling and vocabulary, individ.: 2. Justin Custer, Rule.

Spelling and vocabulary, team: 2. Lindsay Pike, Justin Custer, Gloria Aguinaga, Rule.

Prekindergarten registration set May 8

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 1998-99 school year Fri., May 8. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the

elementary cafeteria. To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1998, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of

limited English-speaking ability. Prekindergarten is being considered for all four year olds. Students who do not qualify would be charged tuition. This charge would be comparable with current day care costs. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register on Fri., May 8.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. Call 864-2654 for additional information.

Altamesa Chorale to perform

The Altamesa Chorale singing group of Fort Worth will be performing at the Old Glory Community Center, Sat., May 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Made up of singers from throughout the area, including Helen Hertenberger Simmons of Old Glory, they have performed at Carnegie Hall, the Washington National Cathedral, the White House, and in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.

Ronald Matthews is the choral director of the Altamesa Chorale. He has been involved in chorale music for 21 years, and is a member of the Texas Chorale Directors Association, Texas Music Educators Association, and Chorus America-Association of

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Grain Tour set May 7

by Greg Kaase
 Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 The Haskell County Extension Agricultural Committee is sponsoring a Small Grain Farm Tour Thurs., May 7. The tour will start at 9:00 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to meet at the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 South Ave. D.

Tour stops will include a Wild Oat Control Demonstration and a 17 Wheat Variety Trial. Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist will be on hand to discuss both demonstration sights.

Please RSVP to the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 by May 5.



SCHOOL RECOGNIZED—Haskell Elementary students, from the left, Brad Blanks, Amanda Johnson, Josh Kimmel and Molly McKnight proudly pose with the medallion awarded the school by the Texas Education Accountability System. Through the TAAS tests being taken, the students are working hard, striving to attain the higher award level of Excellence.

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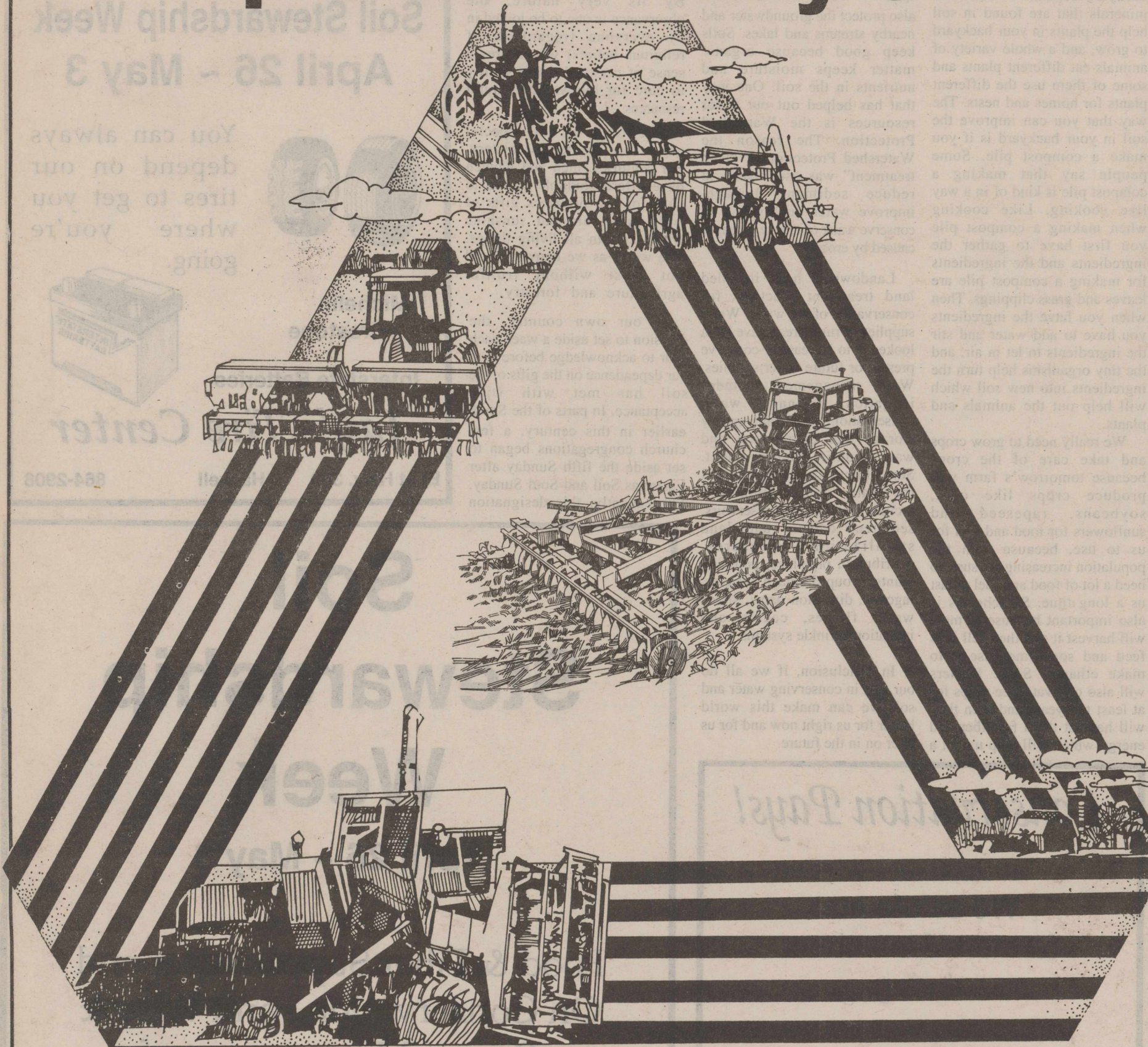
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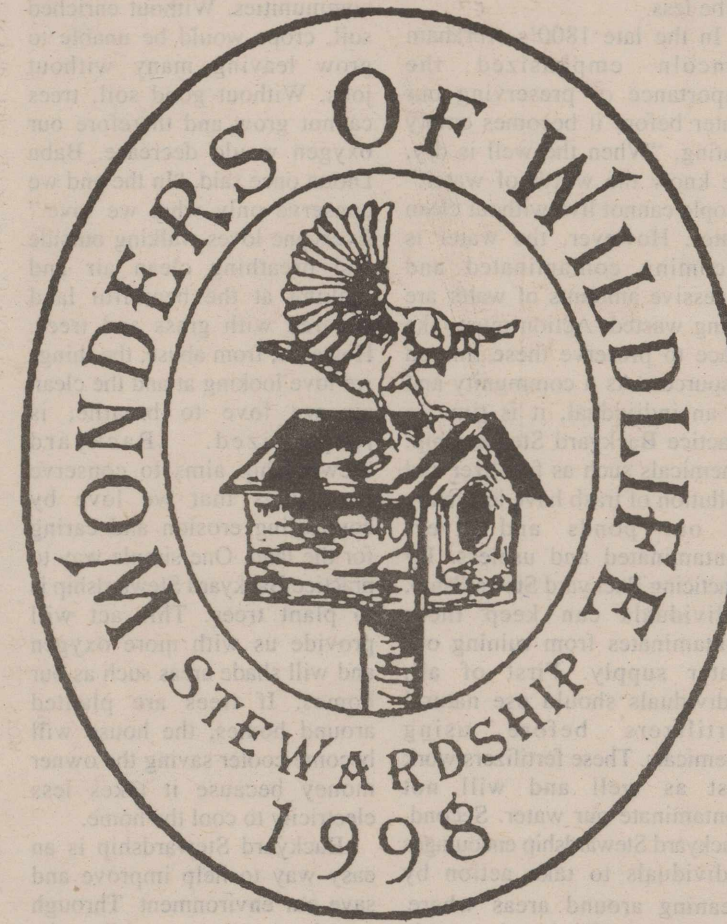
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'Wonders of Wildlife' is the theme for Soil Stewardship week April 26-May 3

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 26 through May 3 according to an announcement by F. A. Ulmer, chairman of the district.

This year's observance is "Wonders of Wildlife." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil, water and wildlife. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and

Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Haskell SWCD was organized in 1977 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion

control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme each year is distributed through local conservation districts to clergy, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Governor Bush proclaims April 26-May 3 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Texans take great pride in our abundant natural resources and in our stewardship of them. We also depend on the ample production of the foods and fibers on our lands for our well-being. Responsible use and proper management of soil and water resources effectively ensures our quality of life and conserves our natural resources for future generations.

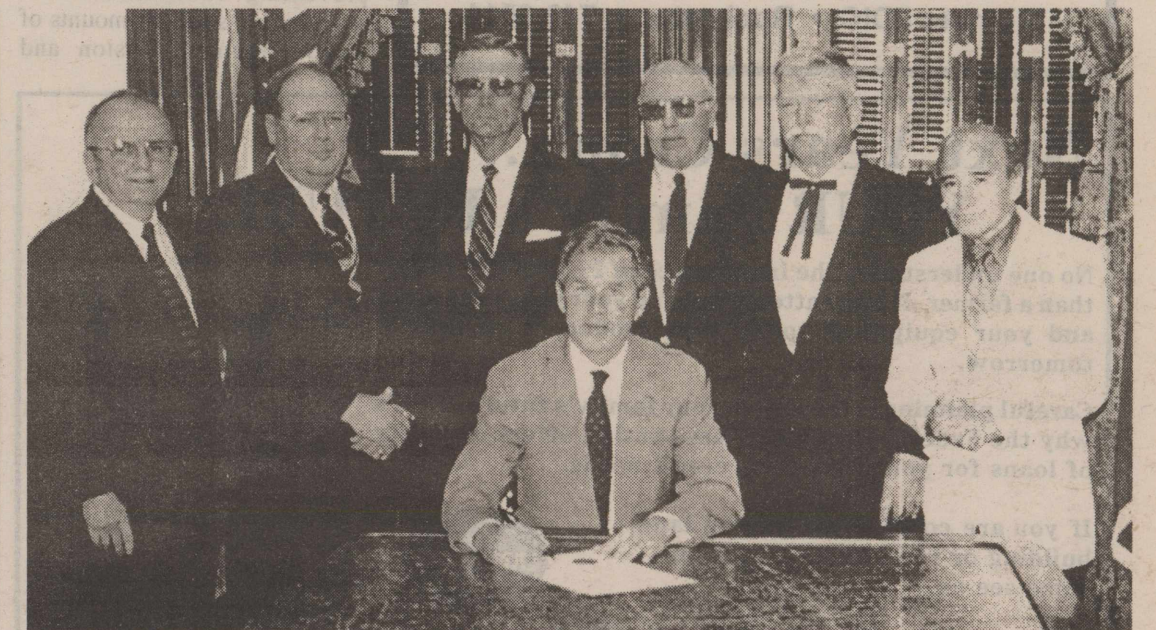
Throughout the Lone Star State, 216 soil and water conservation districts provide practical and democratic organizations through which landowners take initiatives to properly use and protect land and water. Under the leadership of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, these districts sponsor activities to raise awareness of residents' responsibilities for stewardship of the renewable resources that are vital to sustain us all. I encourage Texans to join those who are working to be responsible stewards of our soil and water so that our economic prosperity continues and future Texans can enjoy the natural beauty and resources of our state.

Therefore, I George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 26-May 3, 1998,

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 11th day of March, 1998.



GOVERNOR BUSH DECLARES SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK—As an important part of preserving our natural resources, Gov. George W. Bush has declared April 26 through May 1, 1998 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas. Members of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District's Soil and Water Stewardship Committee and representatives of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) witnessed and received the signed proclamation from the Governor in Austin. Standing left to right are: Roy Freeman, Program Specialist, TSSWCB; Kenedy; Robert Buckley, Executive Director, TSSWCB; Temple; Charles 'Buddy' Clark, Vice-Chairman, TSSWCB; Menard; Kenneth Brandenberger, member, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Llano; John Earl Smith, Vice-Pres., Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Quemado; Aurelio Medina, Chairman, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Crystal City and Governor Bush (seated).

Area schools participate in SWCD judging contest

Each year the Haskell SWCD along with the California Creek SWCD conduct a judging contest to help area high school judging teams prepare for district contests. The contest was held in Avoca on March 30. Nine range and pasture judging teams and ten land judging teams participated. Local teams participating include

Haskell FFA and Rochester FFA. Team members from Haskell were Lee Christian, Justin Teague, Joseph Clem and Conrad Palacios. Team member from Rochester was Gary Strickland.

This was an excellent contest with better participation than there has been in a long time.

Haskell SWCD offers annual essay scholarship contest

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. Co-sponsors of the contest are Farmers National Bank of Rule, Home State Bank of Rochester, Production Credit Association of Stamford, Federal Land Bank, First National Bank and Haskell National Bank of Haskell. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating senior. This year there were 42 entries in the contest and they are currently in the process of being judged.

Included in this supplement are some of those essays. These essays do not reflect the results of the judging. Winners will be announced in the latter part of May.



What We Conserve Is What We Love by Amanda Cothron

Backyard Stewardship, a way that individuals, communities and businesses can improve and care for their environment, has become a momentous concern and need for communities nationwide. Our soil and water resources are limited and we need to take immediate action to save and improve conditions harming these resources. Reforms such as preventing contamination of water, using smaller amounts of water, stopping erosion and

planting more trees to shade areas, are only a few of the solutions that can be practiced by Backyard Stewardship. With these practices, we not only can preserve our resources, but also we can change our way of living to become simpler and our cost to be less.

In the late 1800's Abraham Lincoln emphasized the importance of preserving our water before it becomes empty stating, "When the well is dry, we know the worth of water." People cannot live without clean water. However, the water is becoming contaminated and excessive amounts of water are being wasted. Action must take place to preserve these limited resources. As a community and as an individual, it is time to practice Backyard Stewardship. Chemicals such as fertilizer and pollution of trash have left many of our ponds and rivers contaminated and useless. By practicing Backyard Stewardship, individuals can keep these contaminates from ruining our water supply. First of all, individuals should use natural fertilizers before using chemicals. These fertilizers work just as well and will not contaminate our water. Second, Backyard Stewardship encourages individuals to take action by cleaning around areas where water exists. By keeping trash away from water, the contamination of our ponds and rivers will greatly decrease. Third, individuals should use less amounts of water when watering their lawns. Many people today water their lawns in

mid-afternoon and this practice alone waste huge amounts of water. Individuals should water their lawns early in the morning to cut down the amount of water used and save money.

Soil also plays a major role in lives of individuals and communities. Without enriched soil, crops would be unable to grow leaving many without jobs. Without good soil, trees cannot grow and therefore our oxygen would decrease. Baba Dioun once said, "In the end we conserve only what we love." Everyone loves walking outside and breathing clean air and looking at the beautiful land covered with grass and trees. However, from abuse, the things we love looking at and the clean air we love to breathe, is jeopardized. Backyard Stewardship aims to conserve the things that we love by controlling erosion and caring for the land. One simple way to practice Backyard Stewardship is to plant trees. This act will provide us with more oxygen and will shade areas such as our homes. If trees are planted around homes, the house will become cooler saving the owner money because it takes less electricity to cool the home.

Backyard Stewardship is an easy way to help improve and save our environment. Through practices such as avoiding the use of chemical products on lawns, using smaller amounts of water and planting trees, all individuals can practice Backyard Stewardship. This not only will improve our community, but also save individuals money.

Essay entry

Backyard Stewardship by Lee Gonzales

When wanting to conserve the soil in your backyard one should take into consideration that every living thing in your backyard depends on soil. The minerals that are found in soil help the plants in your backyard to grow, and a whole variety of animals eat different plants and some of them use the different plants for homes and nests. The way that you can improve the soil in your backyard is if you make a compost pile. Some people say that making a compost pile is kind of in a way like cooking. Like cooking when making a compost pile you first have to gather the ingredients and the ingredients for making a compost pile are leaves and grass clippings. Then when you have the ingredients you have to add water and stir the ingredients to let in air, and the tiny organisms help turn the ingredients into new soil which will help out the animals and plants.

We really need to grow crops and take care of the crops because tomorrow's farm will produce crops like corn, soybeans, rapeseed and sunflowers for food and fuel for us to use, because with the population increasing we sure do need a lot of food and fuel to last us a long time. Switchgrass is also important because farmers will harvest it and then sell it as feed and sometimes use it to make ethanol. Some farmers will also cultivate tree crops for at least ten years and then they will harvest them for fiber and energy which will help us out a

lot in the long run. Trees and grasses will help to renew the soils and help sustain our resources. The way that trees and grasses will help our soil and resources is that they will soak up chemical run off and that will also protect the groundwater and nearby streams and lakes. Soils keep good because organic matter keeps moisture and nutrients in the soil. One way that has helped out our water resources is the Watershed Protection. The reason the Watershed Protection of "land treatment" was established to reduce sediment damage, improve water quality and to conserve water or reduce damages caused by erosion.

Landowners have installed land treatment practices for conservation of the water. Water supplies in rural areas have been looked at to increase or conserve present or future water supplies. Water management includes irrigation, drainage, water conservation, rural water supply storage and distribution and water quality improvement. Some things that will help out the water conservation will include water supply reservoirs, sediment control and land stabilization measures, distribution pipelines, pumping plants, group drainage systems, lagoons, diversion dams, sluice ways, flumes, canals and irrigation sprinkle systems.

In conclusion, if we all do our part in conserving water and soil we can make this world better for us right now and for us later on in the future.

History of stewardship week observance

The Soil and Water Stewardship Observance is celebrated in the United States to help remind all people of their individual responsibilities to care for our soil and water resources. By its very nature, the observance is one to be joined in by everyone (regardless of religious beliefs) who shares a sense of personal responsibility to care for our valued natural resources.

The roots of this special observance are deep in history. For centuries, men and women have offered humble thanks to God for the priceless gifts of soil, water, air and sunshine which sustain all living things. The world as we know it could not exist without fruitful agriculture and forestry.

In our own country, the decision to set aside a week each year to acknowledge before God our dependence on the gifts of the soil has met with wide acceptance. In parts of the South earlier in this century, a few church congregations began to set aside the fifth Sunday after Easter as Soil and Soul Sunday. Subsequently, this designation

was changed to Soil Stewardship Sunday when, in 1946 the publishers of Farm and Ranch magazine took on promotion of the observance.

The observance, now known as Soil and Water Stewardship Week, is celebrated each year between the last Sunday in April and first Sunday in May.

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Scholarship essay contest entries

The First Step to a Successful Environment by Shannon Jordan

The earth is made up of seventy percent water and thirty percent land and only a fraction of this land and water is usable. Knowing this fact, we should learn the importance of working to accomplish successful soil and water conservation. Backyard stewardship is one of the best ways in achieving a healthy environment. If everyone takes care of his or her own land, then our environment will thrive. I believe with a little work our community can reach a positive level of stewardship.

Living in a farming community makes our soil a vital resource. Our farmers know that crop rotation and fertilization are good for the soil, but as backyard stewards do we know what we can do to help. Besides just general care and maintenance of our yards, we can also compost the soil to add nutrients. Another thing we can do to help is to aerate our lawns which allows our soil to take in air and expand. We also need to watch for and be aware of erosion and run-offs in our yard. Doing these things can help us become successful backyard stewards.

We are slowly depleting our sources of usable water. If we are backyard stewards, then we need to learn how to conserve our water. During the summer it is essential to water our lawns at night because during the heat of the day our water evaporates. Instead of watering our yards every day, we could water them on the even numbered days to save water. Conserving water also can be done in one's house. A person can do this by limiting the time spent taking a shower, and by limiting the amount of water one uses when filling the bathtub.

Also, one should make sure every load of laundry is full. Putting a brick in the commode also is an easy way of saving water. It is our duty as backyard stewards to conserve water.

Every choice we make impacts our environment. Even the small choices, both positive and negative, have a compounding effect on our environment. We should all work together so success in soil and water conservation can be achieved. According to Neil Sampson, doing nothing is the worst thing one can do to the environment. As backyard stewards our challenge is to get involved in our backyards, our communities, as well as our nation, to accomplish success in soil and water conservation.



Backyard Stewardship by Anna Rieger

Joy Williams once said that wild things exist only if you have the graciousness to allow them to. This beautiful world is the home of millions of forms of life. From plants to animals, birds to fish, we rely on these living creatures everyday for life. Without everyone's help, these animals will not survive. We, the people of America, must start in own backyards.

In the United States, which has the third fastest growing population in the world, wildlife has been affected by the growth of the human population. With this large amount of people, the need for food, water, shelter and open space has become an everlasting battle between

humans and wildlife. An animal's habitat plays a crucial role in its survival, and we must learn how to protect and preserve these places for them. Water has always been a key ingredient in wildlife's survival. It has been estimated that one-fifth of America's rivers and streams have been changed in a significant way that affected the species that lived there. Our nation's forest make up four hundred million acres and they are being destroyed daily. Humans seem to put their lives first and they do realize how they are putting an animal's life in jeopardy.

Agricultural conservation has become well known by encouraging the restoration of animal habitats. Habitat is crucial to the successful existing of wildlife by providing its basic needs—food, water, shelter and plenty of space. Even a very small backyard can furnish these essentials for birds and small wild animals. By planting trees, we see that birds have nesting places in our backyards and then they supply us beautiful music.

Decorative shrubs and borders serve as an excellent hiding place. Our feathered friends are attracted to bird houses and feeders while bird baths and small ponds meet the excellent source of water. Bees and butterflies are attracted to flowers of all kinds.

As the pressure of wildlife conservation rises, we must begin to work to provide a stable environment for these animals. Partnerships all across America have been successful in rebounding some wildlife population. People who believe they can make a difference will change the lives of the future Americans. We must be willing and able to serve to protect our wildlife, even in our own backyards!



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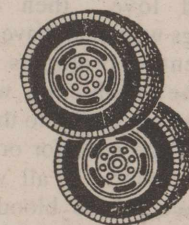
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Conservation poster contest winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest. This year's theme is the "Wonders of Wildlife" or "Backyard Stewardship." With the "Backyard Stewardship" theme students could emphasize how successful farmers and ranchers, working together to provide a healthy environment. Everyone should learn about the places where they live and learn what is being accomplished across the land. The "Wonders of Wildlife" theme stresses the relationship between wildlife habitat and proper land management, especially on lands

managed for urban and suburban home sites, farms and private production lands.

Winners in each grade level are:

Kindergarten: 1st—Antonio Ibarra, Rochester, 2nd—Victoria Carroco, Rochester, 3rd—Brooke Bullinger, Haskell

First Grade: 1st—Steven Fillman, Paint Creek, 2nd—John English, Rochester, 3rd—Clint Tyler Byrd, Rochester

Second Grade: 1st—Britney Wright, Paint Creek, 2nd—Samuel Bitner, Haskell, 3rd—Laura Gonzales, Haskell

Third Grade: 1st—Jared Webb, Haskell, 2nd—Shane Nicholson, Rochester, 3rd—Malinda

Brueggeman, Haskell
Fourth Grade: 1st—Justin Hannsz, Paint Creek, 2nd—LaTasha Lewis, Paint Creek, 3rd—Sammie Ruiz, Rochester

Fifth Grade: 1st—Brad Blanks, Haskell, 2nd—Ricky Wright, Paint Creek, 3rd—Johnny Baldwin, Paint Creek

Sixth Grade: 1st—Scarlett Adkins, Paint Creek, 2nd—A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek, 3rd—Amy Turner, Rochester

The Grand Champion entry was Scarlett Adkins, sixth grader from Paint Creek. Jared Webb, Haskell third grader, had the runner-up poster. A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek sixth grader won third over all with his poster.

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Scholarship essay entries

Backyard Stewardship
by Trey Dancer

The National Resource Conservation Service is important to animals and wetlands in America. Wetlands conservation is one of the nation's most important and sensitive natural resource issues. The NRCS helps carry out wetland restoration.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides on site technical assistance on resource management issues for livestock as well as fish and

wildlife habitat, including endangered species. Private grazing lands are an important natural source, making up one third of the land base of our nations lower 48 states. Rangeland up about 60 percent of grazing land; pastureland, about 20 percent; with the rest in hayland and grazed forest land. Grazing lands also represent some of the most extensive wildlife habitats in the country. NRCS conservationists help farmers and ranchers improve pasture and range conditions by

managing for forage improvement as well as weed and brush control, erosion control and revegetation. They also help landowners enhance fish and wildlife habitats for economic, recreational and aesthetic benefits. In the Northeast, for example, soil conservationists are helping dairies as they move toward intensively managed pasture systems that improve farm economics as well as water quality and wildlife habitats. The agency is also administering funds for jobs programs that trains dislocated salmon fishermen in the Pacific Northwest to restore habitat in key watersheds on private lands.

Wetlands are valued for many reasons. They filter pollutants from water, reduce flood damage and recharge aquifers. They also provide economic benefits to many people as a result of fishing, hunting and recreational opportunities. In 1994, four federal agencies joined together to work toward fair, flexible and effective approaches to help landowners protect wetlands. The Natural Resource Conservation Service, Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers signed a memorandum of agreement for delineating wetland under section 404 of Clean Water Act and the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. As a result, land users will be able to rely on wetland determinations made on

agricultural land by one agency for all federal programs. In the fall of 1994, NRCS organized visits to farms to look at specific wetlands problems and to get input at the grassroots level. As a result, NRCS is revisiting its policies and procedure in several areas, including drainage maintenance. One important effort now underway to conserve and restore wetland is in Louisiana, which has more than 40 percent of all coastal wetlands in the U. S. and more than 80 percent of the nation's coastal wetland losses. Our conservationists are helping landowners through a watershed management approach that uses many of NRCS's specialized skills to conserve wetlands while meeting the objectives of the landowners—which might include fisheries, wildlife management, wildlife habitat, or grazing use. In addition, an NRCS plant materials center in Louisiana is conducting studies on wetland plant species to use in wetland restoration.



The Need for Conservationists

by Breann Peiser

The condition of a society's environment is clearly a reflection of that society's value. Where people hold their environment in high regard, treat it with respect and care, put back as much as they remove and rebuild as much as they destroy, the result is a healthy, productive environment (Backyard Stewardship, 1). Conservation is not always easy and the benefits are sometimes

not realized until the next generation. If my generation learns to be more conservative then the next generation can learn from us. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Protecting our environment as young adults will encourage others to continue to improve our community.

As we clean up the environment, we learn to conserve the earth's natural resources. If we are as concerned about our community as we say we are, then we value the problem and work for a solution. When people value a loved one or a personal possession, they are willing to sacrifice anything for the person or possession. Unfortunately, society sacrifices the earth's natural resources for the wrong reason, convenience. For example, littering is a major problem because often people do not respect and care for their community and it is more convenient to throw a cola can on the highway instead of taking it to a recycling bin or taking it home to crush the can and recycle it later. Also, newspapers and other paper-made items should be recycled instead of carelessly, but conveniently, sent to landfills. Every time someone throws away a bundle of newspapers, timber is being depleted and oxygen is wasted because that tree could have been used for another purpose. As a part-time job, I mow yards for individuals in Haskell. I have learned that mulching the lawn does not take away the soils nutrients. By composting the grass clippings, we are not taking away parts of the soil because the clippings remain and are not thrown away. If citizens clean up their surroundings and recycle earth's natural resources, they will contribute to the well being of the whole community.

A sustainable future, based on a healthy, sustainable environment, can only be achieved by the human race as a whole, on a global basis, or it could be lost to all (Backyard Stewardship, 1). Good stewardship of a few places on earth is not acceptable. If everyone believed Mother Teresa when she said, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love," then our surroundings would not have the environmental problems of today. The problems with conservation are similar to those problems of the need for organ and blood donors. If all who could, would donate blood or organs, then there would be enough to meet the medical needs of ill people. Like the need for donors, the earth need conservationists. If all who could conserve, would conserve the natural resources, there would be few if any environmental problems.



More scholarship essay contest entries

Improving the Environment for the Future Generation

by Jennifer Address

Backyard stewardship is a way of thinking to improve the health of our environment. People need to care for and take care of the natural world around them because a sustainable future based on a healthy, sustainable environment can only be achieved by the human race as a whole, on a global basis, or the future could be lost to all. I believe my generation needs to start thinking of ways to better the environment for our children's future. As young adults we need to be good stewards of the existing resources and learn how to implement conservation practices and then begin in our own backyard. A typical backyard can be changed into an environmental landscape by planting trees, shrubs and ground covers, making a butterfly garden and by picking up trash and disposing of it properly.

Trees, shrubs and ground covers all improve the water and air qualities as well as conserve energy in our environment. Vegetation absorbs carbon dioxide and produces oxygen while ground covers reduce erosion. Most people think planting a tree is pointless, but actually it is to our advantage. If trees are placed correctly in relation to a building then the natural cooling effect can cut air conditioning bills by ten to fifty percent which lowers pollution by reducing the amount of gas burned by the electric company. Providing food for a butterfly

in the form of a butterfly garden is certainly a needed conservation project. Robert Snetsinger, an entomologist at Pennsylvania State University, notes that butterfly population has declined fifty percent in the last thirty years because of the increased use of herbicides which cut down on the diversity of plant life. A butterfly garden can be as simple as planting a few of a butterfly's favorite flowers.

Recycling also is an effective way to improve our environment. Many people do not see any harm in littering, but it does effect the ecosystem. The person who habitually disposes of trash properly, even when it's only a gum wrapper, is doing his part to be a responsible steward. A person who recycles the motor oil from an automobile is applying common sense. No one know how many thousands of gallons of motor oil were improperly thrown on the ground or in the water before we became aware of the problem it was creating. Applying a pesticide or fertilizer carefully then disposing of the empty container properly is making a positive difference because these chemicals cause excessive algae growth, which removes the oxygen from water. Disposing of trash properly is a positive factor in conserving the environment.

If my generation will participate in improving our surrounding areas by planting trees, recycling and helping the endangered then the next generation will continue in making a sustainable environment.

Conservation in a Small Community

by Jim Crawford

Conservation in a small community is everyone's responsibility. If everyone would do small things like recycle paper and only wash full loads of clothes soon the whole community would start to see the effects. Other small steps that can help to conserve resources are not over watering your yard or creating compost piles.

Everyone in the community can do the obvious things in conservation such as recycle paper and plastic goods or only turn on the washing machine when there is a full load. But it

is the other small things that most people don't think about that are going to make the biggest difference. Small things such as not allowing water to run out of your yard or not over fertilizing. If over fertilized yards are over watered, the fertilizer will run off where it reaches our water systems and can do very extensive damage to aquatic ecosystems. Water can also be retained in a yard or garden by using the material from compost piles as a natural mulch or fertilizer.

People can also learn useful conservation practices from local farmers who have worked very hard for over sixty years on developing simple conservation methods. Some practices

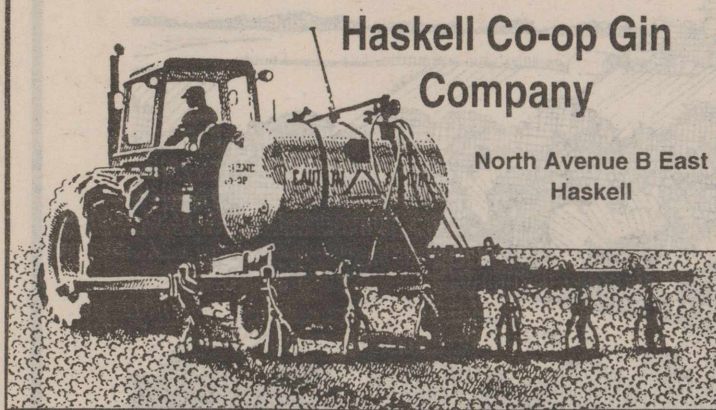
demonstrated are planting trees in wind breaks to slow the effects of wind erosion, or not over applying chemicals which can run off and contaminate water supplies.

As a future Haskell county farmer I am very aware of the need for more conservation practices by everyone and would like to help educate the public about the easy methods of soil and water conservation. When everyone realizes how easy it is to do the simple things such as only wash full loads and practice good recycling habits the whole community will start to reap the benefits and be able to enjoy the resources of this area for many years to come.

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