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Meet the new County agent

Everyone is invited to come by the Haskell National Bank Community Room between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tues., May 4 to meet Brandon Anderson, Haskell County's new County Extension Agent-Ag. Refreshments will be served.

Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a Lunch & Learn for PK/EC/K parents Tues., May 4 at noon in the Elementary Library. For more information call 864-2654.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

WHPD Parade

The 4th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days will kick off with a parade Fri., June 4. Individuals, groups and organizations are encouraged to participate. Contact Loutina White 940-864-3507 for more information.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., May 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., May 2 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be cooked by the men as a Mother's Day treat for the ladies.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet May 3 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Students of Darlene Bellinghausen will be talking about their relatives.

Awards program

The awards program for Haskell Secondary School will be held Thurs., May 6 in the High School auditorium. 7th and 8th grade students will receive awards at 6 p.m. followed by awards to students in 9-12 grades at 7 p.m.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., May 2 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and A ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Tim Layman (940) 864-8500. A concession stand will be available.

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TECH EXES—Golfing with Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes during the Red Raider ex-Student Rolling Plains Chapter annual meeting in Haskell Mon. were, l-r, Tech exes Joe McMeans of Stamford, Dykes, Mike Fouts of Sagerton, Sam Toliver of Haskell, Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, and Joey Kimbrough, Haskell.

April sales tax receipts show overall decline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$170.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,094 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 7.5 percent increase over the \$158.7 million allocated to cities and counties in April 1998.

Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 7.4 percent over the first four months of 1998.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

"April sales tax rebates reflect that the Texas economy continues to expand, but at a more moderate pace than we saw a year ago," Rylander said.

Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$156.8 million to Texas cities, 7.7 percent higher than last April's payments of \$145.5 million. Rebates of \$13.9 million to Texas counties were 5 percent higher than allocations of \$13.2 million in

April 1998. Another \$5 million went to 38 special purpose districts around the state.

Haskell County had a 9.77 percent decrease for April, 1999 of \$19,164.72 in comparison to \$21,240.21 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$106,909.86 reflect a 7.09 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$115,077.05.

The City of Haskell had a 9.97 percent decrease for April, 1999 of \$18,038.37 in comparison to \$20,036.30 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$99,602.52 reflect a 6.86 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$106,943.09.

O'Brien had a 67.06 percent decrease for April, 1999 of \$10.40 in comparison to \$31.58 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$275.27 reflect a 48.49 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$534.46.

Rochester had a 21.11 percent decrease for April, 1999 of \$267.97

in comparison to \$339.68 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$1,985.86 reflect a 8.06 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$2,160.00.

Rule had a 4.86 percent increase for April, 1999 of \$832.73 in comparison to \$794.11 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$4,417.13 reflect a 11.80 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$5,008.25.

Weinert had a 60.35 percent decrease for April, 1999 of \$15.28 in comparison to \$38.54 for April, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$629.08 reflect a 45.87 percent increase over 1998 payments to date of \$431.25.

Haskell City Council recommends phone exchange merger

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Apr. 26, the zoning change requested by Don Ervin was passed on recommendation of the zoning board to change the zoning at 601 S. 10th St. to residential-special for a mobile home.

William Markunas was appointed to the zoning board.

Citing the fact that is important and necessary for the safety and convenience of the citizens of Haskell County to have toll free phone calls to Abilene, and in order to strengthen and improve the

economic conditions and future of Haskell County, a resolution was offered by the Council for the merging of the phone exchanges of the Cities of Rule, Rochester, and Weinert with the 864 phone exchange of the City of Haskell and its expanded local calling spectrum.

In making the resolution the City of Haskell asks that GTE and the Public Utilities Commission work together and in an expedient manner to bring the merger to fruition. When accomplished, the merger will mean that over 30,000 GTE numbers will be freed.

Community forum slated Tues., May 4

by Lou Gilly and
Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agents

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Haskell County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum Tues., May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns. Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Haskell County, be sure to attend the Futures Forum May 4. This is your opportunity to help shape the future!

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this activity are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at either (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546.

Haskell school board election set Saturday

Although Sat. May 1 is election day, there are few offices open or contested in Haskell County schools or city governments.

With three uncontested City Council seats open in Haskell, those of Doris McMeans, Sue Medford and Fred Hernandez, the city election was cancelled.

Haskell CISD has one contested seat for the board of trustees. In single member district #2 Donnie Rieger and Jerry Don Hudgens have

filed for election. Joey Yates of district #4 is unopposed, and district #3 incumbent Keith Everett is unopposed.

City elections for Weinert, and Rule have been cancelled. The City of Rochester has one city council seat open, that of incumbent Bud Hicks.

Rochester, Rule and Paint Creek School Districts will have no elections.



READERS—Haskell first grade Accelerated Reading students recently read the book, *Let's Get a Pet* for the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees and family members. Given a certificate for their reading achievements are, back row, l-r, Veronica Benton, Brennan Medford, Johnny Land, Shambrie Rodriguez, Rocky Burton, and Carissa Zarate. Front row, l-r, are Elaina Stuart, Olivia King, Aubrey Bassett, and McCauley Robison.

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POETS—Paint Creek students whose poems have been chosen for publication in *Celebrate! Texas Young Poets Speak Out* are: front, l-r, Scott Stephens, Travis Garison, Delinda Strickland, Ashley Medford, and Selina Salinas. Back, l-r, Dusty Barnett, Cooter Payne, Jason Shaw, Arron Duniven, Ryan Mueller, and Wes Harrison. All are students of Launa Medford's English classes. Not pictured are Jessica Guerrero and Renee Thomas.

Obituaries

George Clayton 'Pud' Brockett

Graveside services for George Clayton 'Pud' Brockett, 89, of Munday were held Thurs., April 22 at Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday. The Rev. Ross Anderson officiated. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Brockett died Tues., April 20 at Munday Nursing Center.

Born Aug. 8, 1909 in Denton County, he married Sarah Catherine 'Susie' Collins Jan. 29, 1929 in Lake Creek.

She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1996. He moved from Weinert to Munday in 1992. He was a retired farmer and a member of Weinert First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: George Clayton Brockett, Jr. of Alamogordo, N.M. and Pete Brockett of Munday; two daughters, Colleen Nance and Jo Coffman, both of Munday; ten grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

C. E. Tidwell had an enjoyable 87th birthday. Helping him celebrate in his home Sunday afternoon were his wife Viola, Marsha Whittemore of Rule, Karen and McKenna Smith of Knox City, Doy Jeter, Dustin Threet, Larry, Tommi and Josh Barbee, all of Haskell. They all sang Happy Birthday to Chunky and ate birthday cake, ice cream and punch.

All had a good time visiting and all wished him many more happy ones.

On Monday Dan Burson took his Uncle Chunky and Aunt Viola out to lunch to celebrate his birthday. They returned to Dan's home for cake and ice cream. Joining them there were Lillian Hodgins, Mike and Julia Harrell, all of Haskell. They all had a wonderful time. Chunky enjoyed getting Happy Birthday sung to him twice. He also enjoyed the old custom of birthday gifts; he received two 3 lb. cans of coffee from Travis and Dan. He also received lots of cards and calls.

Sat. evening Bernice Hilliard was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home for her 75th birthday. Her children and grandchildren cooked steaks, potato salad, cherry and peach cobbler for family and a few friends. Those present were Ronald, Edith and Jarred Hilliard of Odessa, Jason and Heidi Hilliard of Midland, Patricia Shaw and Dawn Spiller of Franklin, Kenneth Hilliard of Waco, Chessa and Nicole Hilliard of Lubbock, Linda, Larry, Mary Jane and Ross Short of Rochester, Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard, both of Abilene, Sena Mae Murray, Myrtle Kutch and Howard Scheets.

Visiting with Delma Matthews Fri. was her son and wife Sunny and Martha Matthews of Midland. They visited her dad Cleve and Ann Decker on Sat.

On Wed. Glendon Hawkins and Penny took mom Joyce to Ft. Worth for an eye check up. The wild flowers on the road side in the Mineral Wells area are really beautiful. It was an enjoyable trip and a good eye report.

On Fri. Linda Chapman, Melissa, Zachry and Garet Tatum went to Durant, Okla. to attend the wedding of Michael Wingfield, nephew of Linda's and cousin of Melissa's. They also visited with grandmother Cuba Pena while there.

Margaret Tatum and Joyce Hawkins were in Dimmitt on Sat. to attend the 40th wedding anniversary celebration of Garry and Yvonne Huffins. Yvonne is Joyce's daughter and Margaret's sister. They spent the night and returned home on Sun. evening.

Visiting with George and Faye Gray were their daughters Judy Hicks of Abilene and Georgia Turnbow of Weinert.

Betty Davis is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Lee Burson has sold her place and she and her mother Rose Iden are moving to Lake Travis. Lee, we will miss you.

Bro. Paris and Fannie Mae Barton have returned home after a few days visit with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick of Ft. Worth. They also brought Erma Liles back; she had been there all of April. They all celebrated Erma's birthday while there.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

We have wonderful news to write about this week...a real nice rain fell Sat. afternoon and until early Sun. morning resulting to measurements from .4 to .7 of an inch. Everyone was all smiles at church as they discussed the weather.

Residents were saddened by the death of a dear friend of the community and an active member and song leader of the Sagerton Methodist Church. Hazel Letz of Old Glory passed away on April 20 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was related to many in our community and a very special lady to all who knew and loved her. Her outgoing spirit and loving ways will be remembered by her many friends. We extend our sympathy to her family and many relatives.

John L. Brooks was the honoree at a 90th birthday celebration at the new home of her daughter, Judy and Maxey Thompson of Colleyville, Okla. last weekend. Family members attending the special party included her cousin, June Fajardo of Springdale, Ark., Karen Pokrivniak, Aaron and Anna Newman of Fayetteville, Ark., Bill, Wanda, Jack and Peggy Tabor and Judy's children, Brian and Cynthia. A belated Happy Birthday to John L. from all her friends at Sagerton.

Alvin and Ev Ulmer were treated to dinner out Thurs. night on their 60th wedding anniversary. Helping them to celebrate were Joe and Dorothy Clark and Jean Letz of Stamford.

Mrs. Minnie Monse and her daughter, Isabel Mrazek were in Clyde Sat. for a baby shower in honor of Madison Grace Sharp, new arrival in the Monse family. Little Madison is the great great granddaughter of Mrs. Monse, and of course, the cutest baby every born!!

Fifth grade students at Rule

Elementary eligible to participate in the MAP program which

focuses on motivation, reinforcing positive academic performance and sharing information on educational opportunities for bright students were Sagerton students Emery Dudensing, Joanna Lehrmann, Tully Brown and Jacob Manske.

Leslie Baitz and granddaughter, Barbara Linden from Leander spent the weekend with Melvin and Annella Baitz. While here, they also visited with his mother, Emma Raphelt in Stamford.

Carl Stegemoller of Hobbs, N. M. has been visiting with his parents during the week.

Roy and Judy McEwen and son from Anson visited with her mother, Mary Neinst Sun. and attended church with her.

Steer validation tag orders due May 4

By Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent 4-H'ers or FFA members interested in exhibiting market steers at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show or any other major livestock show (Ft. Worth, Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio, etc.) in 1999-2000 should order Steer Validation Tags through the Haskell County Extension Office. Steer Validation Tag orders are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 4. The cost will be \$3.00 per tag.

Please call the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or come by the office at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell, if you are interested in exhibiting steers for the 1999-2000 season. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

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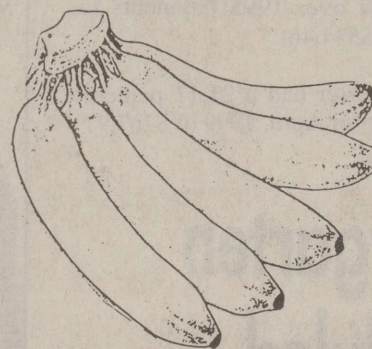
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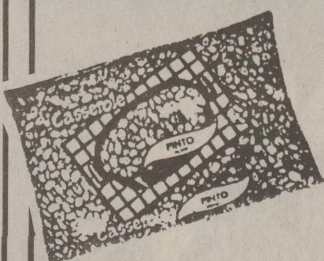
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BILL AND STELLA STEELE

Steeles to celebrate 50th anniversary

Bill and Stella Steele of Haskell will be honored on their fiftieth anniversary with a celebration hosted by their children and grandchildren, Sun., May 2, at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian

Church in Haskell.

The couple was married at the First Presbyterian Church, May 1, 1949.

The family invites all friends to come help them celebrate. They request no gifts, please.

Isbell to attend U. S. Athlete Games

Stefanie Isbell of Haskell has been selected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games this June. A junior honor student at Paint Creek ISD, Isbell will partake in the basketball component of the Games.

Stefanie is the daughter of Roy and Becky Wilson of Haskell and Tony Isbell of Midland. Her grandparents are Bob and Caryl Veretto of Levelland, Letha and Jack Isbell of Haskell and LeeRoy and Frances Wilson of Rule. She has one sister, Lesli Isbell and a step-brother Lee Taylor Wilson.

Isbell, 16, has been a starter on the Paint Creek varsity basketball team for three years and has been named First Team All-District each season. She is involved with her school activities such as National Honor Society, Varsity Co-Head Cheerleader, Varsity Golf, childcare, UIL and FHA Star Events. She is also a member of Who's Who Among American Students. Stefanie attends Paint Creek Baptist Church and in her spare time likes to visit local nursing homes and hospitals. She also enjoys babysitting for her community.

Over 1,600 scholar-athletes and scholar-fine artists representing all 50 states are expected to participate in the inaugural United States-Athlete Games, which will take place June 26 through July 2 at the University of Rhode Island and in nearby Newport, Rhode Island.

Administered by the Institute for International Sport, the 1999 U. S. Games will continue the Scholar-Athlete Games tradition, which was launched in 1993 with the first World Scholar-Athlete Games. The U. S. Games will bring the Institute one step closer to achieving its goal of hosting Scholar-Athlete Games on every

continent.

Scholar-athletes may participate in one of fourteen sports programs including baseball, basketball, bridge, chess, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track and field and volleyball. Participants will be randomly placed on teams with students from other states and will be guided by established coaches.

The scholar-fine artists can participate in one of six different programs including art, choir, dance, symphony, theater and writing/poetry. Prominent representatives from the cultural arena will serve as mentors and share their expertise.

Special Theme Days will serve as a forum to unite all of the participants, both athletic and cultural, in discussion about significant issues of the day. On each Theme Day, students will hear from prominent speakers on that day's subject. They will then join together in small groups to discuss the issue in more depth with their peers. The Theme Days will emphasize leadership development and character education in the following areas: Ethics and Sportsmanship, Community Service and Global Responsibility in the 21st Century.

A luncheon will be held in honor of this achievement for Stefanie May 16 at Paint Creek Cafeteria. A brisket meal will be served from 11:00 to 1:30. Tickets are available. Adults \$6.50, 6-12 \$3.50, under 6 \$3.00 and carry-outs will be available. This meal will help to defray the cost of getting Stefanie to Rhode Island and to show her that her community supports her accomplishment. If you would like to attend the luncheon please call for ticket information 915-773-2457.



HEATHER MONTGOMERY - CRAIG NEAL

Montgomery, Neal to wed in New Mexico

Lii and Gretchen Montgomery of Clovis, N. M. wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Ann, to Craig Lewis Neal of Dimmitt.

Montgomery is a 1993 graduate of Clovis High School and graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1998. She is currently employed with Bovina ISD.

Neal is the son of Clayton and Kay Neal of Quinlan, former Haskell residents. He is a 1992 graduate of Wheeler High School and 1996 graduate of Tarleton State University. Neal is currently employed as manager of Dimmitt Market.

The couple plan to exchange vows June 19 at Central Baptist Church in Clovis, N. M.

4-H'ers participate in District contest

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Several Haskell County 4-H'ers participated in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Contest April 24 at the Vernon Regional Junior College in Vernon.

District 4-H contest competition determines the top Senior Division teams and individuals to advance to the Texas State 4-H Roundup in June at Texas A&M University. Junior and Intermediate Division entries do not advance beyond the District level.

District and State 4-H Roundup provides 4-H members with learning opportunities and educational experience that support their 4-H work, said Brad Davis, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H Specialist, Vernon.

These contests also help 4-H'ers develop and hone their verbal presentation and thinking skills.

The roster of Haskell County participants included drama team members Miranda Robertson from Rule and Barrett Thomasson, Callie Thomasson, Robbyn Tribbey and Tasha Zarate all from Haskell and musical individual entry Caleb Hudgens from Haskell. Cara Thomasson from Haskell serves as the coach for the drama team.

For more information on the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an arm of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546 or 2658.

Haskell Healthcare Center

by Betty Hearn
Activities Director

Our residents are ready for the warm weather so that they can sit on the porch and go for walks.

We have been trying to get our birdhouse painted that the Haskell FFA boys built for us. We plan to paint names of Haskell businesses on each birdhouse and make a little village of them. Everyone is welcome to come by and see them.

We have two new residents. They are Ozelle Frierson and Roy Fain.

We recently lost two long time residents whom we miss very much, Curtis Love and Lalla

Caddell, who was our 100 year old resident.

Our facility hosted a volunteer party last week for our volunteers of the community. Around 30 volunteers were recognized for their faithfulness of visiting and providing different varieties of activities. The Dairy Queen and Sonic donated certificates for ice cream sundaes. Volunteer pens and a certificate of appreciation were given to each from Haskell Healthcare. Refreshments of a cake decorated with Volunteers Are Special and punch were served to volunteers, residents and staff.



BUC SLAY - DEBBIE WATSON

Watson, Slay plan May wedding ceremony

Lynda Watson of Granbury and Bobby Watson of Haskell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debbie Kay Watson, to Jeremy Buc Slay of College Station. He is the son of Dianne Thompson of Dallas and Bobby Slay of Garland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Granbury High School and a biomedical science student at Texas A&M. She is the granddaughter of Wanda Watson of Hereford and Bob Watson, Sr. of Haskell and the late Bill and Mildred Lane.

The future groom received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M and will receive a Master's degree in mechanical engineering in May. He will be employed with

M.P.I., an engineering consulting firm.

A Sat., May 22 wedding is planned in Granbury at the First Baptist Church at 3:00 in the afternoon. A reception will be held immediately following at the Doyle House. After a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N. M. the couple will reside in College Station.

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas lags behind other wealthy, populous states in teacher compensation, but a remedy, or at least an improvement, may be in sight.

Last week, as part of his new school funding plan, Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, proposed a plan to help Texas teachers who receive the minimum salary of \$21,000 by giving them a \$4,000 pay increase.

To do that for the lower paid of Texas' 265,000 teachers would cost nearly \$1.7 billion.

Bivins' proposal would take another \$1 billion from the state budget to offset a cut in school property taxes. That's only half the amount proposed by Gov. George W. Bush, but Bush's plan wouldn't be as generous with teacher pay raises.

Recognizing the strong support in the Senate for treating teachers better, Bivins, who needs votes for his plan to pass, said he shifted money from property tax relief to teacher salaries.

While his plan does not guarantee a raise for every teacher, Bivins pointed out that the state cannot mandate salary increases in school districts that pay above state minimums.

Meanwhile, teacher advocates are lobbying for a \$6,000 pay increase to elevate Texas teacher compensation to the national average.

Sophomores Set TAAS Record

Texas high school sophomores set a record passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit exam given in February.

Commissioner of Education Mike Moses said sophomores hit or surpassed the 90 percent mark on the test's reading and writing sections for the first time in the exam's nine-year history.

"It's a red-letter day for Texas students," Moses said in announcing the results.

Also, 83 percent of the sophomores who took the test passed the math portion.

Plant to Clean Up Emissions

The largest source of "grandfathered" air emissions in Texas has agreed to seek air quality permits from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Last week, the TNRCC announced the coal-fired Alcoa Aluminum production plant in Rockdale volunteered to seek air quality permits for those emissions.

Alcoa's decision makes it one of the eight largest sources of grandfathered emissions to submit to the permitting process. Each has made the commitment in writing to Gov. George W. Bush, according to the TNRCC.

The Rockdale plant generates 104,108 tons of grandfathered emissions, or more than 10 percent of the statewide total of 900,000 tons per year.

Other Highlights

President Clinton last week cancelled his plan for an April 21 trip to preview Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The president announced the cancellation on April 20, after gunmen attacked a high school in Littleton, Colo., leaving 16 students and 1 teacher dead.

About 25,000 sex offenders are behind bars in Texas prisons. About 1,500 of those are chronic child molesters who qualify for castration under a state law passed in 1997. So far, according to a report published by *The Dallas Morning News*, four inmates have said they want to go through with the surgical procedure.

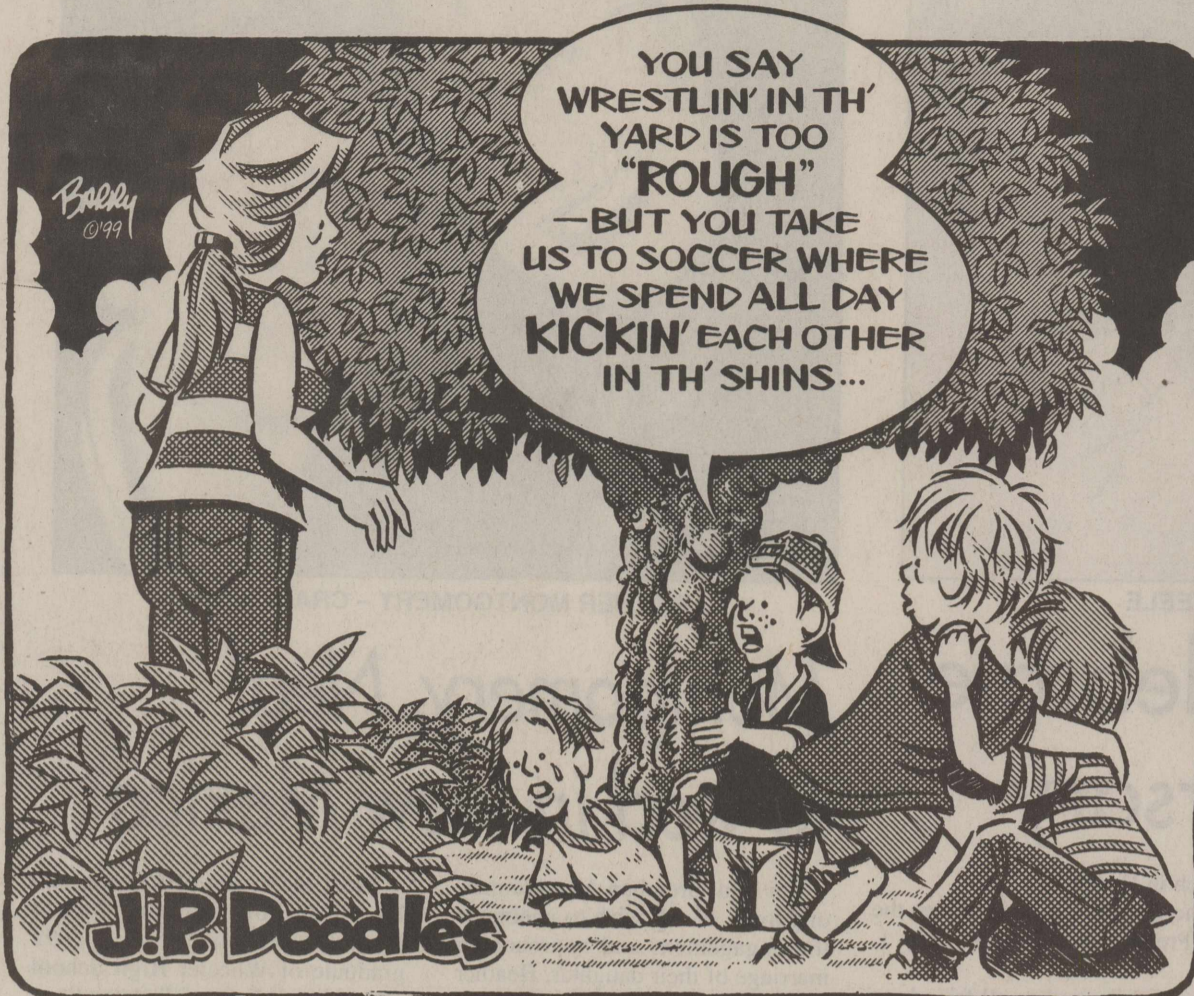
A bill to thwart frivolous lawsuits and limit a plaintiff's ability to collect from multiple defendants made it to the floor of the Texas Senate last week only to fail with less than a two-thirds vote.

The full Senate last week approved legislation by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, to prevent telephone companies from disconnecting long distance service if a customer is late paying a local phone bill.

The Senate Finance Committee last week passed its \$98.4 million proposal for the 2000-2001 state budget. Assuming it will be moved swiftly through the full Senate, the legislation then will be reconciled with the House's proposal.

The University of Texas and the state attorney general's office last week filed a petition with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to overturn the 1996 "Hopwood" ruling prohibiting state institutions of higher education from using an applicant's race as a criterion for admission.

The Texas Department of Health is seeking an opinion from the Texas attorney general as to whether lists of ingredients in tobacco products, submitted to the agency by cigarette makers, are confidential or open to the public.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler



In any given season or on any given day, it's probably the most discussed topic of conversation there is. Certainly, it's the safest one. With no chance of being considered politically incorrect, religion oriented, having racial overtones or being gender biased, it's just something we all experience in common that we can express our opinions on; and we do.

While it's true, as Mark Twain is quoted as saying, that "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it," there is in Haskell a lady who makes it her business to do more than just talk about the weather.

Ernestine Herren is now the official recorder of rainfall amounts in the north end of the city of Haskell. Although the official title is a new one for her, the job of recording the rainfall is not new for her. She's had a lot of practice at it. Voluntarily taking over the job of recording daily temperature and rainfall amounts after her weatherman husband, Sam Herren, died in 1993, she's been unofficially keeping the data for the last six years.

It was a surprise for her when Jerry O'Bryant of Abilene came to Haskell recently to ask her to accept the job of officially reporting weather data to his weather station office at the Abilene Airport. Her home being a mile from the satellite weather data gathering-reporting point at radio station KVRP, she will be the rainfall data gatherer from the north end of Haskell, giving the Abilene weather station a full picture of weather conditions in the area.

Sam Herren kept records and reported the rainfall and daily temperatures for Haskell for 52 years. Every month he reported the high and low temperatures and rainfall amounts to the local banks, Soil Conservation Office, Agriculture Offices and the Haskell Free Press. Every morning before 8:30 he would call in the report of any rainfall he received to the U. S. Weather Station in San Angelo.

During one year in the early 1960's he called in a monthly report of daily temperatures and rainfall to the U. S. Weather Station in Fort Worth. However, he didn't like talking long distance on the telephone, so Ernestine had the job of calling it in. Using the not-so-sophisticated phone system, she said that she became very well acquainted with all the Seymour telephone operators that year.

Sam Herren was dedicated to his weather keeping, but like the temperatures, it had its ups and downs, highs and lows. Ernestine recalls the time they installed on top of their house a device to register the velocity of wind gusts. Unfortunately, soon after they finally got it up, one of the very high wind-gusts it was supposed to register blew it off the house.

With his reputation for weather keeping, Sam was often called on

for information about upcoming weather. One late winter night a little old lady called, asking, "Should I turn my water off tonight?"

One classic request came from a woman planning a garden wedding for her daughter several months later on in the year, who called wanting to know what kind of weather she could expect for the wedding day. Sam, who had no idea, consulted the World Almanac, passing along the information. The lady was real pleased to have what she thought was a personal weather report.

When Haskell had the bad flood in 1978, the U. S. weather officials were here the next morning to make an assessment. Ernestine tells that when Sam took them on a tour of the town, they made the prediction that "the same thing may happen here again in about 100 years," and then added, "or maybe next month." (Evidently, they were about as close to being sure about predicting West Texas weather back then as any one is now.)

Haskell County weather records have been kept since Judge R. D. Sanders began it in 1884. Mrs.

Fred Sanders kept the records for 20 years until the late 1930's. Sam Herren began in 1941 and was so dedicated to it Ernestine said he never wanted to go anywhere because of it. Being a "homebody," he used it as a great excuse for not leaving town for anything. "Only God or an act of congress could stop him," Ernestine said.

When Sam died in 1993, Ernestine told some of his associates from the Fort Worth Weather Station that no one else will ever keep the Haskell records like Sam did. "We know that," they said in recognition of his dedication. Taking his instruments, many of which are now in a museum there, they left his official thermometer.

So, this eighty-something-year-old lady who says she can't imagine anyone ever having to say, "I'm bored," is carrying on with some of Sam's record keeping.

It's nice to know that although no one does anything about the weather we're having, at least there is someone keeping a record of the weather we're having.

Let's pray that Ernestine Herren's official rain gauge has lots to report.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 27, 1989

Max Stapleton has become a member of the American Maine-Anjou Association. The Maine-Anjou is a breed of cattle imported from France.

Five War Whoop staff members recently won state journalism awards for their work on the school newspaper. Bo Watson, senior sports editor, won first place in sports column writing; Junior Julie Nanny, assistant editor, won second place in feature writing. Editor Kacye Nemir won third place in page one layout design; Davis Chapman won second place in sports photography and James Rike won third place for spot news photography.

Julie Roewe has been elected Miss Western Texas College by the students at the Snyder college.

Haskell basketball coach Randy Stone was presented the "3-point plaque" at the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches clinic in San Antonio. The presentation recognized the Indians as the top three-point shooting 2A team in Texas last season.

20 Years Ago April 26, 1979

Steve and Frankie Cothern have moved to Haskell from Abilene. Steve will join the Haskell County Farm Bureau. He has attended Farm Bureau schools in Graham and Waco and is qualified to help with your insurance needs.

The fund for the new fire station is currently over \$15,000 and department members hope to reach

\$38,000 in the next two weeks.

Nineteen Haskell High students along with their sponsors and coaches traveled to Odessa to compete in the Region I Literary Meet and the Girls Track Meet. Six girls competed in the track meet and thirteen students participated in the Literary Meet.

30 Years Ago April 24, 1969

Jackie Beauchamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beauchamp, won first place in girls poetry interpretation and Jim Kemp, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Kemp, took first place honors in boys poetry interpretation in the Regional Literary meet at Lubbock.

The "Singing Six" under the direction of Mrs. Clinton Kimbrough, presented the program at the noon day Lions luncheon meeting at Felker's Restaurant dining room.

The Rotary Club heard a program presented by Haskell High School students, Jackie Beauchamp, Sue Wilkinson, Jim Smith and Jim Kemp.

40 Years Ago April 23, 1959

Mrs. W. R. Howard of Haskell and Mrs. Lola Kinser of Lubbock caught three big yellow catfish at Shaw's Camp at Lake Stamford. The largest fish weighed 27 pounds, the smaller ones 16 and 15 pounds each.

Building of a new ticket booth and a concession building on Rice

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The Homecoming Association is in the process of updating names and addresses for Haskell/Mattson/Weinert Homecoming Oct. 22 and 23. If you have a change, please get in touch with the representative for your graduating class or contact Cathy Bartley at 940-864-3019 or 103 S. Ave. K, Haskell, TX 79521.

Thank you.

Cathy Bartley
Haskell

Dear Editor:

Thank you, dear people of this community, for sponsoring me in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. It was a successful campaign.

I am sure the March of Dimes have touched each one of us, a family member or a friend, sometime in our lives. It takes us all to help the March of Dimes to accomplish the goal of "Saving Babies Together."

May God richly bless each of you!

Louetta Davis
Haskell

Student in the News

Tara Moeller Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moeller of Haskell, was among 201 students' inducted into the Texas Tech University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, at a banquet April 26 in the University Center Ballroom.

The national honor society, which was founded in 1897, was chartered on the Texas Tech campus in 1956. Only seniors and graduate students in the top two percent are invited for membership.

Olson is a senior student majoring in Human Development. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and is on the Dean's List.

Correction

The half-brother of newborn Marko Savino Lara was reported to the Haskell Free Press as Matthew Thurman. The birth announcement was printed in last week's issue. The name should have read Anthony Thurman.

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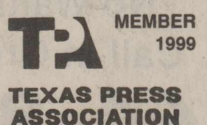
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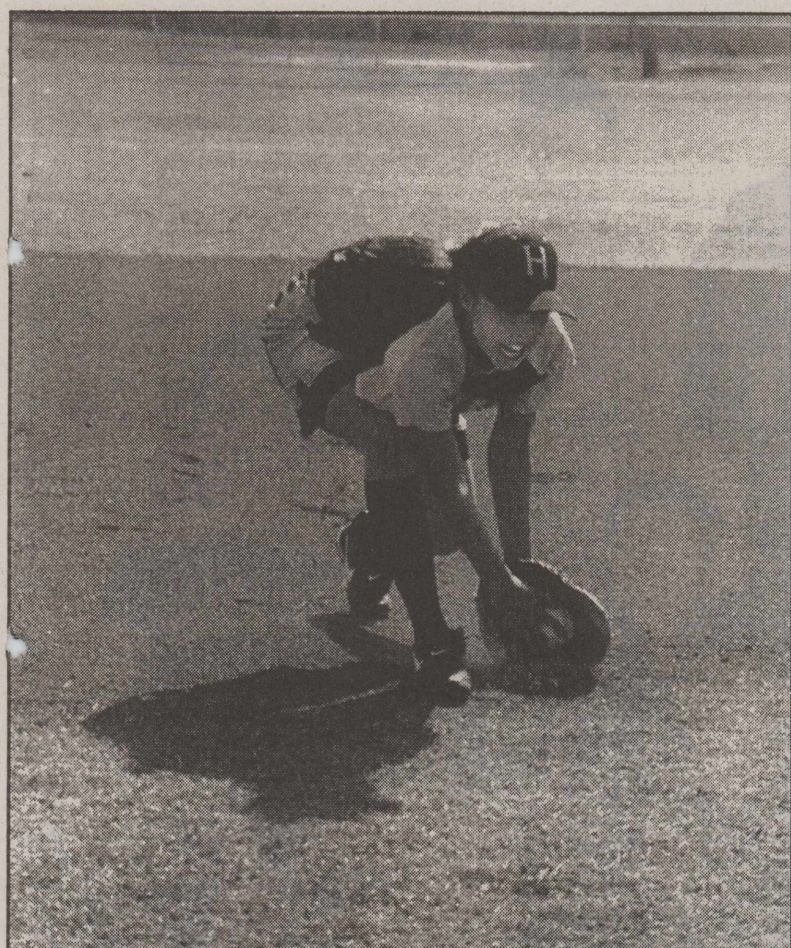
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SOFTBALL—Haskell Maiden Rosalinda Gonzales catches a low one while preparing for the team's trip to the playoffs.

Maidens prepare for Bi-District game

The Haskell Maiden Softball Team, coming off of a very successful season, finishing runner-up in District 3-AA, has been preparing for their Bi-District game against Petrolia. Practice games against DeLeon and Hawley were played last week. The intent of the games was to mentally prepare the girls for their upcoming playoff competition. "We have played two of the region's top four teams and competed very well. Now, we just have to go into the Petrolia game and take care of business," said Haskell Maidens head softball coach Robb McClellan.

The 1999 team consists of seniors, Amanda Crawford and Rosalinda Gonzales; juniors, Brittany Bartley, Misty Rodela and Emily Wheat; sophomores, Tiffany Loving, Amanda Perry, Heather Steele, April Villarreal and Misti Wheat; and freshmen, Caitlin

Frierson, Tiffany Lindsey, Tracy Mathis, Jessica Rieger and Nikki Wallace.

This year the Maidens have posted some very impressive numbers that have contributed to the team's success. Current offensive leaders for the team are April Villarreal with a batting average of 386 and 29 RBIs and Nikki Wallace with four homeruns and 22 stolen bases. Other top offensive players are Amanda Crawford with 27 RBIs and Tracy Mathis with 21 stolen bases. Defensively, Caitlin Frierson has done an outstanding job on the mound for the Maidens. However, this winning season has certainly been a team effort and all players have contributed greatly.

The Maidens played Petrolia on Mon., April 26 in Graham, but scores and statistics were unavailable at press time.

Pheil recognized during School Psychology Week

School Psychology Week has been proclaimed by Gov. George W. Bush, and is being observed this week, Apr. 26-30.

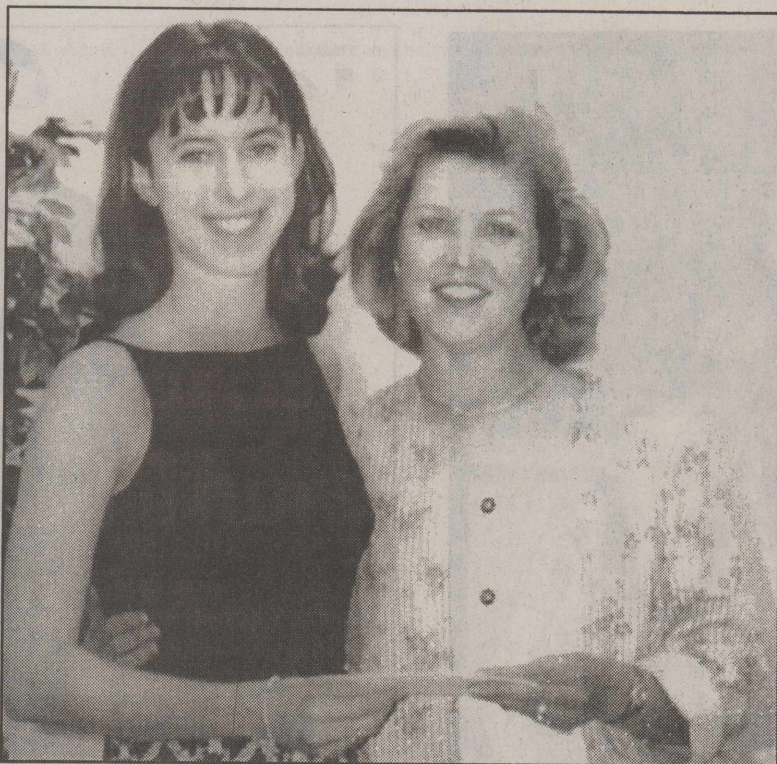
School psychologists play an important role in helping young Texans achieve their highest potential. Licensed professionals, they work closely with parents, teachers and administrators to ensure that every child enjoys a healthy, safe and supportive learning environment. School psychologists perform tests to identify both gifted students and those with potential learning difficulties. They consult with parents and teachers to help them design programs for students at risk of failure as well as programs to keep exceptional children interested and motivated. Working directly with students and families they help them to deal with emotional crises

or substance abuse. They also evaluate the effectiveness of academic programs and make recommendations to improve teaching methods, classroom environment and school safety.

The Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP) represents more than 500 professionals across the state.

Lisa Pheil of Haskell serves the Haskell-Knox shared service arrangement. She services Haskell CISD, Rochester ISD, Rule ISD, Paint Creek ISD, Goree ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday ISD, and Benjamin ISD.

Local school officials stated that Haskell-Knox is very fortunate to have the quality of professionalism found in Lisa Pheil as she serves the Haskell and Knox County School Districts as school psychologist.



HONORED STUDENT—Leigh Ann Reel of Haskell, left, is presented a student scholarship by Dr. Carol Hill at Hardin-Simmons University's School of Education annual awards banquet.

Reel receives scholarship

Leigh Ann Reel of Haskell was among forty-nine students receiving honors at Hardin-Simmons University's School of Education annual award program, Mon. Apr. 12.

Reel was one of the six recipients of the Christi Rogers Scholarship. It was established by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rogers and

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Featherston in honor of their daughter and daughter-in-law. Income from the \$10,000 gift is awarded to a student majoring in speech pathology.

Criteria for the award includes having a motivated Christian lifestyle, proven scholarship and positive attitude.

Maidens track team headed to regional

Haskell High School girls have qualified for regional track competition in several events. Going to the regional meet in Stephenville this week-end will be the 400 meter and 800 meter relay team, consisting of Kelli Moeller, Tiffany Cadenhead, Tiffany Lindsay, and Stephanie Hodge; the

1,600 meter relay team, Tiffany Cadenhead, Pam Green, Tiffany Lindsay, and Shayne McKenzie; high jump and 100 and 300 hurdles, Shayne McKenzie; 3,200 and 1,600, Rosalinda Gonzales; 200 meter, Kelli Moeller; and 100 meter, Stephanie Hodge.

Haskell Secondary awards program set Thursday

The 1998-99 annual awards program for the Haskell Secondary School is scheduled Thurs., May 6 in the auditorium. Seventh and eighth grade program begins at 6:00 p.m. and the high school follows at 7:00 p.m.

Awards will be given to all students with a 90 or above average during this school year, the two

students with the highest average in each subject area, the top two students in each grade for this year, perfect attendance, UIL and various other areas.

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RUNNING RELAYS—Haskell's Tiffany Cadenhead carries the baton to help the team win first place in the 800 relay at the Olney track meet. The team also took second place in the 400 and 1,600 relays. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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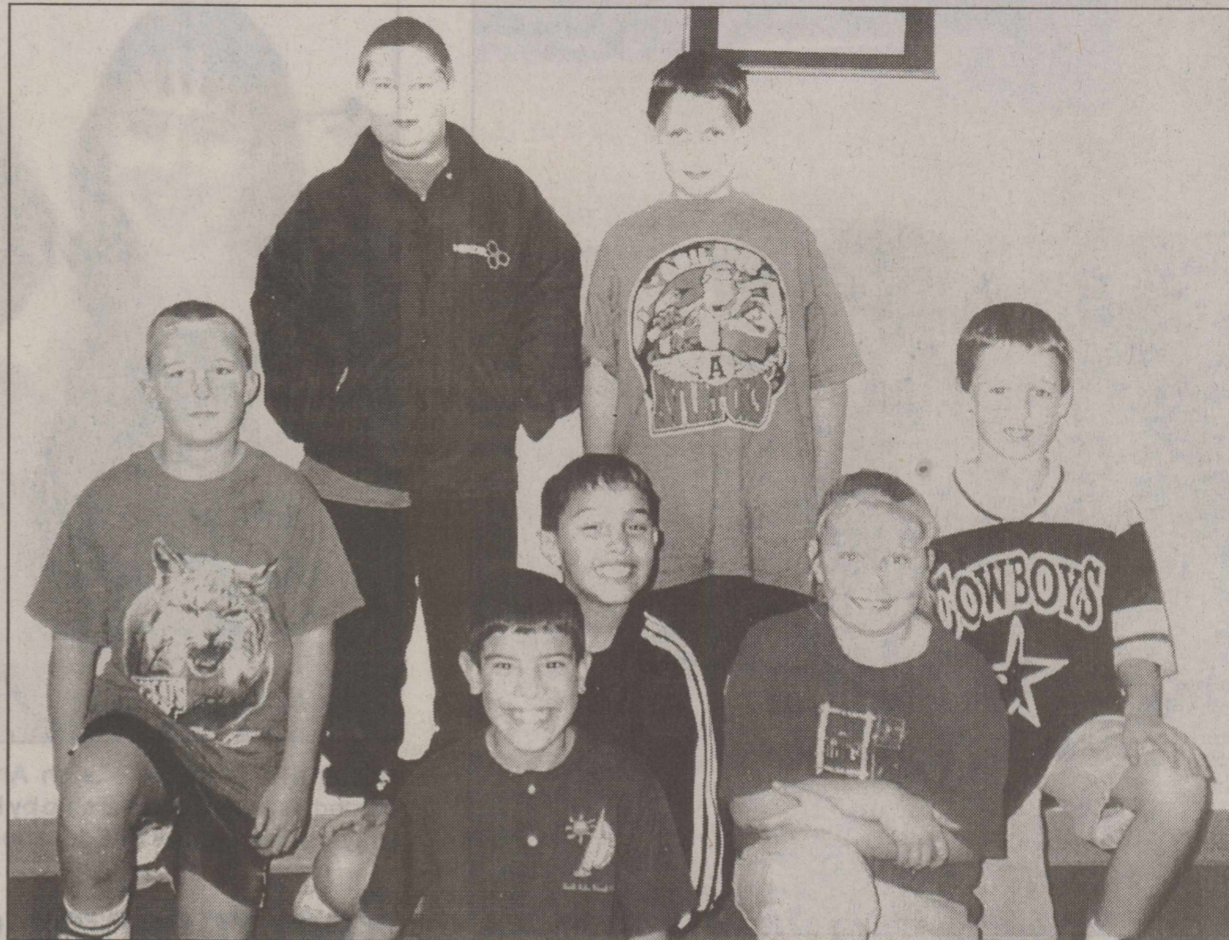
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FAMILY AFFAIR—Jack and Joy Chapman pose with grandchildren Brittany, Ashton, and Weston Rutkowski inside Cleopatra's Pavilion at the Sr. Citizen's Sr. Banquet.



MOTIVATED PERFORMANCES—Rule Elementary fourth graders who qualified for the Motivation for Academic Performance Programs were recognized for their efforts in making such high grades. Standing, l-r, are A. J. Rogers and Mason Bishop. Kneeling, l-r, Mathew Turner, Austin Flores, Kortney Kupatt, and Sam Long. Sitting in front is Cory Flores.



AT THE BANQUET—Nellie Wilson and Myrtle Therwhanger, standing, l-r, visit with County Commissioners Bud Turnbow, Tiffen Mayfield, and Billy Wayne Hester at the Sr. Citizen's Sr. Banquet. Also pictured is Erlinda Mayfield.



WRITERS RECOGNIZED—Poems written by six Paint Creek students of English teacher, Launa Medford have been selected for publication in the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*. Front row, l-r, are Cooter Payne, Scott Stephens, and Arron Duniven. Back, l-r, are Jason Shaw and Wes Harrison. Not pictured is Blayne Davis.

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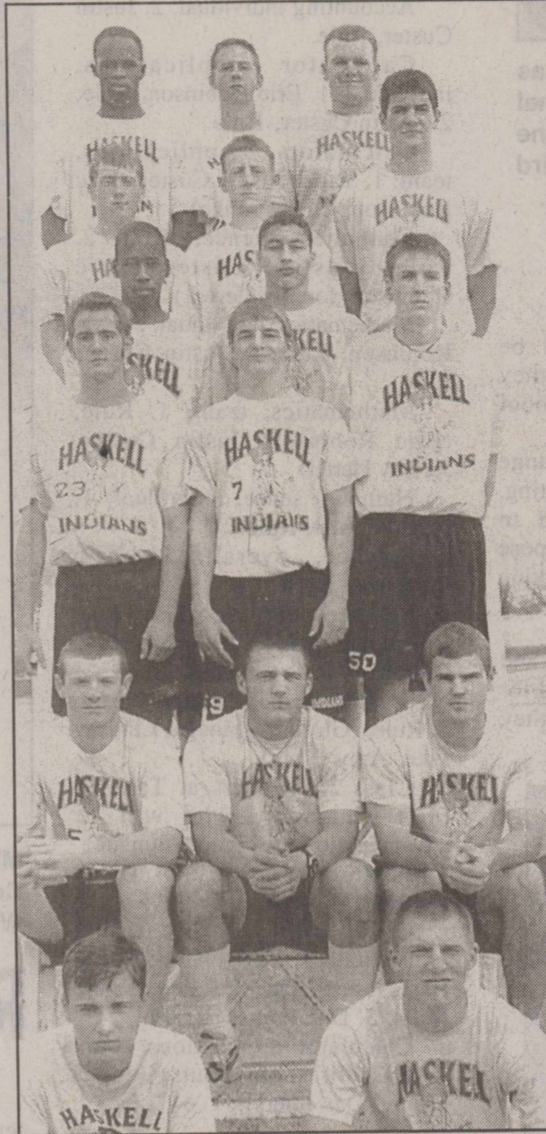
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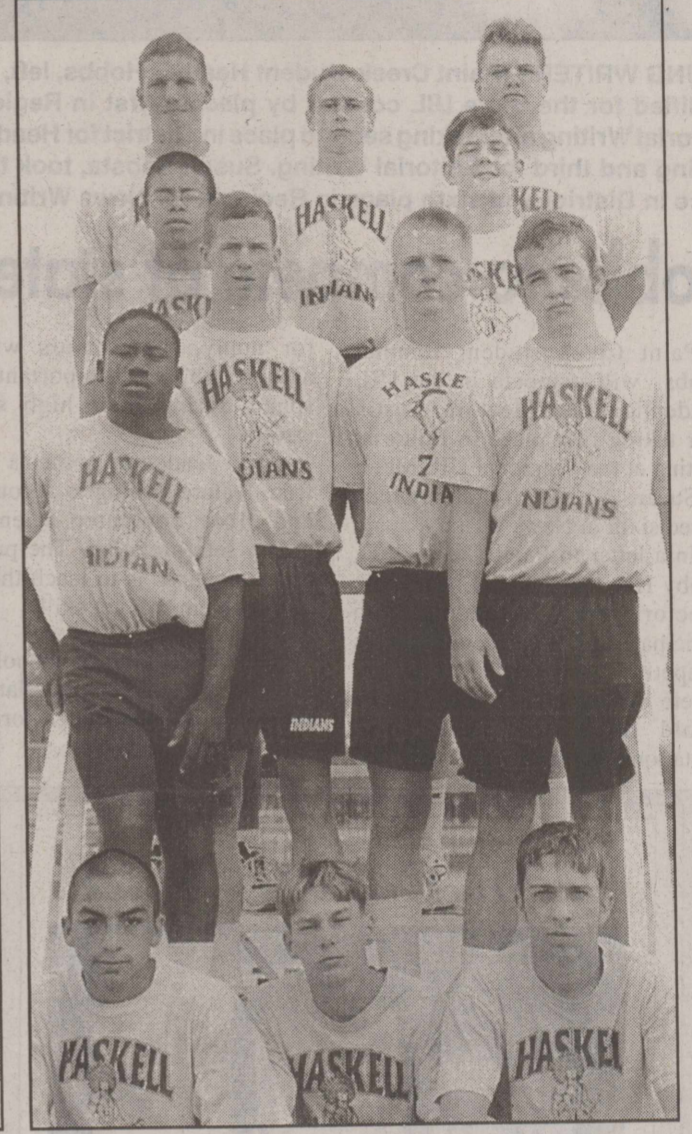
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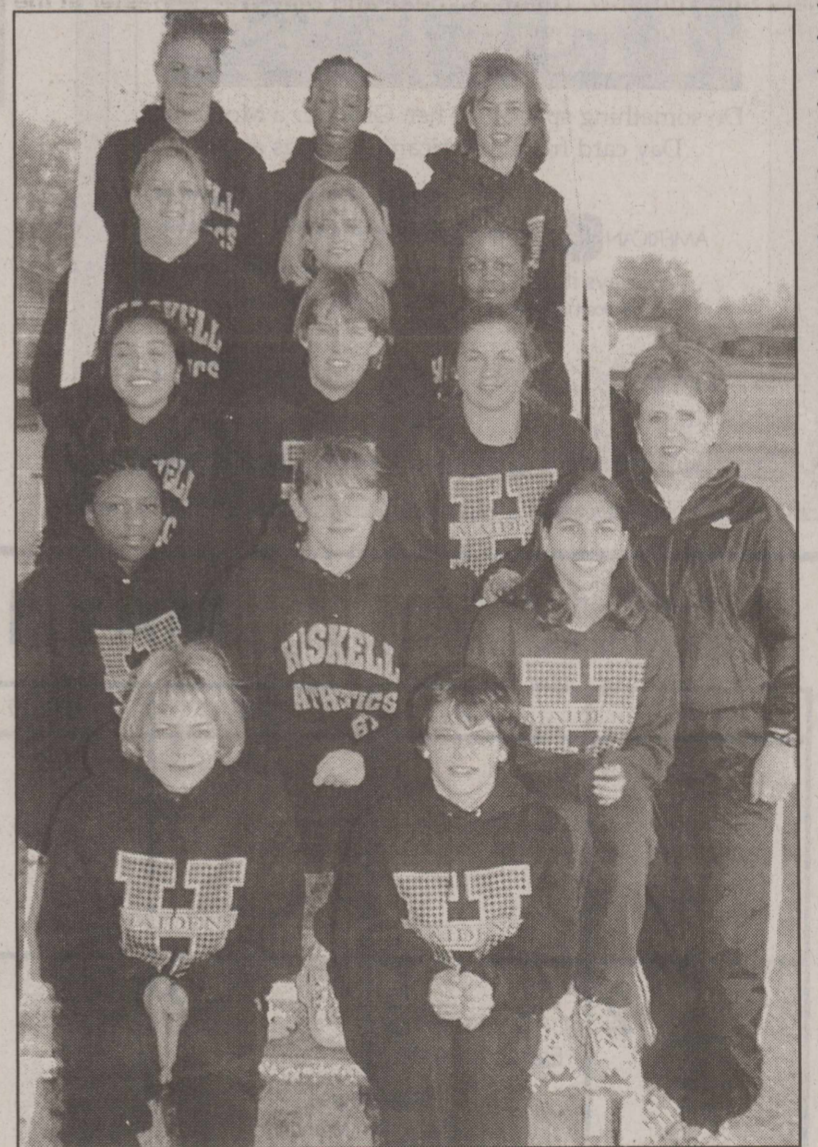
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YOUNG WRITERS—Paint Creek student Heather Hobbs, left, has qualified for the State UIL contest by placing first in Regional Editorial Writing after taking second place in District for Headline writing and third for Editorial Writing. Susan Acosta, took third place in District and sixth place in Regional for News Writing.

Hobbs to compete at state

Paint Creek student Heather Hobbs will compete in the UIL Academic State Meet in Austin after taking first place in Editorial Writing at the Regional UIL Meet.

Susan Acosta of Paint Creek placed sixth in News Writing.

In a letter to Paint Creek ISD, Bobby Hawthornes, UIL academic director, said, "Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician. They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competitions, and

for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. The purpose of the contests is to teach thinking and problem solving skills.

All of our county schools and students are to be congratulated for the time, interest and effort they give to these contests.

Area regional UIL results

Area students earned top honors at regional University Interscholastic League academic competitions last week-end. The top three students and first-place teams advance to the state meet May 6-8 at the University of Texas.

Class A contests at Hardin-Simmons University are:

Feature writing: 1. Mary Short, Rochester.

Editorial writing: 1. Heather Hobbs, Paint Creek.

Accounting individual: 2. Justin Custer, Rule.

Calculator applications, individual: 1. Eric Robinson, Rule; 2. Justin Custer, Rule.

Calculator applications, team: 1. Rule (Justin Custer, Eric Robinson, Lindsay Pike)

Computer science, team: 2. Rule (Justin Custer, Eric Robinson, Jeremy Hertel)

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

Mathematics, team: 1. Rule, (Eric Robinson, Justin Custer, Jeremy Hertel)

Number sense, individual: 1. Justin Custer, Rule.

Science, overall: 2. Eric Robinson, Rule

Science, top scorers: Eric Robinson, Rule, biology; Eric Robinson, Rule, physics.

Spelling and vocabulary, team: 2. Rule, (Gloria Aguinaga, Lindsay Pike, Amy Elkin).

Class 2A winners at Tarleton State University who will be advancing to state competition are:

Feature writing: 1. Daisy Cothern, Haskell.

Calculator applications, individual: 1. (tie), Tom Fouts, Haskell and Matt McKamy, Caddo Mills; 3. Dan Fouts, Haskell.

Calculator applications team: 1. Haskell, (Tom Fouts, Jessica Rieger, Dan Fouts).



MISS CONGENIALITY—J. J. Comedy receives flowers from Meagan Kimbrough after being named Miss Congeniality at the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Contest. She was sponsored by D & L Car Wash of Haskell. She is the daughter of Don and Nene Comedy. Photo by Kis Photo

Rule wins regional championship

Rule High School's academic team won the overall championship at the Region II-A Academic Meet held at Hardin-Simmons University Sat., Apr. 24. The team of seniors Justin Custer, Eric Robinson, Lindsay Pike, Michael Hertel, Cinda Martinez, juniors Amy

Elkin, Jeremy Hertel, Gena Robinson, and sophomores Gloria Aguinaga and Janae Smith, amassed 141 points to defeat runner-up Menard High School, who had 138.

Robinson won gold medals in Calculator Applications and Mathematics, and the silver in Science while finishing as top scorer in Biology and Physics. He also finished in fifth place in Computer Science (Team second) and seventh place in Number Sense.

Custer won first place in Number Sense and second place in Accounting, Calculator, and Math, along with fourth place in Computer Science (Team second). Jeremy Hertel won sixth place in Computer Science. First, second and third place winners qualify for the State Met in Austin, May 7-8.

The Calculator Team of

Robinson, Custer, and Pike, and the Math Team of Robinson, Custer and Hertel finished in first place, qualifying for State.

Elkin won a sixth place medal in Spelling. The Spelling Team of Elkin, Pike, and Aguinaga won second place silver medals. Michael Hertel had a seventh place finish in Current Issues and Events while Martinez participated in Number Sense, and Jeremy Hertel and Robinson competed in Science, and Smith in Computer Applications. The Number Sense team of Custer, Robinson and Martinez finished in third place.

Team coaches were Alice Jones in Accounting and Computer Science, Jerry Cannon in Math and Science, Bobby Robinson in Spelling, and Cody Levrets in Current Events.

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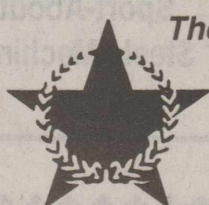
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Monthly Calendar
of Events

MAY 1999

Haskell Independent
School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Regional Track Tartleton 1
					Area II Degree Check Greenwood 9 a.m.	
State FFA 2 Pips 1-5 p.m.	Sr. Supper East Side Baptist 3 State Degree Check San Marcos	4	5	Award Program JH 6 p.m. HS 7 p.m. in HHS Auditorium 6	7	All Sports Banquet 8
9	Boys & Girls State Golf 7 a.m. 10	State Golf 11 Twirling & Drum Major Tryouts	12	5th Grade Career Breakfast 13	14	State Track Austin 15
16	Band Concert 17	Band Concert 18	19	7th Grade Career Breakfast 20	Sr. Luncheon Lutheran Church 21	22
Area II Leadership Camp Howard College 23	24	25	NHS Trip	26	Area II Leadership Camp Howard College 27	28
30	Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest San Marcos 31					



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Piano students to present recital May 2

The piano students of Sara Hodgins will be presented in recital Sun., May 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church, Haskell.

Selections will include classical, traditional, original, hymns and patriotic. Those playing will be: Paige Adams, Mason Bishop,

Monica Buerger, Meredith Harvey, Caleb Hudgens, Kyla Jones, Larissa Kloog, Joanna Lehmann, Katie McKnight, Mollie McKnight, Hays Ottaway, Hannah Page, Kayla Tidrow, Kellye Tidrow and Mathew Turner.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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QUEEN'S COURT—Bree Burgess of Haskell poses with first runner up Misti Henson after being crowned Wild Horse Prairie Queen. Henson was sponsored by the First National Bank of Haskell. She is the daughter of David and Tami Penick. Burgess was sponsored by State Farm Insurance. Her parents are Brian and Jennifer Burgess. Also pictured is Meagan Kimbrough, who presented flowers to the winners.
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MISS ACHIEVEMENT—Little Miss Meagan Kimbrough presents flowers to Hallee Walton, named Miss Achievement during the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Contest. Hallee was sponsored by The Drug Store of Haskell. She is the daughter of Darlene Walton.
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District UIL academic results

Rule High School won the district academic meet in Rule. The top three finishers in each category advance to regional competition April 23-24 at Hardin-Simmons.

Area students placing are:
Accounting, individual: 1. Justin Custer, Rule.

Accounting, team: 1. Rule (Justin Custer, Grant Hisey, Michelle Stegemoeller).

Calculator applications, individual: 1. Justin Custer Rule; 2. Eric Robinson, Rule; 3. Lindsay Pike, Rule.

Calculator applications, team: 1. Rule, (Custer, Robinson, Pike).
Computer applications: 3. Janae Smith, Rule.

Computer science, individual: 1. Justin Custer, Rule; 2. Eric Robinson, Rule; 3. Jeremy Hertel, Rule.

Computer science, team: 1. Rule (Custer, Robinson, Hertel).
Current issues and events: 3. Michael Hertel, Rule.

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

Mathematics, team: 1. Rule (Custer, Robinson, Hertel).
Number sense, individual: 1. Justin Custer, Rule; 2. Eric Robinson, Rule; 3. Cinda Martinez, Rule.

Number sense, team: 1. Rule, (Custer, Robinson, Martinez).

Science, overall: 1. Eric Robinson, Rule.

Science, top scorers: Eric Robinson, Rule, chemistry; Eric Robinson, Rule, physics.
Science, team: 1. Rule (Eric Robinson, Gena Robinson, Jeremy Hertel).

Spelling and vocabulary, individual: 1. Gloria Aguinaga, Rule; 3. Amy Elkin, Rule.

Spelling and vocabulary, team: 1. Rule, (Gloria Aguinaga, Lindsay Pike, Amy Elkin).

Lincoln-Douglas debate: 2. Casey Jackson, Rochester; 3. Mary Short, Rochester.

Poetry interpretation: 2. James Bass, Rochester.

Editorial writing: 3. Heather Hobbs, Paint Creek.

Feature writing: 3. Mary Short, Rochester.

News writing: 3. Susan Acosta, Paint Creek.

Headline writing: 2. Heather Hobbs, Paint Creek.

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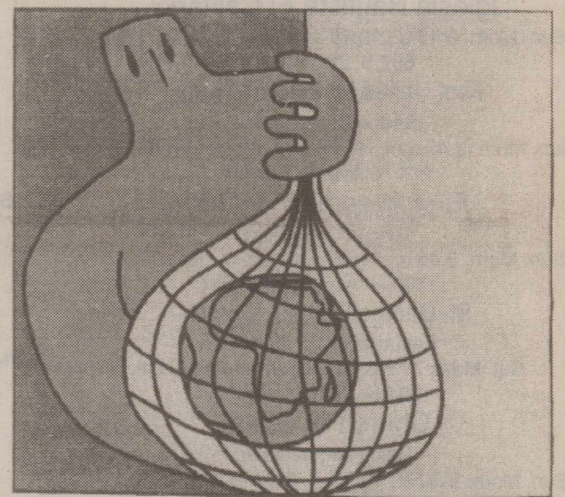
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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,693 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Demand good all classes, feeder cattle steady to 1-2 lower; stocker cattle 1-3 lower.

Cows: fat, .35-.38; cutters, .32-.41; canners, .24-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.51; feeder, .58-.64; utility, .41-.47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.24; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .75-.94; 500-600 lbs., .72-.84; 600-700 lbs., .70-.78; 700-800 lbs., .65-.69; 800-up lbs., .55-.67.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .84-.96; 300-400 lbs., .78-.92; 400-500 lbs., .72-.84; 500-600 lbs., .67-.74; 600-up lbs., .45-.72.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 400-550.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 540-650; aged or small, 475-600.

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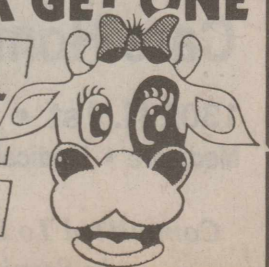
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Paint Creek School Menu

May 3-7 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Toast, jelly
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Donuts
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza, salad, corn, Jello

Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, crackers, pears
Wednesday: Beans, tacos, lettuce, cheese, onions, hot sauce, corn bread, peaches
Thursday: B-B-Q on bun, fries, pork and beans, pickles, brownies
Friday: Ham or tuna sandwiches, cheese, chips, lettuce, pickles, ice cream

This Week's Devotional Message:

THE CHURCH CAN BE A BRIDGE AS WELL AS A BUILDING



Is there a generation gap at your house? Have the lines of communication and understanding between parent and child fallen into a deep chasm of selfishness, intolerance and mutual mistrust? Take your family to Church and let them all listen to the word of God, who sent His only Son to preach the gospel of faith and love to young and old alike, so that both may better understand the meaning and purpose of life. When family needs replace individual desires, your faith will provide answers that will benefit all. Let your Church span the gap of discord with a bridge of love.

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 Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
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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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 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

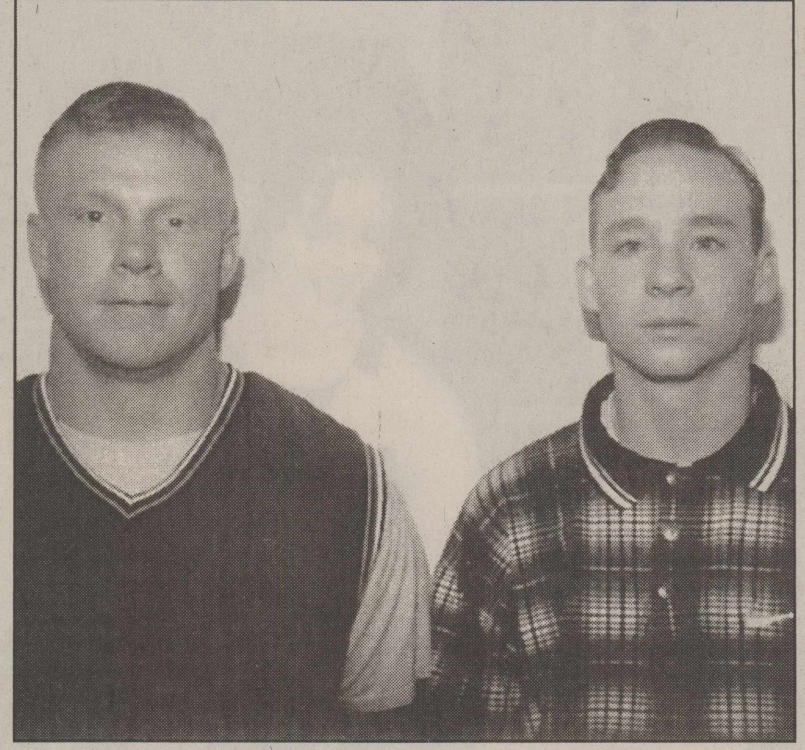
Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Bilingual Services
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William 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. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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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

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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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 Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester



AUSTIN BOUND—Haskell High School Science teacher, Kent Carroll, and outstanding science student, Josh Stocks, will participate in the 39th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June 1-4. They are sponsored by West Texas Utilities Company.

Stocks, Carroll to attend energy symposium

Haskell High School student, Josh Stocks and science teacher, Kent Carroll, have been chosen to attend the 39th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June 1-4.

The Symposium is jointly sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teachers from their service area.

Stocks and Carroll will be among 400 outstanding high school science students and teachers throughout the state attending the sessions in Austin. Participants will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

According to WTU area business manager, Fred Hernandez, "the symposium is a chance for WTU to help students and teachers learn more about science and energy outside the classroom."

Head Start Menu

May 3-7
Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.
Breakfast
Monday: Cheerios, peaches
Tuesday: Sausage biscuit, banana
Wednesday: French toast sticks, pear halves
Thursday: Oatmeal, strawberries
Friday: Rice Krispies, orange slices
Lunch
Milk served daily with lunch.
Monday: Hamburger on bun, tater tots, applesauce
Tuesday: Baked ham slice, carrot coins, fried okra, roll

Wednesday: Homemade bean and meat casserole, lettuce and tomato salad, apricots, corn bread
Thursday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread
Friday: Chicken patty sandwich, zucchini sticks, apple slices
Snacks
Monday: Ritz crackers, orange juice
Tuesday: Apple wedges, cheese, milk
Wednesday: Vanilla wafers, orange juice
Thursday: Fruit cocktail, milk
Friday: Pig in blanket, apple juice

Haskell School Menu

May 3-7 Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, toast/jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup
Thursday: Biscuit/gravy, sausage
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Submarine sandwich or chicken nugget basket (H.S.), curly fries, pickle spears, Congo bars
Tuesday: BBQ pork rib patty, scalloped potatoes, sliced carrots, hot rolls, sliced peaches
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, cookies
Thursday: Lasagna, seasoned corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cocktail
Friday: Hamburger or chicken nuggets basket (H.S.), French fries, hamburger trimmings, chocolate pudding

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, May 3
Lunch-Beef spaghetti, Harvard beets, tossed salad, cobbler, garlic bread, milk, tea or coffee
Wednesday, May 5
Lunch-German sausage, potato salad, English peas, banana pudding, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Friday, May 7
Lunch-Roast beef, gravy,

whipped potatoes, collard greens, strawberry shortcake, bread, milk, tea or coffee
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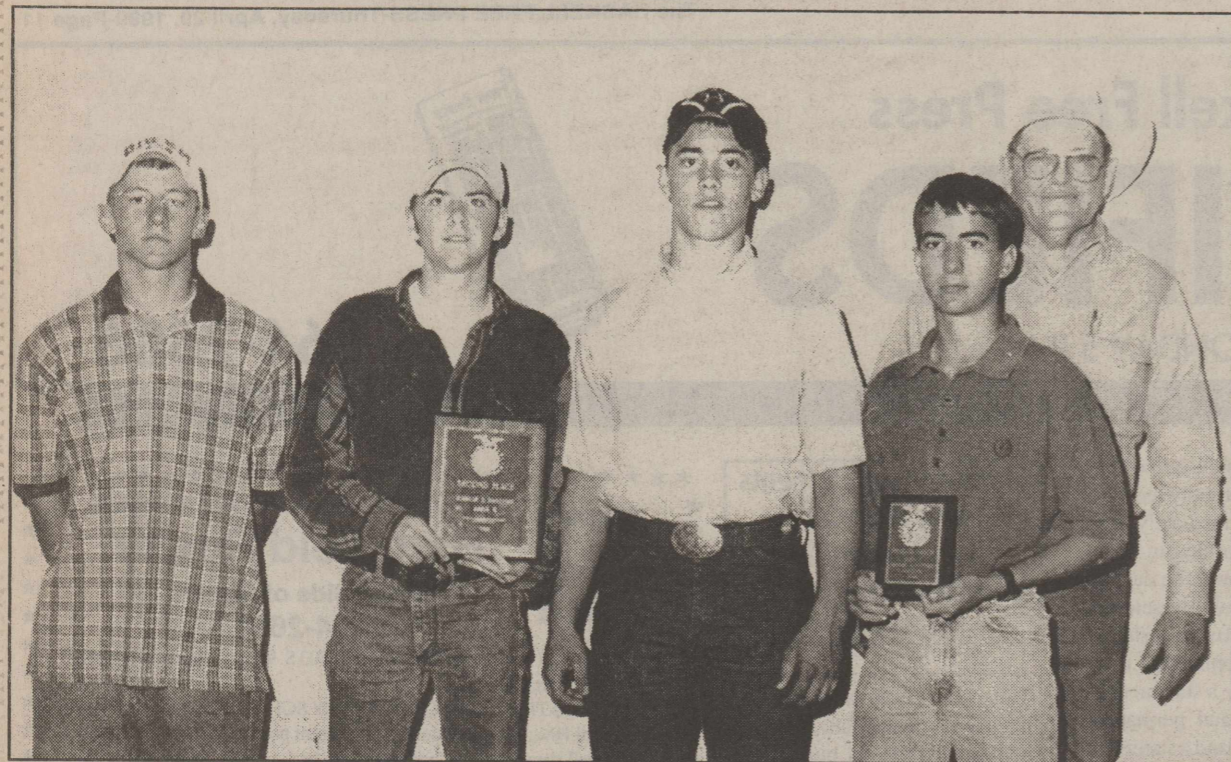
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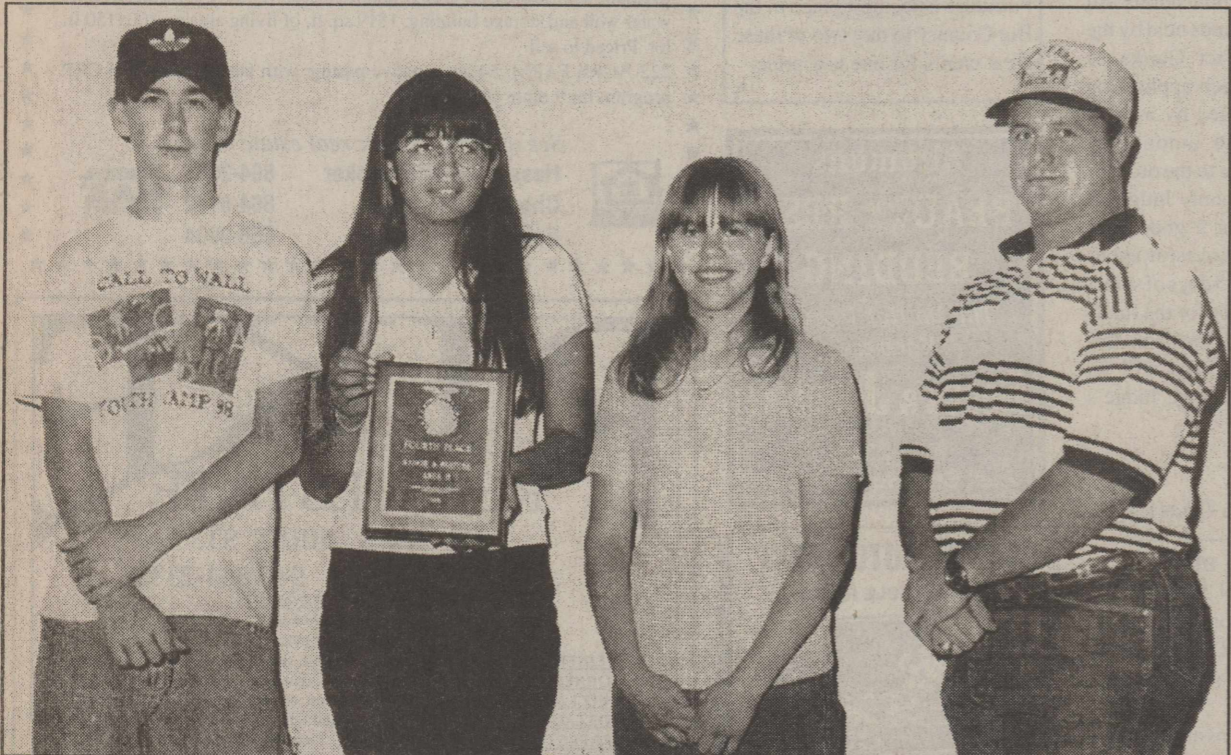
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals to the Honorable Ken Lane, Mayor, City of Haskell, Texas, for the construction of airport improvements at the Haskell Municipal, TxDOT CSJ Number 9808HSKEL. Bids will be received at the City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521, until 10:00 a.m., May 19, 1999, then publicly opened and read. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.
In general, the work consists of:
Schedule "A": Reconstruct in place the parallel taxiway, the T-Hanger access area, the terminal apron, and the tie-down area with 10" pavement section; Rehabilitate the runway and stub taxiway; Replace the rotating beacon; Installation of associated appurtenances; Stripe and mark required areas with centerline reflectors; and Install drainage improvements.
Schedule "B": Reconstruct in place the parallel taxiway, the T-Hanger access area, the terminal apron, and the tie-down area with 8" pavement section; Rehabilitate the runway and stub taxiway; and replace the rotating beacon; Installation of associated appurtenances; Stripe and mark required areas with centerline reflectors; and Install drainage improvements.
at the Haskell Municipal Airport.
Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations:
Jacob & Martin, Inc., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606;
TxDOT Abilene District Office, 4250 Clack, Abilene, TX 79603;
TxDOT Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Dr., South Tower, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78704;
and the Clearing House near the project area.
Bidding documents may be obtained at TxDOT, Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower, 5th floor, Austin, Texas 78704, or mail address: 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, Attention Edie Stimach, 800-68-PILOT; 512-416-4518, upon deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the complete bidding documents in good condition within fourteen (14) calendar days following opening of the bids.
Questions concerning the bid document and plans should be directed to Jacob & Martin, Inc. at (915) 695-1070, Mr. Derek Turner.
Minimum wage rates have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the specifications.
All proposals submitted must have a Child Support Statement completed with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% of the business entity submitting the bid, and a copy of the "Franchise Tax Certificate of Account Status" from the State Comptroller.
Cashier's check, certified check, bank money order, bank draft on a state or national bank in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price stated in the proposal, made payable without recourse to the Owner or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the Owner, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract, and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. The Owner reserves the right to retain any check, bank money order or bank draft as liquidated damages in the event the bidder withdraws its bid after the proposals are opened and before official rejection of the bid by the Owner, or, if successful in securing the award of the contract, the successful bidder fails to enter into the contract and fails to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety company or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
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The Owner, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively assure that minority enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
A pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 3, 1999 at the Haskell City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas
CITY OF HASKELL,
Mr. Ken Lane, Mayor



AG JUDGES—Four Haskell High School FFA students placed second in the Range and Pasture judging at the Area FFA Contests held recently at Tarleton State University. From the left are Cy McGuire, Joseph Clem, Justin Teague, Lee Christian, fourth high individual, and sponsor James Bevel.



FFA JUDGES—Students from Rochester ISD placed fourth in the Range and Pasture judging at the Area FFA Contests at Tarleton State University. From the left are Joshua Hearn, Jessica Garcia, Karin Buerkle and sponsor Alan Reed.



RX SMILES—Members of the Homespun FCE Club pose and smile to demonstrate the theme of their Apr. 8 program, "Laughter, The Best Medicine Rx". Front row, l-r, Ophelia Newsom, Mildred Robertson, Lennie Blankenship, Lena Tidwell, Shirley Reed and Sharon Lefevre. Back, l-r, "clown" Darlene Walton, Jeri Burke, Joetta Burnett, Dolores Medford, and Jane Smith.

First American Bank offers scholarship

First American Bank Texas will award a total of \$1000 in scholarships to deserving graduating seniors in Haskell County.

Applications are available in the offices of Christye Gannaway at the Haskell High School; Lizette

Hastey at the Rochester High School; Leslie Kupatt at the Rule High School; and Debbie Hobgood at the Paint Creek High School. They are also available at First American Bank Texas in Anson and Haskell. Deadline to apply is Mon., May 3, 1999.

Entries will be evaluated by three local community leaders on academic scores, activities, financial needs and a short essay.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the graduation exercises of each high school.

Young attends clerks' seminar

Penny Young, District Clerk of Haskell, joined 400 county and district clerks for the 27th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the College Station Hilton

Conference Center March 16-18. The event was sponsored by the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The institute seeks to

provide information and educational and technical assistance to elected officials at no additional cost to taxpayers.

"Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires all elected officials to earn continuing education credits," explained John Gilmartin, Extension coordinator of the institute. "We provide that service to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks."

Clerks who attended all of the sessions will receive 12 hours of credit.

Young Homemakers scholarship available

Scholarship applications are being accepted for the Haskell Young Homemakers Scholarship. Seniors who live in Haskell County and whose mother is or was a past member of the Young Homemakers are eligible to apply. The scholarship will be \$500.00

awarded in amounts of \$250.00 each of the first two semesters.

Applications may be picked up at the high school counselor's office in Haskell, Rule, Rochester or Paint Creek. Please return all applications to Dalyn Griffith, Haskell High School by May 7.

Five Paint Creek Juniors Honored

The Hardin-Simmons University Enrollment Services Office held its annual "Gold Carpet" banquet recently to honor the top five juniors from high schools in the Region XIV

Education Service Center area. Students honored at the banquet from Paint Creek High School were Heather Hobbs, Delinda Strickland, Stefanie Isbell, Brandy Gardner and April Terrell.

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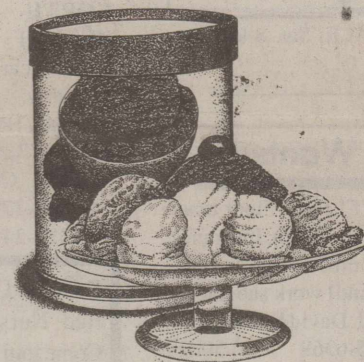
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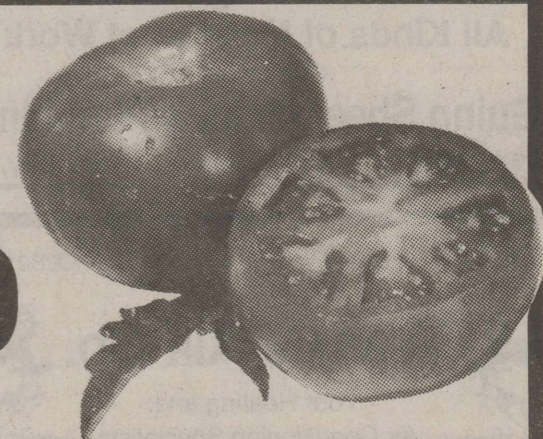
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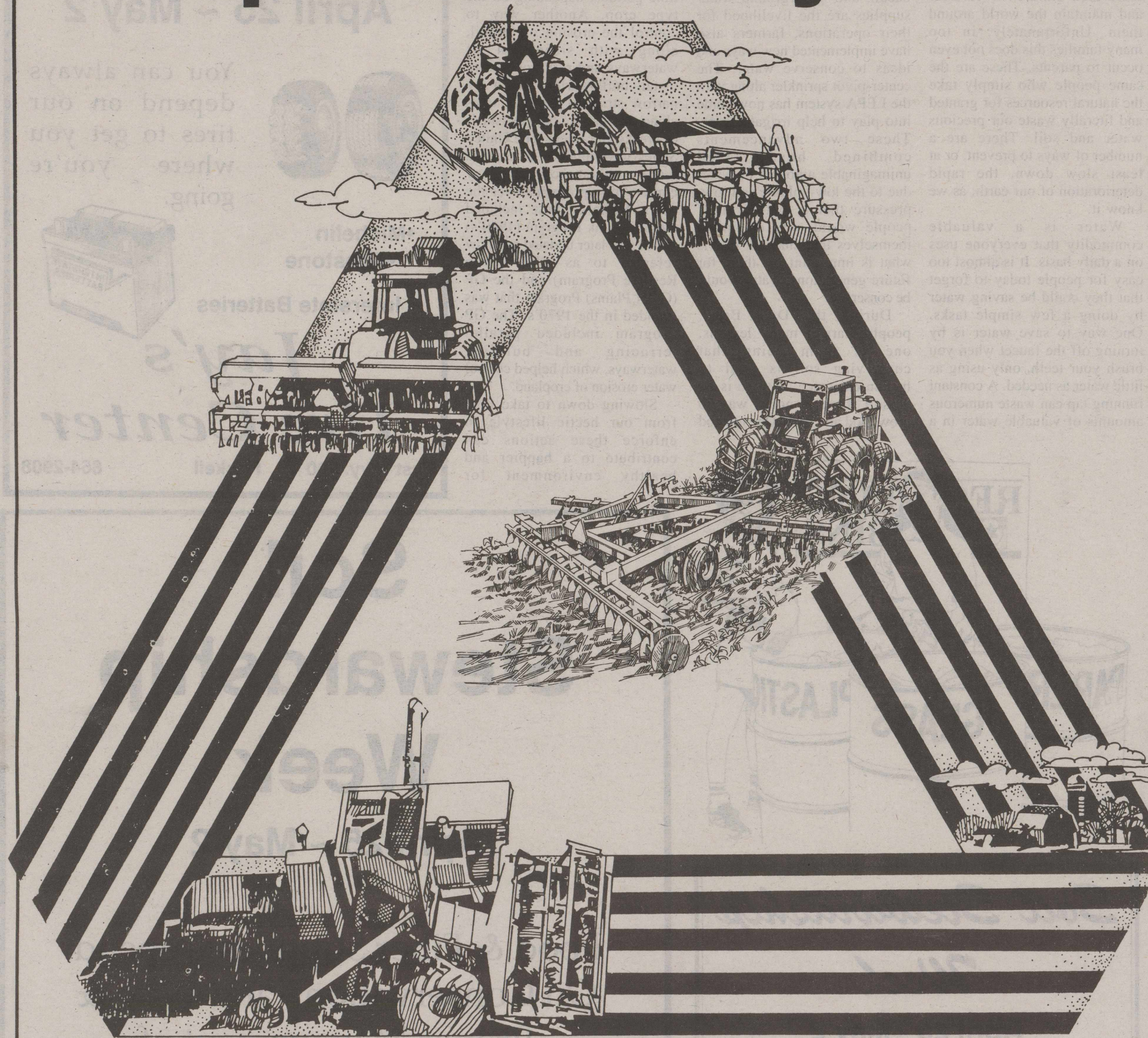
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Soil Stewardship Week declared April 25-May 2; 'In the Children's Hands' is the 1999 theme

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 25 through May 2, 1999 according to an announcement by F. A. Ulmer, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "In the Children's Hands." 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 clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Governor Bush proclaims April 25-May 2 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Spring is the season of renewal and reminds us of our many blessings, especially the priceless gifts of palette-splashed wildflower meadows, vast forests, flowing streams and teeming wildlife. Using our natural resources and our resolve, Texans also have been blessed with sufficient supplies of food, fiber and other life-enhancing products.

With these blessings, we recognize our responsibility to care for these resources, especially the life-supplying soil and water. As we near the end of one century and prepare to enter a new one, we must remember our obligation of stewardship of our precious natural resources.

Texas soil and water conservation districts offer assistance and encouragement to local landowners on land and water use. Under the direction of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, these regional organizations sponsor public awareness activities to promote the importance of stewardship of our renewable resources to benefit all Texans. The state board, in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts, traditionally designates a special week to heighten awareness of the need to conserve our natural resources.

I encourage Texans to take personal responsibility in caring for our soil and water so that future generations can also enjoy the natural beauty and resources of our state.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 25-May 2, 1999,

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereon, I hereby affix my signature this 18th day of March, 1999.



APRIL 25-MAY 2 IS DECLARED SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK—Gov. George W. Bush declares April 25-May 2 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas as an important part of preserving our national resources. Members of Soil and Water Stewardship Committee and representatives of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) witnessed and received the signed proclamation from the Governor in Austin. Standing from left to right are: Robert Buckley, Executive Director, TSSWCB, Temple; Bobbie Stephens, Asst. Executive Director, Administration, TSSWCB, Temple; Wayne Register, President, ATSWCD, New Waverly; Kenneth Brandenberger, member, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Llano; Bob Pearson, member, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Fairfield; Paul Robertson, member, TSSWCB, Hale Center; Aurelio Medina, chairman, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Crystal City; Jimmy McMillan, member, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee, Snyder; Roy Freeman, Program Specialist, TSSWCB, Kenedy and Gov. Bush (seated). This year's theme is "In the Children's Hands" and 216 soil and water conservation districts will participate in the annual observance.

Soil Stewardship Week April 25 – May 2, 1999

Essay scholarship contest offered by local SWCD

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 seniors.

Included in this supplement are some of those essays. These essays do not reflect the results of the judging.

Big Responsibilities for Little Hands by Lee Christian

Children are young and inexperienced but the world around them soon will become their responsibility to nurture and protect. It is the only earth they have. Past generations have left the young with a giant legacy upon which to build. These children not only have to care for the obvious things, but they also have to care for the most minute; such as a particle of sand that is in danger of

blowing or washing away and being lost forever. In the future what is precious may not be just gold or silver, but the very water that we drink. Conservation, though, is not just sand and water, but it includes all aspects of nature around us.

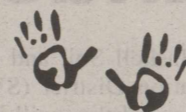
During the dust bowl era, wind and rainstorms eroded America's topsoil. Sand blew so forcefully that it was difficult to see across the street. Valuable land, which can never be replaced, was lost forever by blowing for hundreds of miles, thus leaving only the poorest soil to be farmed by today's generations. Thomas Jefferson expressed foresight when he said, "While the farmers hold the title to the land, actually, it belongs to all people because civilization itself rests upon the soil." It is not soil blowing away but civilization itself.

Through the years people have dedicated their efforts to create and develop great industrial empires. If factories continue to pollute the lakes and rivers, we will suffer the consequences in the years to come. A shortage of drinking water would not just be a local problem but would escalate into a global disaster. Millions of people would die from either lack of water or would die from drinking unsanitary water.

Unfortunately some people say that the cost is too expensive to maintain strict conservation programs in order to police the world to prevent the abuse to the environment. We have only one world and we must protect it regardless if we like the practices or not. People

can look at this in two different ways; the preservation of what we have or a space search program to help find us a new home. For we have the technology to better ourselves and the environment or the technology to destroy everything.

It is up to the children of today as they grow to adulthood to see to that nature is kept in perfect harmony, for if it is not, all that we take for granted will be lost. We must educate the youth and children today so that they will be the leaders for tomorrow. The problems of our poor management will demand answers from them.



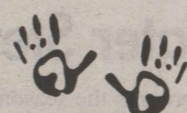
In the Hands of the People by Mindy Howard

In today's society, saving our environment should be our top priority, but it is not. Humans need to learn that our world would not rotate if we did not have soil and water. Soil and water make up the majority of the planet's environment, and we need to preserve these precious resources. Without soil in top condition and an adequate water supply people can count on no food, clothes, or money because crops will not grow.

Having good soil and water with abundant minerals and nutrients in them will help make good crops and will keep the land from washing away. This is why we use irrigation to water the crops, and that is why

irrigation is very important to farmers. Our food does not just come from the store; it comes from the ground. Because it comes from the ground, it has to have fertile soil and water.

Farmers plant wheat, cotton, and other crops to supply the world with food and fiber. Keeping lakes and rivers clean will help farmers to have good crops. The water use to irrigate comes from local lakes, rivers, and wells and, therefore, must be kept clean if crops are to grow. Besides food, crops are also used to grow fiber for making our clothes. A good crop of cotton in the county will provide much needed fiber to supply the textile plants. Having crops that do not make each year means that the farmers would not make money. Farmers that do not make money from year to year are not able to make a better crop the next year. 1998 was a bad year for the Texas Rolling Plains farmers and they lost money on the crops they planted. The Texas drought left the land without water that had minerals and nutrients to make the plants grow. People cannot survive if the soil and water are not in top condition. We are all keepers of the land not just farmers, and its survival depends on us. Thomas Jefferson said, "While the farmers hold the title to land, actually it belongs to all people because civilization itself rests upon the soil." Save our land to make a better future for our children.



Another scholarship essay entry

Parents of the Earth by Charisse Felty

When people become parents to a newborn child they take on many responsibilities that they may not realize. One of these responsibilities should be to teach their children to care for and maintain the world around them. Unfortunately, in too many families this does not even occur to parents. These are the same people who simply take the natural resources for granted and literally waste our precious water and soil. There are a number of ways to prevent, or at least slow down, the rapid deterioration of our earth, as we know it.

Water is a valuable commodity that everyone uses on a daily basis. It is almost too easy for people today to forget that they could be saving water by doing a few simple tasks. One way to save water is by turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth, only using as little water as needed. A constant running tap can waste numerous amounts of valuable water in a

very short time period. Modern technology has assisted in limiting the wasteful usage of water. For example, at least a twenty-percent saving can be obtained by installing low flush toilets. Where little rainfall occurs and underground water supplies are the livelihood for their operations, farmers also have implemented new ways and ideas to conserve water. The center-pivot sprinkler along with the LEPA system has now come into play to help irrigate crops. These two advancements combined have saved unimaginable amounts of water due to the low-volume and low-pressure that is put forth. If people would only discipline themselves to think that this is what is important for them for future generations, water would be conserved.

During the Dust Bowl, people learned many lessons, one of them being that conserving soil is vital to human existence. If there is no topsoil there is not a way to grow food and fiber. One method

to save and conserve the irreplaceable topsoil is crop rotation. This practice aids in wind and water erosion by using different tillage practices. This means the land is plowed at different depths and at various time periods, depending on the type crop. Another way to control the erosion of topsoil, along with silting in of waterways and reservoirs, is to install buffer-strips, which are narrow strips of grass or trees along the side and on watersheds of creeks and rivers. The United States government has assisted farmers and ranchers with many conservation programs over the years. Some of these included the Soil Bank Program (1960's) which was later updated and now referred to as CRP (Crop Reserve Program) and the GP (Great Plains) Program that was founded in the 1970's. The GP Program included parallel terracing and building waterways, which helped control water erosion of cropland.

Slowing down to take time from our hectic lifestyle to enforce these actions can contribute to a happier and healthy environment for

generations to come. Now is the time for parents to impress this upon their children the urgency

to conserve so they will do the same when they become parents themselves.

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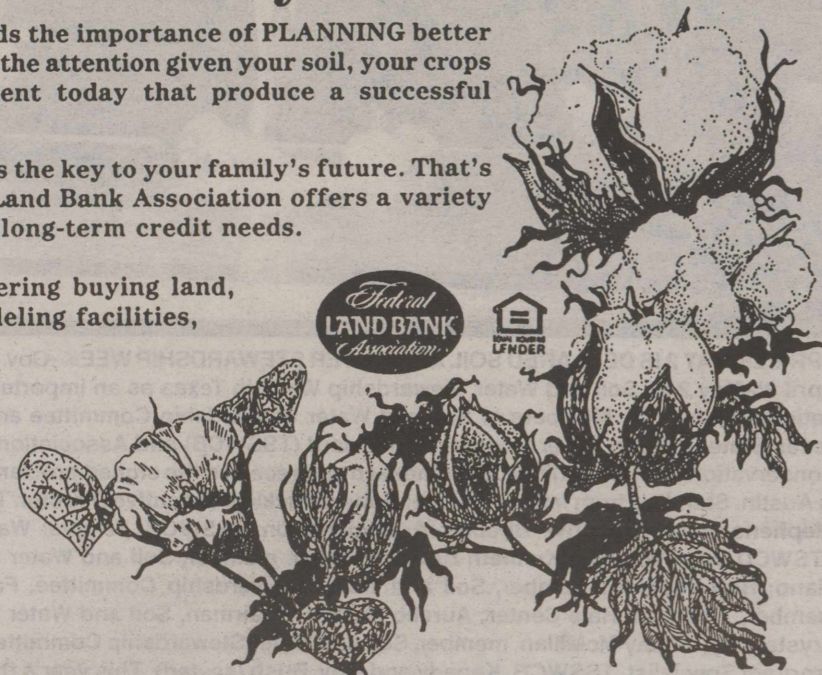
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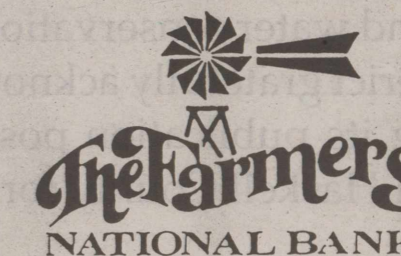
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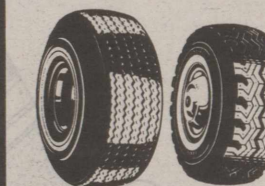
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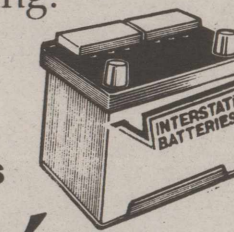
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In the Children's Hands
by Amy Aycock

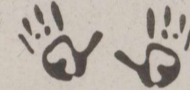
In pioneer days, natural resources seemed unlimited. Changes in the environment and an increase in population have depleted these seemingly abundant resources to a critical status. To maintain at least what we have now, we must practice good soil and water stewardship, and children will be the key in the success of the future of the planet. Mentoring to young people and teaching them about the different types of conservation practices is vital because the resources of soil and water are being depleted at a horrific speed.

Helping young people understand the conservation of

the 20th century is essential in equipping them to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Getting involved in a mentoring program is one way people can teach young people about soil and water conservation. First young people must learn that water is not for games. Mentoring to young people will help them to understand that playing in water is not good for our environment because of the excessive amount used. When one mentors to young people, he becomes a role model. If one practice good soil and water conservation, young people will follow their example of conserving soil and water. Community service is another way high school students can

help teach young people about soil and water conservation. Community service is important for high school students who are going to college because it helps to have community service hours for scholarships. Teaching young people about soil and water conservation is a way they can learn about conserving and also getting involved in the community. High school students can also take PALS, a class where they mentor to fourth graders. Students in the PALS program can teach the fourth graders not just about school-related subjects, but also they can teach them environmental issues.

Mentoring and community service are both ways people can get involved in teaching young people about soil and water conservation. Soil and water conservation is important for young people to understand because of the shortage of natural resources that is happening right now and that will continue to happen if we do not set for them an example. In the new Millennium, our economy will suffer a decline if we do not teach kids how to conserve soil and water. Young people are the future, and we all need to teach them the importance of conservation in rural Texas.



The Importance of Soil Conservation

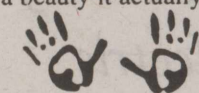
by Amanda Crawford
Before the four seasons were baseball, football, basketball and track, life was punctuated by activities that helped primitive people comprehend the passage of time. For early societies, the coming of spring was a time to celebrate the renewal of life with week-long feasts, animal

sacrifice and time of planting. Here in America today, sociologists have documented that these past springtime practices are gradually disappearing. Also allowing the conservation of our land to progressively decline.

Americans today have almost completely avoided the predictions of resource shortages and are not taking the proper actions to preserve these resources. As the 21st century approaches us, we need to take the responsibility of conserving our resources. An important step in that is appreciating the land and the seasons God has given us and recognize the problems we have caused by the way we use or abuse our resources. By understanding the seasons and how they effect our land, it is possible for one to help all people to be more efficient in their conservation. We need to understand that it rains more in the spring and summer than it does in the fall and winter. Therefore, to help eliminate soil erosion, we can cut down how much we irrigate our lands during these seasons. The seasons also allow the idea of crop rotation. This also helps us retain soil moisture and reduce soil erosion.

Today citizens have very little respect for our land. People don't appreciate the seasons for what they give to the world. The world has even gotten lazy at preserving our different seasons. In the winter people are watering their lawn and wasting the precious water, even though in winter the grass is dead. In the summer, you see people watering their grass in the heat of the day and not caring that most of that water is evaporating. We all need to work with the seasons to keep our land in good shape and conserve our limited water source. We all need to understand that our entire society is dependent on our water, land and other natural resources. Without them, we would not have many of the items that we all enjoy.

As we approach this new spring season, let us not think about the less important things that take place during this time, let us think about our resources. Next time we step outside or drive home, look around and enjoy the trees, grass, flowers and the crops. All of the people who work hard to preserve our land and conserve our water, see what a beauty it actually is.



Twenty-First Century Conservation

by Misti Henson
As a student of the millennium I am very aware of

problems that currently plague our community. Although most citizens do not understand the importance of soil and water conservation, both play a vital role in the growth and well being of Haskell County. Currently our community is facing a drought that could possibly be the worst in years, however most residents believe that plentiful water will always be a reliable source. Most Americans are unaware that a running faucet can waste up to 200 liters every five minutes and a shower uses one-fifth the amount of water that a bath does. If normal people could learn these simple facts it could possibly save the well being of our community.

So many Americans, myself included, take for granted the importance of soil and water. Strong winds are causing our once fertile lands to slowly deplete the topsoil. Topsoil plays an extremely important part in the growth of our plants. The topsoil is the part of the soil that starts the growth of roots. Without rich soil crops are unable to begin a healthy life. If lands are left thin and unproductive our economy will suffer as well. As citizens it is our obligation to do our best for the conservation of this important vegetation. To avoid the generations ahead of us from missing out on rich land, agriculturists must continually plow and keep harmful chemicals off our plants.

Along with soil, water plays a vital part in the production of healthy crops. Water is the source for all life. With it we prosper. Without it we die. The conservation of our water supply is detrimental to the success of our community. In order to help conserve our water supply individuals must assume certain responsibilities. These tasks may vary from simply turning the faucet off when brushing your teeth to watering your lawn at night to avoid evaporation. Taking advantage of what seems to be a plentiful resource could be harmful for the people in coming generations.

In conclusion, helping young people understand the conservation heritage of the 20th century is essential in equipping them to meet the challenges of the 21st century. As we plunge into a new millennium we must examine the things we do and the harmful effects of each decision. As once stated in a children's song, "Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the might land." This song, although created for small children, can prove to be true. The future of this wonderful world is truly in the children's hands.

Proclamation

The well-being of our people depends on the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of soil.

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It is the concern and responsibility of every person to see that soil resources be conserved and managed properly and water quality and quantity be maintained to assure the welfare of all citizens.

Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable resources.

Therefore, I David C. Davis, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of soil, water and wildlife resources and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 25 through May 2, 1999 as

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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 Haskell on March 9. Two Range and Pasture teams were entered with some coming as far as Mertzson. Seven teams participated in the Land Judging Contests.

Results are as follows:
Range and Pasture

Team placings: 1. Haskell FFA 2. Anson FFA.

Individual Placings: Tied for 1st: Lee Christian, Haskell and Jack Rollings, Anson; 2. Justin Teague, Haskell; and 3. Cy McGuire, Haskell.

Land
Team Placings: 1. Anson; 2. Mertzson; and 3. Wylie.

Individual Placings: 1. Dustin McEwen, Anson; 2. Anna Hooper, Wylie; and 3. Michael Moreno, Anson.

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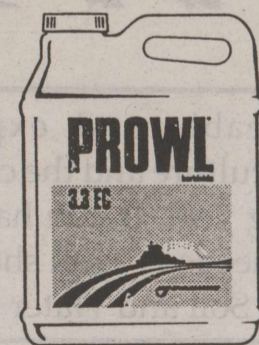
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Conservation is scholarship essay topic

Conservation Includes Everyone
 by Tiffany Cadenhead
 Living in a predominately agricultural community, we must be concerned about the future of the natural soil and water resources because they may not always be there for our children if not conserved today. With the millennium coming just around the corner, now is

the time to start making more noticeable efforts to conserve our soil and water. Although it is essential that every man, woman, and child give their support in this endeavor, many choose not to participate. Here are some ideas that might encourage people to help. Enjoying nature's beauty is one way of making conservation a priority in the household. This

is especially important to the urban dwellers who do not see much more of nature than a shade tree in a parking lot. When visiting a national park it is impossible not to experience the splendor of our environment. Ideally it would be most beneficial if everyone could visit the majestic Rocky Mountains, Yosemite National Park, the Grand Canyon, and the Great Lakes and Niagara Falls area, but it would be impossible for everyone to be exposed to so many types of geography because they are so far from each other. Enjoying nature does not mean that everyone in America should go climb Mt. St. Helens, an occasional park outing would be sufficient to get people thinking about nature. The more time spent enjoying the great outdoors the more people will

want to protect it so they can enjoy it in the future. When people get into nature they can really understand how important it is to conserve it. By promoting national parks, more people will become aware of how much nature depends on us to keep it wild and beautiful. Another way to get everyone in the home involved in conservation is to make it fun. So many times volunteers or other workers will try to encourage people to get involved in helping a good cause, but they fail to create an enjoyable activity so people are not interested in helping. Of course, in some worth while causes—like donating blood—fun activities are just about impossible to incorporate, so they use other incentives like free T-shirts. Why do we not take this

knowledge into our own homes and use these techniques to encourage conservation? To conserve water parents could hold contests for their children to find the quickest shower-taker in the house. The winner could receive a goodie, money or a privilege—like eating dessert first at dinner. These are just examples of using games and incentives to advance conservation. The important thing to remember when using this method is to use imagination and make it fun and worthwhile. Although our efforts so far have improved the quality of our soil and water, we have a long way to go before we could even consider not promoting conservation. Hopefully these methods can be applied to the conservation cause.

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Poster winners named

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest. This year's theme could be Wonders of Wildlife or In the Children's Hands. Local winners are from Haskell: First Grade, Mrs. Watson: 1. Brooke Bullinger. First Grade Overall: 1. Brooke Bullinger. Third Grade, Mrs. Waggoner: 1. Kyla Jones 2. Mali Torres 3. Paige Wheatley

Third Grade, Mrs. Christian: 1. Hanna Page 2. Will Brueggeman 3. Barrett Thomasson. Third Grade, Mrs. Huff: 1. Samuel Bitner 2. Daniel Payan 3. Jennifer Farber. Third Grade Overall: 1. Samuel Bitner 2. Kyla Jones 3. Paige Wheatley. Fifth Grade, Mrs. Fouts: 1. Caleb Hudgens 2. Shannon Harlan 3. Gregory Andrada. Fifth Grade, Mrs. Futch: 1.

Sarah Alvarez 2. Tasha Zarate 3. Vicente Solano. Fifth Grade, Mrs. Yates: 1. Mollie McKnight 2. Robbyn Tribbey 3. Nick Mendoza. Fifth Grade Overall: 1. Caleb Hudgens 2. Shannon Harlan 3. Sarah Alvarez. From Paint Creek: Kindergarten: 1. Kailey Jones 2. Bailey Fillman 3. Dillon Emert. First Grade: 1. Johnny Escamilla 2. Evan Green 3. Sydney McCasland. Second Grade: 1. Ariel Blair 2. Colin Locke 3. Caleb Whitfield. Third Grade: 1. Michael Fikes 2. Kailey McCord 3. Jessica Blackburn. Fourth Grade: 1. Carri Lewis 2. Kristen Barr 3. James Haggard. Fifth Grade: 1. Lindsay Reel 2. Justin Hannsz 3. Heather Hodges. Sixth Grade: 1. Scarlett Adkins 2. A. J. Shaw 3. Jeremy Bogle.

From Rochester: Kindergarten: 1. Chelsea Hearn 2. Denise Hibbits 3. Leah Tibbits. Second Grade: 1. Tyler Byrd 2. Shane Strickland 3. Lauren Newton. Third Grade: 1. Shawna Favor 2. Jonathan Rincon 3. Conrad Saucedo. Fourth Grade: 1. Jessica Cantu 2. Paden Brown 3. Shana Nicholson. Fifth Grade: 1. Kayla Martin 2. Cheyene Favor 3. Jeffrey Rodriguez. Sixth Grade: 1. Marcus Williams 2. Ryan Martin 3. Cassidy Brown. District Winners: 1. A. J. Shaw, Paint Creek 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell 3. Lindsay Reel, Paint Creek

Essay urges teaching children conservation

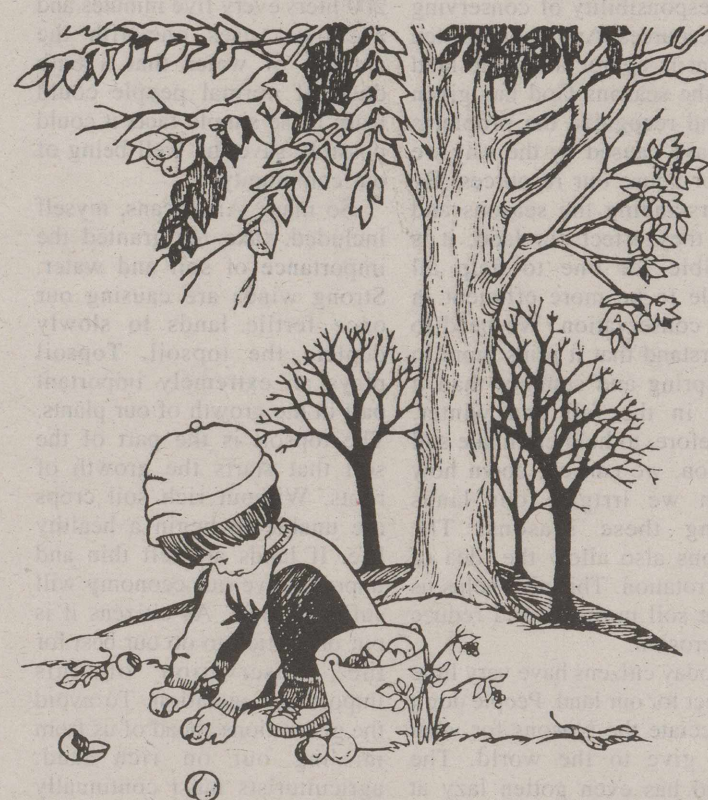
Today's Children...Tomorrow's Adults
 by Daisy Cothron
 Modern society unfortunately has taught me to take freely from Mother Nature. Until recently, I viewed natural resources as unlimited. Although water is a necessity for life, I had not realized that the well my family uses as a source of water could go dry. Being raised on an aquifer, I have never had to

worry about the water bill or droughts. If I had been taught conservation habits as a child, I would not have skipped through by childhood wasting water. Now that I have learned some conservation practices I will be able to pass these practices down to my children. The future of the world's soil and water lies in its children's hands. If the children conserve today, then they will continue to

conserve tomorrow. Like the Kasimire proverb says, "We have not inherited the world from our forefathers—we have borrowed it from our children." It is the responsibility of the older generations to teach the younger ones the importance of soil and water through conservation practices. Today's children are the ones who are in control of tomorrow's future. The children also should be taught that our soil and water are precious commodities. Without fertile land, the world's food supply will diminish at an unseen rate. The crops depend upon an adequate amount of nutrients provided by fertile soil. Erosion is a major enemy of the land that has taken a number of victims throughout time. Soil is

being eroded at approximately 17 times the rate at which it forms. Farmers have adopted conservation tillage in order to reduce wind and water erosion. The 1930's Dust Bowl could have been prevented if conservation practices such as wind breakers and crop rotation had been implemented. By allowing grass clippings and leaves to decompose on yards instead of raking them helps to fight against erosion and nourish the soil. It is our responsibility to maintain the land and keep all of the bodies of water pure and plentiful, we need to impress upon the children ways in which water can be conserved. Keeping water plentiful requires wasteful habits to be broken and new habits to be formed. Some easy

ways to conserve water are to check faucets regularly for leaks, water the garden or lawn during the coolest part of the day and make sure that sprinklers are watering the yard and not the street or sidewalk. Also, children should be taught not to play in the water when they are washing their hands. Children learn from their elder's example and it is the responsibility of that person to do their part in conserving. According to a Chinese proverb, "All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today." Similarly, the thoughts and ideas of the current children will form the thoughts and ideas that the future adults act upon. The world and the future are truly in the children's hands.



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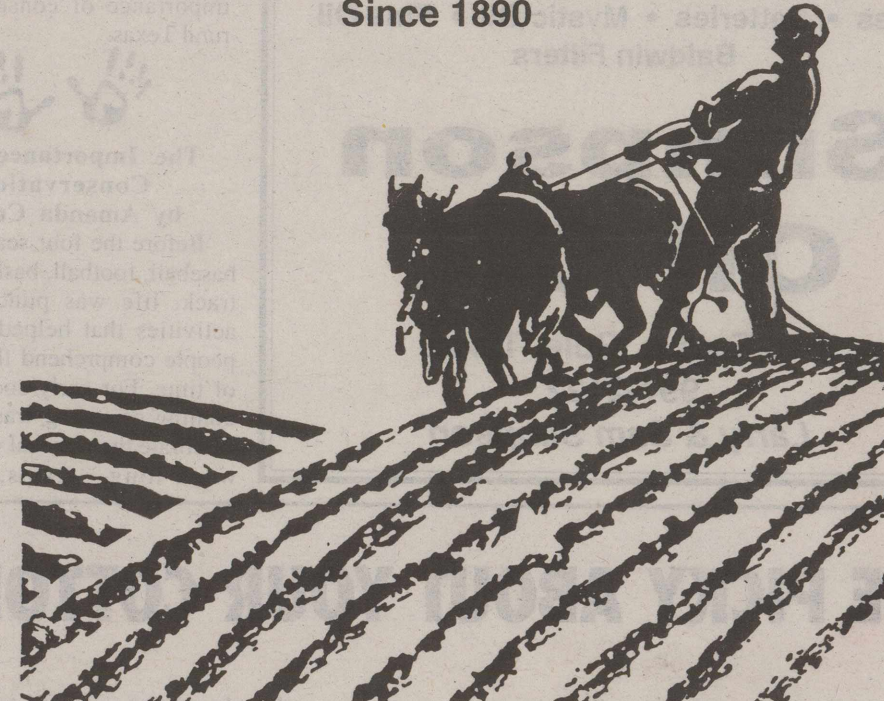
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