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### Calendar

#### Steer validation tags

All county steer projects, whether 4-H or FFA, must have steer or steers validated for the 2002-03 stock shows. The Haskell Co. Extension Office will be collecting tag orders. If you plan on having a new steer project and are not enrolled in 4-H or FFA, contact your Ag Science teacher or Brandon Anderson, Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Extension Office at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Deadline to order tags is Mon., May 6 at 5 p.m. in the Extension Office. For more information, call 864-2658.

#### Secondary awards

Haskell High School will hold a secondary awards program Tues., May 7. 7th and 8th grade programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. following by 9-12 grade programs at 7:30 p.m. Awards will be given for 90 or above averages for the entire school year, highest average in each subject area, perfect attendance, UIL, citizenship, excellence and other achievements.

#### PC Kindergarten

Paint Creek Kindergarten registration will be held in the office of Paint Creek School Tues., May 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 and Pre-K students who will be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1 need to register. Each child needs to bring an up-to-date immunization record, social security card and a birth certificate. If you cannot bring these, attend anyway, but all three things will be needed before school starts in August. If you cannot attend and your child will be attending Paint Creek School in the fall, contact the school at 864-2471.

#### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., May 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Christie Sorrells, daughter of Paul and Tammy Sorrells, will read her research about her great-grandfather, James Butler. Leslie Grand, daughter of Steven and Pat Grand, will present a paper on Willie Address, her great-grandmother. T. J. Yates, son of Joe and Caron Yates, will read his research about his grandfather and Korean War veteran, H. L. Guess. All are students of Darlene Bellinghausen.

#### Rochester banquet

The Rochester High School activity banquet, sponsored by Rochester Booster Club, will be held Mon., May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Rochester School cafeteria. High School students are admitted free. Barbecue plates are \$5.00. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., May 2 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Parade entries

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held May 31 at 5 p.m. in downtown Haskell. To enter or for more information call Loutina White at 864-3507.

#### Garage sale

Haskell High and Junior High cheerleaders will hold a garage sale May 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Haskell High School auditorium. Old uniforms, pom-poms and other cheerleading items will be offered for sale.

#### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon each Friday, weather permitting.

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## Vote Saturday

# The Haskell Free Press

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**ARBOR DAY DEDICATION**—Members of the Haskell Garden Club gathered at the Courthouse gazebo, Fri., Apr. 26 to dedicate two red crepe myrtle plants they planted there last fall. At the dedication, County Judge David Davis expressed appreciation to the club for their continuing interest in helping to beautify the gazebo and to others who have helped with the ongoing projects and plans to landscape the area. From the left are: Mary Kammenga, Melyn Wittenborn, Judge Davis and Sharon Lusk, project chairman.

## City, School elections set Sat.

Haskell voters will go to the polls Sat., May 4 to decide the outcome of several places on the Haskell CISD Board and the Haskell City Council.

In the city election, incumbent Ken Lane is unopposed for mayor. Dale Bullinger is unopposed for the unexpired open seat on the City Council. Incumbents Ruby Turner and Dan Hoover have filed for the two at-large places on the Council. Rick Decker has filed for one of the at-large places. Voting place in the City elections will be at the City Hall.

In the Haskell CISD Board election, single member District #2 incumbent, Donnie Rieger is unopposed. Rosemary Brown and Mynea Short have filed for the single member District #3 position which was formerly held by Keith Everett. Voting place for the school election will be at the Haskell CISD Administration Office.

No city election will be held in Weinert.

In the Rule ISD Board election, two full three-year terms are open. Incumbent Robert Ace Turner, Lynn Dale Dudensing, Lana Culpepper, Robin Raynes and Mike Hertel have filed as candidates for the places. Voting place for the May 4 election will be at the Rule ISD. No city election is being held in Rule.

No city or school elections will be held in Rocherster.

## WHPD Queen Pageant set Sun.

Always a popular event in Haskell, the Queen Pageant will get the 7th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo celebration off to a good start. Sun., May 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

The Queen's event, to which the public is invited, will be the first of several activities planned during this year's Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, which will begin with a parade Fri., May 31st.

The contestants vying for Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen are: Jaelyn Drinnon, daughter of Rickey and Kitesie Drinnon; Savannah Foster, daughter of Craig and Shadella Foster; Leslie Grand, daughter of Steve and Pat Grand; Whitney Hise, daughter of Vonnie and Jerrie Sue Hise; Brittany Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski; Christi Sorrells, daughter of Paul and Tammy Sorrells; and Cassidy Brown of Rochester, daughter of Debbie Kimmel and the late Ken Brown.

Entertainment for the Queen Pageant will be provided by Danny Langford of Rule, giving his impersonation of Elvis. Also performing in the lineup for the afternoon of entertainment and beauty will be Haskell 8th grade student, Robbyn Tribbey.

## Local SWCD winners to be honored

Competing with entries from 51 North Central Texas counties comprising the Area V Soil and Water (SWC) Program, Kailey McCord of Paint Creek Elementary School, SWCD #546, has been awarded second place in the Area V Texas Soil and Water Conservation Awards poster category.

Winning first place in the Area V Business/Professional Individual category were Haskell County ranchers Roy and Becky Wilson of Texas Best Outfitters, Hunting Guide & Outfitting Service from SWCD #551.

These local winners will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program at an Area V Awards Banquet, May 2, in Stephenville.

Categories in which Area awards are presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Absentee Conservation Rancher; Water Quality Management Plan; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; and Wildlife Conservationist. Additional awards are presented for Outstanding Posters and Essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals that have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conserva-

tion Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil

and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.



**POSTER WINNER**—Kailey McCord, student at Paint Creek School, was awarded second place for her entry in the poster category in the Area V Texas Soil and Water Conservation Contest. Entries came from 51 counties comprising Area V.

## Pre-K to register May 3

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 2002-2003 school year Friday, May 3. Registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

However, we are hoping to offer prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register Friday, May 3.

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

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**SENIOR SUNDAY DINNER**—Several hundred Haskell senior citizens were among those enjoying the meal together Sun., April 14, in the glittering atmosphere of "A Night of Stars" set up in the Civic Center, using the theme and decor of the high school junior-senior prom held there the previous night. The annual banquet is hosted by the county judge, county commissioners and school administrators to honor all Haskell senior citizens.



**WEATHER WORDS**—Randy Turner, meteorologist for KTAB News, Abilene, visits with Haskell homeschooleders, I-r, Laura Bowers, Bethany Elmore, Lauren McCormick, Elizabeth Bowers and James Bowers. The youngsters had the opportunity to inspect the KTAB Chase Lab, discuss severe weather and learn a little about TV news broadcasting.

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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 469 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 27, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-2 lower; stockers lower; feeders lower.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .36-.41; cutters, .38-.44; canners, .20-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.54; feeder: 62-75; utility: 38-44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.45; 300-400 lbs., .98-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .78-.85; 600-700 lbs., .72-.82; 700-800 lbs., .67-.75; 800-up lbs., .60-.68.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .88-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .78-.89; 500-600 lbs., .70-.83; 600-up lbs., .59-.72.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-785; aged or small 525-675.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-975; aged or small, 650-775.

### Hospital

**Admissions**  
Willie Currie, Haskell  
Cruz Garcia, Rochester

**Dismissals**  
Henrietta Ray, Orbyrie Littlefield,  
Hubert Reeves

## Obituaries

### Vaughn 'A. V.' Cox

Funeral services for Vaughn 'A. V.' Cox, 72, of Lubbock were held Wed., May 1 at Franklin-Bartley Chapel with Rev. John H. Ballard officiating. Graveside services were held Wed., May 1 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Services were under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mr. Cox died Sat., April 27 at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center.

Born Oct. 5, 1928 in Paint Creek, he had been a resident of Lubbock for over 45 years. He was a graduate of

Paint Creek High School and was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Korean War. He married Virginia Faye Frierson, June 8, 1957 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Dec. 20, 1969. He was an installer for Southwestern Bell for 32 years.

Survivors include a special friend, Grace Frazier of Lubbock; one son, Lyle of Lubbock; one daughter, Laura Gibson of Dallas; one brother, Jay of Odessa; and two sisters, Alice Byrd of Irving and Helen Coleman of Dallas.

P.D. NOTICE

## Commissioners hear pipeline safety issue presentation

At their regular meeting Tues., Apr. 23, Haskell County Commissioners' Court heard a presentation on pipeline safety issues by Joel Lane, representative of Equilon Pipeline Company.

A motion was approved to advertise for bids on a building to be built at the anchor to store Parks and Wildlife vehicles. The building will be leased to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Also approved was a motion to allow Valor Telephone Company to bury telephone cable along County Road 441.

A resolution was passed for the Indigent Defense Grant Program to assist the county in the

implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the Indigent Defense Services in the county. County Judge David Davis is the designated authorized official to execute the grant application and all other necessary documents to accept the grant. Davis will be the program director and contact person for this grant. The County Treasurer will be

the financial officer for the grant.

Upon the recommendation of County Sheriff David Halliburton, the Court approved the hiring of Carol Graston as a full time dispatcher at the jail at the regular probationary salary, and Amber Green as a part time dispatcher. Sheriff's Deputy Winston Stephens was moved from probationary salary to regular salary.

## HHS Band brings home UIL trophy

The Haskell High School Band has brought home a second UIL trophy.

Hopes were high for the band as they went to the Region 2 UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest April 10. Having received a Division I in Marching last fall, they were contenders for a Sweepstakes trophy.

The band performed very well on their three concert pieces, "Newcastle March," "Cumberland Cross," and "Knights of Dunvegan." Several audience members and some of the judges remarked that the band placed very well. Haskell Band Director, Michael Copeland said, "We played a Division I until "Knights of Dunvegan." The band

received a Division 2 for Concert.

After the Concert contest, the band went into another room with another panel of judges for the Sightreading Contest. There, the Indian Band received a Division I trophy. "Sightreading shows the judges what kind of teacher the director is and whether or not the band is teachable. We had no trouble at all with the Sightreading," Copeland said.

The band will perform their contest pieces again at 1:20 p.m., Sat., May 4 at the Greater Music Festival in Amarillo.

Locally, the Haskell High School band is scheduled to perform in concert May 20; at the First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. The 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Bands will perform at First Baptist Church May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free to the concerts.

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Haskell Independent School District

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				FFA Banquet Branding Iron 7:30		H. S. Band Amarillo
Sr. Roast H.S. Cafeteria 5	Sr. Supper East Side Baptist 6:30 p.m. 6	7	8	9	10	11
Band Boosters Salad Luncheon HNB Comm. Room 11 a.m. WHPD Contest Interview 1-5 p.m.	Boys & Girls State Golf, Austin 7 a.m.	National Land & Range, Oklahoma City Awards Program	SOS for Seniors 9:30	Stage Band 5th per. H.S. only	Double Mt. District Spring Meeting at Rotan 4:30	Area II Lone Star Degree Check Andrews 9 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Flag Try-outs	End-of-Course English II Board Meeting Reception for Retirees	End-of-Course Alg. I	End-of-Course Biology Sr. Supper (Lunch) Lutheran Church	Area II Degree Check Women's Ministry Aud. 6 p.m.	All Sports Banquet
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	H. S. Band Concert 6:00 FBC	6, 7, 8 Band Concert 6:00 FBC			Graduation Indian Field 7 p.m.	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	UIL Solo & Ensemble Concert San Marcus					

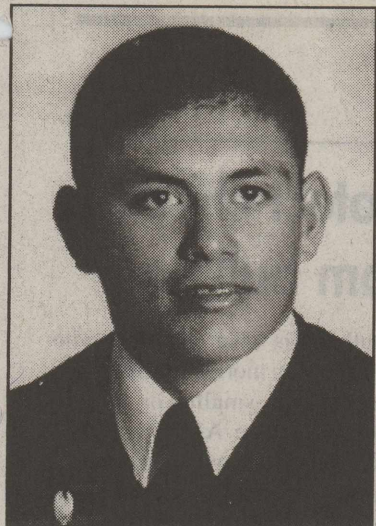
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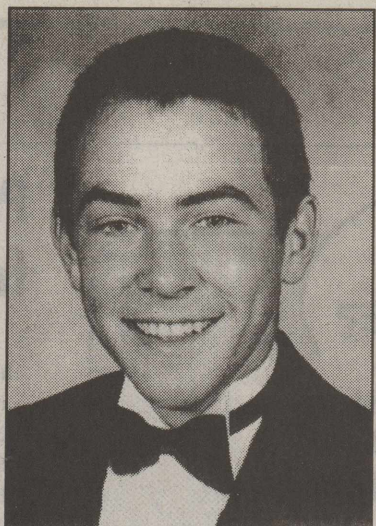
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EDDIE GUZMAN



WES STEELE

## Students visit Rotary Club

Eddie Guzman is the son of Jesse and Olivia Guzman of Haskell.

In school he is active in football. Among his favorite leisure time activities are working on cars, talking on the phone, spending time with his girl friend and playing Play Station 2.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Texas State Technical College.

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Wes Steele is the son of Bill and Pam Steele of Haskell.

He attends the First Presbyterian Church.

In school he is active in basketball and baseball.

Favorite pastimes for him are, doing metal work, rebuilding his 1949 Dodge Power Wagon, hanging out with friends and working at Steele Machine Shop.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming, to complete an Associate Degree of Applied Science in collision/refinishing, trim and upholstery, chassis fabrication and management.

His first goal is to find work in his chosen field. After a few years of perfecting his craft and establishing a reputation for quality work, he wants to establish his own business.



RUSTY STOCKS - HOLLY HOBGOOD

## Hobgood, Stocks to wed July 20

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hobgood of Lubbock are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holly Cheree Hobgood of Midland, to Rusty Len Stocks of Seagraves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stocks of Haskell.

The wedding is planned for July 20, at First Baptist Church in Wolforth.

The bride-elect graduated from Haskell High School in 1993. She holds a Bachelor's degree in

Communication Disorders from Texas Tech University and a Master's degree in Communication Disorders from the University of Montevallo, Alabama. She is employed with Health South, Midland.

The prospective-bridegroom graduated from Haskell High School in 1991. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Angelo State and a Master's degree in Sports Medicine from Texas Tech University. He is employed with Seagraves ISD.

## Sanders honored with birthday party

Planned by his wife, Marlene, their five daughters and spouses, Andy Sanders was honored with a 70th birthday party at the Cross Plains Community Building.

Attending along with friends from Cross Plains and Sanders' church family were a cousin, Troy Wayne Blakely of Miconopy, Florida; Travis Sanders and wife, Wilma, of Coleman; Rocky and Marsha Sanders, his daughter, April and Keith Escabedo of Abilene; Kenneth Campbell and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell; Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo, Ricky Sanders of Weatherford; Martha and Bill Maupin, son William, Denise and Mark Maupin of Odessa.

Also attending were all of Sanders' children: Netha and Rickey Carrouth and children Reneth, Crystal and A. J.; Tina and Ricky Thomas, Megan, and Austin; Andra and Andy Jackson, Kandra and Andrew, all of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Herrington and Amber of Jackson, Mississippi; and Lisa and Tommy Lambright and Tiffany of Austin. One grandson, Shane Herrington was unable to attend.

Tina Thomas wrote and sang a song for her daddy and all of the grandchildren also sang for him. The girls performed a "remember when," telling incidents in their lives.

Several members of Marlene Sanders' family attended also, including a brother, his wife Patsy and three of her sisters.

### Talent show

The Experienced Citizens Center will sponsor a talent show Sat., May 11 at 8 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Entries are being accepted. Entry fee is \$20. All age groups are encouraged to participate. Cash prizes will be awarded. A barbecue dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost of the show and dinner is \$10 per person. Cost of the show only is \$5.00. Children 13 and under will be admitted free. To enter or for more information call 864-3875.

### Mother's Day flowers

The Paint Creek FFA Booster Club will be selling Mother's Day flowers for a fund-raiser. Various corsages and blooming potted plants will be available. Contact Gina Buerger at 915-773-5226 or any booster club member to place an order or for more information.

To Subscribe, Call 940-864-2686

## Student in the News

Hardin-Simmons University student and Haskell resident Katie Wooten was inducted into the Texas Eta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Honor Society for undergraduate students of mathematics, during its annual induction of new members.

This year's inductions bring the total membership in the chapter to 223. The chapter was installed at HSU in 1975.

Wooten was also elected as vice president of the organization for the 2002/2003 academic year.

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## Tidwell celebrates birthday

C. E. (Chunky) Tidwell was honored on his 90th birthday with a party Sat., Apr. 27, held at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Approximately 47 guests attended from Dallas, Richardson, Graham, Carrollton, Lubbock, Rochester, Porter and Haskell.

The registry table was a water trough topped with a "young" photo of Tidwell.

A weathered fence was the background for tables laden with a big "90" cake with lemon filling, and

an "on the side" chocolate cake.

Condiments were served in antique wooden trucks. Punch was served from a silver tub atop red and blue tablecloths.

Along with other nostalgic memorabilia displayed on the antique fence was a double barrel shotgun belonging to Tidwell during his younger years in Haskell county.

Decor for the event was provided by Mike and Julia Harrell. Roy and Mareta Glover. Dan and Travis Burson were hosts for the party.

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**FAMILY REUNION**—The seven children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sharp of Rochester recently visiting their parents' grave during the family reunion were: l-r, sons: Dale, Wayne and Erwin Sharp and daughters: Odessa Lewis, Velma Lusk, Ruby Hubbard and Lucille Littlepage.

## Sharp family gathers for reunion

On April 12-14, the children and descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sharp gathered at the Haskell National Bank Community Building for a reunion. They enjoyed lots of food, and lots of fond memories of growing up in the Rochester community and their school days there. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp farmed for many years around Rochester while raising four girls and three boys.

All seven were present at the reunion. They are: Lucille (Sharp) Littlepage of Eldorado, Ruby (Sharp) Hubbard of Fort Worth, Jack and Velma (Sharp) Lusk of Haskell, John and Odessa (Sharp) Lewis of Odessa, Erwin and June (Sharp) of Lindale, Wayne and Sarah (Sharp) of Electra, Dale and Jackie (Sharp) of Canton. Nieces and nephews attending were Linda Godsey, Darlene Kee, Gayla Tatom, Gary and Judy Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Ted Sharp, Kelli

Adkison, Lynell Hare, April and Mikayla Hare, Steve Sharp, Brady Sharp.

Cousins attending were Melvin Sharp of Rule and Travis Sharp of Abilene. Joe and Joyce (Sego) Davis of Haskell were also present. Joyce has been a dear friend of this family all of her life.

After the reunion, the group gathered at the cemetery to take a family picture next to their parents' monument.



**RANGE AND PASTURE TEAM**—The Haskell High School range and pasture judging team placed 2nd in the Area II contest held during the FFA Career Development Event hosted by Tarleton State University. Team members include, l-r, Ross Bullinger (3rd high individual), Ryan Burgess (6th high individual), Sydney Brueggeman (9th high individual), Wendy Proctor and Chase Cockerell.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting in the home of Marvin Letz last weekend were his daughter and husband, Marlene and Kent Denton, of Dallas and son, Fred Letz of Fort Worth.

Greater Independent Baptist Church hosted the area community brotherhood program benefiting their 2002 seniors Sun., April 28. Occasional speaker was Rev. James Rincker, pastor of the Church of God in Haskell. Members of his church also attended the program. Other guests included First Assembly of God Church, Haskell; New Macedonia, Aspermont; Rev. S. Wade, Revival Center; Elder Hodge, Haskell and Rev. C. Wade, West Beulah, Munday.

On Tuesday the 16th Jimmy Boyd of Abilene and a friend came by for a visit with Joyce Hawkins. They also visited Glendon Hawkins.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McFadden of Lubbock spent the

weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden.

Two weeks ago Judy Hicks of Abilene came for her mother Faye Gray on Thursday. She stayed until Saturday. Judy brought her home.

Darlene Conn and son Daniel and daughter Julie Cochran of Burnet visited Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and Joyce Hawkins.

On Friday Joyces' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn of Panhandle came by for a visit and took Joyce out for lunch. They were on their way to Abilene to the track meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum and children of Dalhart spent the weekend with mother, Margaret Tatum, and other relatives. The children will be staying for two weeks with Grannie Margaret and Grandma Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Blair of Olney visited his grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Blair, over the weekend.

Katy Roysdon and Cloa Parson were here on Saturday helping with the Walter's estate sale.

Lee and Rosemary Caudill of Langley, Ky., were here visiting her sister, Fannie Mae Barton from Wednesday until Friday.

On Thursday of last week Vilma Martinez of Irving brought Alexia Martinez to stay with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Castillo. On Saturday her grandfather Erasso Martinez of Abilene came for her and brought her back on Sunday. On Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Castillo went to Abilene meeting her brother Joe Jiminez of Mansfield for a visit all spending the night with mother Mrs. Jiminez.

Saturday evening Denise Conn and girls Sabrina and Amber went to Weirnet to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carroll.



**LAND TEAM**—The Haskell High School land judging team took 1st place in the Area II contest held during FFA Career Development Event hosted by Tarleton State University. Pictured are, l-r: Jesse Martinez (5th high individual), Omar Payan (top high individual), Angel Pena, Sean Jeanes and Haskell team advisor, James Beval.

## Just wash your hands

A 30-second habit could mean the difference between getting sick and staying healthy, say doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Hand-washing is one of the simplest things you can do for your health," says Dr. Paul Pepe, UT Southwestern's chairman of emergency medicine. "It's a 30-second habit that could prevent many simple infections since germs are

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In fact, a recent study of naval recruits found that when they washed their hands at least five times a day, they cut the rate of colds and flu by 45 percent.

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**Wed., May 8**  
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check  
Lunch—Ham, sweet potato yams, black eyed peas, harvard beets, yeast rolls, cheesecake/graham crust, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., May 10**  
Lunch—German sausage, potato salad, English peas, pickles/onions/BBQ sauce, garlic toast, banana pudding, milk, tea or coffee

### Head Start registration

The Haskell Elementary Head Start registration is set for Tues., May 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Elementary school.



**RULE JUDGING TEAM**—Winning first place at State competition at Texas A&M University, the Rule Dairy Judging Team will represent Texas in the National Contest in October in Louisville, Kentucky. From the left, are: Craig Simpson, Tara Lisle, M'Lynn Lehmann, Kami Baitz and sponsor, Keith Rowan.

## 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.

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- East Side Baptist Church**  
David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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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**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
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**  
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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**  
Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - First Presbyterian Church**  
Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
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**  
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
  - New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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**  
Kevin Hall, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion
- PAINT CREEK—**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**  
Chris Powell, pastor  
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  - Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
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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**  
Jackie Brem, 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.  
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Tommy Wilson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.:  
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  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—**
- First Baptist Church**  
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.  
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  - 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**  
Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
  - Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Arturo Jr. Floves  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
  - Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
  - West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

## Haskell School Menu

**May 6-May 10**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Pigs in a blanket  
**Tuesday:** Blueberry breakfast on a stick  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Powdered donut  
**Friday:** No school

**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

**Monday:** Chalupas/cheese, garden salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, sliced peaches  
**Tuesday:** Sliced turkey/gravy, seasoned potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad  
**Wednesday:** Elementary: Dinosaur chunks (chicken). Secondary: Chicken round-ups, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad/broccoli and cheese, biscuit, sunshine bars  
**Thursday:** Secondary: Barbeque on a bun, tater tots, pickle spears/onions, ice cream. Elementary: (Field Day): Ham and cheese sandwich, pickle spears/baby carrots, chips/apple  
**Friday:** No school

### Calendar

#### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North is gathering favorite family recipes to be published into a cookbook to be sold by the organization. Recipes are sought from Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. Mail your favorite recipes, along with the person's name to the Noah Project-North, P. O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. For more information call 940-864-2551. Deadline for recipes is May 10.

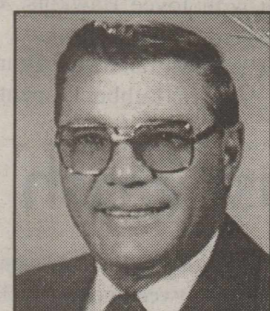
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**YOUR IRA BENEFICIARY CHOICE IS IMPORTANT**

Last year the IRS changed the rules on IRA distributions, and as a result, your choice of an IRA beneficiary is more important than ever. Upon your death, your choice of beneficiary will affect how quickly your IRA is distributed and how long the remaining funds can continue to grow tax-deferred.

If you have a traditional IRA, the person you designate as a beneficiary will eventually have to start taking taxable distributions after you die. The timing of these annual distributions varies widely, depending on whom you choose as your beneficiary. For example:

- Spouses named as beneficiaries have choices not available to other beneficiaries. For example, surviving spouses can roll an IRA into their own IRA or elect to treat an IRA as their own. Either way allows surviving spouses to name their own beneficiaries and also delay taking required distributions until turning age 70 1/2.
- If you name your children as joint beneficiaries, they must either take distributions spread over the life expectancy of the oldest child or withdraw the entire IRA balance within five years after your death.
- If you designate a trust as your beneficiary, completely different rules apply.
- If you fail to name a beneficiary, your heirs must generally take distributions over a much shorter time.

Under the new rules, it is still important to name a second, contingent beneficiary to provide maximum flexibility.

The rules are complex, and there's more to choosing a beneficiary than just selecting someone with a long life expectancy. Fortunately, the new rules make it much easier to change your beneficiary designation and to correct poor choices you may have made in the past. If you'd like assistance in this area, call us.

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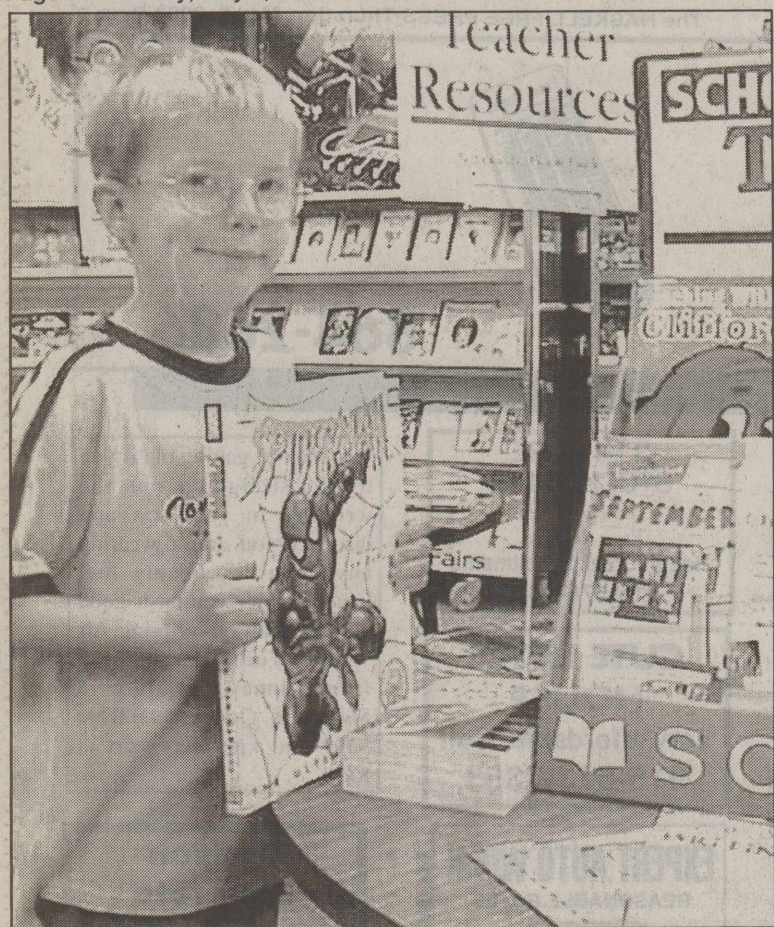
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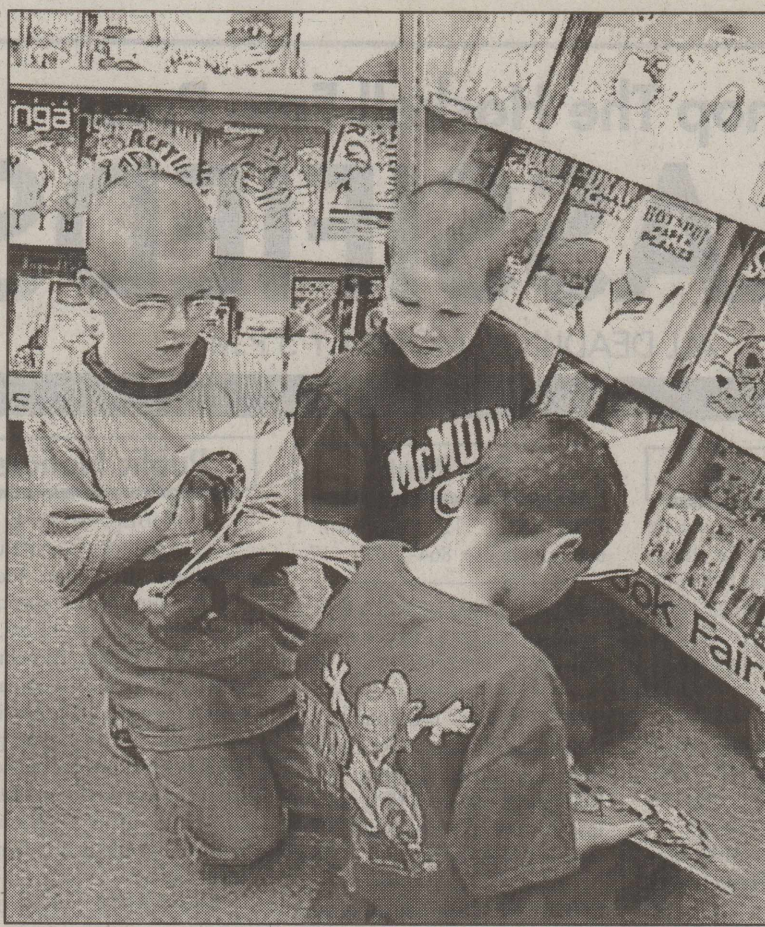
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**FAIR WINNER**—Second grader Jim Young won \$25.00 worth of materials at the Book Fair Family Night event.



**BOYS AND BOOKS**—Cole Hutchinson, left, Brett Shelton and Adriaan Alexander browse through the rows of new books during the Haskell Elementary School Book Fair.

## Elementary book fair was one of largest

The Scholastic Book Fair held at Haskell Elementary April 8-12, was one of the largest annual book fairs hosted by the school, according to Betsy McManamon, Haskell CISD Librarian.

Scholastic's "Books on Tour" provided an even greater selection than usual, with eight cases of books for pre-school through intermediate readers, plus a large assortment of gift items, posters, and software.

"We are very grateful to the many people who helped make this year's book fair a success," McManamon said. "Without the support of the office staff and faculty of Haskell Elementary, and the hours put in by

book fair volunteers, this endeavor would not have been possible. We appreciate every person who helped in any way, and all of those who came in to look."



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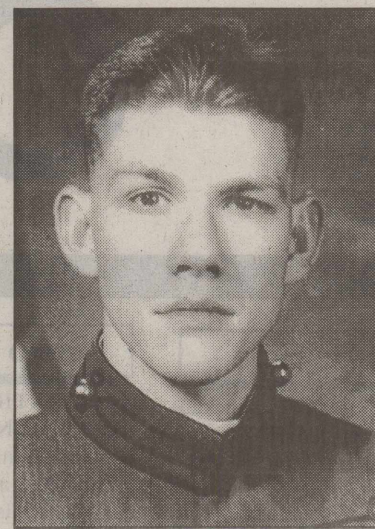
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### Students in the News

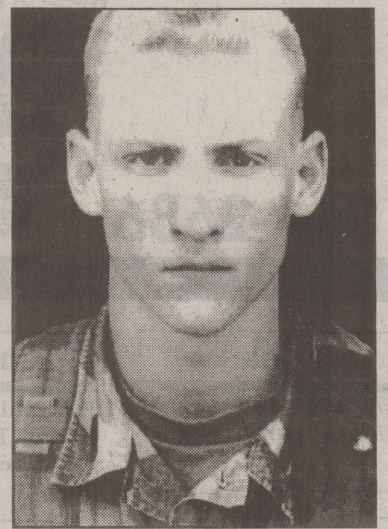
Hardin Simmons University's Irvin School of Education announced Haskell residents Amy and Angela Aycock and Betsy Coleman as award recipients at the school's annual reception on Tuesday, April 9th.

Both Amy and Angela Aycock were recipients of the John J. and Fannye P. Toombs Award, and Coleman received the Long Bristow Award.

### In the service



JEREMY M. O'HEARN



DAVID J. O'HEARN

Jeremy M. O'Hearn will graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and will receive his Military Commission as 2nd Lieutenant on June 1st.

O'Hearn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Hearn of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is the grandson of Mrs. Laura Rose of Haskell.

Ranked within the top 10 percent of his class, he has been a member of the Crew Team, Company Internural Regimental Volleyball Championship Team and has played Internural Rugby for the last two years. He plays guitar in the Chi Alpha Organization and was a member of his church orchestra.

O'Hearn has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society as well as the Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society. He graduates with a double major in Mathematics and Physics, with Electrical Engineering as his track of study.

Upon graduation, he will attend Officers Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he will receive advanced training with the U. S. Armored Division. His chosen first duty assignment will be at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Captain David J. O'Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Hearn of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and grandson of Mrs. Laura Rose of Haskell, graduated from Wentworth Military Academy and received his Military Commission in 1997. He graduated from Northwestern State University in Oklahoma in 1999.

Upon graduation, he and his wife, Holly, were assigned to their first duty station at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he has been a Platoon Leader with the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry and Deltatrop 4th Cavalry. He was on patrol in Kuwait when word of the Sept. 11th attacks were relayed to him and his men. They returned home from deployment in December 2001.

April 1, O'Hearn received a promotion to Captain in the United States Army and is currently anticipating a move to Fort Benning, Georgia, to complete his Advanced Course Training. He is on the roster for Special Forces Selection, and has completed Infantry Basic Course and Airborne School. He has received numerous awards including the Expert Infantryman Badge and several Army Achievement Awards.

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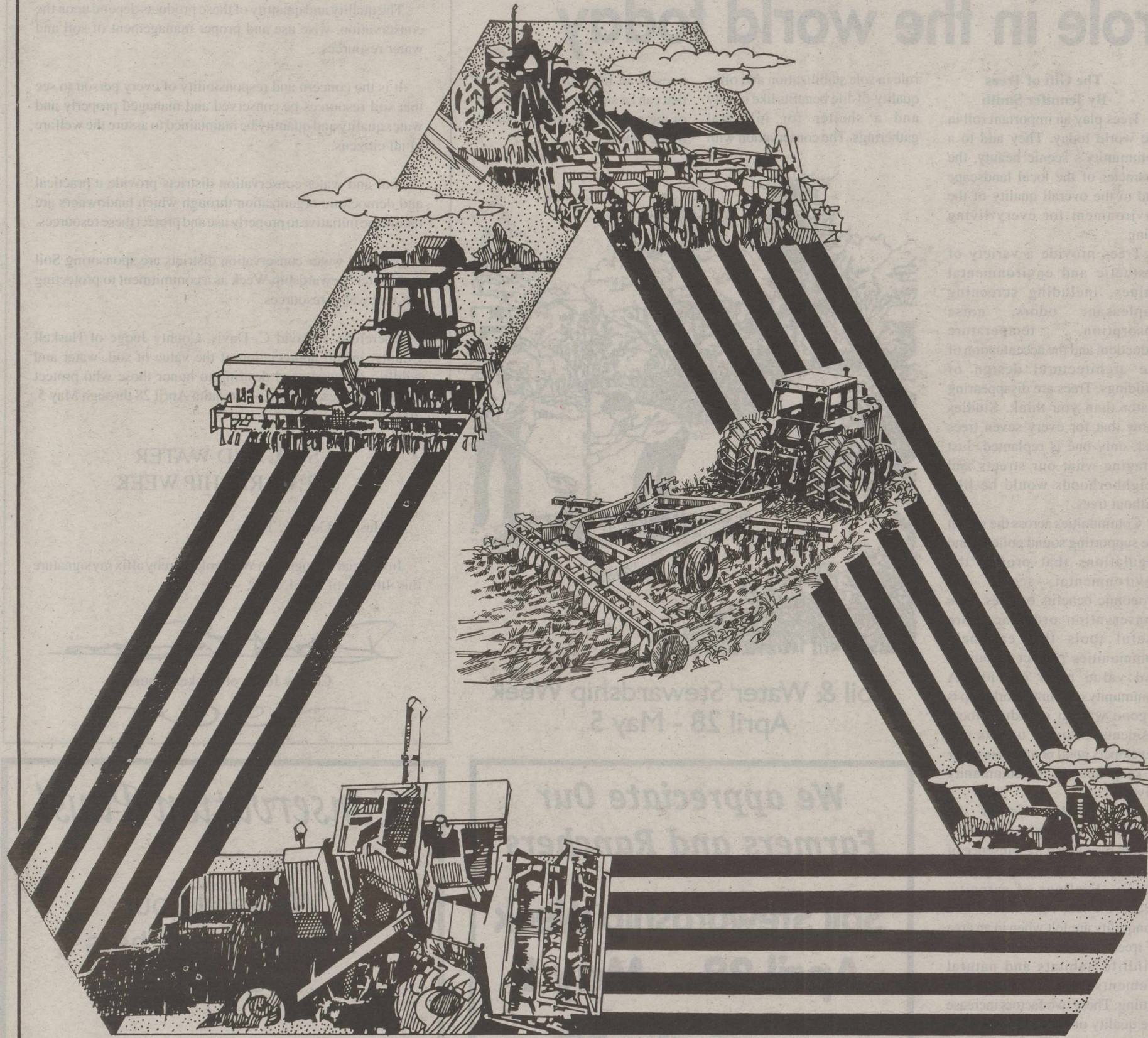
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# Soil Stewardship Week April 28<sup>TH</sup> – May 5<sup>TH</sup>



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## Soil Stewardship Week to be observed April 28 through May 5; This year's national theme is "The Gift of Trees"



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 April 28 through May 5 according to an announcement by F. A. Ulmer, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "The Gift of Trees." 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 Perry proclaims April 28-May 5 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

The production of high-quality food, fiber and other products substantially depends on our ability to manage our soil and water resources. To educate the public about the importance of responsible soil and water stewardship, the Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts is sponsoring an awareness campaign from April 28-May 5, 2002.

The theme for this year's event, "The Gift of Trees," will reinforce the importance of encouraging tree maintenance and growth in preserving soil fertility and preventing erosion. It is equally important that we have a sufficient supply of high-quality water to ensure the productivity and well-being of the citizens of this great state.

I urge all Texans to recognize the importance of ensuring that we are wise stewards of this great land for generations to come. The future of the Lone Star State begins today and the responsibility lies with us now to build a solid foundation for our children and grandchildren as they assume the reins of leadership.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 28-May 5, 2002,

#### SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of March, 2002.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas



SIGNS PROCLAMATION—Governor Rick Perry declares April 28–May 5, 2002 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas as an important part of preserving our natural resources. Members of the Association of Texas 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. From left are: Edward Albrecht of Comfort, TSSWCB chairman; Robert Buckley of Temple, TSSWCB Executive Director; José Dodier, Jr. of Zapata, ATSWCD President; Kris Parker of Temple, TSSWCB Director, External Customer Relations; Governor Rick Perry; Kenneth Brandenberger of Llano, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee Chairman; Bob Pearson of Fairfield, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee member; Phillip Munden of Morgan, Soil and Water Stewardship Committee member; and Joel Clark of Buna, TSSWCB Program Specialist. "The Gift of Trees" is the theme of this year's Soil and Water Stewardship Week. 216 soil and water conservation districts in Texas will participate in the annual observance.

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# Local district offers essay scholarship contest

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. Co-sponsors of the contest are Rule Banking Center, First National Bank - Rochester, and First Ag Credit. 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.

Essay winners are Cliff McGuire and Bergen Peiser.

## The Gift of Trees

**The Gift of Trees**  
By Savannah Foster

Trees are of great importance to all-living creatures. Shelter is given to birds and animals. They receive shade in the hot summer and shelter from the winter cold. Man has always used products from trees to build homes, make paper and many other uses, since

the beginning of time. Beauty is excuse enough for the existence of trees. The world would be a bare-looking place without trees.

Trees keep land from flooding washing away the good topsoil. Trees also provide windbreaks to keep the soil from blowing away. Farms could not survive without the conservation of trees. During the 1930's, there were no trees to keep the topsoil from blowing and washing away. This was known as the Dust Bowl. The Dust Bowl caused crops to die or not to grow and many farmers lost their land and had to move. The plains would become a Dust Bowl again.

Unfortunately, many people do not think of conservation when they want trees removed for urban spread or when cutting trees for the many products that reproduced from trees. Life will become unbearable if people aren't educated and forced to practice the conservation of trees.

Forests must be replaced if we continue to have lumber and other wood products for shelter and all that we enjoy from trees. All life is affected by the loss of trees. Our way of life will never be the same if trees are not replaced and cutting is restricted. In farm areas, education is needed for people to really realize the importance of trees to keep their land from washing and blowing away. The economic aspects of conversation, the preservation of the beauty of trees, and our very survival depend upon how we look at conservation.

# Trees are important in conservation effort

**The Importance of Trees**  
By Tyrone Billington

Conservation is the protection and wise use of natural resources. By conserving natural resources, we provide cleaner air, water, and soil for our homes and communities. One of the major types of conservation is tree conservation. A community, a state, or a country can achieve tree conservation.

Trees help conserve soil and water. The roots of a tree absorb water and prevent soil erosion. Soil erosion is the washing away of soil. In open country, trees act as a windbreaker and keep the wind from washing away the topsoil. Trees also help preserve the balance of gases in the air. A tree's leaves absorb carbon dioxide from the air. They also produce oxygen and release it into the atmosphere. Humans and animals inhale the oxygen released. Humans could not survive on land if the air contained too much carbon dioxide or too little oxygen.

In addition to conservation, trees are used to produce a commodity, vital to our economy, known as paper. Since trees are a natural growing resource, they are idea for the production of paper. Over 430 pounds of paper is

consumed per person every year in the United States. The United States produces about 51 million tons of paper and paperboard each year. As the demand for paper materials increase, the supply of trees decreases. Over 2 million trees are cut down each year to make tree products. Other products of wood include baseball bats, crates, floors, furniture, pencils, window frames, and buildings. Most houses and log cabins are built of logs of wood. Wood is also used as a fuel in stoves, fireplaces, and campfires.

Not only are trees helpful in conservation of soil and water and used for products, but they are also used for food. Trees play an important role in food products. Fruit is the greatest variety of food consumed from trees. Although most trees only grow in tropical regions, they serve as the basic food in most of the tropical lands. Fruits produced from these trees include avocados, grapefruits, mangos, and oranges. Cooler temperate regions have fewer kinds of fruit trees, but several are widely grown. For example, the United States produces millions of bushels of apples, cherries, and peaches yearly. Trees also supply chocolate, coffee, maple syrup, olives, and such spices as cinnamon and cloves.

# The Gift of Trees: Trees play an important role in the world today

**The Gift of Trees**  
By Jennifer Smith

Trees play an important roll in the world today. They add to a community's scenic beauty, the character of the local landscape and to the overall quality of the environment for every living thing.

Trees provide a variety of aesthetic and environmental values, including screening unpleasant odors, noise absorption, temperature reduction, and the accentuation of the architectural design of buildings. Trees are disappearing faster than you think. Studies show that for every seven trees lost, only one is replanted. Just imagine what our streets and neighborhoods would be like without trees.

Communities across the nation are supporting sound policies and regulations that protect the environmental, scenic and economic benefits of trees. Tree conservation ordinances are useful tools that can help communities protect resources and value trees provide. A community or county workshop is a good way to introduce local residents, business owners and developers good practices in order to keep trees in the community alive.

Trees make life in the community more pleasant. Most people respond to the presence of trees by simply observing their beauty. Feelings of serenity, peacefulness, restfulness and tranquility are felt when in an area of trees. Trees also tend to bring wildlife habitats and natural elements into a community setting. These two factors increase the quality of life for residents of the community.

Trees have also been proven to increase the property value of a home. A home's value in which has been landscaped is 5-20% higher than that of a home which hasn't been landscaped. They have also been shown to boost the market value of a home by 5-20%.

All trees are multipurpose. They bring subsoil nutrients to the surface, slow erosion and provide shade. Many trees provide fodder, living fence posts, fruit and other edible parts, shade, insecticides and wood. They all have some

role in sole stabilization and offer quality-of-life benefits like beauty and a shelter for informal gatherings. The conservation with

trees is an important investment that can be significant to the future of the community and the beauty of the world.



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## Proclamation

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

The quality and quantity of these products depend upon the conservation, wise use and proper management of soil and water resources.

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 which 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 28 through May 5, 2002 as

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# Conservation of Trees: Trees benefit our society in many ways

**Conservation of Trees**  
**By Chris Acosta**  
Trees benefit our society in many ways. Two obvious ways are to provide beauty and shade. Most people don't know that there are more to trees than beauty and shade.

Trees help us breathe by taking carbon dioxide out of the air and producing oxygen. Burning fossil fuels produces carbon dioxide and is the greenhouse gas blamed for trapping heat in the atmosphere and linked to global climate change. Tree leaves help trap and remove tiny particles of soot and dust, which damages the human lungs. The root network filters contaminants in soils producing clean water. Trees provide substances with medicinal values such as the active ingredients used in asthma medications, and aspirin is derived from the bark of a wildlife tree. Dead and decaying trees on the ground replenish soils by returning important nutrients, and provide food resources for many types of wildlife. The question pops up, why would our society kill trees? Most people don't understand the significance of trees and what they do for us. Trees are what our life and our oxygen are based on. Now another question has come about, how do we ensure the survival of trees? There are several ways to ensure the survival of trees. As the days go by, thousands and thousands of trees are cut down each day. One way to cope with this would be to plant five trees for every ten trees cut down. Some people would disagree, but face the facts, without trees we can't breathe. Another reason would be to limit the amount of trees lumberjack companies can cut down. This would help with giving time for the new trees to grow. People don't realize how important trees are to our society. They don't see that without trees, there is no oxygen to breathe.

Our world is based on trees and the oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange. Why would people want to destroy trees, knowing that bit-by-bit they would kill us? Maybe in the near future, people will realize their mistakes before it is too late.

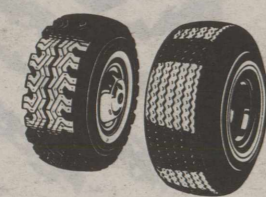


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Congratulations to our farmers and ranchers on their efforts in working with our governmental agencies to conserve our land and resources.

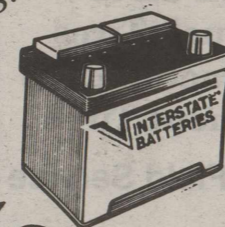


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# District announces winners of Poster Contest

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest.

Paint Creek ISD winners are:  
Kindergarten: 1. Kannan Pittcock 2. Caitlin Medford 3. Chesanie Brantley

First Grade: 1. Samantha Barnett 2. Ceyenne Buerger 3. Cannon Edwards  
Second Grade: 1. Samantha Wade 2. Haley Myers 3. Dylan Huggins

Fourth Grade: 1. Tracy Medford 2. Jessie Pendergraft 3. K.C. Fikes

Fifth Grade: 1. Marty Hall 2. Mariah Guerrero 3. Tabitha Schonerstedt

Sixth Grade: 1. Kailey McCord 2. Mike Gordy 3. Cody Enriquez

Overall winners were: 1. Kailey McCord 2. Dalton Barnett

Rochester ISD winners are:  
Kindergarten: 1. Colton English 2. Megan Glover 3. Maegan Hearn

First Grade: 1. Cassidy Rios 2. Gus Estrada 3. Keifer McNelly  
Second Grade: 1. Paige Glover 2. Bertha Carranza 3. Billy Acevedo

Third Grade: 1. Denise Hibbitts 2. Cheslee Hearn 3. Sydney Saucedo  
Fourth Grade: 1. Chloe Strickland 2. Victoria Carrasco 3. Brittany Baker

Sixth Grade: 1. Cassy Martin 2. Amy Hamilton 3. Jonathan Rincon

Haskell ISD winners are:  
Second Grade Mrs. Dunnam's Class 1. Garrett Brueggeman 2. Ryan Anderson 3. Manuel Ramirez

Second Grade Over-all Winners were: 1. Garrett Brueggeman 2. Ryan Anderson 3. Manuel Ramirez

Fourth Grade Mrs. Chapman's

class: 1. Brooke Bullinger 2. MacKenzie Barrington 3. Austin Marshall

Fourth Grade Mrs LeFevre's class: 1. Brenna Villa 2. Dominique Tagle 3. Veronica Benton

Fourth Grade over-all winners were: 1. Brooke Bullinger 2. MacKenzie Barrington 3. Brenna Villa  
Fifth Grade Mrs. McClellan's

class: 1. Kimmie Hutchinson 2. Brett Siegfried 3. Marissa Delacruz

Fifth Grade Mrs. Fouts' class: 1. Brittany Garison 2. Samantha Rodriguez 3. Jacob Rodriguez

Fifth Grade Mrs. Everett's class: 1. Haley Chavez 2. Paige Adams 3. Megan Bailey  
Fifth Grade over-all: 1. Brittany Garison 2. Samantha Rodriguez 3. Paige Adams

Sixth Grade Mrs. Newton's class: 1. Derek Agraz 2. Lacy Peiser 3. Leslie Tonche

Sixth Grade Mrs. Cypert's class: 1. Hannah Page 2. Laurie Gonzalez 3. Daniela Payan

Sixth Grade Mrs. Earles' class: 1. Paige Wheatley 2. D.J. Rodriguez 3. Monica Soto  
Sixth Grade over-all: 1. Derek Agraz 2. Hannah Page 3. Paige Wheatley



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# A Tremendous Renewable Resource

**A Tremendous Renewable Resource**  
By Nikki Wallace

Trees make our world beautiful and provide us with many obvious benefits. Some of these benefits are used for shade, privacy, increased property values, shelter and food for birds and other small creatures, and even a place for kids playhouses. Besides these obvious benefits, trees also contribute to the health of our planet. They clean the air by

giving off oxygen, storing carbon dioxide, and recycling moisture into the atmosphere. Trees help to maintain temperature and act as windbreaks. Trees have a tremendous influence on society. For example, trees effect our environment, paper our pocket books, enhance our quality of life, and improve our health.

The world would be a better place if we had more trees. We also have to make an important

decision to cut down on the use of those throwaway things in our lives that are made from trees. People today take the small objects for granted. Trees help us in ways people don't understand. Most products around us have some sort of connection to trees. Trees are also extremely important for us as a renewable resource. We depend on forest products for materials like the wood we burn for heat and the wood we use to make houses and furniture. Trees also help cool the Earth. Trees give off moisture.

More moisture in the air means more rain which gives all living things water. We use trees for paper to make books and letters we write. Actually, there are more than five thousand items made from trees. Trees give us baseball bats, shoe polish, and even tooth paste that comes from tree extracts.

Today, people and companies that manage our nation's forests recognize that trees are a valuable resource and that it is in the best interest of each of us to conserve

them. Forests help wildlife by providing them with food and a home. Trees and forests help us by cleaning our air, soil, and water. They also provide a place for you to camp and hike. No one can enforce the importance of trees. Trees are one of the most tremendous renewable resources that the world has. So appreciate what trees do for us and make the world a better place. Plant a tree to help protect our beautiful world. Conserve the renewable resources and keep the Earth tremendous.

## The Gift of Trees

**The Gift of Trees**  
By Zac McGuire

On the third day of history God created plants as the first living organisms and, according to Genesis, specifically created "trees bearing fruit with seed in it." He saw that it was good and knew that trees would be a necessary part of our world. Trees are without a doubt one of the most cherished and important natural resources. There are many

valuable benefits that the environment receives from trees. They supply resources, provide shelter, prevent erosion and conserve energy.

At Christmas time trees are used for people to place gifts under. In nature, the trees are the gifts. Trees are gifts to wildlife by providing a protective habitat. Some animals are able to climb trees to escape their natural predators. Trees are also a host for

numerous species of insects, which in turn are the main source of food for birds. They are perhaps best known for providing birds with a place to rest, so their eggs will be out of the reach of those who would seek to devour them.

Many essential foods, nutrients, and products are supplied by trees. For example trees utilize carbon dioxide in their photosynthetic process. This removal of an abundant gas results in the restoration of oxygen to the atmosphere. The constant supply of oxygen is necessary for all living things. From the beginning in the Garden of Eden, trees have supplied fruit, a major source of food. In more recent history man has developed other uses for trees such as wood and paper.

Our woody friends are also good at preventing soil erosion. They accomplish this in two major ways. Those whose limbs grow close to the ground, such as cedars, make excellent wind breaks. The roots of trees slow down or divert water run-off and thus prevent soil erosion.

The aesthetically pleasing canopy is probably the reason most people appreciate trees on their property. But the energy saved by the shade that the canopy provides can be very valuable. Just ask a cow on an August day in West Texas. People can save energy, and consequently money, by reducing the amount of air conditioning necessary because of trees providing shade for their house.

The "trees bearing fruit with seed in it," are still good and still necessary. They provide benefits to our world that no other natural resource can duplicate. As the caretakers of our planet, we are to appreciate and protect the gift of trees. Trees are a gift given to us by a creator who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.



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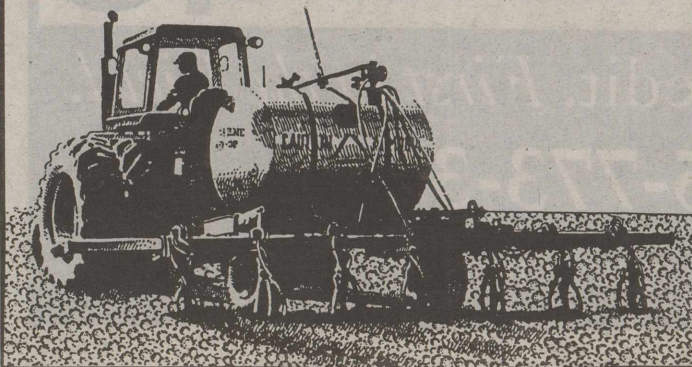
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## Kailey McCord has winning poster; Wilsons receive top business award

Competing with entries from 51 North Central Texas counties comprising the Area V Soil and Water (SWC) Program, Kailey McCord of Paint Creek Elementary School, SWCD #546, has been awarded second place in the Area V Texas Soil and Water Conservation Awards poster category.

Winning first place in the Area V Business/Professional Individual category were Haskell County ranchers Roy and Becky Wilson of Texas Best Outfitters, Hunting Guide & Outfitting Service from SWCD #551.

These local winners will be honored for outstanding contribu-

tions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program at an Area V Awards Banquet, May 2, in Stephenville.

Categories in which Area awards are presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Absentee Conservation Rancher; Water Quality Management Plan; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; and Wildlife Conservationist. Additional awards are presented for Outstanding Posters and Essays on soil and water conservation by

youth in the area.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals that have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.



KAILEY McCORD

## Area Land and Range Judging teams compete

The annual Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and California Creek SWCD Land and Range Judging Contest was held Mar. 4, at Avoca High School.

In the Land Judging Contest, the Stamford team placed 1st, the Haskell team placed 2nd and the Anson team placed 3rd.

Members of the Haskell team were: Jesse Martinez, Omar Payan and Angel Pena.

High Point Individual was Cody Ott of the Stamford team.

In the Pasture and Range Judging Contest, the Stamford team placed 1st, Haskell team placed 2nd and the Anson team

placed 3rd.

Members of the Haskell Pasture and Range Judging Team were: Sydney Brueggeman, Ryan Burgess, Ross Bullinger, Wendy Proctor, and Chase Cockerell.

High Point Individual was James Decker of Stamford.

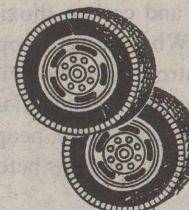
Teams from Hamlin and Paint Creek High Schools also participated in the contest. California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District board members Dale Spurgin and Don Walker assisted with the contest.



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