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. I 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 Andress, 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, pompoms 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

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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.

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

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 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-

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.

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.

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 in 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: Jaclyn Drinnon. daughter of Rickey and Kitsie 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.

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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.

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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-

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



WEATHER WORDS-Randy Turner, meteorologist for KTAB News, Abilene, visits with Haskell homeschoolers, 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.

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 Frazior 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 Dal-

Commissioners hear pipeline safety issue presentation

Apr. 23, Haskell County the Fair Defense Act and the Commissioners' Court heard a presentation on pipeline safety issues by Joel Lane, representative of David Davis is the designated Equilon Pipeline Company.

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

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At their regular meeting Tues., implementation of the provisions of improvement of the Indigent Defense Services in the county. County Judge authorized official to execute the A motion was approved to grant application and all other advertise for bids on a building to be necessary documents to accept the built at the anchor to store Parks and grant. Davis will be the program 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

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

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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,"

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

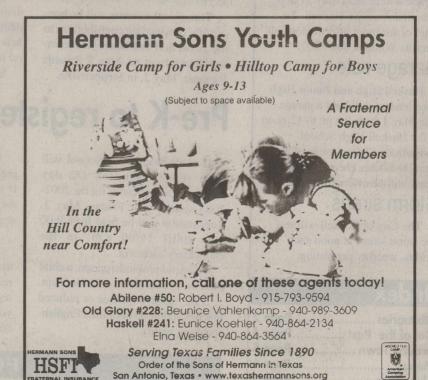
Copeland said.

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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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

Among his favorite leisure time activities are working on cars, talking on the phone, spending time with his girl friend and playing Play Station

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

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

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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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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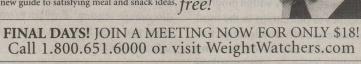
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RUSTY STOCKS - HOLLY HOBGOOD

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 Wolfforth.

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.

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

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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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — For Texas' 200,000 or so state employees, the old adage cautioning against counting one's chickens before the eggs hatch has come true with Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's assertion that there is no money available to fund a pay

The last session of the Legislature approved a 4 percent pay increase for state workers for 2002, and a 3 percent pay raise for 2003 if money was available.

Comptroller Rylander said last week that the money just isn't there. The pay raise would have cost \$191 million.

Rylander blamed "very, very slow" economic growth, which impacts state sale tax revenue and motor vehicle taxes.

State workers won't be the only ones feeling the money pinch next

Rylander said the next session will be facing a budget shortfall as high as \$5 billion.

Veteran lawman dies

Col. Wilson E. (Pat) Speir, who spent 12 years as director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, died in Austin April 22.

Speir, 84, headed the state law enforcement agency from 1968 until his retirement in 1980.

He was the agency's fourth director, second only in tenure to 1938 to 1968.

After starting with the DPS on leave after the start of World War Il and served in the Army until

steadily through the ranks. He was

of the Class of 2003 for their help

with the Haskell Junior-Senior

Banquet. It would not have been

possible without their help. We are

especially thankful to Brian Burgess

for his designs and carpentry work.

The class would like to thank Dr.

Dear editor,

assistant director prior to taking over as colonel following the death of Garrison.

"Col. Speir was an outstanding individual and a credit to law enforcement," Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., the department's current director, said after learning of Speir's death. "He was a national leader in the police community during some very traumatic times in our history."

Texas gets a lot of visitors daily Every day, an estimated 1.29 million people cross into Texas. At least that was the figure for 2001 prior to the events of Sept.

A survey done by the Texas Transportation Institute, a research component of Texas A&M University, showed that the Lone Star state is a popular desti-

Not surprisingly, 43 percent of the daily visitors to Texas come from Mexico — 550,000 people. The next largest number of people entering Texas come across from Louisiana, followed by Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The study also showed that 746,000 vehicles cross the state's borders every 24 hours, 83 percent of the traffic being non-commercial. Again, 43 percent of those vehicles come from Mexico.

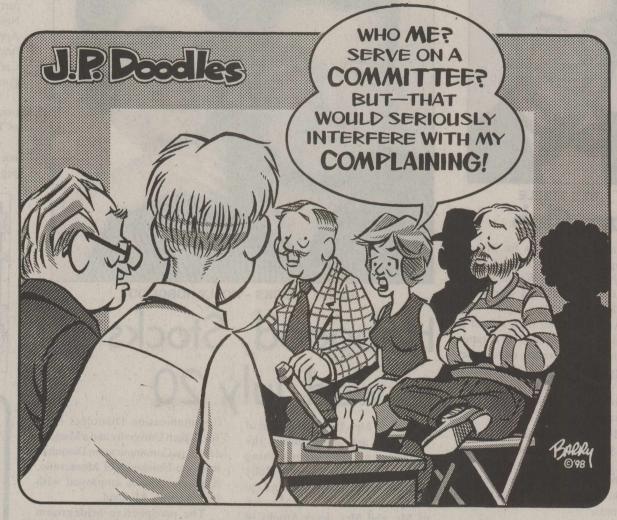
One surprise: The highest percentages of commercial traffic the late Homer Garrison Jr., who comes into the state from served as the state's top cop from Louisiana and Oklahoma, not

Thirty-six percent of all com-Nov. 1, 1941, Speir took military mercial traffic enters Texas on its eastern border, followed by 32 percent coming to Texas from Oklahoma. The share of commer-Returning to the DPS, he rose cial vehicle traffic from Mexico is 11 percent.

Clifford Ray for loaning his player

who did little things. We appreciate

all that you did to make the night



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 30, 1992

Seven Haskell journalism students won six AA Interscholastic League Press state awards and one "Tops in Texas" award. Brooke Baker and Amanda Mamykon won the "Tops in Texas" award for an advertisement they created for Lane-Felker. Other winners are Lee Decker, Brad Lane, Truett Standefer, Cynthia Halliburton and Susan

Amy Cunningham, Katy Martin, Kellie Reid and advisor Wanda Thompson of Haskell attended the state FHA convention in Fort Worth.

Darlene Walton, public education chairman of the Haskell unit of the American Cancer Society, received a plague for outstanding service.

Chad Ballard, graduate of Rochester High School and Texas A&M, has been named assistant county'agent in Bastrop County.

20 Years Ago May 6, 1982

Cliff Morris of Haskell caught a 7 1/2 pound 24" bass at Lake Stamford.

DeAnn Pendergraft, senior at Paint Creek High School, placed 3rd in Regional in the 200 meters.

Twyla Pace of Haskell will share valedictorian honors at the spring commencement ceremonies at Abilene Christian University. Pace is 1961 graduate of Haskell High School and is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Jo Hipp of Abilene.

30 Years Ago May 4, 1972

Valedictorian of Haskell High School is Judy Lehde. Salutatorian is Pam Colbert. Lehde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lehde and Colbert is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert. E. Colbert.

Pam Klose, Glenda Gayle Chapman and Mary Ann Elliott competed in the regional track meet.

Piano and organ students of Nelda Lane will present a recital at the First United Methodist Church. The students are Renna Abbott, Shirley Abbott, Vicki Bledsoe, Emily Cox, John Cox, Sharla Drinnon, Cam Klose, Kiersta Lane, Kim Lane, Lugene Lane, Margie Liles, Amy Medford and Sharon Turner.

> 40 Years Ago May 3, 1962

Four members of the National Honor Society of Haskell High School and one of their sponsors, Mrs. Brooks Middleton, attended an area workshop at Abilene. Attending were Sandra Letz, Pamela Baird, Lowell Wallace and Tom Bill

Army 2nd Lt. Wallar H. Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Overton of Paint Creek, has been assigned to the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany.

The Progressive Study Club met in the high school auditorium. The president, Mrs. Virgil Cobb, presided and welcomed guests: Mrs. Harold Turner, Mrs. George W. Fouts and Mrs. Bill Reeves.

50 Years Ago May 1, 1952

Lucille Watson, Haskell High School homemaking teacher, was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Texas Association Future Homemakers of America at the state convention held in Dallas. Also attending the state convention were Betty Joy Redwine and Sue Melton.

Two FHA members of Paint Creek High School, Nell Hanson and Margaret Houston, have received the highest honor awarded by the State Chapter, the State FHA degree. Charles D. Forehand, son of Mr.

and Mrs. G. H. Forehand of Weinert, was promoted to the rank of A/2c at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo. Forehand enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1948 and is now an apprentice clerk at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

> 90 Years Ago May 4, 1912

Last Thursday afternoon at the beautiful bungalow home of Mrs. M. S. Pierson, the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church gave an informal reception for their new pastor, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Waggoner.

J. E. Bernard left Friday for Seymour on a business mission.

Sid Hemphill, who has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hemphill, returned to his home in Scurry County.

L. A. Stewart got a telephone order from W. A. Earnest at Munday for 100 yards of gravel to be shipped from this point at \$1.25 per yard.

Protect children from bullying

Bullying is when a person, who thinks they are more powerful, hurts or frightens a smaller or weaker person on purpose. A bully normally does this over and over again. Many children suffer bullying and teasing. especially during the 4th through 8th

According to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), approximately one in seven schoolchildren is a bully or a victim. It is not just teasing. Bullying is more than that.

Bullying is using physical violence; using verbal taunts, such as name calling; writing nasty things about people; taking items that are not yours; acting rude, or making people feel uncomfortable.

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Signs that a child is being bullied are: not wanting to go to school or skipping school; acting out at school or at home; not being able to sit still, being hyperactive; not wanting to play or be around classmates; losing interest in activities previously enjoyed; losing possessions, like books, pens, toys or money; having physical marks, like bruises or scratches; being depressed or talking about suicide.

If you think your child is being bullied, you need to get involved. Children usually don't volunteer the information. Ask your child such questions as: Does anyone pick on you while you are on the playground? Who is not nice in the classroom? Who do you think is a bully and how do you know they are? Does a bully ever pick on you? What happens when a bully picks on you? What do you do and how does that make you feel? Do you feel that certain people don't like you, and

If you suspect that your child is being bullied, investigate! Talk to your child and his friends. Talk to your child's homeroom teacher, bus driver, assistant principal or other adult who may have witnessed bullying.

If you find that your child is being bullied, take positive steps! Make an appointment with your child's guidance counselor or assistant principal. Explain that you believe your child is being bullied, and why you believe it. Be as specific as you can about who is bullying your child and how you found out. Make sure that the school will act on you complaint. Ask for details regarding what the school will do, who will do it and when it will be done. Make sure to follow up. Take a friend with you for support.

Children being bullied should be taught to tell someone, try never to be alone with a bully and to believe in themselves. When they are around a bully they should try different things such as humor, agreeing or not agreeing with the bully, to protect themselves. They need to find and make real friends and develop a buddy system. In certain situations, they should not talk with a bully, but stay calm and walk away. If in danger, they should run the other way as fast as they can. They need to learn to let the bully know in a confident voice to leave them alone.

In preventing bullying, parents should encourage their children to make friends, and give opportunities for them to do so, also providing opportunities for them to be assertive and build self esteem. Make your child aware of the kind of body language that encourages bullying. Tell your child to ignore bullies; bullies feed on attention. Help your child practice responses that would discourage teasing. Explain to your child that they have the right to be safe at school.

If you think your child is a bully, stop the behavior and try to understand why he is acting out. Children can be taught to treat everyone with respect, give support and encouragement to positive things, work together, appreciate differences and similarities, talk and think in a positive manner about themselves and others, find an adult to help when someone is being bullied, and not laugh, help or encourage someone who is bullying.

Cotton growers asked to provide vehicular access to fields

Cotton-growing season has begun in Texas as growers in the southern part of the state have begun planting and those in other areas will begin

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind growers of the importance of providing full vehicular access to all sides of cotton fields.

When cotton producers begin planting, foundation employees place boll weevil traps around the perimeters of the fields. The traps contain a pheromone attractant that lures boll weevils into the traps and an insecticide strip that keeps them from leaving.

The traps serve two important functions: eliminating weevils from fields and providing data on weevil activity. The foundation uses the data to measure the progress of eradication and to make treatment decisions. Employees check the traps

 Placing the traps around all sides of the fields provides better data on weevil activity, making treatment decisions more accurate. Without this data, weevil infestations may go unnoticed, and the length of time to complete eradication is extended.

Field edges may also need to be treated from the ground using truckmounted mist blowers. Without full access to fields, the edges cannot be treated. This untreated cotton provides a haven for boll weevils to feed and reproduce in, which again extends the time necessary to complete eradication.

The most efficient method for checking the traps is for employees to drive around the perimeter of the field. Access makes it possible for the employees to easily place the traps around the fields and later to check the traps, record the data and service the traps from the pickup.

Without access, the employees ability to check a large number of traps quickly is reduced and more employees may need to be hired to check the traps.

Employee safety is also an issue in full-field access. The foundation is committed to a safe work environment for its employees. Checking traps from a pickup protects employees from slips and falls that may occur from walking in

fields, crossing ditches and other hazards.

Injured employees often cannot work for a period of time, increasing the load on other employees and decreasing the efficiency of the

Reducing the number of injured employees has a positive effect on the foundation's insurance costs, and the savings can be used to shorten the amount of time needed to pay off a zone's obligations.

Foundation employees are willing to work with growers within program guidelines to place traps in the most accessible and efficient location that has the least impact on farming operations. Growers with questions should contact their field unit supervisors or the nearest district

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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City Storm Warning

Letters to the Editor

We would like to thank the parents piano for the event. There were many

successful.

Thank you,

Kristi Stewart

Jamie Davis

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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: I-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.

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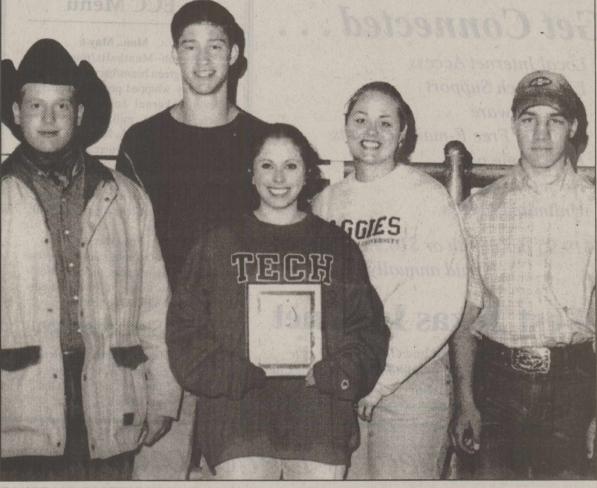
reunion. They are: Lucille (Sharp) Littlepage of Eldorado, Ruby (Sharp) Hubbard of Fort Worth, Jack and Velma (Sharp) Lusk of Haskell, John and Odessa (Sharp) Lewis of Odessa, Erwin and June (Sharp) of Lindale, Wayne and Sarah (Sharp) of Electra, Dale and Jackie (Sharp) of Canton.

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"



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, I-r. Ross Bullinger (3rd high individual), Ryan Burgess (6th high individual), Sydney Brueggeman (9th high individual), Wendy Proctor and Chase Cockerell.



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 on their way to Abilene to the track

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 Panhandle came by for a visit and Martinez to stay with grandparents took Joyce out for lunch. They were 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 Weinert 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, I-r: Jesse Martinez (5th high individual), Omar Payan (top high individual), Angel Pena, Sean Jeanes and Haskell team advisor, James Bevel.

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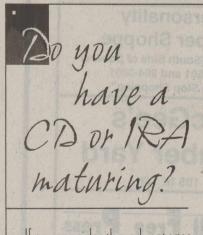
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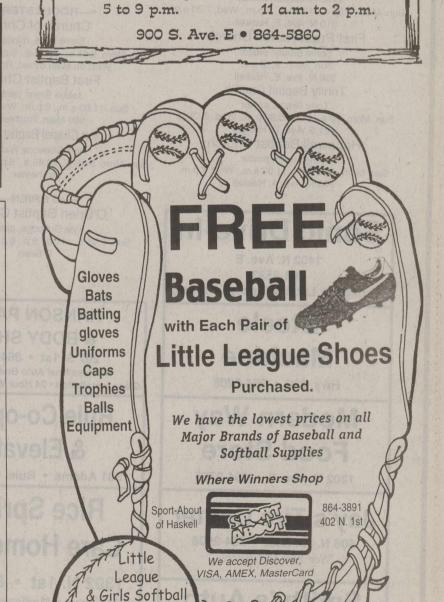
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Wed., May 8 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

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 Lehrmann, Kami Baitz and sponsor, Keith

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 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 child fallen into a deep chasm of of life. When family needs replace selfishness, intolerance and mutual individual desires, your faith will mistrust? Take your family to Church 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 James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438 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 Art Flores, Interim pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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

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

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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. Paint Creek

·--WEINERT-First Baptist Church Chris Powell, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

--- ROCHESTER---Church of Christ Steve Wilis, 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. Rochester

--O'BRIEN-O'Brien Baptist Church Kyle Gulledge, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien

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Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rocheste

-SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church Tommy Wilson, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Sagerton 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. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ 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

Artuo 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

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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

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ent 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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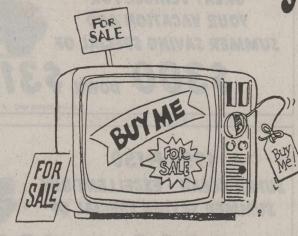
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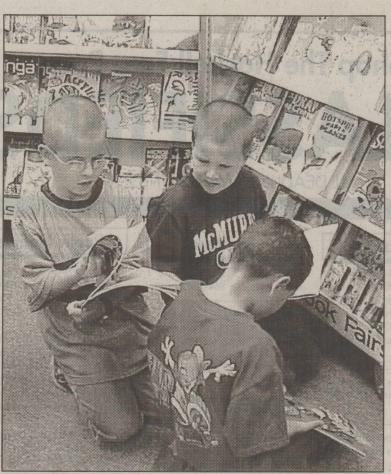
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Thanks to all of our friends for your prayers, flowers and memorials offered in honor of our Mom, Juanita Miller. Our special thanks for the compassion shown toward Mom and our family by Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, Dr. McSmith and all the nurses and employees at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Our sad times were made easier by your efforts. May the Lord continue to bless all

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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 Adriain 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

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."

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 Intermural Regimental Volleyball Championship Team and has played Intermural 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 Deltatroop 4th Calvary. 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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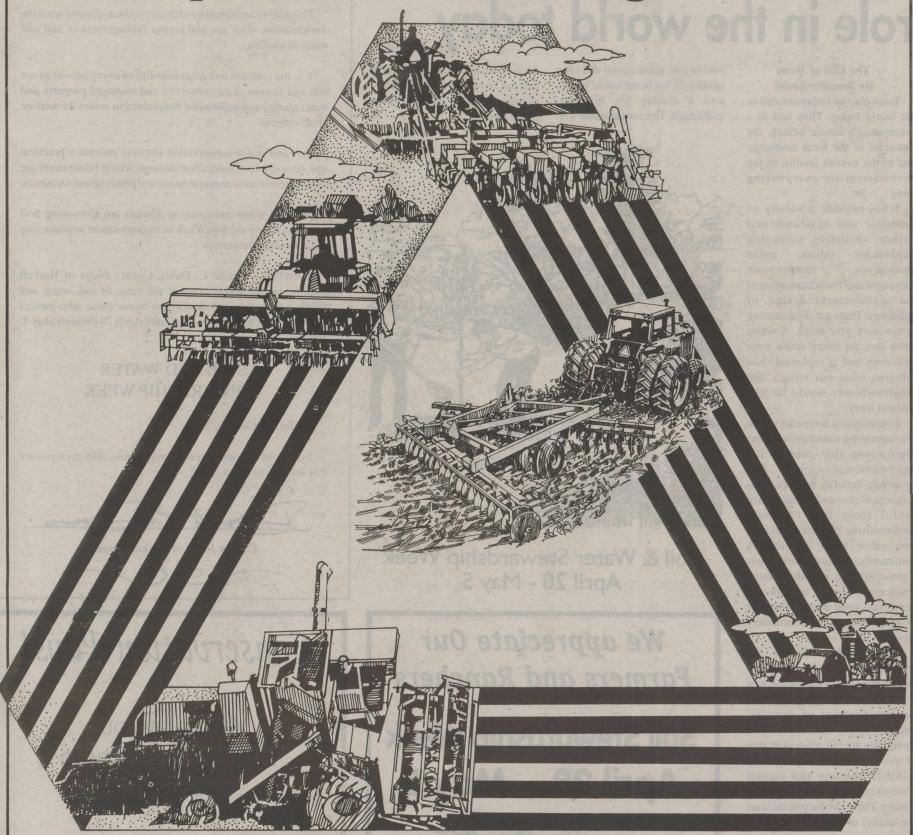
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Soil Stewardship Week to be observed April 28 through May 5; This year's national theme is "The Gift of Trees"

national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place April 28 through May 5 according to an announcement by

The theme of this year's obser-

we are to maintain the productive resources of soil, water and wild-

good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil vance is "The Gift of Trees." This tivities offers an opportunity to focus is especially appropriate as reflect on the nation's renewable

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bilities and needs of their land sored Soil and Water Stewardship in the celebration.

The Haskell Soil and Water our need for stewardship is vital if resource problems and consider Basically it is the district's re- Week in the United States since The National Association of cational organizations and to indi-

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.

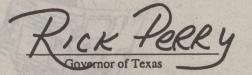
The theme for this year's event, "The Gift of Trees," will reinforce the importance of encouraging tree maintenance and growth in preserving soil fertility and preventing erosion. It is equally important that we have a sufficient supply of high-quality water to ensure the productivity and well-being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

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





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; Jose 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.

Soil Stewardship Week April 28 – May 5, 2002

Proclamation

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It is the concern and responsibility of every person to see

Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical

Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil

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,

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taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting

that soil resources be conserved and managed properly and

water quality and quantity be maintained to assure the welfare

conservation, wise use and proper management of soil and

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Local district offers essay scholarship contest

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The Gift of Trees **By Savannah Foster**

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

> 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 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 practive 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

Trees are important Trees keep land from flooding washing away the good topsoil.

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 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

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. olives, and such spices as Over 430 pounds of paper is

State produces about 51 million tons of paper and paperboard each materials increase, the supply of trees decreases. Over 2 million 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 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,

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

By Jennifer Smith

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

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

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

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

quality-of-life benefits like beauty that can be significant to the future and a shelter for informal of the community and the beauty



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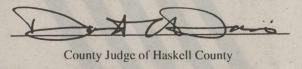
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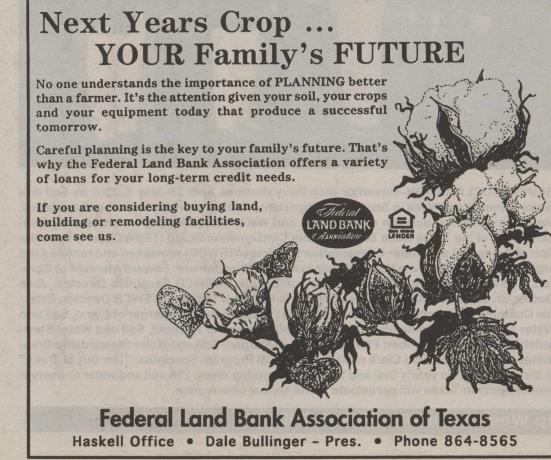
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producing oxygen. Burning fossil fuels produces carbon dioxide and is the greenhouse gas blamed for trapping heat in the atmosphere and linked to global climate change. Tree leaves help trap and remove tiny particles of soot and dust, which damages 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 mestion has come about, how do e 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



Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster

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 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

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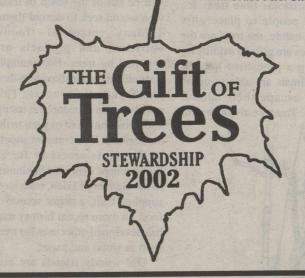
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Sixth Grade: 1. Cassy Martin 2. Amy Hamilton 3. Jonathan Rincon

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

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

Fourth Grade over-all winners were: 1. Brooke Bullinger 2. Adams 3. Megan Bailey MacKenzie Barrington 3. Brenna

Fifth Grade Mrs. McClellan's Rodriguez 3. Paige Adams

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Rodriguez 3. Jacob Rodriguez Gonzalez 3. Daniela Payan Fifth Grade Mrs. Everett's

Fifth Grade Mrs. Fouts' class: Sixth Grade Mrs. Cypert's 1. Brittany Garison 2. Samantha class: 1. Hannah Page 2. Laurie

Sixth Grade Mrs. Earles' class: class: 1. Haley Chavez 2. Paige 1. Paige Wheatley 2. D.J. Rodriguez 3. Monica Soto

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The world would be a better contribute to the health of our place if we had more trees. We wood we burn for heat and the planet. They clean the air by also have to make an important

dioxide, and recycling moisture of those throwaway things in our into the atmosphere. Trees help to lives that are made from trees. Trees make our world beautiful maintain temperature and act as People today take the small and provide us with many obvious windbreaks. Trees have a objects for granted. Trees help us tremendous influence on society. in ways people don't understand. are used for shade, privacy, For example, trees effect our Most products around us have increased property values, shelter environment, paper our pocket 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 use to make houses and furniture. Trees also help cool the Earth. Trees give off moisture. interest of each of us to conserve tremendous.

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

Today, people and companies recognize that trees are a valuable resource and that it is in the best

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 that manage our nation's forests to help protect our beautiful world. Conserve the renewable resources and keep the Earth

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By Zac McGuire On the third day of history God

organisms and, according to "trees bearing fruit with seed in it." He saw that it was good and under. In nature, the trees are the necessary part of our world. Trees are without a doubt one of the

most cherished and important trees to escape their natural photosynthetic process. This natural resources. There are many

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valuable benefits that the numerous species of insects. environment receives from trees. 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 supplied by trees. For example trees utilize carbon dioxide in their 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

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.

Kailey McCord has winning poster; Wilsons receive top business award

Stephenville.

standing Conservation District;

Absentee Conservation Rancher:

Water Quality Management Plan;

Business/Professional Individual:

Conservation Teacher; and Wild-

life Conservationist. Additional

51 North Central Texas counties V Business/Professional Indicomprising the Area V Soil and Water (SWC)Program, Kailey County ranchers Roy and Becky McCord of Paint Creek Elementary School, SWCD #546, has Hunting Guide & Outfitting Serbeen awarded second place in the Area V Texas Soil and Water Conservation Awards poster cat-

vidual category were Haskell Wilson of Texas Best Outfitters, vice from SWCD #551.

These local winners will be

Area Land and Range Judging teams compete

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.

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

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 Members of the Haskell team 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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vation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conserawards are presented for Out- vation Districts, and the 216 lostanding Posters and Essays on cal soil and water conservation soil and water conservation by districts in Texas.



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