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Reception

A reception honoring James Bevel, Nelda Decker, Duane Gilly, Letha Newton, Howard Scheets and retiring board member Keith Everett will be held Tues., May 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building. The group has collectively served Haskell Schools for over 170 years. The reception is hosted by the school.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet for the last time this school year Wed., May 15 at Burkett's Restaurant at 11:45 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend. Leon Manky, TRTA district president, will be the guest speaker.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A salad supper will be served. New officers will be installed.

Band Boosters

The Indian Band Boosters will meet Thurs., May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., May 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., May 10 at noon. Recipes collected for the cookbook are to be turned in at this meeting.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Salad luncheon

The Indian Band Boosters will host a salad luncheon Sun., May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are available from band students, The Personality-Slipper Shoppe, Sport-About or Kis Photo. Tickets for adults are \$5. Children's tickets are \$3.

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Brittany Rutkowski named WHPD Queen



BRITTANY RUTKOWSKI
2002 WILD HORSE PRAIRIE DAYS QUEEN

Brittany Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, was named Wild Horse Prairie Day Queen during the annual 'queens' pageant held May 5th at the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Personality-Slipper Shoppe, the high school sophomore's activities include serving as class officer and member of the student council, cheerleader, band member, basketball, track, softball and class favorite. The highest ranking student in her class, she is also active in her church youth group, West Texas Barrel Racing Association, Stamford Junior Sheriffs Posse, Haskell Horse Club and cutting advertisements at radio station KVRP. Her hobbies are riding horses and competing in rodeos, reading and being with friends. Another honor she received was being chosen Stamford Junior Sheriffs Posse Sweetheart.

First runner-up in the Queen's pageant was Miss Congeniality, Whitney Hise, daughter of Vonnie and Jerrie Sue Hise of Haskell. Second runner-up was Jaclyn Drinnon, daughter of Ricky and Kitsie Drinnon of Haskell. The title of Miss Achievement went to Leslie Grand.

Cassidy Brown of Rochester was also named in the top five. Other contestants included Savannah Foster and Christi Sorrells, both of Haskell.

The Queen's pageant activities began with a brunch held for the contestants Sat., April 27, at the Haskell High School Homemaking Cottage, where they were interviewed by the judges and scored on the basis of appearance, response to questions, poise, gracefulness and personality.

At the brunch contestants and judges enjoyed punch, fruit, cheese kisses, tea cakes, mini quiche, and cream puffs. Judges for the contest were Rochie Underwood of Stamford and Jennifer Carden of Munday.

Opening the formal pageant ceremonies on Sunday, Haskell Chamber of Commerce WHPD committee chairman, Sammy Larned welcomed the group, giving a listing of the sponsors and introducing the Master of Ceremonies Jerry Don Hudgens.

With a 'hoot and a holler,' Hudgens got the rest of the pageant activities off with a listing of donors and donations and introductions of judges and contestants.

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Elmore places at state

Bethany Elmore, an 8th-grader from Haskell, placed in the top eight finalists at the Texas State Bible Drill Final Competition in Fort Worth May 4th. She won the honor of representing the Abilene Region at the Semi-Final Competition at First Baptist Church of Abilene on April 13.

After competing in Fort Worth against nearly forty drillers from around the state of Texas, she qualified with seven others to

advance to the drill-off round. She was awarded a trophy during the closing session at Gambrell Street Baptist Church.

Elmore is the daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore, and was sponsored in the competition by East Side Baptist Church.

Election results

Results of the Sat., May 4 elections in the county are as follows:

Haskell

Winning in the city election for two at-large City Council seats, were Ruby Turner with 65 votes and Dan Hoover with 96 votes.

In the school election for Board Trustee, Dist. 3, Mynea Short won with 32 votes.

Paint Creek

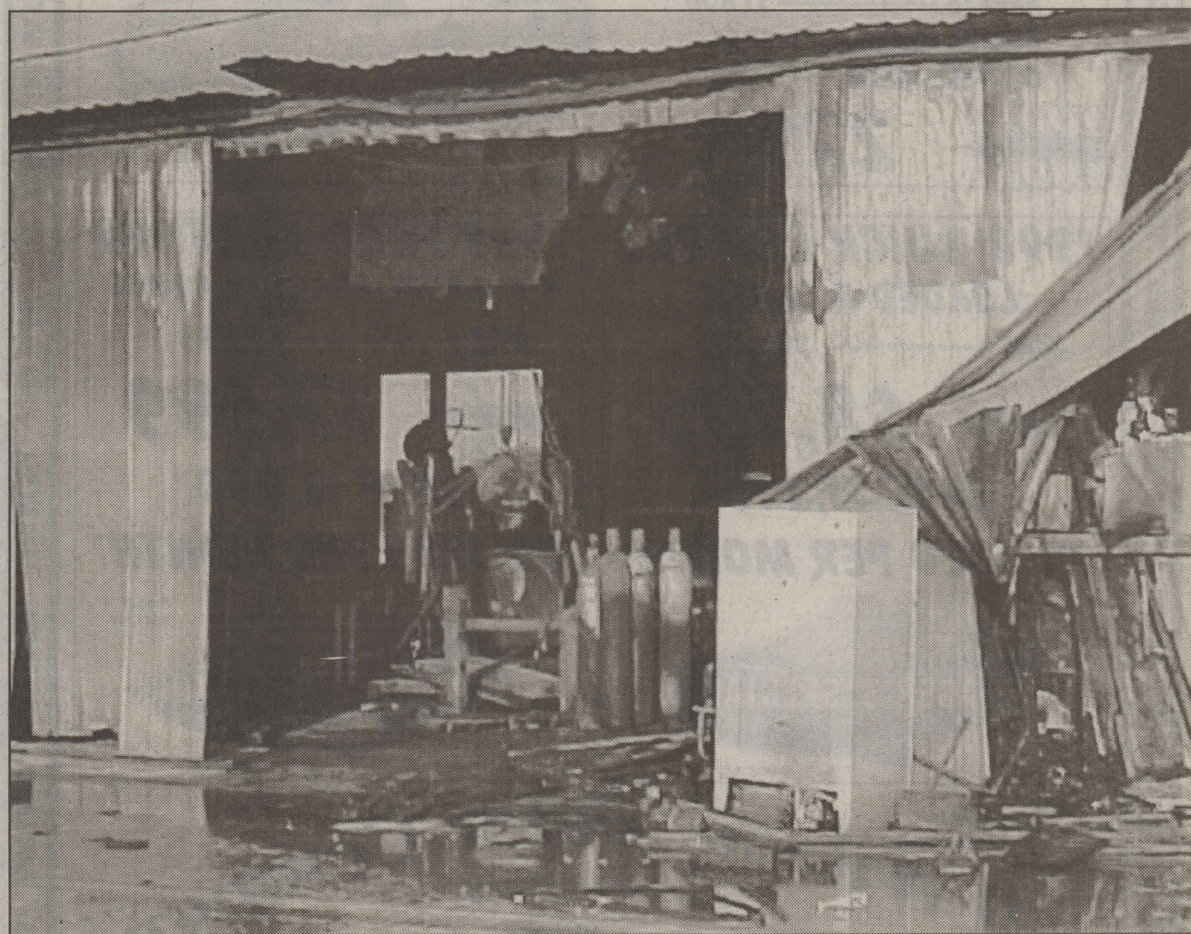
Winning the three School Board open terms were Gina Buerger with 43 votes, Tony Martinez with 30 votes and Dana Pendergraft with 33 votes.

Rule

Winning the two at-large School Board seats were Robert Ace Turner with 91 votes and Lynn Dale Dudensing with 82 votes.



BETHANY ELMORE



EARLY MORNING FIRE-A fire at Steele Machine was reported at approximately midnight on Mon., May 6, by a passing truck driver. Haskell Volunteer Firemen worked until 4 a.m. to contain the blaze. Residents of a neighborhood just north of the business were evacuated due to potentially hazardous smoke. The fire is under investigation and no further details were available at news time.

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Queen

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Entertainment was provided by Danny Langford of Rule, presenting his impersonation of Elvis. Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell sang a solo.

Tabitha Coker, 2001 WHPD Queen, was unable to attend the pageant. Tiffany Lindsey, 2001 WHPD first runner-up, crowned the 2002 queen, assisted by flower girl, Baylee Rodriguez, daughter of Steven and Lorie Rodriguez.

As 2002 WHPD Queen, Rutkowski will receive a monetary award. Among other activities, she will ride in the parade May 31 and in the Grand Entry at the Rodeo May 31 and June 1.

Coordinators of this year's contest were Opal Langford and Tammy Parham.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., May 16 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

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USDA to hold public meetings on programs

According to Glenn R. Brzowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell Farm Service Agency (FSA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a series of six public meetings across the country to solicit comments on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), Farmable Wetland Pilot Program (FWP), and the Grassland Reserve Program. One of the meetings will be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. May 14.

Brzowski explained that comments will be considered in the preparation of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for CRP, ECP, FWP and the Grassland Reserve Program. "The environmental impact statement will provide USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential effects of administering each of these programs," Brzowski said. "Also, it can help USDA officials review and improve current policies and achievements."

The prepared PEIS will describe both the positive and negative impacts and collectively address the cumulative impacts of all of the programs being considered.

"FSA administers these programs on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation," Brzowski said, "and we are now conducting a comprehensive review of them in anticipation of potential 'Farm Bill' changes."

According to Brzowski, "The public comment meetings will allow individuals an opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, analyze alternatives, or suggest improvements to conservation programs and related legislative issues."

For persons who will be unable to attend the scheduled meeting in Amarillo, written, electronic or oral comments may be submitted for consideration by the close of business on June 30. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

Send comments and requests for draft PEIS information packages to CRP PEIS, P.O. Box 6830, Falls Church, Va. 22046-6830, via e-mail at CRP@mangi.com or telephone

(toll free) 1-877-271-3842.

For more information contact Don Steck, USDA/FSA/CEPD/Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0513, (202) 690-0224, or e-mail at don_steck@wdc.usda.gov or CRP@mangi.com

Births

Rodney and Ember Medford of Paint Creek are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Cutter Lynn Medford, born April 10th, at 7:27 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The little cowboy weighed 10 lbs. and was 7 1/2 in. long. Proud grandparents are Danny and Vickie Josselet and Burl and Dolores Medford of Haskell. Great grandparents are Vic and Norma Lowry of Knox City, Lois Josselet and Loula Mae Medford all of Haskell.

Storm sirens

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

Obituaries

Donald Lee Pitman

Funeral services for Donald Lee Pitman, 67, of Odessa were held Sat., May 4 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa with Lon Briley officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mr. Pitman died Tues., April 30 at the Hospice House. Born Aug. 17, 1934 in Haskell, he moved to Odessa in 1957 from Haskell. He married Gloria Wolf Oct. 23, 1959 in Odessa. He was a retired quality control specialist for the City of Odessa. He was a member of the Washington Ave. Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father Drafy D. Pitman and one brother, Dudley Edward Pitman.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Pitman of Odessa;

one son, Wesley Pitman of Odessa; his mother, Ava Lee Pitman of Odessa; one brother, Doyle Pitman and wife, Jo Anne of Odessa; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beatrice and Jack Livingston and Wanda and T. M. Weaver, all of Odessa; one niece, Donna Gentry and husband, Ron, of Odessa; nephews, Gary Weaver and wife, Brandy of Corpus Christi, David Pitman and wife, Merijo of Longview, Dennis Pitman and wife, Tami of Odessa, Eddie, Dewayne and Randy Pitman of Wyoming; great nieces and nephews, Misti, LaDonna and Jason Gentry of Odessa, Justin Pitman of Odessa, Rachel and David Pitman Jr. of Longview, Nicole Weaver of Corpus Christi and several others of Wyoming. Pallbearers were Ronnie Nunley, Don Norris, Ray Clements, Lerry Phillips, Cliff Serviss and Clint Nelson.

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4-H'ers participate at Roundup

Almost 225 youth from the 25 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Sat., April 20, for the right to represent the District in the state 4-H Roundup June 10-14 in College Station.

Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the State Competition. Only first and second place teams or individuals qualify for the State event.

Participating from Haskell County were Aubrey Bassett and Brooke Bullinger who placed first in Junior Foods and Nutrition Method Demonstration, placing 2nd in the same category were Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton and Stephanie Threet of Rule. The team of Molly Dudensing of Sagerton and Mackenzie Miller of Rule placed 1st in Junior Horticulture Method Demonstration. In the Share-The-Fun competition Emery Dudensing of Sagerton placed 3rd in Junior Musical.

The team of Amber Bingham, Shannon Bird, Shayla Felty, Ashley Foster, Stephanie Grand, Erin Hise, Caleb Hudgens, Kelly Tidrow and Robbyn Tribbey placed 1st in the Junior Division of Celebrate 4-H. The Celebrate 4-H skit was given the opportunity to perform during the District Roundup Awards ceremony. Only three skits are given during the awards so this was a really distinctive honor.

The winners were honored at an Awards assembly at the Wilbarger Auditorium which concluded a morning competition.

Prior to Saturday, four other rounds of District competition had been held. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl, 4-H Food Show and Livestock, Horse, and Consumer Decision Making judging events were held last winter. The District 4-H Fashion Show contest was held in early April.

Twelve Extension Districts will send their winners to State 4-H Roundup for the purpose of determining state champions.



4-H ROUNDUP WINNERS—Haskell County youngsters competing in events in Vernon, Sat., Apr. 20, and earning the right to represent the District in State 4-H Roundup June 10-14, were: back row, l-r, Emery Dudensing, Caleb Hudgens, Erin Hise, Robbyn Tribbey. Middle row: Stephanie Grand, Kelly Tidrow, Shannon Bird, Amber Bingham, MacKenzie Miller, Molly Dudensing, Shayla Felty and Ashley Foster. Front row: Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Jenny Dudensing and Stephanie Threet.

Jennings to walk for cancer awareness

Holly McBroom Jennings of Fredericksburg, formerly of Haskell, will participate in a 60-mile Avon Breast Cancer Awareness Event walk in Boston, May 17-19.

To help raise money to fight breast cancer, as well as increase awareness of the disease that is the second leading cause of death in women (after lung cancer), she is making the walk in honor of her grandmother, Juanita Hester, who was a cancer survivor.

The daughter of Bettye and Mac McBroom, formerly of Haskell, Jennings is married to Todd Jennings, son of Ted and Mary Jennings of Haskell. The couple has two children, Kenzie and Jace.

A pharmacist at Hill Country Memorial Hospital for the last three years, Jennings has been working out for the event since last September,

building up to walks of eight-to-ten miles three days a week. She has also recently completed a few 15-mile walks.

Jennings will join approximately 3,000 other people in covering 20 miles a day for three days. The walkers will be supported by a 500-member crew and will be treated to hot meals, water and snack stops, gear transport, hot showers and comprehensive medical services. Each night participants will sleep in supplied tents under the stars.

In order to participate, each walker must train for the event and must commit to raising a minimum of \$1,900. Jennings has set her personal fund-raising goal at \$5,000. To reach this ambitious goal, she is asking anyone who would be interested in helping find a cure for this disease to consider making a

donation to her effort.

The mission of the event is to fund access to care and to finding a cure for breast cancer, with a focus on medically under-served women, including minorities, underprivileged and under-insured women.

Women's ministry

Friends of Faith, an area-wide women's ministry, will hold a retreat "Brides of Christ" Fri., May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium. Guest speaker will be DeAnna Fields, director at Beltway Park in Abilene. Worship will be lead by Beltway Park Praise and Worship Team. A video "The Warring Bride" will be presented.

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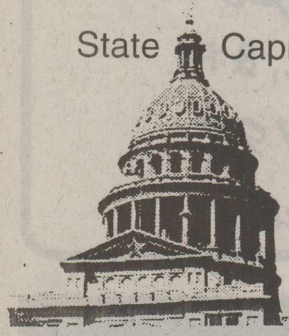
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Anyone ever knocked off an inner tube by a big wave in the surf knows salt water doesn't taste good. But salt can be removed.

Gov. Rick Perry thinks the shallow, salty Gulf of Mexico is a logical place for Texas to slake its thirst for fresh water.

In a campaign speech in San Antonio last week, the Republican incumbent proposed construction of a high-volume desalination plant to make seawater potable.

"There is no greater potential supply of new water than what splashes along hundreds of miles of Texas coastline," Perry said. "It's time to look for new and untapped sources (of water.)"

The governor said he would like to see tax-exempt bonds earmarked to pay for private construction of a desalination facility capable of processing 25 million gallons of water from the Gulf every day.

He estimated the cost of such a plant at \$208 million.

Desalination of seawater is nothing new — that's how nuclear submarines get their fresh water — but the process traditionally has been considered too costly to be commercially successful. But that is changing, Perry said.

He said estimated costs are about what the City of Austin has as its commercial water rate — \$3 per thousand gallons.

A \$110 million desalination plant under construction in Tampa Bay, Fla. will produce 25 million gallons of fresh water daily at an estimated cost of \$2.50 per thousand gallons.

But that is a \$1 a gallon increase over present costs there.

The governor said he has asked the Texas Water Development Board to work with Texas' regional planning groups and private

entities to develop a plan for the state's first large-scale coastal desalination plant.

Perry said that down the road desalinated water could be carried inland from the Texas coast along the utility easement that is part of the proposed Trans Texas Corridor, a new transportation system of toll highways, freight and high-speed passenger train

tracks and utility transmission facilities.

Water woes not theoretical along the border

Though Perry's water plan is a future possibility, water problems on the border are a present reality.

Texas' two big international reservoirs, Lakes Amistad and Falcon, stand at only 21 percent of capacity. A year ago, the two impoundments were 28 percent full.

Unless an unexpected flow of water surges down the Rio Grande soon, farmers and fishermen may see the two lakes reach record low levels this month.

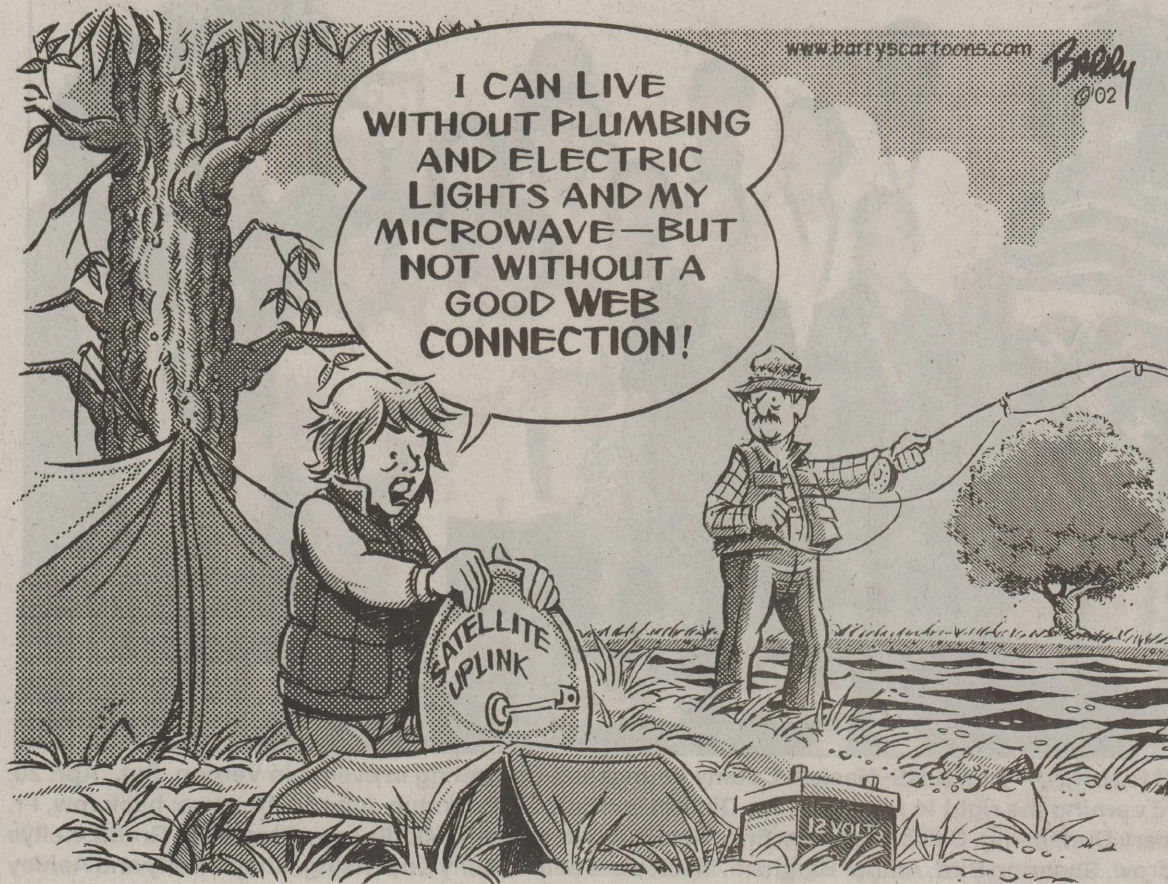
Part of the problem is reduced flow of water from Mexico into the Rio Grande, a matter currently in dispute between that country and the U.S.

Under a 1944 treaty, Mexico is supposed to allow 350,000 acre-feet of water (one acre-foot amounts to 325,851 gallons) into the Rio Grande each year.

The U.S., in turn, must allow 1.5 million acre-feet from the Colorado into the international river.

This country has been providing its share, but Mexico, blaming a persistent drought, has not.

Bottom line: Water is a big issue in Texas and it will continue to become more important as the state population grows.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

May 7, 1992

James Rike, a 6-3, 190-pounder from Clarendon Junior College, has signed with Eastern New Mexico University to play basketball for the Greyhound team. Rike is a graduate of Haskell High School and is the son of John S. and Mark Rike of Haskell.

Missy Phemister of Haskell has been named to the 1992-93 cheerleading squad at McMurry University.

Laurie Boger was elected as head cheerleader at Rule High School. Other varsity cheerleaders are Christi Mathis, Kenna Tanner, Julie Saffel, Angela Hisey and Lisa Macias.

20 Years Ago

May 13, 1982

Dr. Thomas Hairgrove of Haskell will be attending a seminar on "Basic Bovine Reproduction Procedures and Techniques" in Castroville.

The Progressive Study Club selected Sandy Horton as Outstanding Club Woman of the Year.

Jill Elaine LeFevre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre of Sagerton, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry College in Abilene.

30 Years Ago

May 11, 1972

Joan Caddell is valedictorian at Weinert High School and salutatorian is Brenda Boone.

Patti Simpson, a student at Rule High School, has been selected to attend the 12th Texas Nuclear Science Symposium for high schools at the University of Texas at Austin.

Officers were installed at the Haskell FHA annual banquet. Officers are president, Pam Klose; vice president, Margie Kretschmer; secretary, Charlotte Hannsz; treasurer, Becky Ghoson; reporter-historian, Susie McAdoo; parliamentarian, Linda Hartsfield; pianist, Ellen Walling; and song leader, Diane Tidwell.

40 Years Ago

May 10, 1962

Rule students participating in the State Track Meet were: Hollis Riggins, Bennie Mueller, Jerry Lowrey, Bob Clark, Jas. Norman, Jackie Whorton, Mike Bailey and manager, Mike Carol. Coach Jerry Estep accompanied the boys.

Richard P. Riley of Haskell has been presented with an award for 30 years of continuous service as an employee of Service Pipe Line Company.

Mary Davis, Linda Cunningham, Patsy Raynes, Denny Johnson, Joe Williamson and Wayne Offutt, all seniors at Weinert High School, were guests at the Junior-Senior Banquet held in the Weinert High School gym. Coach Dan Sloan served as master of ceremonies.

50 Years Ago

May 8, 1952

Marlene Crofford, Linda Lewis and Myrtle Murray, all of Rule and Doris Hutchinson of Weinert attended the District III 4-H Recognition Day in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Rex Murray, Rule 4-H adult leader and Miss Thelma Wirges, county home demonstration agent, accompanied the girls.

Members of the Mattson senior class are Margaret Roberts, Frankie Jo Tanner, E. H. Walton, Glenn Darden, Johnny Wheatley, Billie Jean Bowen and Roy Forehand.

Valedictorian of the Haskell senior class is Sid Woodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodson. Salutatorian is Nanette Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlos Weaver.

90 Years Ago

May 11, 1912

Gov. O. B. Colquitt has accepted an invitation to speak in Haskell Friday, May 17, Haskell supporters have been advised.

Mrs. H. R. Jones opened her summer class in music May 6.

Charles McGregor was in from his ranch Wednesday and reports a good rain the first of the week.

Miss Beryl McConnell has returned to school in Dallas after spending last week here to attend the 25th wedding anniversary of her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. G. McConnell.

Help keep kids safe around cars

Although the safety of children around cars is always a concern, with the coming of warmer weather it is doubly important to consider the safety of children in cars.

Many parents think they can leave a child in a vehicle if they are just running a quick errand. But excessive heat is much more dangerous for children than it is for adults. A young child's core body temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult, making them much more vulnerable to heat stroke. Heat stroke can lead to permanent injury or death.

From 1996 through 2000, more than 120 children, most of them from age three or younger, died from heat stroke after being trapped in a car.

The interior of a car can reach dangerously high temperatures in just a few minutes. When the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the temperature inside your car can get up to 125 degrees in just 20 minutes—even with a window cracked.

The following list includes some of the ways to help keep kids safe that are recommended by the Texas Department of Protective Services.

*Never leave your child unattended in a car, even if the windows are down and a windshield shade is in place.

*Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination. Don't overlook sleeping infants!

*Make sure that the seat belt and seat surface are not too hot before buckling your child.

*When you and your child exit the car, place a windshield shade in front and back windows to cut down on the heat.

*Make sure that kid's arms, legs, fingers and toes are safely inside before closing doors.

*Always lock doors and trunk, even at home. Children playing in the car could get trapped.

*Keep your car keys out of children's reach and sight.

*Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the truck from inside the car.

*Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retro-fitted with a trunk release mechanism.

*If your child gets locked inside a car, get them out as soon as possible. If you can't get them out, call 911 immediately.

Parked cars can be especially hazardous for kids. Always lock your doors. Children are naturally curious and can find ways to get into cars, but they can't always find their way out. More than a third of last year's heat-related deaths among children occurred when they crawled into unlocked cars and became trapped.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 705 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 4, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle 1-2 lower; stocker calves and feeders 1-2 higher; Bred cows and pairs 25-50 lower.

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

Cows: fat, .34-.39; cutters, .36-.42; canners, .18-.30.

Bulls: bologna, .42-.53; feeder: 61-74; utility: 32-43.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.19-1.46; 300-400 lbs., .99-1.13; 400-500 lbs., .86-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .79-.86; 600-700 lbs., .73-.83; 700-800 lbs., .68-.76; 800-up lbs., .61-.69.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .89-1.21; 300-400 lbs., .86-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .79-.90; 500-600 lbs., .71-.84; 600-up lbs., .60-.73.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-715; aged or small 500-625.

Cows with calves; medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-950; aged or small, 625-750.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A special thank you to all the contestants, donors, and sponsors of the Wild Horse Prairie Day Queen Pageant. A special thanks to Robert Acosta, Jennifer Carden, Myra Casey, Zack Coker, Janet Earle, Osiel Garcia, Jerry Don Hudgens, James Jeans, Bobbie Johnson, Danny Langford, Sammy Larned, Brittany Lindsey, Tiffany Lindsey, Eddie Loyd, Baylee Rodriguez, Lorie Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Derrick

Tribbey, Lynette Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey, Mayree Turnbow, Rochie Underwood, Ronnie Webb, Haskell Free Press, KVRP and Haskell High School for the use of their facilities. Also, for the citizens of Haskell County that support and attend various county activities. Without all of you the Queen Pageant would not have been a success.

Again Thank You!
Opal Langford
Tammy Parham

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Summer Reading is just around the corner at the library. This year's theme is Read Across Texas. The Young Homemakers are directors of the program. Jamie Bosnjak is in charge of the story time. The story hour is every Wednesday morning in June from 10-11:30 a.m. Please feel free to come in and sign up your child for the summer reading and pick up a reading log.

We look to our library friends and local merchants for reading prizes every year. If you feel you would like to help with a prize or a monetary donation for this worthwhile program please call 864-2747 or come by the library at 412 N. First.

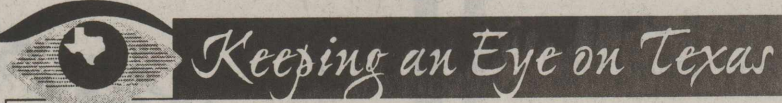
The Rotary Club has donated a beautiful red plaid rocker love-seat to our library. It is the perfect place to come in relax and read a book. We

are so grateful to the Rotary Club for this gift. It adds so much to the library. Every person who has come in has had to try out the loveseat. Thank you Rotary members!!

The 4-H members who participated in the 4-H photo project at the junior, intermediate and senior levels have their photographs on display in the showcase at the library. It is amazing what these young people have done with a camera. Come in and view these remarkable photographs.

Haskell had an abundance of talented young people. Tell a child how wonderful they are and that you love them and are proud of them. We hear so much "anti...everything" in the papers and on the television let us be "for...our" young people and let them know it.

Donations to the Library Friends Building Fund: Rattle Snake Racing \$600; Progressive Study Club \$500; Memorials: book in memory of Lillian Buerger, book in memory of Sidney L. Coggins, Eunice Amonett, Erwin Hamilton, Oca Karr, Mollie Frierson, Henry Downey, Clarence Butler and Bobbie Ann Corzine, B.C. Chapman, J.M. Miller, Nabela David, Lena Rueffer, Bud Derr, Zora Medford, Geraldine and R.C. Pool, Sandra Wallace, Jack Daniels, Audrey Renfro, Wilton Thomason, Pauline Frierson Coburn, Bill Liles, Truett Parsons, Kate Mears, JoAnn Cleaver, Juanita Miller and Ace Hill Lancaster.



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- Texas had 39 companies on the 'Inc. 500' fastest growing companies 2000 listing, second only to California. On the 2001 'Forbes 500' list, Texas had the third highest number of companies and also the third highest number on the 2001 'Fortune 500' list.



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JANET FRAZIER
Former Weinert teacher honored

Educator Janet Frazier of Holland has been honored by a nomination to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for the second consecutive year.

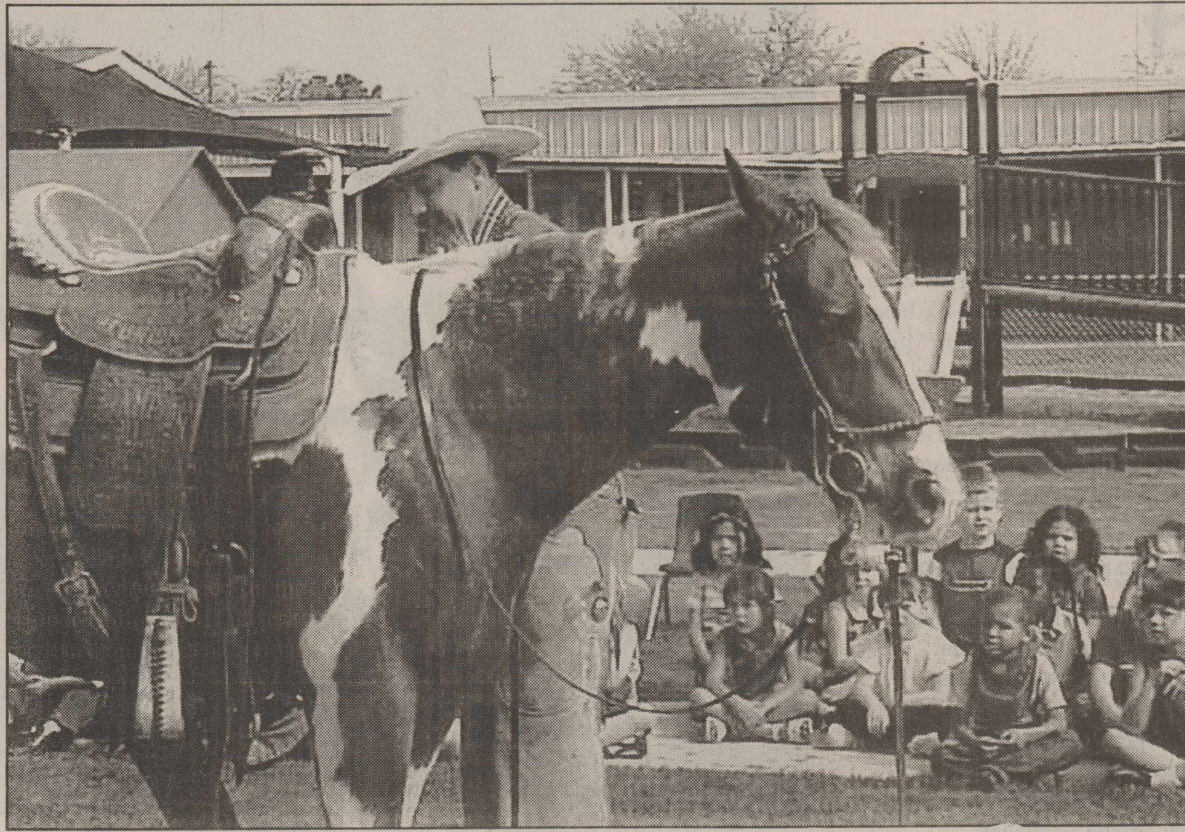
Former students who described Frazier as the most influential teacher in their academic careers, made the nominations. Approximately 5% of the nation's teachers are honored by such nominations. Less than 2% of the nations teachers receive more than one nomination.

When asked to reflect on the nominations, she credits the many teachers who mentored her. These include a number of folks in Haskell County who touched her life.

Frazier began her career in public education as a substitute teacher in Comanche, in 1985. She taught three years in a combined classroom of kindergarten and prekindergarten students (and one class of Chemistry) in the Weinert ISD. She joined the staff at Holland ISD as a third grade teacher in 1990.

Preparing society's future leaders has been one of the educator's stated objectives in her classrooms.

As the Director of Special Education for the Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children, Frazier continues her involvement in the Holland ISD and surrounding districts.



APACHE AT ROUNDUP—Little wranglers from Haskell Elementary School watch with interest as cowboy Carl Hopkins works with his horse, Apache, during the school's Annual Spring Roundup.



WRANGLERS AT ROUNDUP—At the Annual Spring Roundup for early childhood, headstart and pre K, held at the Haskell Elementary campus, Apr. 12, students enjoyed a grand entry through the halls and rodeo games. Privileged to meet a "real working cowboy," aka Carl Hopkins, and his horse Apache, the students dressed Western and roasted marshmallows over an open campfire.

Births

Brad and Deborah Ivey of Abilene announce the birth of Riley Thomas born April 2. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Grandparents are Brenda Castleberry and Kellie Marshall of Abilene, grandfather Van Sedberry of Rule, great grandparents Muriel Sedberry of Haskell, and John and Lou Hisey of Rule.

Student in the News

Jeffrey Murray of Rule was inducted into the Western Texas College Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of two year colleges, March 24.

Murray was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. To be listed on the Dean's Honor Roll a

student must have a 3.5-4.0 average.

Murray is a freshman student majoring in Golf Course and Landscape Technology.

A 2001 Rule High School graduate, he is the son of Ed and Charlene Murray of Rule.

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Maidens win Bi-District

The Haskell Maidens softball team defeated City View 19-2 in Bi-district play to claim the 2002 Bi-district Championship.

Although they later lost 0-7 to Eula in Area play, several team members received honors and were named to All-District 6-2A teams.

Tiffany Lindsey was named Defensive Most Valuable Player. Calina Kendall was named Newcomer of the Year. Amanda Guadaluca received a Fighting Heart award.

Named to the First Team were: Calina Kendall, pitcher-1st base; Tiffany Lindsey, 2nd base; Mindy Price 3rd base.

Named to the Second Team were: Veronica Vasquez, outfielder; Whitney Hise, outfielder; Samantha Steele, pitcher-1st base; Morgan Cox, short stop.



BI-DISTRICT WINNERS—Haskell Maidens Softball team celebrates after winning the District 6-2A Bi-Dist. Championship. From the left, back row, are Assistant Coach Kent Colley, Calina Kendall, Tiffany Lindsey, Melody Kennedy, Brittany Rutkowski, Morgan Cox, Jacklyn Escobedo, Toni Abilia and Heac Coach, Kent Carroll. Middle row, Whitney Hise, Samantha Steele, Veronica Vasquez, Consuelo Gonzales. Front row, Annada Guadaluca, Kristen Rodela and Mindy Price. Not pictured is Assistant Coach, Shawna Faircloth. The team record is 16-16-1. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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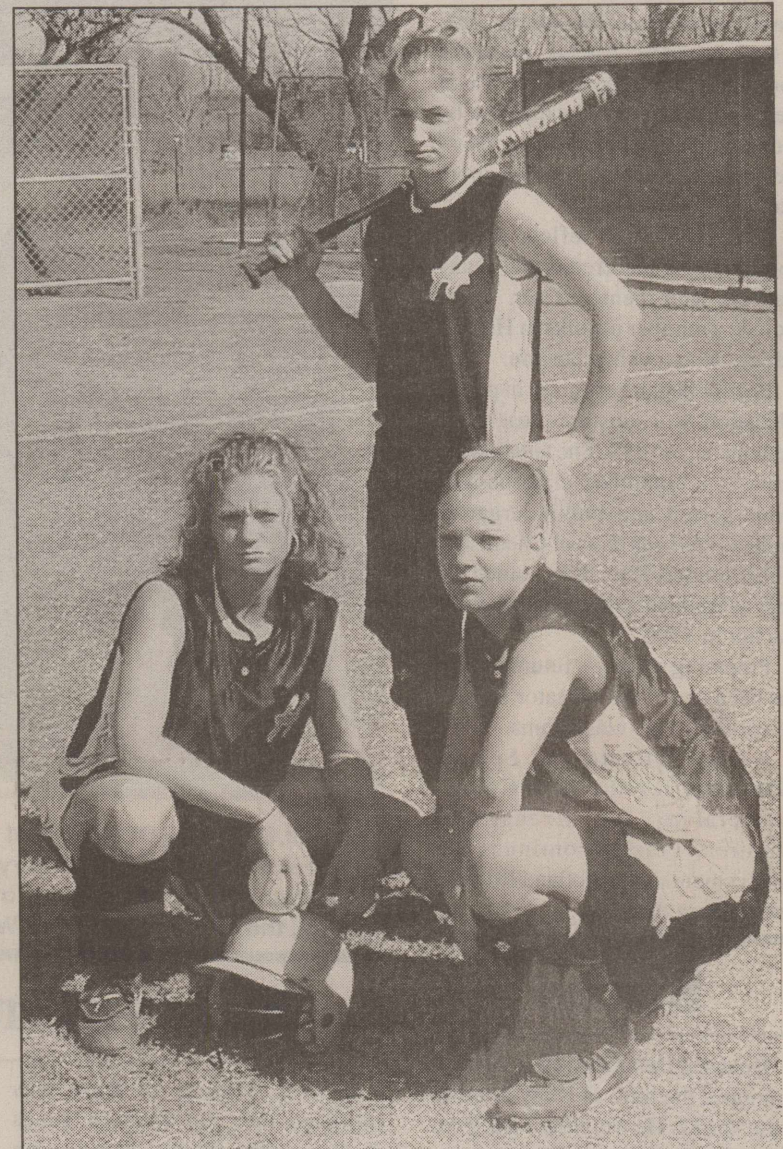
Gardeners to meet

All you need to know about "Realizing and Fixing Plant Problems" will be presented Mon., May 20 at 6:45 p.m. at Haskell National Bank Community Room by Texas Cooperative Extension Crooked River Master Gardener Association. Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist of Vernon, will present the program. For more information, call Haskell Co. Extension Office at 864-2658.

Cypert places in top six at state UIL

Haskell High school senior, Kristin Cypert, was one of eight area students placing in the top six at the University Interscholastic League Academic journalism competition in Austin, May 2-4. The Haskell War Whoop editor placed second in headline writing in

Class 2A high schools. She qualified for the state competitions by winning the regional championship in journalism, placing first in editorial writing, 1st in headline writing and 5th in news writing at the UIL Regional Meet.



ALL-DISTRICT—Haskell Maidens Softball Team members named to All-District Teams were: standing, freshman Calina Kendall, Newcomer of the Year, 1st Team pitcher/1st base; left, senior Tiffany Lindsey, MVP Defensive Player, 1st Team 2nd base; right, senior Mindy Price, 1st Team 3rd base. Not pictured is senior Amanda Guadaluca, Fighting Heart. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Registration - May 22, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.
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Summer - May 28 - Aug. 9			
BIOL 1413.027	General Zoology	TW	6-10 p.m.
ENGL 1301.027	Composition & Grammar	M	6-10:15 p.m.
ENGL 2323.027	Survey of British Literature	W	6-10 p.m.
PSYC 2301.027	General Psychology	Th	6-10 p.m.
Summer I - May 28 - July 3			
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Danny Letterman wins \$1.25-million jackpot

Danny Letterman of Andrews says that sleep hasn't come easy since learning of his instant fortune. "It's been crazy," he said. The son of Opal Langford of Haskell, Letterman and his wife, Lori cashed in a \$1.25-million Texas Two

Step jackpot prize recently after purchasing the lucky "quick pick" ticket at One Stop Food #3 in Andrews.

The Lettermans were at home on the evening of April 17, watching the live drawing on a Midland TV station, but missed the bonus ball number. They pulled up the lottery Web site to check the numbers there, but not believing it, they also went down to the store and asked the retailer for the number.

"We walked out of there real quietly when we saw the results," Letterman told the lottery officials.

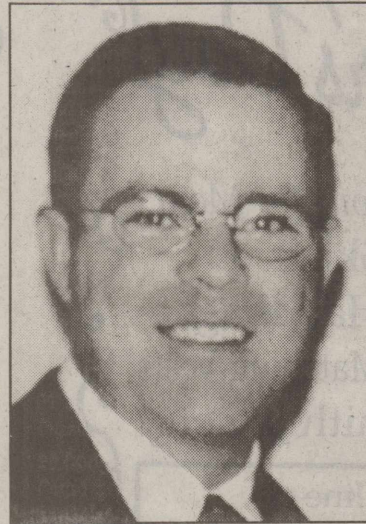
A pipeline technician, Letterman and his wife waited to cash in the ticket in order to get some professional advice before cashing it in as an individual, not opting to form a corporation, as some do for tax purposes.

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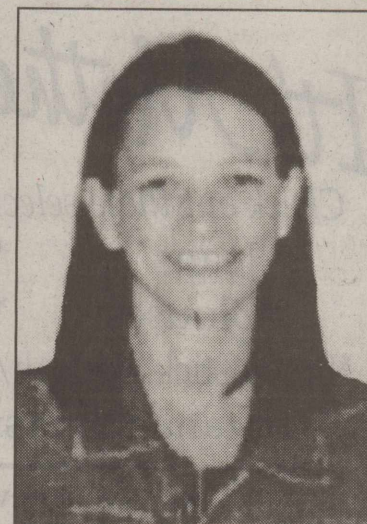
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Students in the News



RYAN NANNY

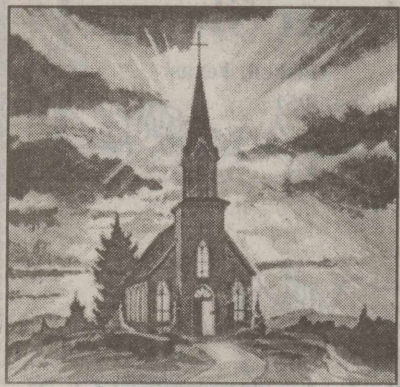
Hardin-Simmons University's Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics recently announced Haskell resident Ryan Nanny as the recipient of the Holland Geology award at the third annual banquet and awards program, Tues., April 16.



BETSY COLEMAN

Haskell resident Betsy Coleman was inducted into the Hardin-Simmons University chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the national biology honor society, April 26.

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 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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Breakfast
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Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Secondary: sausage/biscuit. Elementary: donut
Friday: Long Johns
Lunch
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Monday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Frito pie/cheese, pinto beans, corn/garden salad, cantaloupe
Wednesday: Corndogs, tater tots, baby carrots with dressing, pineapple tidbits, cookie
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Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickle spears, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 13
 Lunch—King ranch chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, black eyed peas, yeast rolls, cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., May 15
 10:00 a.m. Bingo
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READERS RECOGNIZED—Haskell Elementary second graders were recognized by the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees, Apr. 24, and awarded with certificates of achievement for being exceptional readers in the Accelerated Reading program. They passed 1711 reading tests and had an over-all average of 87 on the tests. Top row, l-r, are: Trey Gardner, Carley Calhoun, Clint Howard, Casey Calhoun. Middle row: Garrett Brueggeman, Ryan Anderson, Andrew Rodriguez, Brady Leach. Front: Austin Page, Nicolas Arreola, Mackenzie Thomas, Felysha Walker, Sasha Walker.

Farm bill program set May 15

By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The long-awaited farm bill has cleared the House and Senate conference committee and passed the House of Representatives. Now specific details can be examined. Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a "Farm Bill Interpretation Program" at 8:30 a.m., May 15 at the Haskell National Bank meeting room in Haskell, to help producers and ag lenders better understand the ramifications of the new farm bill.

"We have known for some time now what the respective House and Senate bills have looked like, but we have been speculating on what compromise the conference committee would produce, and what the changes would mean to producers," said Stan Bevers,

District 3 Extension Economist. "Now we have the details of the bill in place. We've designed this program specifically to help producers and lenders understand the effects of the farm bill on the agricultural economic climate of the Rolling Plains and what specific actions producers need to take in order to take full advantage of the farm policy provisions."

Bevers and Brandon Anderson will conduct the program. Anderson is the County Extension Agent for Agriculture in Haskell. The meeting is being sponsored by The Texas Cooperative Extension of Haskell and Knox County and the Haskell County Agriculture Committee.

The program will start with a general overview of the farm bill and

its program and crop commodity changes. The overview will be followed by an explanation of the target prices, loan rates, fixed payment rates, counter-cyclical program, base and yield updating and payment limits.

"We'll also talk about the farm bill's considerable conservation-related program changes and what producers need to do regarding the processes associated with these changes," said Bevers.

For further information contact Stan Bevers, Extension economist at Vernon, at (940) 552-9941, or Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. at (940) 864-2658 or Trish Jones, Knox County Extension Agent-Ag. at (940) 454-2651.

Early Childhood to register Thurs., May 16

Early Childhood screening and registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be Thurs., May 16 at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, your child must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002.

The screening identifies children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in any way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, please call the elementary office at 864-2654 to set up a time for your child to be screened.

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