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Adventure sport to be featured January 10

Sat., Jan. 10, an episode of the Primal Quest Adventure will be televised on CBS from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jim McTasney, Leiza Morales, John McTasney, all of Haskell and Rob Butler of Dallas participated in the race which included caving, rappelling, white water paddling, flat water paddling, hiking, orienteering, night navigation, mountain biking and road biking.

Their entry, Team Rattlesnake Racing, was ranked 47th in a field of 80.

Morales said, "We encourage area residents to watch the adventure and see just what our team is all about." The group is not sure they will be featured during the show, but that it will be an exciting two hours of television.

Basketball games

- HASKELL**
Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Eula
Thurs., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
- Girls 7th-8th B vs Eula
Thurs., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
at Eula
- Girls 9th vs Albany
Thurs., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
at Albany
- JVG-B, VG-B vs Anson
Fri., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.
at Anson
- Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Eastland
Mon., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
- Girls 7th-8th-9th vs Eastland
Mon., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
at Eastland
- JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
- PAINT CREEK**
Paint Creek vs Guthrie
Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
- Paint Creek vs Rochester
Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
- Paint Creek JH vs Aspermont
Mon., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Noah Project

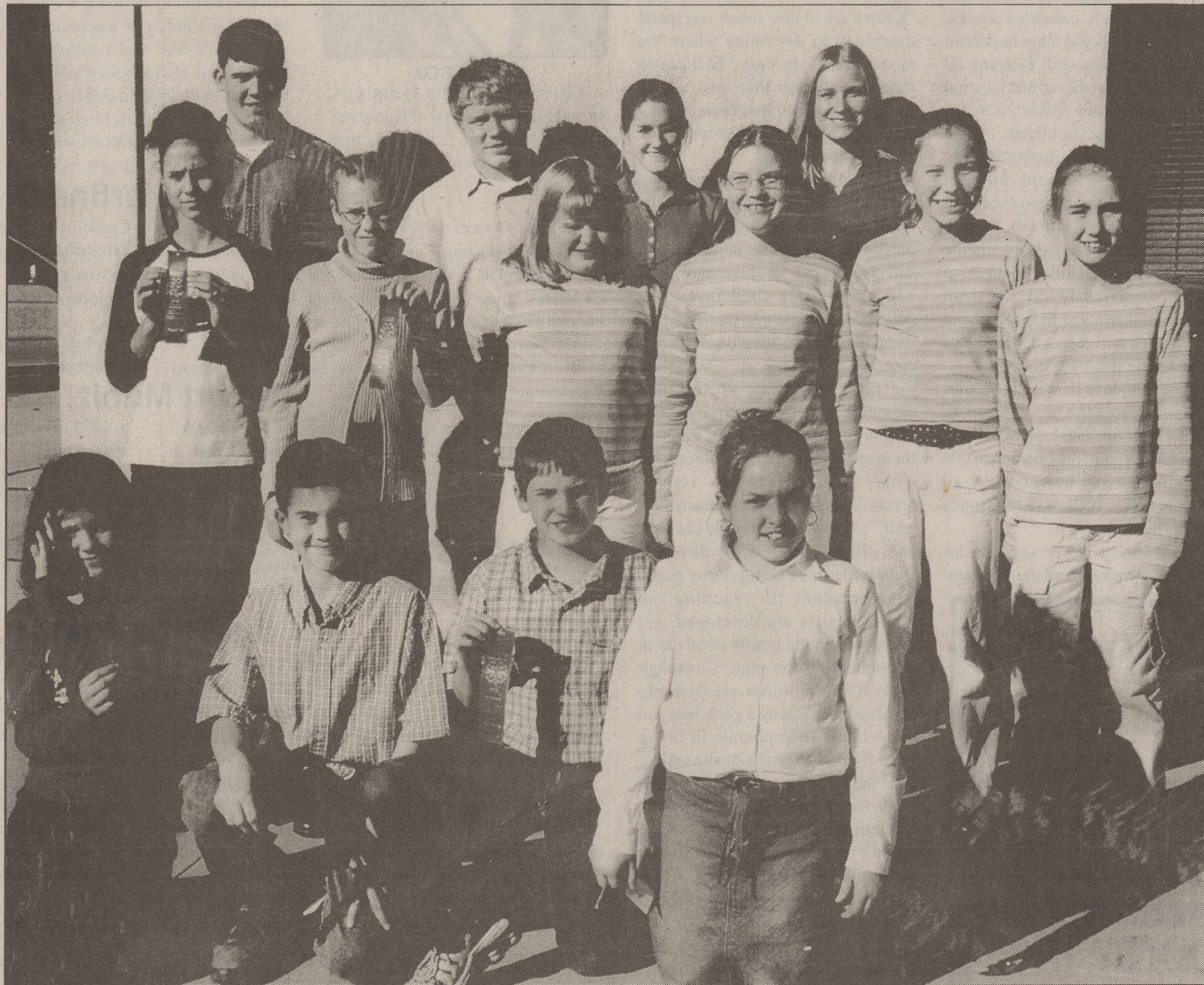
The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at KP's restaurant in Haskell Fri., Jan. 9 at noon. Plans will be made for the annual dinner theatre.

Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., Jan. 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-989-2925 for information.

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4-H QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEMBERS—Haskell Co. 4-H'ers who participated in the District 4-H Quiz Bowl competition held Dec. 3 in Vernon include front row, l-r: Laycee Tullos, Cody Benson, Stewart Ulrich and Paige Glover; middle row: Tabitha Schonerstedt, Kate Rowan, Jenny Dudensing, Brooke Bullinger,

Molly Dudensing and Aubrey Bassett; back row: Kiel Rowan, Emery Dudensing, Gay Lynn Gary and Abby Dudensing. Teams were tested in their knowledge of nutrition, food safety and food economics. The contest teaches youth life skills such as self-discipline, observation, listening and making and defending decisions.

Junior Livestock Show set Jan. 15-17

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 15-17 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 15 by 4 p.m.

Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Fri., Jan. 16 by 7:30 a.m.

Show time schedules are Fri., Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. for poultry and rabbits; followed by lambs; then by swine. Show time for steers is 3 p.m.; followed by heifers.

Judge for the steers and heifers will be Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension agent. Judge for swine will be Galen McCune of Mooreland, Oklahoma. Judging rabbits, chickens and lambs will be Kenneth Dudensing, Agriculture Science teacher at Sweetwater High School.

Auctioneer for the sale, which begins at 11 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 17 will be Mike Fouts.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will be serving barbecue sandwiches both Friday and Saturday.

The Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand with drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 104 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$70,400.

Jeff Teague of Haskell is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.

Burglary suspect caught at TxDOT

Responding to a call from an alarm company on Sun., Dec. 21 at 4 a.m., Haskell Co. Sheriff David Halliburton and Texas Dept. of Transportation Crew Chief Danny Kierepka found the Texas Dept. of Transportation office had been broken into.

After checking the outside area of

the building, they entered and checked the work area and found items on the floor that did not belong in the area. The bathroom window in the back was open, along with the back door. A bag was found in the front office.

While checking the other offices in the building, a suspect was found

hiding in the building's front bathroom and was placed in custody.

While being transported to the Haskell County Jail, the suspect admitted to driving a truck that was parked in front of Delta & Pine Land Co. He suspect gave permission for the truck to be checked.

Drug paraphernalia and crystal methamphetamine were found inside of the parked vehicle.

The suspect was charged with burglary of a building and with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Search warrant yields arrest of couple for drug possession

Officers from Haskell Co. Sheriff's office, Haskell Police Dept. and Dept. of Public Safety executed a search warrant from Judge Lynn Dodson's court Sun., Dec. 21 for a residence located on Farm to Market Road 2407 in Haskell County.

One male subject was arrested for possession of marijuana and one female was arrested for possession of marijuana and delivery of a

controlled substance (crack cocaine). Both were transported to Haskell County Jail.

The combined efforts of the officers yielded a find of over five ounces of marijuana and over one ounce of crack cocaine at the residence.

Sheriff David Halliburton wants to thank the citizens of Haskell County for information given about

illegal drugs in the county. All who give information remain anonymous.

All officers and departments are diligently working to keep drugs out of Haskell County.

Overton to be honored

Ray Overton, former area football coach, will celebrate his 80th birthday with a group of his friends, former players and coaches Sat., Jan. 10 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel DFW South, 4600 Airport Freeway in Irving. A reception, dinner, program and post-dinner celebration is planned.

Beginning his career at Paint Creek, Overton also coached at

Haskell and later at Cooper High School in Abilene for 19 years. He left Cooper to become head coach at Irving MacArthur in 1984. He retired from coaching in 1994 but continues to teach physics and chemistry at MacArthur.

Ticket information can be obtained by contacting Brad Suggs at 806-472-1780 or Jim Cooke at 432-689-3935.

Haskell Fire Dept. names officers

Bill Steele was elected fire chief by members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. during an election of officers held Mon., Jan. 5.

Jerry Stocks was elected assistant fire chief.

Others elected include:
Company 1: Eddie Klose, captain and Felix Rodriguez, lieutenant;
Company 2: Coy Scoggins, captain and Danny Stocks lieutenant;
Company 3: Randy Shaw, captain and Mathew Cunningham,

lieutenant.
Danny Stocks is secretary, assisted by Jeff Caparoon. Trustees are Chester Lamb, Jeff Caparoon, Ronnie Frierson and Shane Buchanan. Eddie Klose is tail twister.

Ronnie Frierson will be the training officer, assisted by Jerry Stocks. Safety officer is Mark Crosson, assisted by Kenny Watson.

Shane Buchanan will serve as equipment officer. Randy Shaw will be in charge of public information.



SENIOR QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEMBERS—Senior team members received first place honors at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Quiz Bowl held in Vernon. Members are l-r, Kiel Rowan, Gay Lynn Gary, Emery Dudensing and Abby Dudensing.

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Get into better fiscal shape for the new year

While you're resolving to lose weight, quit smoking and exercise more this year, give some thought to getting into a little better fiscal shape too.

Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, said the first part of the year is the ideal time to

Eat-a-thon over

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The holiday eat-a-thon is over. It's time to test the scales and face the fact that we have work to do. On average, people gain seven pounds during the holidays.

Extension nutritionist Dymple Cooksey points out how that if that weight goes unchecked, in three years, you will have gained 21 pounds. In ten years, you will weigh 70 pounds more. That should be enough to convince you to do something about the weight right now.

Regular exercise is a critical component. So is eating healthy. Return to planning meals around the food guide pyramid.

Cooksey says keep it simple and sensible. Grill and steam instead of frying. Prepare dishes made with grains, vegetables and fruits.

And by all means, get rid of any leftover holiday sweets.

take a good look at personal and family finances. "Take stock of where you are," she advised, "in preparation for doing taxes," as well as recovering from holiday spending.

The first step is getting organized, she said. "If you don't have a record-keeping system, the beginning of the year is a good time to start." Start with an expanding file folder or even a kitchen drawer—some specific place to store receipts, billing statements, payment booklets, cancelled checks, owner's manuals and other important papers, Cavanagh said. Keeping all these records together in one location will help to avoid frantic searches come tax season, she added.

Next, "set some goals for the coming year," she said, and get everyone in the family involved. "Sit down with the kids and talk to them about the (financial) goals for the coming year. Each individual gets to set (personal) goals too. Let them write it all down and help figure out how much it will cost and make plans for covering those expenses."

For example, if the family decides they want to take a vacation to Disneyland in 2004, all of them should help figure out how much that trip will cost and how they are all going to collectively save the money for the trip.

"Everybody has a say (in the plan), so it makes it easier to know

(what the cost will be)," Cavanagh said. "Everybody has input into how at least some of the family money will be spent."

After setting these financial goals, she said, develop a plan for saving the money to make the goals a reality. Take a look at everyday spending habits and how they can be reduced.

Cavanagh suggested a 30-day spending calendar for everyone in the family—14 days if 30 is too long. "Keep track of how much you spend every day to determine where the money goes," she said. "That can be more motivation than just telling someone to spend less because they can see in black and white where the money goes."

And, she added, it can be an eye-opener to discover just how much the family actually spends in vending machines each week—those 75-cent soft drinks and 50-cent candy bars add up to more than just extra pounds. "Most people don't add up those charges, so they don't have a clue."

This is truly a case where a little bit means a lot, Cavanagh said. "I'm not suggesting that they deprive themselves but to help determine what they can do to reduce (everyday) costs and help reach their goal," she said. "They could cut back and still be happy while directing (funds) to a more high-priority goal."

Once plans for reaching the family's goals are developed, get everybody in the family involved in implementing the plan, Cavanagh said. If the children are actively involved in reaching a goal, they are more likely to cooperate in doing what it takes to reach it, she added, and "they can't complain they had no say in the process, because they did."

Getting into better fiscal shape doesn't require doing a lot of sit-ups or avoiding carbohydrates. All it involves is doing a little planning and sticking to it, she said.

One last thought for the New Year and better family fiscal health: "At least once a year, everybody ought to look at how their investments are doing," Cavanagh said. "And check to see if you have an adequate amount of life insurance and good disability coverage."

Consider it a gift for the whole family.

Obituaries

Helen Cox



HELEN COX

Funeral services for Helen Cox, 98, of Haskell, formerly of Rochester, were held Fri., Jan. 2 at First United Methodist Church in Rochester with

Charles Fisher and Dolan Brinson officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox died Wed., Dec. 31 at a local nursing home.

Born Sept. 27, 1905 in Rochester, she was the daughter of W. Z. and Jessie Pearl Wadzeck. She married Odell Cox in June 1927 in Rochester. He preceded her in death Feb. 25, 1979. She moved to Haskell in 1984. Mrs. Cox was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell and played piano at the First United Methodist Church of Rochester for many years. She was a member of Eastern Star at Rochester and Rule and was a charter member of the Hobby Club of Rochester. She worked for the City of Rochester. She loved to quilt and enjoyed spending

time with her family. She was a strong Christian influence on her family and friends. In September, she was the oldest living graduate at the Rochester Homecoming.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Willis Cox; grandson, Jubal Cox; and six brothers.

Survivors include her children, Sue Miller of Haskell, Glenn Cox of Garland and Jo Ellison of Lindale; one brother, Troy Wadzeck of Fredericksburg; one sister, Dean Johnson of Centre, Alabama; nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Service Network, P. O. Box 2026, Abilene, Texas 79604 or Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship, Box 3, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Frank Martinez

Funeral services for Frank Martinez, 69, of Haskell were held Wed., Jan. 7 at Iglesia Bautista El Calvario in Haskell with J. R. Flores officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Martinez died Sun., Jan. 4 in Abilene. Born Feb. 4, 1934, he was the son of Francis and

Candelio Martinez. He was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa, May 22, 2003. A resident of Haskell for 33 years, he was a farmer and a Baptist. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his son, Eddie Martinez of Rockville, Minnesota. PD. NOTICE

Robert Muniz, Sr.

Memorial services for Robert Muniz, Sr., 48, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 6 at Mission Revival Center in Haskell with Rev. William Hodge officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Muniz died Sun., Jan. 4 at his home. Born May 23, 1955 in Edinburg, he was the son of Eva Salinas and Marcos Muniz. He married Angelita Nov.

5, 1975 in Edinburg. They have been residents of Haskell since August of 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Angelita Muniz of Haskell; his father, Marcos Muniz of Edinburg; his son, Roberto Muniz, Jr. of Haskell; five sisters, Dalia Longoria of Edinburg, Chris Forquer of McAllen, and Sylvia Muniz, Lydia Muniz and Belia Muniz, all of Georgia; and several nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Illa Faye Wright

Funeral services for Illa Faye Wright, 83, of Rule were held Tues., Dec. 30 at the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson and Travis Boyd officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wright died Sun., Dec. 28 at a local nursing home.

Born Sept. 6, 1920 in Granbury, she was the daughter of Robert and Nettie Tidwell Cooper. She married Elgin Wright Dec. 9, 1943 in Rule. He preceded her in death April 18, 1992. A seamstress with Russell Newmen in Stamford, she had also worked for the Housing Authority

of Haskell and for the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Claire and David Halliburton; three grandsons, James and Bianca Halliburton of Breckenridge, Jason Halliburton of Mesquite and Justin and Bonnie Halliburton of Hawley; four great grandchildren, Ty, Saxon, Joseph and Aaron; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Rice Springs Care Home, for the purpose of furnishing a specialized hospice room. PD. NOTICE

James Delton Francis

Funeral services for James Delton Francis, 52, of Perrin were held Wed., Dec. 31 at First Baptist Church in Perrin with Rev. Ernest Carpenter and Rev. Travis Corbin officiating. Burial was in Perrin Memorial Gardens under the direction of Coker Funeral Home.

Mr. Francis died Sat., Dec. 27 in Jack County.

Born June 10, 1951 in Mineral Wells, he was the son of Jack and Georgia Francis. He married Janice Elaine Scheets in Haskell on May 12, 1979. He served in the National Guard for six years, being honorably discharged Feb. 12, 1977. He worked for Southwestern Bell for 26 years and was a rancher. A member of the Perrin Advent Christian Church, he served there as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and song leader for many years. He served as Treasurer of the Texas Advent Christian Conference. He was a member of Perrin-Whitt Community Club, vice president of the Perrin Cemetery Association, and member of the Perrin Volunteer Fire

Dept. He served as a director of the Jack Co. Fair Association and Jack Co. Farm Bureau. He was a board member of the Jack Co. Soil Conservation Service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Francis; in-laws, Carroll and Faye Scheets; grandparents, Homer and Maxine Francis and Maston and Leona Clay.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; children, Clay and Mary; mother, Georgia Clay Francis; one sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Marion Tillery; two brothers, and sisters-in-law, Calvin and Karen Francis and Eddie and Renee Francis; sister-in-law, Linda Burks; sister-in-law and husband, Corky and Mark Murdock; a number of nieces and nephews; and one great niece and great nephew.

Pallbearers were Darren Francis, Jeff Davis, David Hardy, Cal Francis, Michael Francis and Chance Buchanan. PD. NOTICE

EQIP meeting set Jan. 15 in Stamford

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will hold a Program Development Group and Local Work Group Meeting Thurs., Jan. 15 at 1:00 p.m., at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford.

The purpose of the meeting will be to make recommendations for the EQIP cost share conservation program in Haskell County for 2004. The main topic of business will be to

select high priority conservation practices for cost share in Haskell County during 2004.

Haskell County is eligible for cost share funds under EQIP from two sources this year, the regular county based funding and a special emphasis irrigation area on the Seymour Aquifer.

If you have comments or ideas on the cost share program for 2004, make plans to attend. For additional information call the NRCS office at (940) 864-8516 ext. 4.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 147 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Jan. 5, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 29 sellers and 19 buyers were present.

Feeders, stockers \$7 to \$10 lower, packers \$1 to \$3 lower.

Cows: fat, .44-.50; cutters, .46-.52; canners, .25-.37.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.60; feeders, .67-.80; utility, .48-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.15; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-700 lbs., .78-.87; 700-800 lbs., .75-.83; 800-up lbs., .67-.79.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.00; 300-400 lbs., .88-.95; 400-500 lbs., .82-.90; 500-600 lbs., .75-.87; 600-up lbs., .65-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 500-575.

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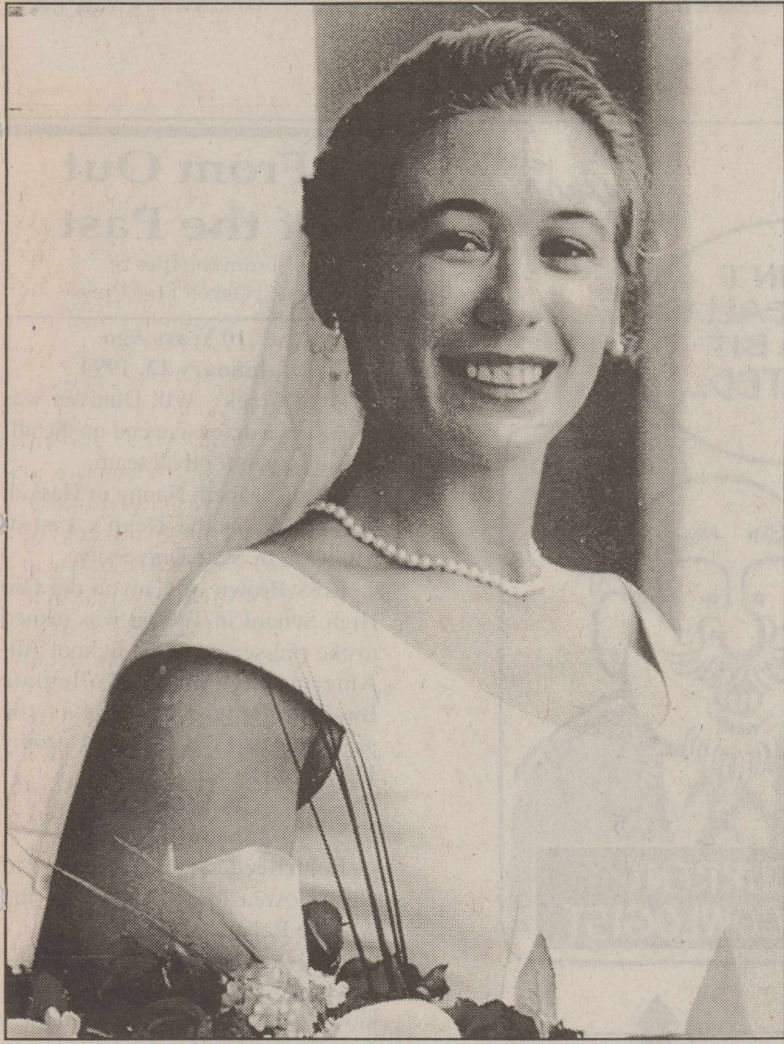
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MRS. EDWARD JAMES HANNA

Pope, Hanna wed near San Antonio

Jodi Carol Pope of Seguin and Edward James Hanna of San Antonio were united in a double ring, riverside ceremony Sat., Sept. 27, at Rio Cibolo Ranch outside of San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pope of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Temple. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wainscott and step-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toliver, all of Haskell.

The Rev. Randy McLelland of Glen Rose officiated. Music was provided by Susan Jones, mother of the bride, and Elizabeth Finch of Temple. Scripture reader was Astrid Lutter of Bossier City, Louisiana.

Wearing an A-line dress of satin and organza with cap sleeves and a pearl and sequined empire waist, the bride arrived in an antique horse-drawn carriage. She was escorted by her father.

Matron of honor was Mandi Watts, sister of the bride of Austin. Bridesmaids were Tonya Weatherman of Brady, Ember Medford of Haskell, Nicole Columbus of Dallas, and Pamela

Backeberg of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Best man was Adrian Esquivel of San Antonio. Groomsmen were Chuck Lutter of Bossier City, Louisiana. Steve Hamilton of New York City, New York, Shawn McDonald of San Antonio, and Matt Backeberg of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Flower girl was Ruth Watts of Austin, niece of the bride.

Seating guests were Cody Wainscott, cousin of the bride of Knox City, and Ethan Brown, stepbrother of the bride of Dallas.

A dinner reception and dance followed at Rio Cibolo Ranch.

The bride, a graduate of Angelo State University, is a veterinary technician with Ratama Equine Hospital in San Antonio.

The bridegroom, formerly with the United States Air Force, is a firefighter with the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department in San Antonio.

After a wedding trip to Fredricksburg, the couple resides in Seguin.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the NCO Club on Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio.

County officials honored by EEA

The Haskell County Commissioners, County Judge, judge's secretary and their spouses were honored Nov. 10 by the Haskell Co. Extension Education Association for support of extension work.

A luncheon using a patriot theme was cooked and served by extension members.

Attending were Judge David Davis, Geraldine and Glenn Darden, Tammy Parham, Agent Brandon Anderson; Commissioners Kenny Thompson, Tiffen and Erlinda Mayfield, Bob and Norva Smith, and

Johnny and Teresa Scoggins; Toby Yates, Jack Reed, Bill Baker, Bobby Tidwell, Burl Medford, Ben McGee and Bill Blankenship.

Extension members hosting the luncheon were Geraldine Baker, Flossie Bates, Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Jeri Burke, Mary Lou Gilleland, Sue McGee, Dolores Medford, Muriel Nanny, Shirley Reed, Mildred Robertson, Lena Tidwell, Jane Smith, Coleta Whitfield, Alice Yates and Agent Jane Rowan.

EEA Club holds Information Day

Sat., Sept. 27 the Extension Education Association Club held their annual Information Day highlighting the accomplishments of the group for the past year and initiating the beginning of a new year. The meeting, held at Levis and Lace, was begun with fellowship and refreshments.

Program participants were Dolores Medford, Alice Yates and Flossie Bates who reported on a trip to the State TEEA convention held Sept. 16-18 in Plano. The convention featured educational workshops and upcoming programs for the local club was revealed. Lena Tidwell, Haskell County EEA Chairman, reported on the club's programs, activities, projects and events.

Extension Education Association club members meet monthly to trade recipes, learn about computers, health, gardening, community projects and many other items of interest. They enjoy learning together and join together to help in the community.

Some of their community projects include: a concession stand at the Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock show; an

appreciation luncheon for the County Commissioners; funds for County 4-H Family and Consumer Science projects; trips to state contests; a scholarship for a 4-H student; and delivering meals to homebound seniors.

Officers for the 2003-04 club year were installed and include: Flossie Bates, TEEA chairman; Alice Yates, TEEA vice chairman; Dolores Medford, secretary; Shirley Reed, treasurer; Lennie Ruth Blankenship, reporter; and Jeri Burke, telephone and organizer.

Mildred Robertson was honored for sixty years of membership and service to the Texas Extension Education Association. Former agent, Lou Gilly, gave a recap of Robertson's years of service to the club.

Jeri Burke was honored as Club Woman of the Year. Muriel Nanny was recognized as Rookie of the Year. Both honors are voted on by the membership.

With twenty-five members, the club meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Haskell Co. Extension kitchen.

Students in the News

Tammi Hawkins of Haskell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2003 semester.

Hawkins is working toward a Bachelor of Applied Studies degree

in Applied Studies.

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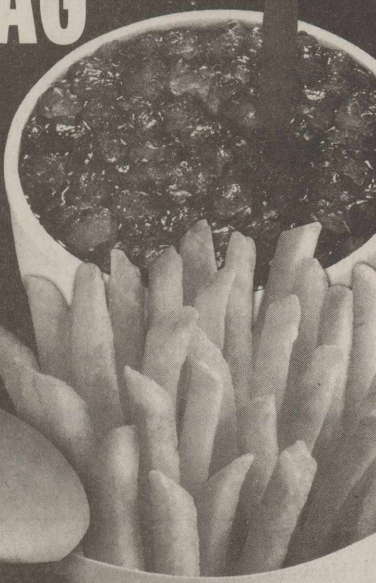
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Lois Redwine recently returned from a two weeks visit with daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Vern Foreman in Odessa. She also visited friends and grand and great grand children including Monica Childs and family in Midland. Also visiting the Foremans were Lois' grandson and great grandson, Chad and Canyon Lundy of Tulsa. They returned home with Lois and visited their aunt and uncle, Jean and Hyrum Richards and cousins, Flint, Lisa and Austin Nanny.

Visiting with Bernice Hilliard last week were her son and wife, Ron and Edith Hilliard. They all went to Rochester to visit with the family of Linda and Larry Short, Bernice's daughter, for Christmas. Others who were there were grandson, Jared Hilliard of Houston, Pat of Nash, Ellen Hilliard of Abilene, Mary Jane Short of Lubbock and Kenneth Hilliard of Waco.

Joyce Hawkins visited with her daughter Darlene Conn in Stamford from Tuesday to Friday last week.

Helping Garrett Tatum celebrate his sixth birthday Sat. night in his home were his parents, Christopher

and Melissa Tatum; brothers, Zachary and Taylor; sister, Kristlyn; grandmothers, Margaret Tatum and Linda Chapman; great grandmother, Joyce Hawkins; and uncles and aunts, Jonathan and Candis Tatum, Creora Tatum, Glendon and Donna Hawkins of Stamford and Bobby Scheets.

Pauline Gruben of Weatherford is visiting her sister, Faye Gray, this week.

Wayne Reeves and family of Sulphur Springs spent the holidays with his mother, Doris Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ballard hosted a family dinner for his cousins during Christmas. 32 visited from Brownfield, Plains, New Home, O'Donnell and Gardenville. Mrs. Ballard's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams of Las Vegas, Nevada also attended.

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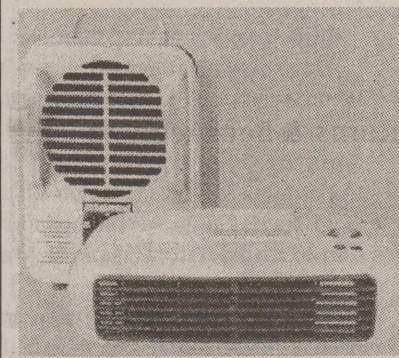
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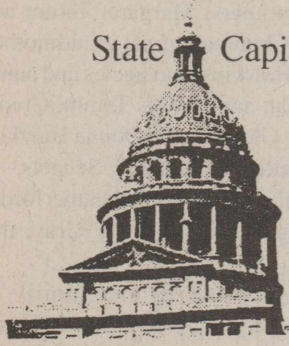
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Insurance bills could lower costs for small businesses

AUSTIN—Whether you keep your appointments on an old-fashioned paper calendar, a leather-bound organizer or a state-of-the-art Personal Digital Assistant, here's a date to remember if you're a small business owner worried about the cost of health insurance: Feb. 6.

On that day, the Texas Department of Insurance will hold public hearings on proposed rules that could make health insurance coverage less expensive for both businesses and individuals. The rules, which will be acted on by the insurance commissioner after public input, will implement Senate Bills 10 and 541, passed during the last regular legislative session.

SB 10 allows small businesses to create what the legislation calls "Health Group Cooperatives" to improve buying power in shopping for group insurance benefits. These co-ops must have at least 10 different employers, a term which includes small businesses, associations, chambers of commerce or other organizations.

SB 541 authorizes Health Maintenance Organizations and insurance companies to offer an assortment of health plans at reasonable prices. Known as "Consumer Choice Plans," they provide consumers more choices on extent of coverage rather than traditional "one size fits all" policies.

The bills are law, but the hearings on the proposed set-up rules will be at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 6 for SB 541 and at 1:30 p.m. that day for SB 10. Written comments on either measure can be received through 5 p.m. on Feb. 9.

For more details on the proposed rules, check TDI's Web site at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

About bad bugs...

A lot of state employees have been taking vacation time to enhance their holidays, but enough folks were on the job at the Texas Department of Health last week to report that flu is still widespread in Texas.

TDH reached its conclusion on the prevalence of influenza based on the fact that the virus was reported in six of 11 of the state's public

health regions. Types A/Panama and A/Fujian (and various varieties described as "Panama-like" and "Fujian-like") are making the rounds. A form of Type B flu also has been confirmed, though the strain has not yet been identified.

Knowledge being power, it's interesting to note in TDH news releases on flu in Texas that doctors and hospitals in Texas are not mandated by law to report flu cases to the health department. The agency is forced to get its information from a network of voluntary surveillance sites instead.

"Therefore," as the department said last week, "TDH does not have statewide flu case or flu death numbers." That last part was printed in bold.

The department apparently is not encumbered in regard to the reporting of West Nile virus cases, which accounted for 35 deaths in 2003 in Angelina, Burnet, Cameron, Castro, Cherokee, Crosby, Dallas (3), Denton, Ellis, El Paso (3), Hale, Harris (3), Hidalgo (2), Floyd, Lubbock (2), Montgomery, Parmer, Potter, Randall (2), San Patricio, Smith, Taylor, Travis, Wharton and Wichita (2) counties. In all, 408 human cases have been reported in 82 Texas counties.

Bottom line: Cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands even when you don't think you need to and watch out for mosquitoes.

2004 travel packet available...

On a more pleasant note, if you're planning on enjoying some of the diversity of the Texas landscape and culture this year, the Texas Department of Transportation has its 2004 Travel Guide, Accommodations Guide and Official Travel Map available.

The new map, incidentally, has been digitized for the first time in the state's history. That, says TxDOT's Travel Division, makes it easier to read and more accurate than ever before.

A free travel packet containing all three publications can be ordered by calling 800-888-8TEX, Extension 2068, or bulk copies can be obtained by contacting Alice Sedberry at 512-486-5927.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I would like to recognize Danny Kierepka for using his talents, imagination and hard work to create exceptional Christmas lighting displays at his residence at 500 S. 6th East in Haskell each year. I think you deserve first place every year!

Also, I would like to thank the judges of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce's lighting contest for their hard work in trying to choose the best in a town of many great displays. Our town is one to be proud of.

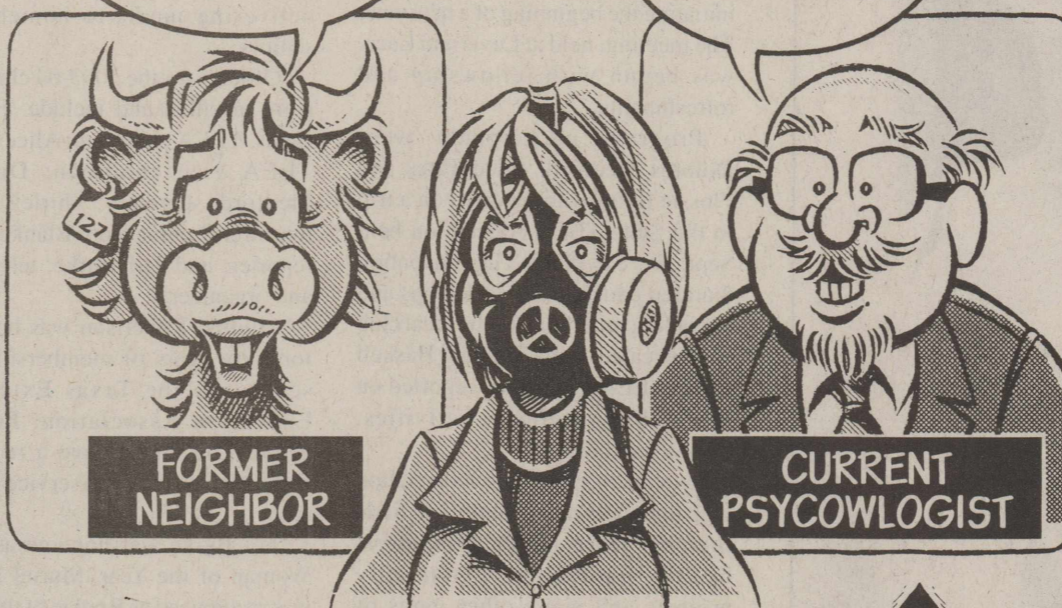
Dorothy Cox

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U. S. meat supply safe, says Texas' state vet

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The presumptive diagnosis of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in one cow in the state of Washington has proven the U.S.' disease surveillance system is working, resulting in a meat supply that is safe, reports Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

BSE is commonly nicknamed "mad cow disease," because infected cattle stumble, become unable to walk, develop head jerking and sensitivity to light as the fatal disease progresses.

Dr. Hillman stressed that BSE is in no way related to foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), a fast-moving virus that causes cloven-hooved animals, such as cows, pigs or sheep, to develop blisters around their mouth, teats or hooves.

Dr. Hillman said the 4 1/2-year-old dairy cow in Washington was slaughtered Dec. 9 at a small processing plant near Yakima. Brain and nervous tissue samples were collected from the animal and tested for BSE, because the cow was unable to stand, a problem apparently resulting from recent calving. Positive presumptive test results on the cow were announced Dec. 23, and tissue samples were forwarded to the world's BSE reference laboratory in England for confirmatory testing, a process that should take about a week.

"At least 23 countries, including Canada, have had at least one confirmed case of BSE in domestic cattle since the disease was initially seen in the United Kingdom in 1986," said Dr. Hillman. "From all evidence, it appears the disease is transmitted

through feed supplements comprised of rendered by-products from an infected animal.

As knowledge about this emerging disease has been gained, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in concert with other food-related agencies, states and industry associations have implemented regulations and safeguards to protect our livestock and meat supply."

Dr. Hillman pointed out preventative and surveillance efforts: "since 1989, the U.S. has prohibited the importation of live animals and products from countries that have had confirmed cases of the disease.

"banning the feeding of rendered by-products from ruminants (such as cattle and sheep) back to ruminants since August 1997.

"testing of brain tissue of more than 57,000 cattle in the U.S. since 1990.

More than 20,000 of these tests were conducted in federal fiscal year 2003. Until Dec. 23, 2003, when positive presumptive test results were completed on the Washington state cow, all tests have been negative.

Part of the national BSE plan includes targeted disease testing on cattle that exhibit central nervous system disorders or are unable to rise or walk normally.

"Our U.S. surveillance testing is significantly greater than that recommended by the Office of International Epizootics, the organization that establishes international animal health standards," said Dr. Hillman.

Dr. Hillman said the U.S. is following its BSE plan, put in place and improved on since 1996. The herd of origin of the cow in Washington has been identified and quarantined.

USDA and Washington animal

health officials will determine the appropriate disposition of the herd upon completion of the disease investigation. Food officials are recalling products which may contain meat from the animal, although the BSE organism has never been detected in milk or beef muscle tissue.

The exhaustive epidemiological investigation will examine all aspects of the disease occurrence, including feed sources, in order to gain insight on how the cow became infected and if other herds in Washington—or other states—may be at risk.

Dr. Hillman said the TAHC will receive frequent updates on the investigation and will share information as quickly as possible.

"As difficult and unfortunate as this situation is, we do know the disease surveillance system is working," said Dr. Hillman. "In Texas, animals will continue to be monitored for BSE, and the USDA and TAHC will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers to investigate potential disease occurrences.

For BSE, that would include cattle that exhibit central nervous system disorders, or those unable to rise or walk." Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC operates a 24-hour hotline, which can be accessed by calling 1-800-550-8242.

"The U.S. meat supply remains safe for consumers, because agencies, producers and livestock associations are willing to address disease problems openly," said Dr. Hillman. "I encourage consumers to enjoy a steak, roast or tall glass of milk tonight, and know that every rational and scientifically based effort is being made to ensure the wholesomeness of our products."

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
January 13, 1994

Paint Creek's Will Duniven was chosen as a defensive end on the all-state six-man football team.

Julie Elizabeth Nanny of Haskell was listed on the Dean's List at Midwestern State University.

Ross Brown of Canyon del Oro High School in Tucson was named to the pre-season High School All-America Team by Collegiate Baseball magazine. He is the grandson of Fred D. and Dorothy Brown of Haskell.

20 Years Ago
January 12, 1984

Keith Reed, senior, was named to the All-Area football team by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Rosemary Brown, President of the Haskell Young Homemakers, presented R. C. Couch, Jr. with a \$1,000 check for the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. The donation resulted from an Arts and Crafts sale sponsored by the Young Homemakers.

Lloyd Kloese of Haskell was promoted to captain in the Abilene Fire Department.

30 Years Ago
January 10, 1974

Seniors, Cole Turner, Larry Barbee and Art Briles were selected on the first team in Class B All State football. Turner and Barbee were on offense and defense first team, and Briles was first team offense and second team defense. In district picks, Rule placed Barbee, Cole Turner, Jack Wilson, Briles, Mike Lisle, Jimmy Macias, Leonard Rhoads. On honorable mention was Steve Anders, Terry Futch, Bud Hunt, Nolan Pittcock and Steve Cox. The Rule Bobcats placed second in state.

Hubert Bell retired from his teaching and administrative career in the Haskell schools. He began his teaching career at the age of 19 in Rochester, and taught in Oplin, Bangs, and back to Haskell where he was head of the science department at HHS for two years, then became principal at Junior High, for the next 17 years.

40 Years Ago
January 9, 1964

Two Haskell High School Seniors were signally honored by selection as honorary Rotarians of the Month of January by the Rotary Club of Haskell. They were Judy Segoe and Wayne Perrin.

The Rochester Steers squeaked past the Rule Bobcats, 50-49, to win the championship of the Rochester boys' invitation basketball tournament. Royce Speck was voted the tourney's most valuable player, scoring 20 points. Larry LeFevre scored 16 points for the Bobcats. Rule's Carrol Bogard, Mattson's David Smith and Weinert's Dale Carroll were named to the all-tournament team.

Bobby Herren was the winner in the Lucky License contest conducted at the Wooten Oil Company.

50 Years Ago
January 14, 1954

Floyd C. Hipp, new manager of Lone Star Gas Company's distribution properties in Haskell, Rule and adjacent territory, a company employee for almost 28 years, replaced Marion W. Reeves.

Clarence Callaway, HHS senior, was one of the two top honor winners in competition with school students from 13 counties at the 13th District Traffic Safety Conference held in Wichita Falls.

Opal Nanny, sixth and seventh grade teacher of Haskell Junior High School, was selected as teacher of the week. Before coming to Junior High she taught in Haskell Elementary School for six years. Prior to that she taught in the Paint Creek community.

100 Years Ago
January 16, 1904

C. R. Peters had a new barber shop erected on the lot south of Robertson's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pierson and children returned from a visit in East Texas. Pierson was at Emory closing out a mercantile business he had in that place.

A daughter was born to Mrs. C. H. Maupin, Mon., Jan. 4 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weir.

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Rainbows

Q: How are rainbows formed?
A: You need two ingredients for rainbows: rainfall and sunlight, says Dr. Ping Yang of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you. "So to observe a

rainbow, you must be facing the area of rainfall with the sun at your back," Yang explains. "Sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, and the light is scattered from the raindrops and produces colors of the spectrum—from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light—thus a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. That's why no two people ever see exactly the same rainbow—every person viewing it sees a different set of raindrops at a different angle. You can sometimes create a rainbow yourself by taking a garden hose, and with the sun at your back, turn it on to create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you'll see the spectrum of lights form—a rainbow.

Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii or Florida, naturally have the most rainbows.

Q: How are double rainbows formed?

A: A double rainbow—the correct term is secondary rainbow—occurs the same way as the first rainbow in front of it except that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Yang. Just the right angle is required for an observer to see two rainbows, and the secondary rainbow is always fainter or lighter looking in appearance. That's because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflecting off the raindrops.

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Front, l-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, L. J. McCullouch, Austin Coker, Osiel Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Back: Brandon McClatchey, Drew Garison, Miguel Chavez, Kory Foster, Ross Hairgrove and Jakaan Hodge.
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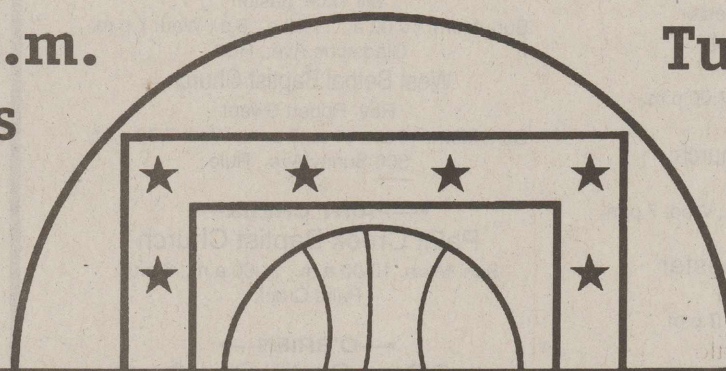
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Haskell MAIDENS



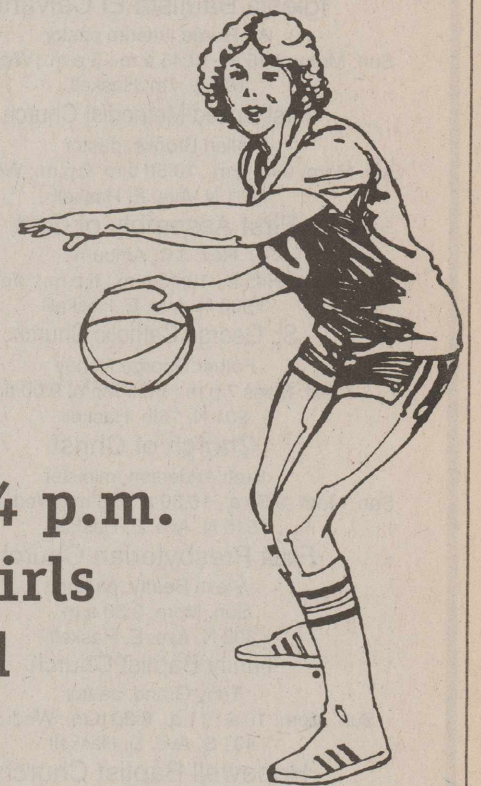
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Haskell School Menu

Jan. 12-16
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Cereal, whole wheat toast
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with ham and cheese.
Monday: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot roll, applesauce
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Enchiladas, chips/salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches
Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, apple
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

January 12-16
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Biscuits with gravy
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: French toast
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Steak fingers, mashed

potatoes, gravy, salad, peas, bread, fruit cup
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cake
Wednesday: Burritos, beans, rice, salad, cookies
Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, jello
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, pudding

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 12

Lunch—Meat balls/brown gravy, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, tomato wedges, garlic toast, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Jan. 14

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
 Lunch—Salmon patties, creamy parsleyed potatoes, carrot salad, green

peas, yeast rolls, lemon refrigerated dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Jan. 16

Lunch—Hamburgers, pinto beans, sliced onion/tomato, lettuce/pickles, mayo/mustard, potato chips, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Take the plunge—eat more veggies

Take the plunge now—with cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower transplants—and a healthy harvest of these cancer-preventing vegetables will be ready to serve within two or three months, Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturists advise.
 "It is not too late to plant broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower in most of the state, except the Panhandle," said Dr. Doug Welsh, Extension specialist and state Master Gardener coordinator. "These vegetables will survive most winters and then be ready to harvest in February through March."

Welsh said Panhandle area gardeners should wait until mid-February to plant for harvest in early May.

Cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli are among vegetables known as cruciferous—so named for the cross-like shape of their flowers—and have

been widely documented in research around the world as having properties that prevent cancer.

These vegetables should be planted in a sunny location, in rich, well-drained soil, according to Welsh. All are hardy annuals that will tolerate evening temperatures in the 40-70 degrees range, so gardeners should watch weather reports and cover plants during occasional freezing spells which last 24 hours or longer.

Welsh pointed out that one can easily plant these vegetables in existing flower beds around the home if a formal vegetable garden space is not possible.

Here are some other facts to consider when raising these crops at home:

Broccoli: A 10-foot row yields about 10-20 pounds. For each person, raise about 8-10 pounds, depending on how much the members of the family like it, Welsh said. This plant requires 65-110 days from planting to maturity. Multiple harvests can be made from each plant.

Cabbage: A 10-foot row produces 10-18 pounds. Plan to raise 15 pounds per person. Allow 65-100 days from transplanting to maturity.

Cauliflower: A 10-foot row makes 15-20 pounds, and one should allot 8-10 pounds per person. From planting to maturity, count on 65-90 days.

For more information, contact your local county Extension office.

This Week's Devotional Message:



IT'S ABOUT TIME – FOR FAITH TO MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

How soon the days and years will pass
 We know beyond a doubt;
 Like sand within the hourglass,
 The time is running out.
 Of course we can't reduce its speed,
 But to a great extent,
 By doing any kindly deed
 It can be wisely spent.

In church, your faith will show you how
 To make each moment last
 Enough to do some good right now,
 Before it joins the past.
 You'll learn you have so much to give,
 As time alone will tell;
 And so, it's not how LONG you live;
 What matters is, how WELL!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
 Dr. Jim Helfin, interim 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

New Vision Family Worship Center
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 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell

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

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Allen Brooks, 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 George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 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
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
 Melissa Bemis, 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.
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First Baptist Church
 Josh Stowe, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule

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

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

First United Methodist Church
 Wendall Ferguson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Bill Trice, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—RULE—

First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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 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

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 Steve Willis, minister
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 Rochester

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

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

—PAINT CREEK—

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
 Milton McManus, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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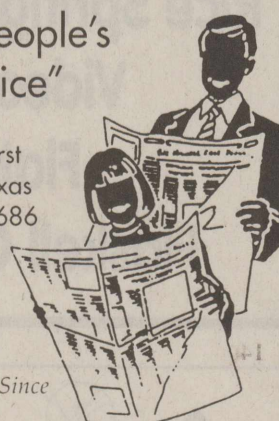
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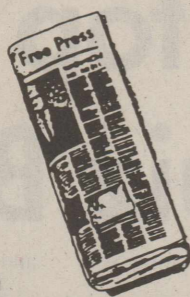
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SEALED BID OFFER: HW-889-L, 11:00 a.m., January 21, 2004. Sealed bids will be received by the Texas Building & Procurement Commission, P. O. Box 13047, Austin, TX 78711, until 11:00 a.m. on the above date covering the sale of one (1) improvement located in Haskell, TX. Improvement belongs to the Texas Department of Transportation and may be inspected by contacting Mr. Tommy Jones at 325-676-6830. 2c

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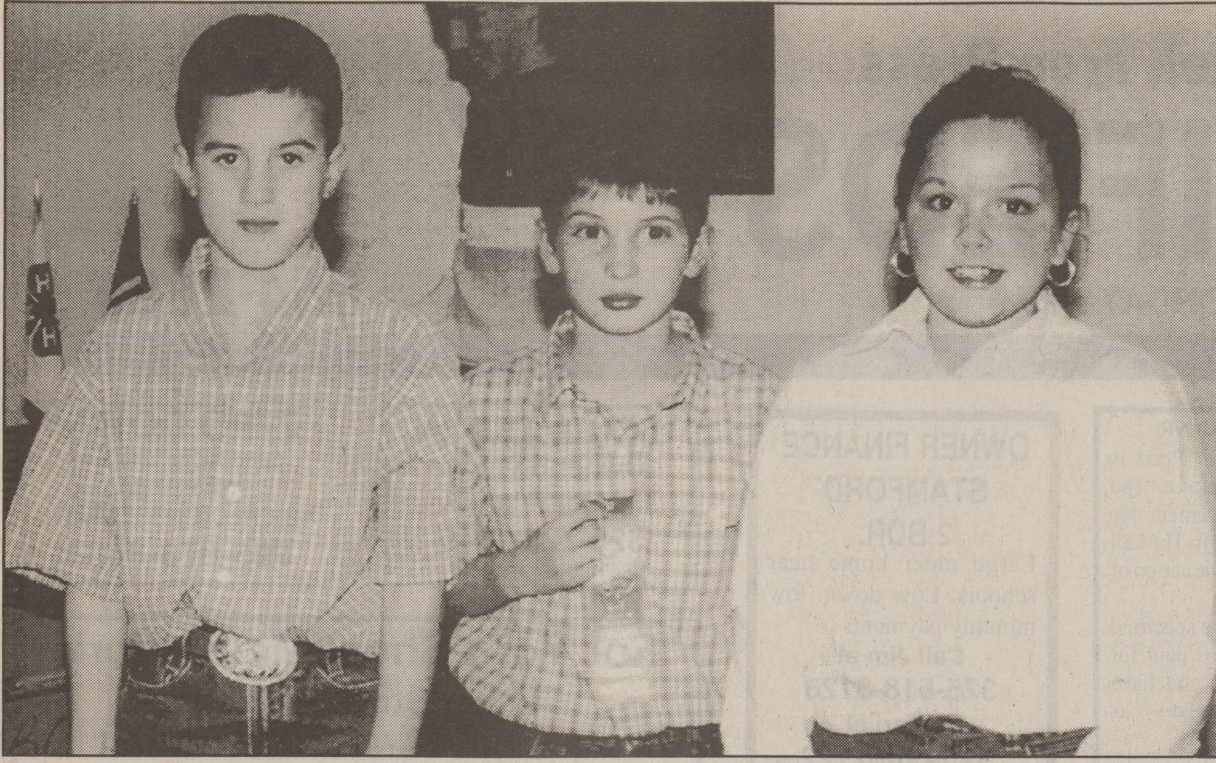
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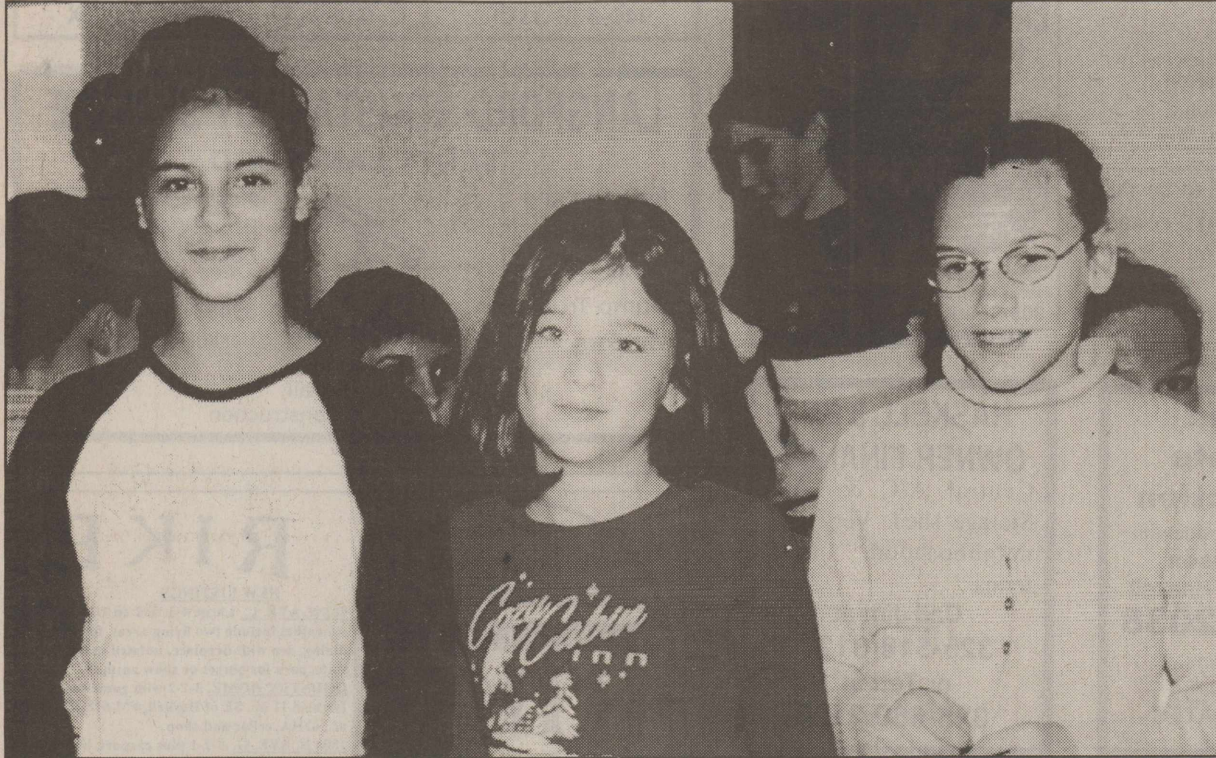
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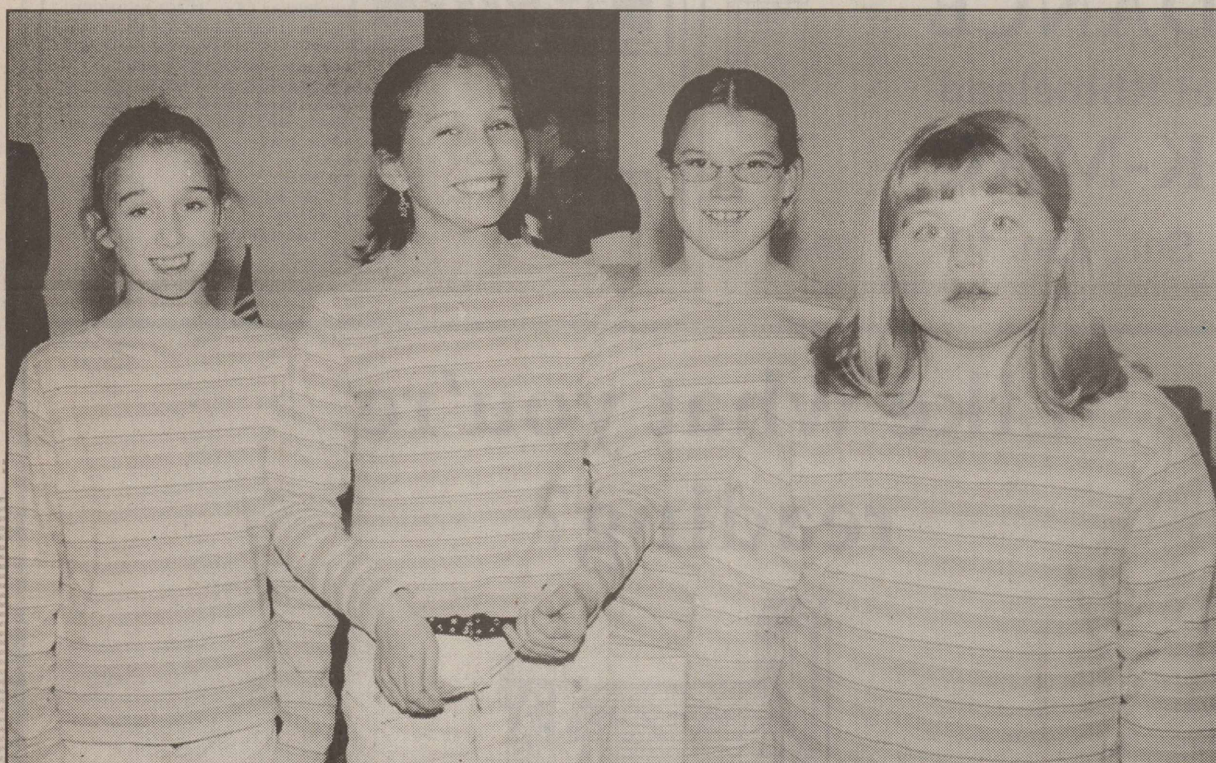
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JUNIOR QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEMBERS—Placing fifth at the Rolling Plains District Quiz Bowl Dec. 3 were junior team members l-r, Cody Benson, Stewart Ulrich and Paige Glover.



JUNIOR QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEMBERS—Participating at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Quiz Bowl held in Vernon Dec. 3 were l-r, Tabitha Schonherstedt, Laycee Tullios and Kate Rowan.



JUNIOR QUIZ BOWL TEAM MEMBERS—Placing third at the Rolling Plains District Quiz Bowl Dec. 3 were junior team members l-r, Aubrey Bassett, Molly Dudensing, Brooke Bullinger and Jenny Dudensing.

4-H'ers take top honors at Quiz Bowl

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Fourteen Haskell County 4-H members participated in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Quiz Bowl competition Dec. 3 held at the First Baptist Church in Vernon. Approximately 75 youth, participating in teams, took part in the competitive game testing their knowledge of nutrition, food safety, and food economics.

Competition was by teams of three or four members who answered 30 questions in each match. The questions were one of three types: direct/individual, toss-up, and bonus. Once a team was defeated twice they were eliminated. Each time the teams won they advanced

up in their bracket until a winner was determined.

The Quiz bowl teaches youth life skills such as self-discipline, observation, listening and making and defending decisions.

Haskell County 4-H members who participated in the district competition were:

Junior Team #1, third place: Aubrey Bassett and Brooke Bullinger, both of Haskell, and Jenny Dudensing and Molly Dudensing, both of Sagerton.

Junior Team #2: Kate Rowan of O'Brien, Tabitha Schonherstedt of Weinert and Laycee Tullios of Haskell.

Junior Team #3, fifth place: Cody Benson of Haskell, and Paige Glover

and Stewart Ulrich, both of Rochester.

Senior Team #1, first place: Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, and Gay Lynn Gary, all of Sagerton, and Kiel Rowan of O'Brien.

These Haskell County 4-H youth competed against other members representing the 25 counties that make up the Rolling Plains District. The Senior team will advance to the State contest to be held during State Round-Up at College Station in June 2004.

Accompanying the youth to the district bowl competition were Kim Bassett, Lori Combs, Renee Dudensing, Melissa Glover, Faye Ulrich and County Extension Agent/FCS - Jane Rowan.

Development Corporation of Haskell joins Texas Yes!

The Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) has become a member of the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Texas Yes!

marketing campaign that promotes rural Texas.

"Every voice and action make a difference and we are proud to have the DCOH as a member of this program," said Michael Muska, TDA's director for Texas Yes! "The purpose of Texas Yes! is to create a single rally call for rural Texas, and our goal is to build a growing network of members dedicated to this purpose."

Texas Yes! is a broad-based membership program open to rural communities, businesses and individuals. All members commit to the continued improvement and economic strength of rural Texas through community projects—from promoting tourism and cultural

heritage to beautification and economic development. Texas Yes! will help spotlight rural Texas success stories to spur ideas and inspiration for other rural communities.

Through this program, TDA has launched a multi-faceted marketing initiative to promote rural Texas tourism. Gov. Rick Perry allocated funding through 2005 to help support this effort.

"Rural Texas has so much to offer, and we want people to know about it," Muska said. "This is an exciting opportunity to give rural Texas the attention it deserves."

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday

Area Basketball scores

Girls
 Hawley Tournament
 Haskell 77, Wylie JV 36
 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 23, McKnight 16.

Other scores
 Haskell 59, Seymour 32

 Haskell 56, Cisco 45
 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 15, Bird 10, Kendall 9, McKnight 9, Harlan 5, Pannell 4, Rutkowski 2, Newton 2.

JV score: Haskell 31, Cisco 28 (OT).

Boys
 Hawley Tournament
 Boys Consolation
 Haskell 42, Hawley 28
 Other scores
 Haskell 70, Cooper JV 41

 Haskell 53, Cisco 48
 Scoring for Haskell: Hairgrove 17, Garcia 15, Hodge 6, Webb 6, Chavez 5, Foster 4.

JV score: Cisco 41, Haskell 17.

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Haskell Co-op Gin	6,975	
Haskell County Gin	4,066	
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Rule	Weinert Gin	5,195
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