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## Chapman, Hadaway honored

Judge Charles Chapman and attorney Shane Hadaway, both of Haskell, were among 4211 attorneys recognized by the College of the State Bar of Texas during its Annual Awards Luncheon on Mar. 27 in Dallas.

The College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of an extraordinary number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the minimum required.

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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 600 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., April 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 41 sellers and 35 buyers were present.

Packer cows \$2 to \$5 lower. Feeder and stocker cattle steady. A special feeder sale will be held Mon., May 10 at 11 a.m.

Cows: fat, .44-.49; cutters, .45-.56; canners, .30-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .60-.69; feeders, .74-.86; utility, .55-.69.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.37; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.23; 500-600 lbs., .96-1.14; 600-700 lbs., .90-1.07; 700-800 lbs., .85-.98; 800-up lbs., .77-.90.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.06; 600-up lbs., .75-.95.

Bred heifers medium frame, 575-800.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 725-870; aged or small, 475-675.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 875-1300; aged or small, 775-950.



**FOURTH IN FFA STATE CONTEST**—Members of Paint Creek FFA participating in the State Cotton Judging Contest in Lubbock, Sat., Apr. 24, placed 4th on the state level. In addition, the team placed 1st in the Double Mountain District and 3rd in Area 2. Pictured, l-r, are Jody Smith, Courtney Buerger, Agriculture teacher James Horton, Amanda Rincker, Michael Bailiff and Rylie Tatum. Smith tied for 2nd high individual with a score of 990, and Buerger placed 6th high individual with a score of 970.

## Obituaries

### Mamie Zelda Kent Clark

Graveside services for Mamie Zelda Kent Clark, 88, of Abilene formerly of Cross Plains, were held Wed., April 21 at Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star with Rev. Billy Everett officiating. Services were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clark died Mon., April 19 at Sears Methodist Center in Abilene.

Born July 22, 1915 in Abilene, she was the daughter of Charley A. Kent and Alice A. (Jones) Kent. She was raised in Cross Plains and attended Cross Plains schools.

She married Grady Floyd Clark May 8, 1936 in Pioneer, Texas. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grady; one son, Keith Clark; five brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Selma) Adams of Las Vegas, Nevada, Janice Courtney of Midland and Mrs. Don (Alice) Ballard of Haskell; two sisters, Daisy King of Cross Plains and Winnie McCoy of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. PD. NOTICE

### Calvin Altimont Frierson

Graveside services for Calvin Altimont Frierson, 91, of Haskell were held Tues., April 27 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Steve Beatty officiating. Memorial services followed at the First Presbyterian Church under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Frierson died Sun., April 25 at a local nursing home.

Born Jan. 10, 1913 in Haskell County, he was the son of A. A. Frierson and Eva Jones Frierson. He was a farmer, merchant and a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a past president of Businessmen's Bible Class in San

Angelo. He married Mollie E. (Hester) Jan. 7, 1936 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Dec. 28, 2001.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one grandson and one great grandson.

Survivors include one son, David Frierson of Haskell; one daughter, Jane Grindstaff of San Angelo; one sister, Willie Bell Cameron of Haskell; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Haskell or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

### James Jay 'J. J.' Gellner

Graveside services for James Jay 'J. J.' Gellner, 87, of Sagerton will be held Sat., May 1 at Old Glory Cemetery with Pastor Deborah Nissen officiating. Services will be under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Gellner died Fri., April 23 in a Stamford nursing home.

Born Aug. 20, 1916 in Grandfield, Oklahoma, he was the son of R. J. Gellner and Agness Bolf Gellner. He was a Haskell County farmer for 20 years and a veteran of the

United States Army in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include his daughter, Billie Rawlings of Sheraton, Wyoming; one brother, Pershing Gellner of Randlett, Oklahoma; three sisters, Edna Michna of Angleton, Ella Bryant and Evelyn Panell, both of Burkburnett; two granddaughters, Deborah and Cindy; and seven great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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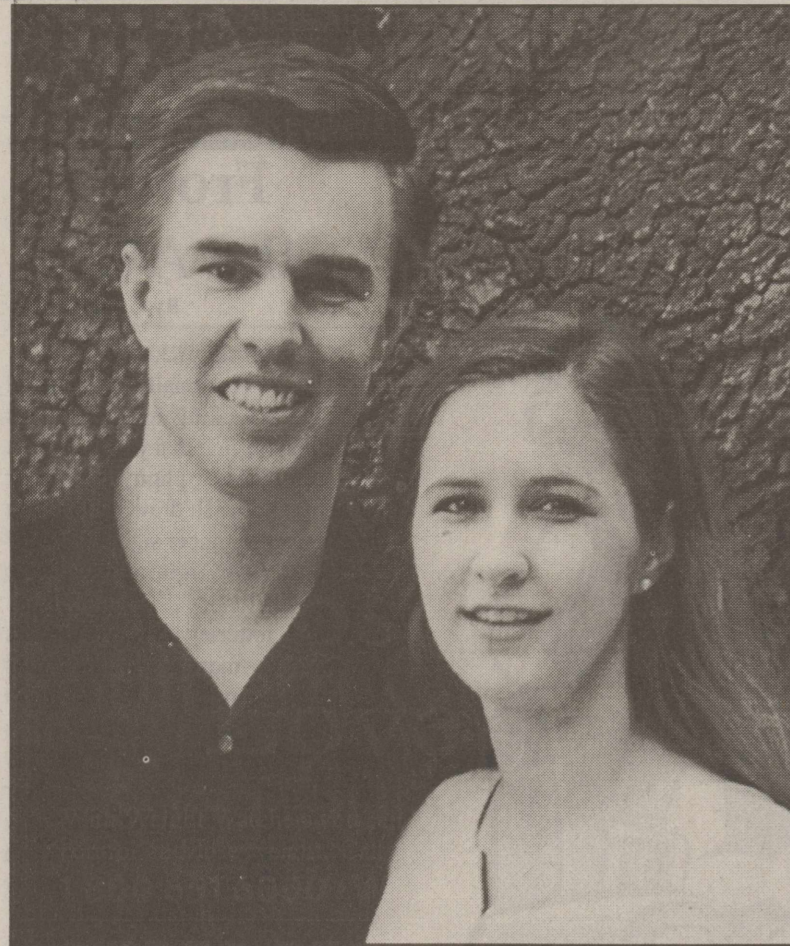
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## Evans, Hromas to wed in San Antonio

Bob and Martha Nell Evans of San Antonio have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stana Evans, to Darren Hromas, son of A. Galen and Judith Hromas of Bovina. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Louise Chambers and the late Bill Chambers, formerly of Rochester, and Robert Evans, Sr., of San Antonio. She attended Incarnate Word High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in 2000, with a B.B.A. Degree in Finance. She is employed with SBC, Communications, Inc., as an area manager of Network Centralized Support. The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Amy Hromas of Bovina and Edna Minyen of Clovis, New Mexico. A graduate of Bovina High School, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M in 1997 with a B. S. Degree in Computer Science. He is employed with Texas Digital System as a software developer. The couple has planned a wedding at First Baptist Church, San Antonio, on Sat., Sept. 25.

## Southern Grace to sing Sunday

The Southern Grace singing group from the Potosi Baptist Church, featuring Lynn Peterson, Lara Baldrige and Judy Hix, will be in concert at the First Christian Church in Haskell, Sunday evening, May 2. Time for the concert has been set at 7:00 p.m., after other church services have dismissed, so that everyone in the community may attend. All are invited. There is no admission charge. Following the concert, a love offering will be taken for the singing group. For more information, call the church office at 940-864-3550.



MR. AND MRS. MIKE ALAN RHOADS

## McCord, Rhoads united in marriage

Sarah Ann McCord of Haskell and Mike Alan Rhoads of Rule were married, Apr. 10, in a ceremony at the Haskell County Courthouse gazebo, with James Horton of Paint Creek officiating. The flower girl was Kadie McCord, daughter of the bride. Ty Rhoads was the best man and Tate Rhoads was the ring bearer. Both are sons of the bridegroom. A reception was held in the home of the bride. The couple will reside in Haskell.

## Knox Co. museum groundbreaking to be held May 11

Tues., May 11, will be a long awaited day for Knox County, when a groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center building in Benjamin. The groundbreaking event will be the beginning of Phase I of the actual construction and completion of a 5,000 square foot building. The work of Phase I is enabled through donations to and projects of the Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission. This will be the construction of the foundation, walls and roof. Installing windows and doors will put the building in a weather-protected condition, and ready for the next phase. In Phases II and III, utilities will be installed, the interior finished and furnishing added. A basic office and some storage and display equipment is already on hand. Gordon Bell of Truscott has been named chairman of the groundbreaking program. The location will be the museum site in Benjamin, one block east of the intersection of State Hwy. 6 and U. S. Hwy. 82.

**All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.**

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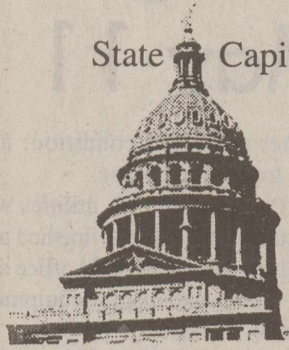
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# OPINION

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State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Governor, comptroller trade political jobs

AUSTIN—If Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn starred in a television situation comedy, the show surely wouldn't be "Friends."

The Legislature convened for one day last week, then adjourned until this week, when work on a school finance and property tax reduction strategy will begin in earnest. After lawmakers adjourned last week, committees wrestled with the matter while Perry and Strayhorn exchanged lines that could have come from a good screenwriter.

Strayhorn got the week off to an animated start with a report that Perry's plan would cause a \$10 billion budget deficit.

"You've heard of financing schemes that have a balloon payment at the end?" she asked. "This one has the Hindenburg."

Replied Perry: "It is an astonishing fact that the top number-cruncher in this state could be so wrong."

If the Perry and Texas' "One tough grandma" face each other in the 2006 gubernatorial primary, people will be bringing lawn chairs to wait in line for a good seat to see the show.

If the governor and comptroller were married, their friends and family would be suggesting couple's therapy.

### New Ranger commander named...

The Texas Rangers have a new senior captain, the first black in the force's long history.

Named to the position last week was Earl Pearson, a 28-year Department of Public Safety veteran. He replaces Senior Captain C.J. Havdra, who recently retired from the Rangers, which are a division of the DPS.

Pearson, who graduated from the DPS academy in 1975 and was

promoted to the Rangers in 1989, had been assistant commander of the Rangers under Havdra. Prior to taking that position, he had commanded Company A in Houston.

In addition to being the first black to lead the Rangers, Pearson also gains the distinction of being the DPS' first-ever black division chief.

### Agriculture Commissioner speaks at DPS graduation...

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was keynote speaker at last week's graduation of 108 new DPS troopers, including eight women.

The new troopers received six months of training in more than 100 subjects, ranging from counter-terrorism to Spanish.

Anyone interested in being a member of the next recruit class can call 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667) or check the law enforcement agency's Web site at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

### San Jacinto artifacts found...

An archaeological consulting firm hired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has found a significant collection of relics dating to the April 21, 1836 battle at San Jacinto that won Texas its independence from Mexico.

Using metal detectors, archaeologists found musket balls, belt buckles, metal items from uniforms, a bayonet point and a piece of a Mexican infantryman's breast plate.

The state agency has a \$12 million project under way to restore the battlefield to its original appearance to the extent possible nearly 170 years after the fact.

### Money from tourism...

May 8-16 is National Tourism Week, and Texas has plenty to celebrate.

According to the Travel Industry Association of America, Texas ranks third in domestic travel spending and fifth in international travel.

The state also is third in the nation in the number of travel-related jobs—nearly a half million.

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## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Won the lottery? Just hang up!

Do you occasionally get colorful and official-looking announcements in the mail saying that you have won a sweepstakes, a phony lottery or some kind of cash drawing that you don't even remember signing up for? Throw it away. Ignore the phone calls, too.

Phony lotteries and sweepstakes are one of the most devastating frauds facing consumers today. Seniors in particular are targeted by unscrupulous crooks willing to sign just about anything to get their money. The OAG has launched a new public awareness campaign to reach more consumers who are in danger of falling prey to this kind of scam.

It's called "Just Hang Up!" Many phony lottery scams begin with a phone call. That should be an immediate warning. If you had won a real lottery, not only would you have bought a ticket, it would also be up to you to present your winning ticket to claim your prize. The Texas Lottery does not call you up to tell you that you've won. JUST HANG UP!

It is illegal to buy or sell tickets for a foreign lottery across state lines or international boundaries. Of course, most of the time, when consumers are told they have won a fabulous prize, they have not actually bought a ticket. That is another sign of a phony lottery. If you didn't buy a ticket, you couldn't win a real lottery. Don't even listen to them. JUST HANG UP!

The most dangerous sign that a lottery or sweepstakes is a fraud is when they ask you to send money before you can claim your prize. They say you will receive money, but the reality is, YOU are going to give THEM money. JUST HANG UP!

The real lottery doesn't work that way. If you win, you get money. But with phony lotteries and sweepstakes, callers talk about all the money you are going to get, but also about fees, the cost of wire transfers and even taxes. When you win the lottery, you pay taxes. But you don't pay the tax before you get your winnings. You pay it after. And it's the IRS you're dealing with, not the lottery.

Unfortunately, some people cannot help falling for a tall tale that they want so much to believe. In many of the sad cases we learn about, the victim needs the money for a family member or an ailing spouse. They end up losing whatever they had.

We hear about people who lose tens of thousands of dollars. But often, solicitations begin with relatively small sums. Victims may think, "Well, it's only \$20 and if it's true I'll have \$20 million. What's the harm in sending a little bit?" Once a consumer responds, the scam artists will become more aggressive and relentless. Some victims received pounds of junk mail about phony lotteries and sweepstakes and other scams every day in the mail.

In addition, their phones ring non-stop. These crooks will say anything and can be very persuasive. We have found, by recording actual calls, that they can also be intimidating and abusive. Many victims know better than to fall for these schemes, but get worn down or browbeaten into sending money just to try and get these people out of their lives. Don't let it happen to you. Just hang up!

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago April 28, 1994

The granddaughter of Elizabeth Acree of Rochester, Jennifer McCorkle, was selected to play in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association East-West All-Star volleyball game.

The Texas Education Agency presented a certificate of commendation to Rule ISD for accelerating the learning of children.

Joyce Hager of Weinert was selected as the Conservation Homemaker by the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District. Delbert Lefevre of Sagerton was selected Conservation Farmer.

Eager Housewives FCE Club members Joetta Burnett, Lena Tidwell and Jane Smith served as volunteer 4-H clothing project leaders earning the title of "The Granny Brigade" for the young seamstresses.

First place winners in the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Conservation Poster Contest were Ross Hairgrove, B. J. Opsahl and Jimmy Huff (who was also grand champion winner), all of Haskell, Whitney Hise and Jeffery Sample of Paint Creek.

### 20 Years Ago April 26, 1984

Laverne Barnett was named artist of the month by Brazos West Art.

Ag teams from Haskell qualifying for state were: livestock judging, Ricky Dunnam, Scott Fields and Sam Toliver; and ag mechanics, Chris Grand, Gary Paul Isbell, Ricky Moeller and Ken Medford.

The Industrial Arts Department of Arlington Heights High School received national recognition when they were presented the "Most Outstanding Industrial Arts Department in the Nation" award. The award was presented to Philip Bledsoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bledsoe of Haskell, chairman of the department.

The seventh grade boys track team competed in the district track meet in Hamlin. The Warriors tied for third place. Alberto Alvarez placed first in the 1600 meter run and second in the 800 meter dash. Steven Gonzales placed second in the shot put.

### 30 Years Ago April 25, 1974

The Haskell Garden Club announced the following flower show winners: Artistic Division, Mrs. N. L. Bevel; Horticulture division, Mrs. R. C. Couch; Awards of Merit, Mrs. R. C. Couch, Mrs. E. L. Wyché and Mrs. R. L. Lemmon; Aboreal Award, Mrs. Gaines Post.

Art Briles of Rule was selected to play in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star football game.

In Rule, girls singles tennis play Cynthia Carroll won first place in regionals for state and qualified.

Walter D. Larned of Bill Wilson Ford was selected to receive the nation's leading Ford salesmanship award.

At Rule, UIL regionals Johnny Baitz placed second in boys persuasive speaking. Fran Wilson placed second in slide rule and

advanced to state.

### 40 Years Ago April 30, 1964

Deanne Robertson, Tona Patterson and Barry O'Neal youth leaders of the First Baptist Church in Haskell won top honors in the district "Sword Drill."

Sarah Kay Henry, University of Texas graduate student from Haskell, was tapped for membership in Gamma Alpha Chi, women's professional advertising society.

Mrs. Ed Hester was the sweepstakes honors recipient at the Fifth Annual Garden Club Flower Show.

Rule High School's one-act play, "The Heritage of Wimpole Street," placed first in regionals and qualified to go to state. Joe Cannon received the Best Actor award. Brent Davis and Louetta Barbee each received runnerup awards to the best actor and best actress.

Cathy Casey, Debbie Norman, Hilda Guerrero and Alan Matysiak, all of Rule qualified to enter the District 24-H competition as part of the county shrub team.

### 50 Years Ago April 29, 1954

A member of the Haskell High School track squad, Frank Clarkson, qualified for the State Meet as second place winner in the 880 yard run.

Two members of the Weinert FHA chapter, Doris Hutchinson and Couilla Mayfield, attended the State FHA meeting in Fort Worth.

Pupils of Mrs. Roy Guinn's room held a talent show. The performers were Jackie Weaver, Louisa Herren, J. D. Stocks, Suzanne Lane, Sarah Lees and Janice Hattox.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Roberts, prominent farm couple and residents of Haskell County for 35 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home. Among those present were the Roberts four sons and four daughters, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Training Union Council of the Rochester Baptist Church named Anita Mullino as pianist and Martha Sue Smith as choir leader.

### 100 Years Ago April 30, 1904

J. F. Lemon of Stamford was here doing the painting and papering of W. E. Sherrill's handsome new residence.

M. Pierson was having things tidied up about his home, putting up new picket fence and levelling the sidewalk in front.

L. Lumsden was preparing to move his cattle to Dickens County. He expects to start with 800 head.

E. L. Adams of Alvarado has located in Haskell, having arrived with his family. Adams is said to be a first class photographer.

J. F. Pinkerton, who is tickling the soil of Wild Horse Prairie with the plow on a large scale, was in the city.

## Weathers Whys

### Green Skies

Q: Sometimes when a storm is approaching, the sky seems to turn green. Why?

A: This has been something that researchers have looked into for years, and no one seems to have a firm, concrete answer, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. "Some believe that strong thunderstorm clouds, since they contain a lot of water in them, scatter light that hits them and the reflection comes out either dark blue or greenish in color," Curtiss explains. "Or it might be that low sunlight,

when scattered by particles in the air, appears to make the sky look green. Storm researchers have placed spectographs and other instruments inside clouds to measure wavelengths of light, and the results did indeed show several different colors inside a storm, from green to greenish-yellow and dark blue. But why this occurs is still a mystery."

Q: Does a green sky mean hail is coming?

A: It often does mean hail might fall, but it doesn't mean there's a 100 percent probability of hail, Curtiss adds.

"Sometimes, a greenish-looking thunderstorm does contain hail, but hail can fall from clouds that don't look green at all," Curtiss says. "It seems to rule out the possibility that the ice within the clouds creates the green color that you see. We do know that there are 'green thunderstorms,' but why they occur is something that is going to require more research."

### Storm sirens

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

## Protect kids from falls

Accidental falls, already one of the most common pediatric trauma admissions at hospitals, become even more prevalent during the spring months when many people welcome warmer weather by opening windows and using balconies again.

"The child's natural curiosity and lack of experience make open windows and balconies with wide rails a dangerous combination," said Dr. R. Todd Maxson, assistant professor of surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and trauma program director at Children's Medical Center Dallas. "The real issue here is vigilance,

supervision and being pro-active about the children's safety."

Dr. Maxson recommends the following tips to avoid falls from windows and balconies:

- Keep chairs, cribs, beds and other furniture away from windows, and never let children play unsupervised on high porches, balconies or stairwells.

- Never open floor-level windows or rely on window screens to prevent falls—the weight of even a small child can push out a screen.

- Measure balcony and stairwell balusters—they should be less than eight inches apart.

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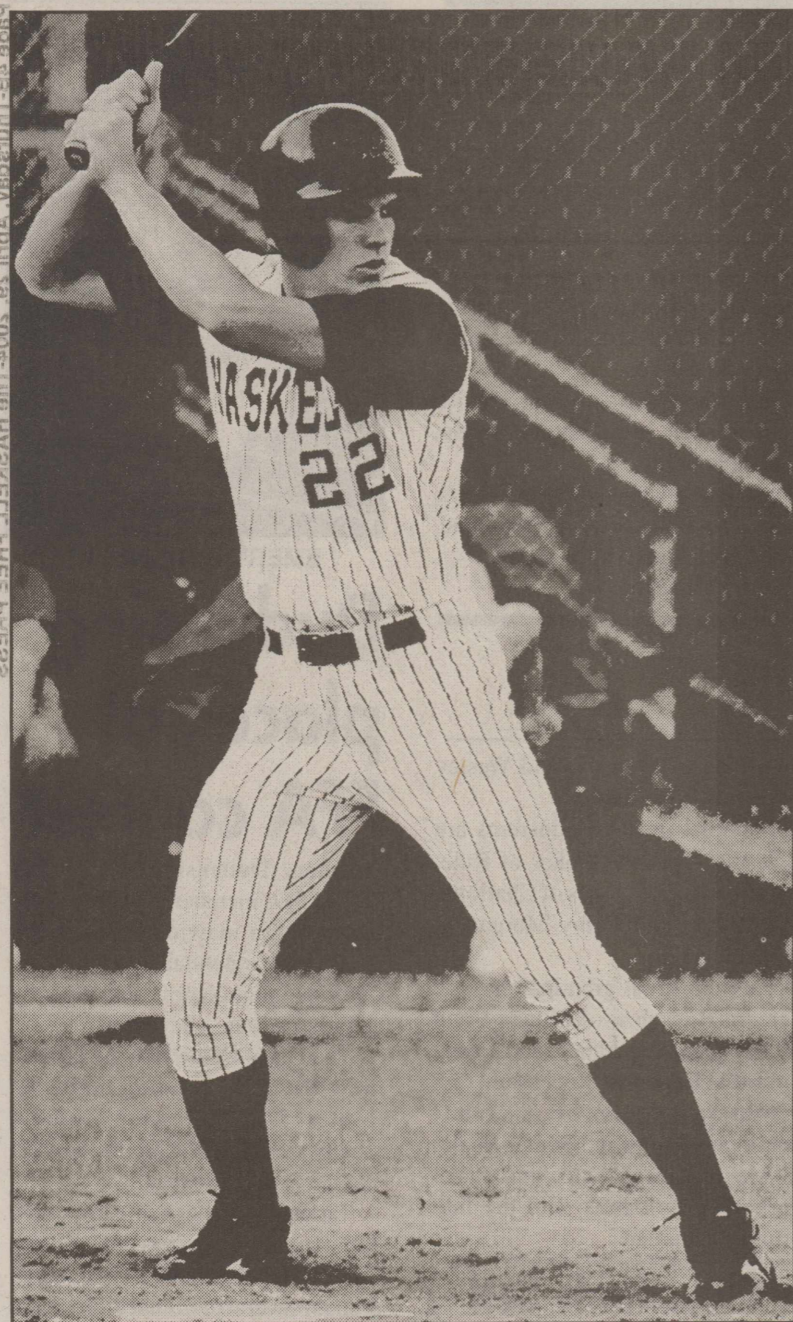
### Cinco de mayo

St. George's Catholic Church will celebrate Cinco de mayo Sun., May 2 from 11 to 5 p.m. at the church grounds.

### Block party, picnic

First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, in Haskell will host their third annual block party and company picnic Wed., May 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by 'Amazed,' a Southern gospel group. Food, games and something for all ages will be provided.





**INDIAN AT BAT**—Haskell's Jon Dulaney takes a pitch during the Indians' game with Stamford, Tues., Apr. 20.

## Indians clinch playoff spot

**By Coach Kent Colley**  
The Haskell Indians traveled to Stamford last Tuesday and to Eula on Friday.

The Stamford game turned into a marathon, going on for 12 innings. The Bulldogs scored their 3rd run in the bottom of the 12th, to win the game 3-2. I was really proud of the Indians for coming from behind in the 7th to force the game to extra innings. Brad Blanks did a great job, allowing 2 hits in 11 innings.

The Indians took revenge going to Eula on Friday, beating the Pirates 15-2 in 5 innings. We did a good job of getting the bats going and getting on a roll. Kendall Mitchell did a good job pitching the complete game, allowing one earned run and 3 hits.

Top offensive honors go to Austin Coker, who went 2 for 3 with a double, and to Cameron Short, who went 2 for 2 and a walk and a hit by pitch.

The Indians clinch a playoff spot with the win over Eula. The guys are really excited about making the playoffs, but they want to do better than just making the playoffs.

We have talked all year about building on what we did last year and moving forward. We have two more games in district before we move on to bi-district.

We host Eastland this Thursday at 4:00 p.m., with the JV playing afterward. Friday we were scheduled to travel to Hawley for our final district game, but we changed game sites earlier in the year with Hawley, so we will play them here in Haskell, Friday at 4:30.

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## Haskell Pre-K to register Friday

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 2004-2005 school year on Fri., Apr. 30. Registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the elementary conference room.

To attend pre-kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

However, Haskell CISD is hoping to offer prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are interested in this

program for your child, please be sure to register on Fri., Apr. 30.

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

### Jr. Sheriff's posse

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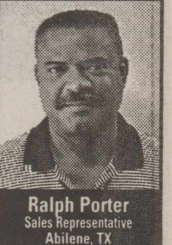
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**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—Haskell Maidens qualifying for Regional track meet Fri.-Sat., at ACU in Abilene, are I-r, Roxanne Chavez in the 200 meter dash, and Stephanie Grand in the triple jump.

## Tribbey plays at regional golf tourney

Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell was one of 90 lady golfers participating in the Regional I Golf Tournament played at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird, Wed., and Thurs., Apr. 21-22. She qualified for the Regional Tournament by placing 2nd in the

District 8-2A competition. At regional she had rounds of 108 and 110, while shooting rounds of 94, 99 and 96 in district competition.

The daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey is a sophomore student at Haskell High School.

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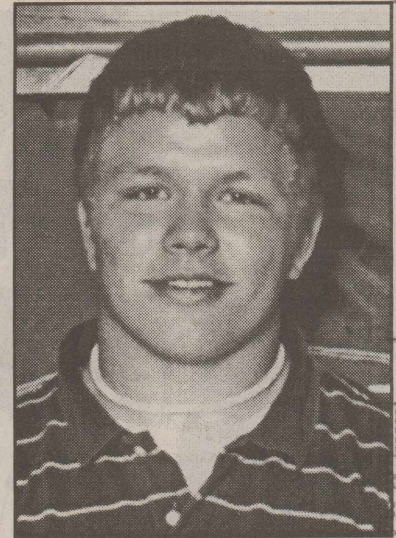


**WINNING CLASS**—The Paint Creek second grade class of teacher Tracey Graham, won the elementary poster contest for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, sponsored by the Paint Creek FCCLA. "Don't Walk Away: Helping to Strengthen Texas Families," was the theme of the contest. As winners, the class will receive a popsicle party. Pictured with the poster, front, l-r, second graders, Tara Trotter, Caitlin Medford, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers. Back row, Tracey Graham and Paint Creek High School students, Audry Daniel, Tammy Daniel, Kim Medford, Kristen Barr and Amanda Rincker.

## Haskell School Menu

**May 3-7**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Tuesday:** Bean burrito  
**Wednesday:** Apple Cinnamon Cheerios, toast  
**Thursday:** Biscuit/ham  
**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:** Chicken fried steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad  
**Tuesday:** Pepperoni pizza, crunchy Oriental slaw, corn, baby carrots, cherry Shape-ups.  
**Wednesday:** Beefy nachos, Spanish rice, garden salad, pinto beans, pineapple tidbits  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti with meatballs, broccoli with cheese, garden salad, garlic breadsticks, sliced pears  
**Friday:** No school



EMERY DUDENSING

## Dudensing places at FFA contest

Emery Dudensing, Rule High School FFA member, was judged the seventh high individual among the top 20 high individuals in the Dairy Cattle judging contest held recently at Tarleton State University.

The Dairy Cattle judging contest drew 617 participating students. Contest Directors were Tarleton faculty members, Dr. Barry Lambert and Dr. Sandy Johnson.

Tarleton's College of Agriculture and Human Services hosted the Career Development Event which brought several thousand high school students and their sponsors to campus for 13 contests.

## Births

Corbin Wade Rogers was born Apr. 15, to Ashley and Chris Rogers of Munday. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Ready to welcome him home was his big brother, Cayden.

His maternal grandparents are Linda Coker Lacey of Rule, and Kenny and Sheila Barnett of Munday. Paternal grandparents are Cheryl

Huckabee of Munday, and Wesley Rogers of Rochester.

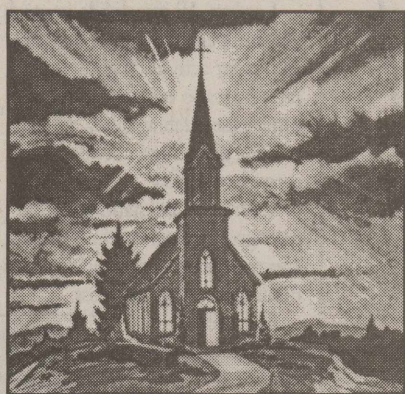
Maternal great-grandparents are Jack and Charlotte Coker of Rule, Jim and Margaret Jones of Charlotte, and Melton and Cathy Morgan of Munday.

Paternal great-grandparents are Barbara Huckabee of Munday, and the late Gene Huckabee, and Henry and Belle Rogers of Rochester.

Maternal great-great-grandparents are Gaines and Bonnie Shultz of Alamosa, Colorado, and A. L. Barnett of Arkansas, and the late Brunnette Barnett.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE EYES OF GOD

In this age of computers, in every regard We have all been reduced to a hole in a card. On, how simple it was in our house by the road, Till they added the Zip and Area Code! In your place of employment, or out in your car, You're a serial number wherever you are;

And you find your identity harder to claim When you're known by a number instead of a name. So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way To the place where you still can be Someone today. If you go to your church, you'll be happy to find In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

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#### 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

Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

#### First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavilion

#### Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

#### WEINERT

#### First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### ROCHESTER

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

#### First Baptist Church

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

#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

#### First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

#### SAGERTON

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

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.  
Sagerton

#### RULE

#### 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 Omegas  
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

#### 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.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

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To: Charles Lloyd Spearman and to all whom it may concern. Respondent(s), "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Danna D. Spearman, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 16th day of April, A. D. 2004, against Charles Lloyd Spearman, Respondent(s), numbered D-3202 and entitled 'In the Matter of Marriage of Danna D. Spearman and Charles Lloyd Spearman.' The suit requests that the Court grant a divorce and all relief requested in the petition.

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The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, one the 26th day of February, 2004, in Cause No. 11,188 which is styled The State of Texas v. Wesley Embree, et al. The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: Wesley Embree, whose residence is unknown, and if

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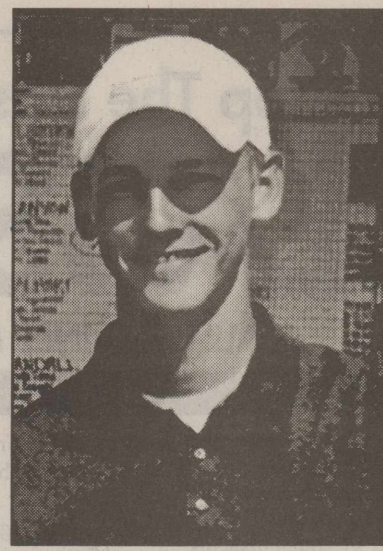




**ANIMAL FRIENDS FOR NOAH**—Members of Marijane Cunningham's first grade class at Haskell Elementary hold their special stuffed animals they brought to share with children through the services of the Noah Project. Later they enjoyed visiting the County Courthouse to present their animals to Donna Sue Anders and Janice Brzozowski of Noah Project North. Back row, l-r, are Mary Williams, Cheyenne Jouett, Abbi Alsbrook, Kenzie Shelton, Nathan Reid and Kade Colley. Middle, Adrianna Roque, Mathew Frazier, Dustin Wyrick, Warren Flye, Crissy Bassett and Riley Meinzer. Front, Aaron Silvas, Chase Stone, Haley Holland, Breezy Gibbs, Bradley Winterstein and Harrison Jarred.



**BRINGING ANIMALS FOR NOAH**—Haskell first grade students in Susan LeFevre's class show the special stuffed animals they brought during their "Learn and Serve" project to share with children in need of the Noah Project's services. Pictured back row, l-r, are Richard Wilson, Jonathan Pedroza, Kayley Calhoun, Reagan Hadaway, Alyssa Abila, Taylor Buchanan, Rhett Lampe and Justice Dever. Middle row, Carmen Davis, Toby Castorena, Cedar McIlwain, Shawnee Hill and Ashley Casarez. Front row, Cierra Moore, Amie Munoz, Harley Foreman and Jacie Klose.



GEOFF PHEMISTER

## Phemister to play in state golf tournament

Haskell native, Geoff Phemister, and his teammates from Canyon High School, won 2nd place in the Class 3A, Region 1 golf tournament in Midland, Apr. 19-20. He is the son of Carl and Lisa Milburn of Haskell and Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon.

The team will represent Canyon High School in Austin at the Class 3A State golf tournament on May 13-14.

With a 2-day team total of 625, Phemister and his team came in 2nd to a team from Slaton, which scored 621. Monahans and Graham tied for 3rd place, with a 2-day team score of 627. Canyon rallied from 3rd place on the first day to claim the State berth.

Phemister was cheered on in Midland by numerous family members, including Lisa Milburn and Doris McMeans of Haskell; Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon; Melissa, Jonah and Ethan Bulls of Abilene; and Wayne Phemister of Rowlett.

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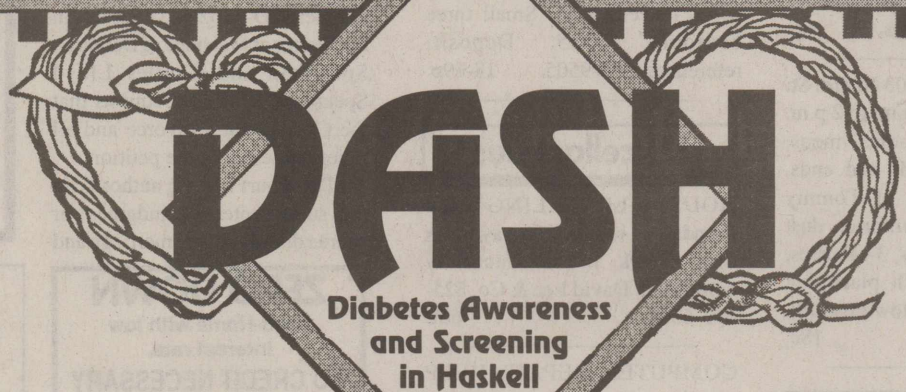
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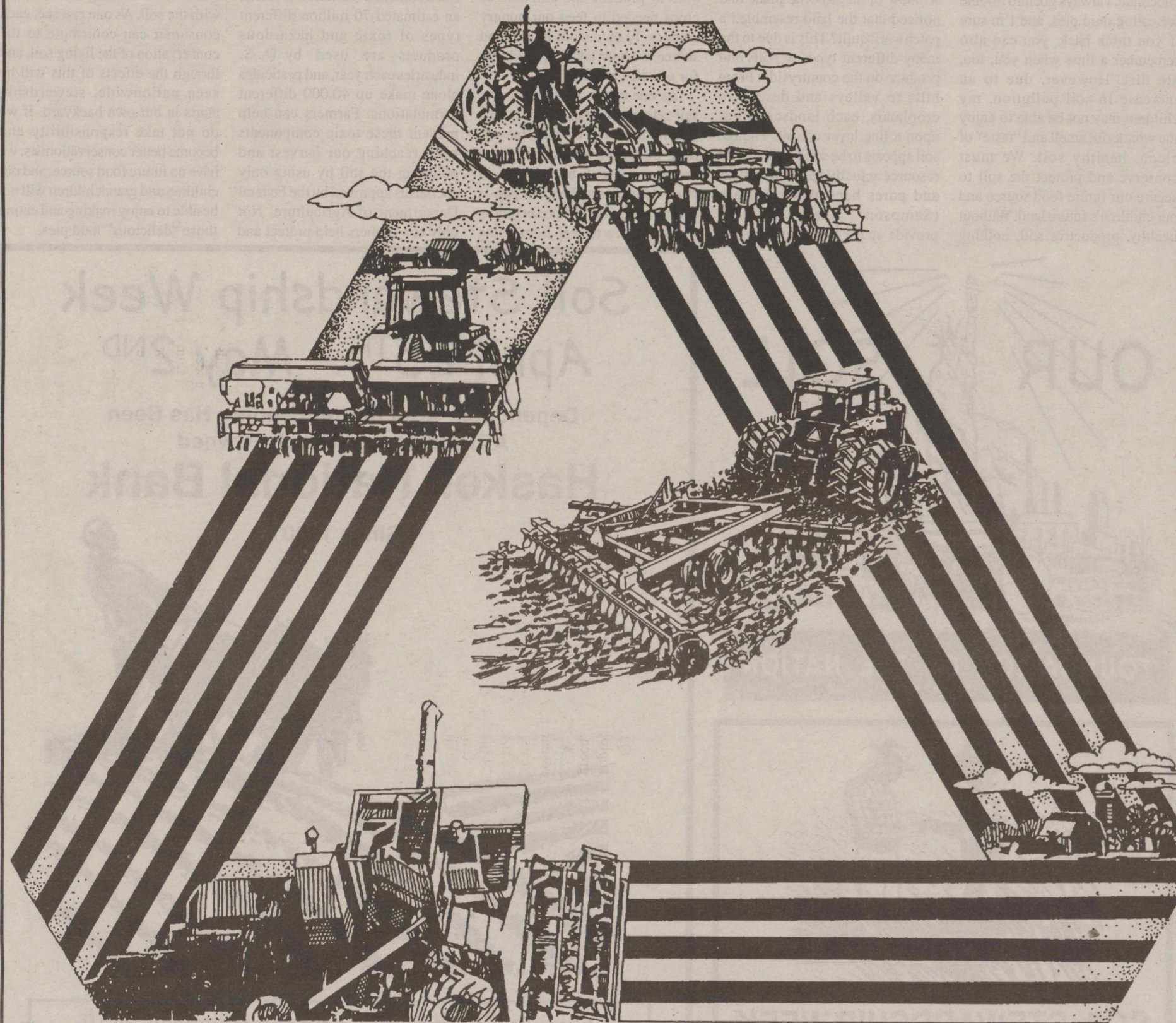
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# Soil Stewardship Week April 25<sup>TH</sup> – May 2<sup>ND</sup>



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## Soil Stewardship Week set Apr. 25-May 2 and highlights importance of our living soil

While most of us seldom come in daily contact with soil, we all depend on soil for our daily survival, according to organizers of the 2004 Soil and Water Stewardship Week observance, set for April 25-May 2. "In generation after generation, it is important to

bring attention back to the central theme—the living soil sustains all life on earth," said F. A. Ulmer, chairperson of the Haskell SWCD. "Without the soil, nothing lives. Our conservation district works to protect healthy soils that in turn support a healthy environment, and

healthy environments support healthy life," he added.

Modern farmers and ranchers who practice soil conservation are doing their part to keep the living soil alive. Lessons from the past, such as the catastrophic "Dust Bowl" of the 1930s, have shown what can happen when the topsoil is not protected from wind and water erosion. Today, private land managers employ a host of conservation practices, such as minimum tillage, to protect the topsoil that feeds the nation.

Soil health becomes more important when you learn that

millions of beneficial organisms are going through their daily routine of eating, breathing, living, and dying in the soil. One cup of fertile soil may contain as many bacteria as there are people on Earth. In one acre—an area about the size of a football field—there may be a ton or more of microscopic bacteria. That's equal to the weight of two full-grown cows!

We eat the food, drink the water, breathe the air, and enjoy the views, but only a few of us walk the fields and forests on a regular basis and understand what those

land need from us in order to sustain the living soil.

However, the local district has suggested three things each of us can do in our own backyards to be better stewards of our soil resources:

- Protect the soil from wind or water erosion by keeping healthy plants growing on the surface.
- Restore and maintain organic matter in the soil, such as grass clippings or tree leaves (compost).
- Protect soil life by using the least amounts and least toxic materials to control pest problems.

### Perry proclaims April 25-May 2 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Texas must continue to pursue effective strategies for preserving our natural resources to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the same economic vitality and quality of life as past and present generations.

Whether we are hiking through serene hills, admiring the wonders of a botanical garden, or undertaking everyday tasks, we must never forget our responsibility to be excellent stewards of our natural resources. To educate the public on this important issue, the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts launch an awareness campaign each April.

The theme for this year's event, "The Living Soil," emphasizes the benefits of fertile land and the important role that soils play as a medium to promote healthy plant growth, functioning also as a natural water filtration system, among many other important roles.

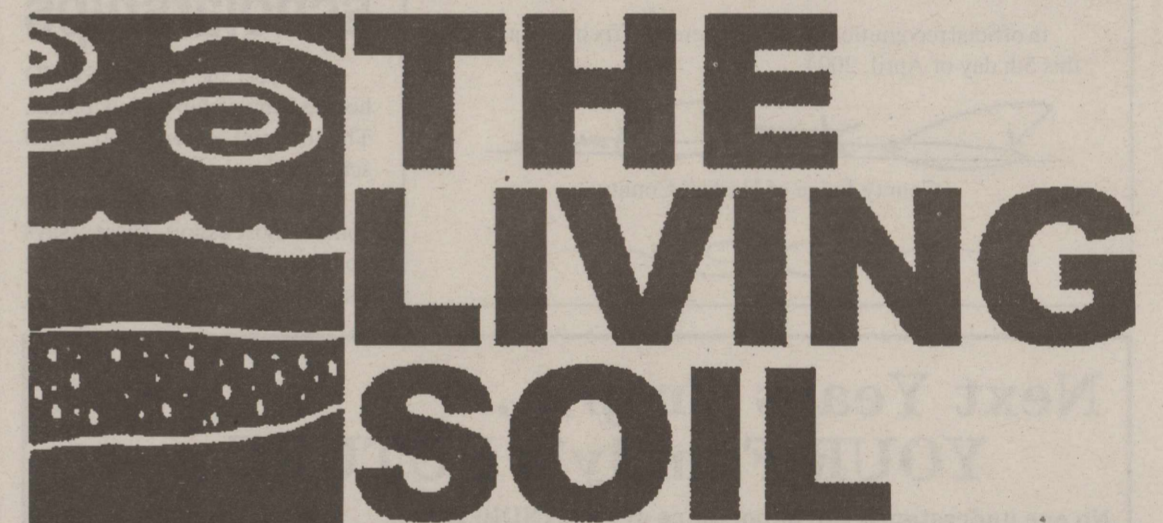
I urge all Texans to recognize their individual responsibility to assist in the wise use of this important resource. The steps we take today will make a difference for the Texas of tomorrow.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 25-May 2, 2004,

#### SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 16th day of March, 2004.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas





## Proclamation

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

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

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

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

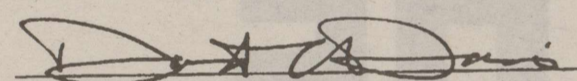
Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable resources.

Therefore, I David C. Davis, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of soil, water and wildlife resources and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 25 through May 2, 2004 as

### SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Haskell County, Texas.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 5th day of April, 2004.



County Judge of Haskell County

# Walking all over our future

**Walking All Over Our Future**  
By Meagan Wallace

Everyday you walk on it, every day you eat something grown in it, and everyday you take it for granted. Soil: the single most productive natural resource the world over. In the United States alone the soil is responsible for 4.5 trillion dollars in trade (Edwardson). Not only is this underappreciated supply the backbone of our economy, it is also a vital link in our foreign relations arena. Today, a wide variety of fresh produce is available to consumers worldwide. Americans can enjoy fresh fruit from Chile in the middle of our winter, while South Africans are eating grain grown in the United States. The soil is beneficial on many levels; however it is also a necessary part of life on this planet both literally and psychologically. Without soil and the crops grown therein, there simply wouldn't be enough food

## Essays compete for scholarships

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

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

to feed the millions of people who live on this planet. But without soil there would also be a loss of stability in our world. If the ground that we often ignore ceased to be productive or became so contaminated that our children could no longer safely play in it, the effects would delve much deeper than lack of food.

Soil is necessary for plants to grow; most of us learned this in kindergarten, but what we didn't learn was how vital the plants that come from the ground are to our way of life. Without the import and export of produce in the United States, for even one day, the economy would fall so quickly it would make the Great Depression look like the shuffling of pocket change. Each and everyday the United States exports 300 million dollars worth of produce and an additional 215 million dollars worth of domesticated meat, all of which are fed feed provided by the soil. According to the National Association of Land Based Resources, in exports alone our soil is worth 515 million dollars a day. Aside from the sheer numbers, the dependability of agricultural trade is vital to the stability of our market. In short, without the high grossing, dependable agricultural market yielded from our soil, the United States economy would crash with little hope of recovery.

The abundance of produce in this great nation has flung open the doors of multi-lateral trade. Without necessary food to offer, the United States would not be able

to trade with such controversial nations as Congo, Niger, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, and many others. The advantages reaped from this trade are not without advantage to America, however; many of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy as a regular part of our diet are not native to this country and must be imported. Coconuts, vanilla, coffee, papayas, sweet potatoes, and bananas are all examples of such non-native necessities.

Soil is often referred to as the earth, the ever present solid beneath our feet, the calm and reassurance that something in life will always be dependable. The extent to which we rely on the soil is shown in the common saying "ash to dust and dust to dust." All people inadvertently acknowledge that without the earth we are nothing. If we as a country do not begin to take responsibility for the damage we do each and everyday to our precious earth, we may soon be unable to take for granted the ability to walk on an ever bountiful, economy stabilizing, foreign relations building, psychologically calming earth.



# A living solution to a dying problem

**A Living Solution to a Dying Problem**  
By Brittany Rutkowski

As a young child, I remember playing in the dirt in my grandparents' backyard. I loved the smell, and the brown clumps looked like my favorite candy: chocolate. I always got into trouble for eating mud pies, and I'm sure if you think back, you can also remember a time when you, too, ate dirt. However, due to an increase in soil pollution, my children may not be able to enjoy the wonderful smell and "taste" of clean, healthy soil. We must conserve and protect the soil to secure our future food source and our children's future land. Without healthy, productive soil, nothing

grows, and if nothing grows, we have no food, and thus, no life. However, each of us can take responsibility and practice soil stewardship to ensure that we maintain healthy soil, which will aid in securing our future harvest.

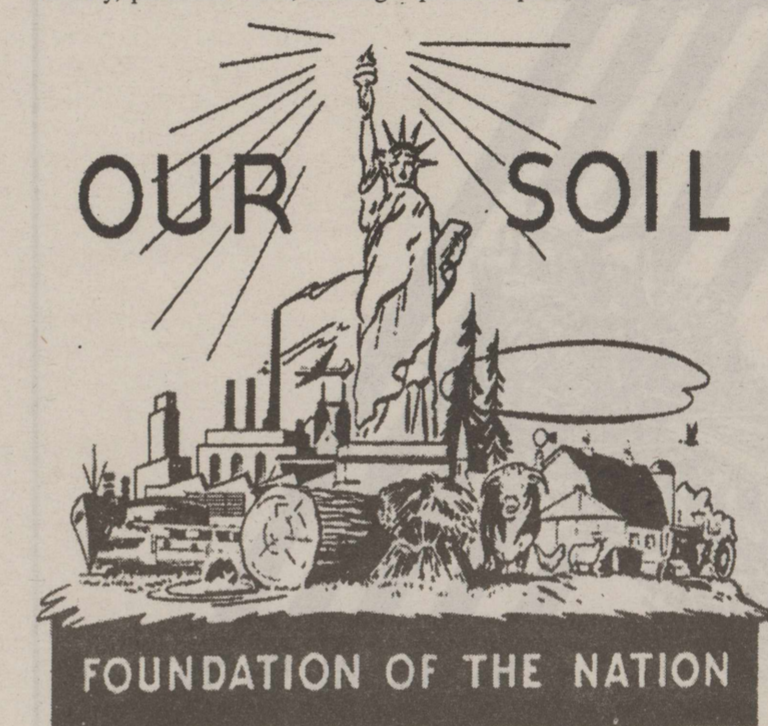
Have you ever peered out of the window of an airborne plane and noticed that the land resembled a patchwork quilt? This is due to the many different types of soils and produce on the countryside. From hills to valleys and deserts to croplands, each landscape lies upon a fine layer of soil. Though soil appears to be solid, this ancient resource actually has many cracks and pores beneath the surface (Sampson). These openings provide space for the millions of

beneficial organisms crucial to the soil's ability to grow plants, provide nutrients and support life. Productive soil can produce a diverse variety of nutritional food products. Without the productive soil, croplands will become barren deserts, and the land will not be able to produce the amounts of crops needed to feed our hungry country. To secure our future food source, we must take responsibility for soil stewardship.

As one of the most prominent, self-reliant countries, the duty falls heavily upon the United States to help conserve and protect the nutrient-rich soil, but each of us must do our part. Farmers play a pivotal role in the soil preservation. They can plow to keep from losing

top soil due to wind erosion and build terraces to keep top soil from washing away. Not only can farmers plow and build terraces, but also they can plant crops to protect the soil and supply food to our growing nation. According to The Hidden Cause of Environmental Pollution website, an estimated 70 million different types of toxic and hazardous products are used by U. S. industries each year, and pesticides alone make up 40,000 different formulations. Farmers can help prevent these toxic components from reaching our harvest and polluting the soil by using only chemicals approved by the Federal Department of Agriculture. Not only can farmers help protect and

conserve soil, but consumers can contribute as well. We can keep healthy plants growing on the surface to keep soil protected from wind and water erosion and mulch our lawn and flowerbed to help restore nutrients to the earth. We also can recycle to keep hazardous waste from coming into contact with the soil. As one can see, each consumer can contribute to the conservation of the living soil, and though the effects of this will be seen nationwide, stewardship starts in our own backyard. If we do not take responsibility and become better conservationists, we have no future food source, and our children and grandchildren will not be able to enjoy making and eating those "delicious" mud pies.

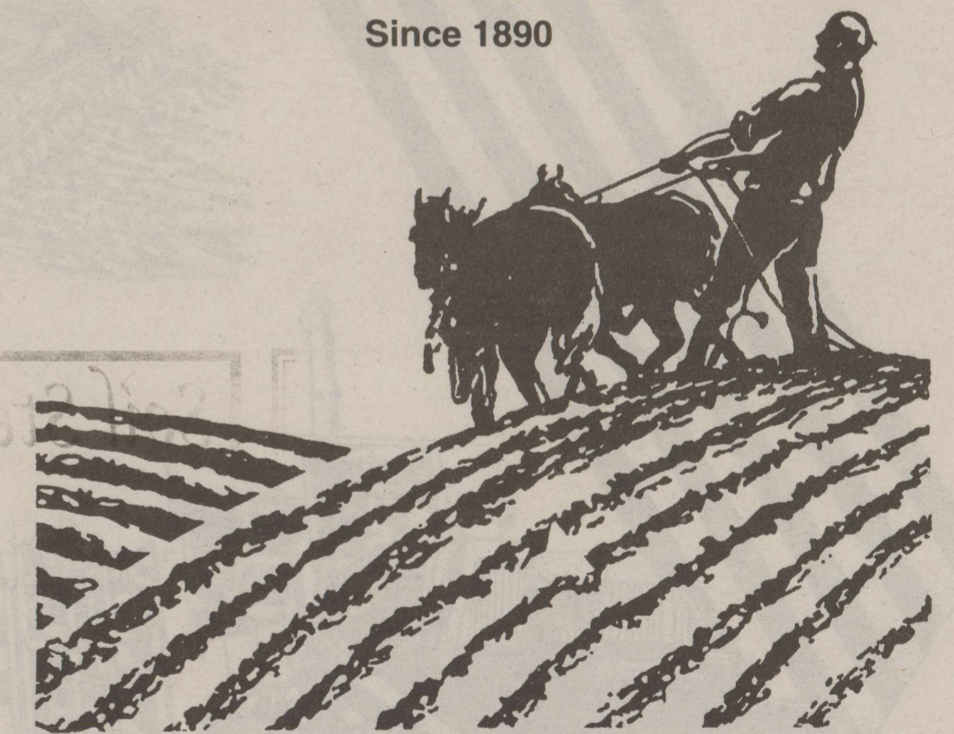


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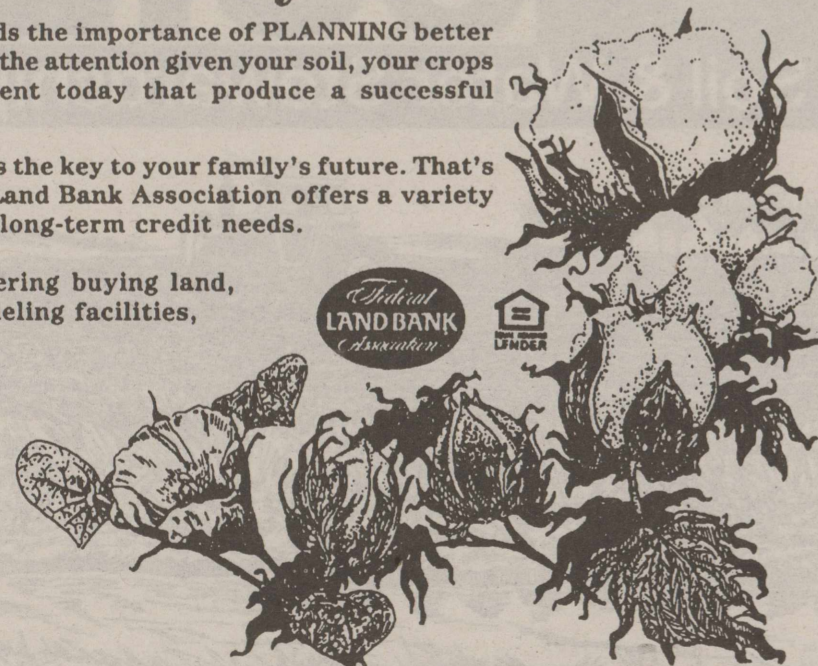
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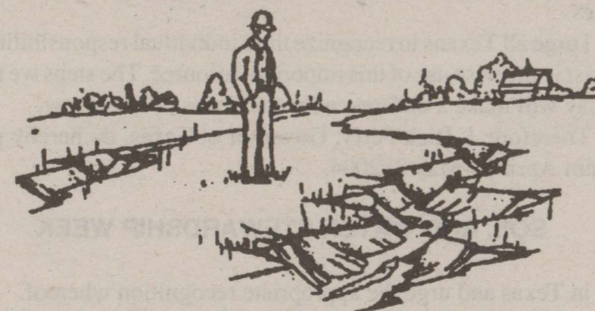
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# Knowledge from playing in the dirt

**Knowledge from Playing in The Dirt**  
By Derrick Tribbey

At the early age of six years old, I did not realize that I was already experiencing soil conservation. I spent countless hours on my grandpa's farm making lakes and rivers in his garden. At that time I was more interested in playing in the dirt than learning what he was trying to teach me about the soil and how to take care of it. Through the years I have become more aware of exactly what he was trying to teach me as I played in the dirt. When we made footprints in the mud, I learned an enormous amount about soil conservation. At times I wondered what was living under the ground. I was always interested in the cracks in the soil. My grandpa explained that the cracks in the soil are how the ground breathes. It is where air and moisture move in and out and where millions of organizations breathe and live. He would teach

me about mushrooms. Mushrooms are called the fruit of the ground which are caused by fungi. Where you see mushrooms there could be hundreds of feet of fungi under the ground. Plants that die and are left in the ground are a good source of nitrogen for other plants. He explained to me how both of these help build the soil. As I have grown older I have become more aware of the environment. Through my grandpa's farming I learned that crops only live for few months, but there may be more than, 15,000 miles of root in one area. My grandpa would explain to me that there are many factors in keeping the soil alive. Fertilizer is essential just as vitamins is to our health. Living soil is a must to life on earth. Without soil there would be no us. He would also explain to me that poor soil management could lose a farmer a large amount of money each year. Letting the ground rest could yield more profit in the long run. My grandpa was a

good farmer. He took care of his land and taught me how important it was to take care of the soil. He loved to plant the little seeds and what a challenge it was to watch them grow just is it was a challenge to watch me grow. My grandpa would build terraces and plant crops in his field in order to keep the rain from washing away the soil. Not only rain could ruin the top soil but also winds and dust

storms. My grandpa was a little boy during the drought of the 1930s. This was when the dust bowl was carrying red mud out into the coastal waters. Conservation began at this time. Farmers had to do something to save their top soil. They planted wind breaks and began tilling their land to keep it from blowing away. As I played in the dirt and had such a good time I

now understand what my grandpa was trying to show and teach me. Through my years of fun I became aware of the important of soil conservation. My grandpa and I planted a tree each year. He taught me that everyone could be a part of the stewardship. Now I watch the trees grow, they remind me of the good times I had with my grandpa on his farm and my role in soil conservation.

## A living foundation

**A Living Foundation**  
By Andrew D. Garrison

The ground we traverse each and every day serves a much more important purpose than just support. In actuality, soil is the very sustainer of life, in both our environment and the ground itself—a foundation for life that truly is alive. For example, the nitrogen process would be an impossibility without certain organisms that are found in healthy soil. An entire ecosystem can be found just below our feet. Surprisingly, more organisms live in a spade-full of garden soil than in the entire Amazon rainforest. One gram of soil contains several million microorganisms (Sunprairie Organic). Soil ecosystems become healthier with more numerous and diverse species.

However, since the introduction of modern farming equipment and farming practices, our soil has deteriorated from a bustling underground highway of nutrient transportation to a dilapidated,

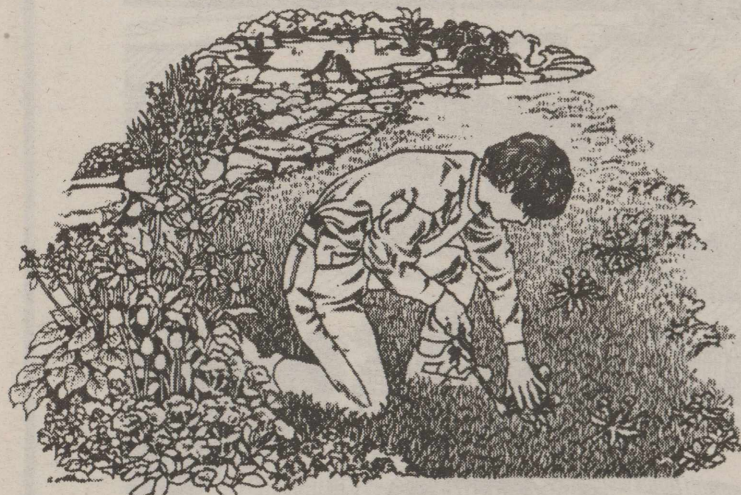
abandoned mineshaft. Tractors and combines have actually compacted the soil to prevent proper growth of roots (Advanced Microbial Solutions). Chemical fertilization has damaged biodiversity by killing beneficiary organisms (Sunprairie Organic). A well-known danger to the soil is pollution created by humans. These factors have occurred, in large part, because of globalization and societal progress. As more and more humans are born throughout the world, precious farmland—and thus soil has been sacrificed for real estate.

To combat the growing dilemma of soil damage, scientists around the world have devised different plans for treatment. Perhaps the most environmentally friendly solution is planting without tilling the soil. This practice would nurture biological activities, such as ant, beetle, and earthworm tunneling to create underwater channels, called macropores. Properly functioning

macropores allow better transportation of nutrients. In fact, some farmers report that fields without tilling actually drain better than those with tilling (Verhallen).

Other solutions suggest better management of nutrients. Over the years, crop removal has stolen vital nutrients from the soil, while improper fertilization has disturbed the balanced ecosystem by actually putting too many nutrients in one area. In reality, some processes, including chemical treatment, have been counterproductive. Farmers are beginning to use microbial products to treat and strengthen soil. These products work with the soil to provide a more stable equilibrium. Organisms and other ingredients help to defend against disease and sustain plant growth, decomposition of organic matter, and soil building (Advanced Microbial Solutions).

Allowing a more natural state of soil life depends on every person. Stewardship and accountability between the earth's patrons is required to keep the soil clean. Humans are the leading cause of pollution on the earth. Without humanity, pollution control programs wouldn't be necessary. Personal policing of daily activities is vital to prevent future pollution. Whatever lies ahead, society must soon realize the importance of preserving what is possibly the earth's greatest asset: the soil.



# Medford to be honored

Caitlin Medford of Paint Creek School will be honored for her outstanding contributions to the

Texas soil and water conservation program at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area V May 6 at 7

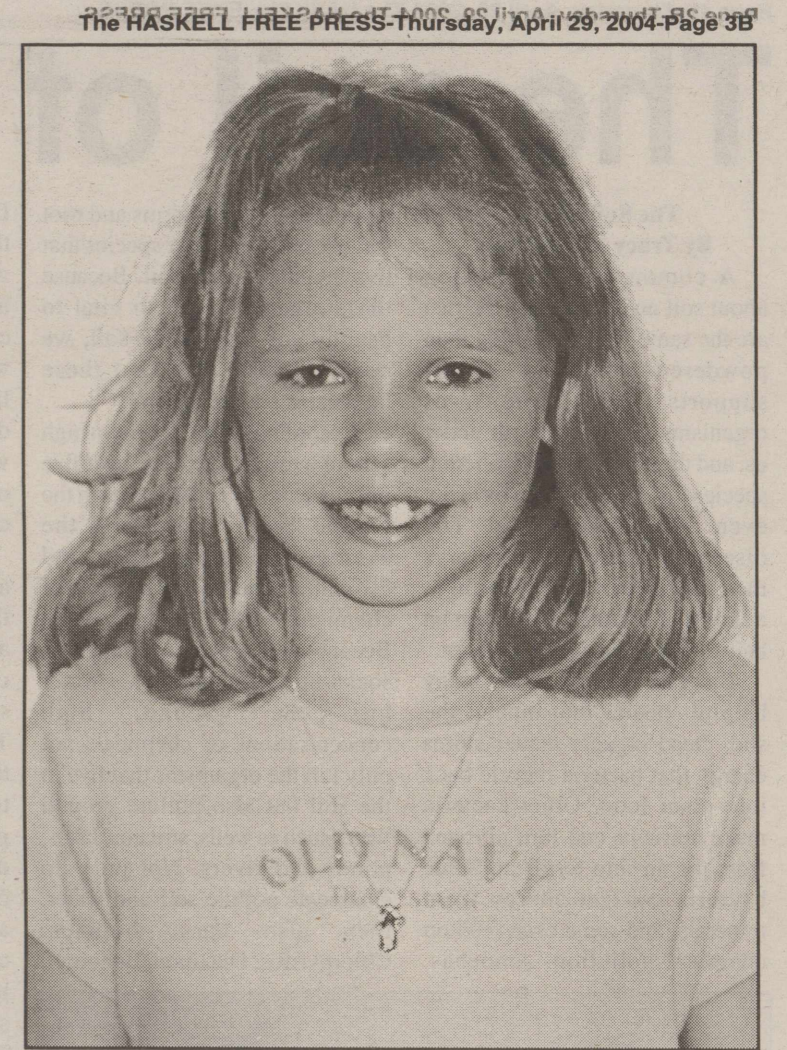
p.m. in Stephenville.

Area V consists of 51 counties in North Central Texas.

Categories in which awards will be presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Absentee Rancher; Water Quality Management Plan; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; Wildlife Conservationist and Conservation District Employee. Awards will also be presented to area youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil and Water conservation Districts (SWCD's) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 217 SWCDs in Texas.



**POSTER CONTEST WINNER**—Caitlin Medford of Paint Creek Elementary School will be honored for her outstanding contribution to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program at an Area V Awards Banquet, May 6 in Stephenville.

## District announces poster winners

Winning the district poster contest were 1. Caitlin Medford, Paint Creek 2nd grade; 2. Dalton Barnett, Paint Creek 4th grade; 3. Josh Horton, Paint Creek 3rd grade.

**Paint Creek**  
2nd grade: 1. Shawn Myers; 2. Caitlin Medford; 3. Kadie McCord.

3rd grade: 1. Blake Edwards; 2. Josh Horton; 3. Cheyenne Buerger.

4th grade: 1. Dalton Barnett; 2. Caleb McCord; 3. Katrina Buerger.

5th grade: 1. Curtis Bishop; 2.

Victoria Reid; 3. Nathan Edwards.

**Rochester**  
Kindergarten: 1. Alli Hall; 2. Cody Baldwin; 3. Josue Gonzales.

1st grade: 1. Colton Rogers; 2. Joanna Trevino; 3. Jessica Wilburn.

**Haskell**  
Mrs. Christian's 3rd grade: 1. Tillie McGuire.

Mrs. Waggoner's 3rd grade: 1. Carson Hadaway; 2. Ashley Adams; 3. Hunter Jordan.

Overall 3rd grade: 1. Carson Hadaway; 2. Ashley Adams; 3. Tillie McGuire.

Mrs. Robert's 4th grade: 1. Ryan Anderson; 2. Sasha Walker; 3. Sonya Rodriguez.

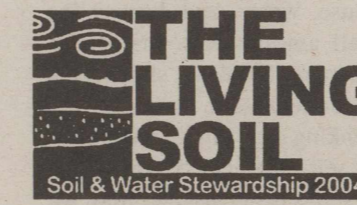
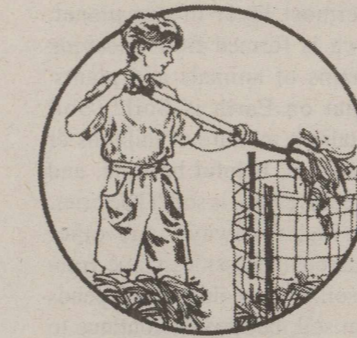
Mrs. Adam's 4th grade: 1. Garrett Brueggeman; 2. Casey Calhoun; 3. Andres Rodriguez.

Overall 4th grade: 1. Garrett Brueggeman; 2. Casey Calhoun; 3. Ryan Anderson.

Mrs. Fouts' 5th grade: 1. Leslie Crosson; 2. Meagan Kimbrough; 3. Kacey Strickland.

Mrs. Johnson's 5th grade: 1. Angelica Gonzales; 2. Codi Foster; 3. Kelson Aguero.

Overall 5th grade: 1. Leslie Crosson; 2. Angelica Gonzales; 3. Meagan Kimbrough.



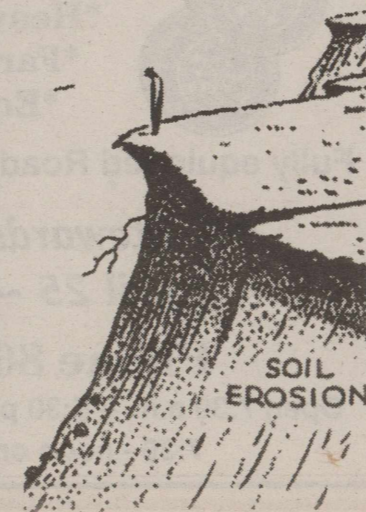
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# The soil of life

**The Soil of Life**  
By Tracy Richardson

A common misconception about soil and dirt is that the two are the same. Dirt is nothing than powdered rock, whereas soil supports life. Billions of organisms live in the earth under us, and there are so many different species that most of them have not even been named yet. The discovery school website says there are more living organisms in a shovel of soil than all the human beings that have ever been born.

Bacteria are one of the many helpful species that inhabit the soil. Dead organic matter stores energy that bacteria recycle back into plant food. Other bacteria make nutrients and turn nitrogen from the air into fertilizer. Some bacteria can get energy from minerals, and some even feed on chemical pollution. Amoebas,

beetle mites, earthworms and root fungus are a few other species that live in and help the soil. Because these organisms are so vital to healthy and productive soil, we need to make sure that these organisms stay in the soil.

According to the Needham high school website, there are over five million acres of home lawns in the United States alone and the average American uses and estimated five to ten pounds of chemicals on his yard per year. Because soil acts as a sponge that soaks up chemicals when water hits the ground, high concentrations of chemicals not only kill the organisms that live in the soil but also pollute ground water such as wells, streams, lakes, ponds and rivers. Not only do chemicals pollute soil and water, they also harm humans. Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, Benomyl,

Dicofol and Oftanol are chemicals that cause damage to humans as well as the helpful creatures that live in our soil. Slugs, grub worms, crane flies, moths, aphids and boll weevils are unwanted pests that live in and around soil and cause damage to grass, crops and other vegetation. These nuisances are one of the reasons why people use chemicals in the first place.

The Weyerhaeuser Corporation, a large forest products company that operates in the United States and Canada, is working on non-chemical alternatives such as soil solarization and pasteurization. These alternatives are advances that help reduce chemical pollution to soil and water while ridding plants of unwanted pests but not destroying the useful organisms in our soil. (EPA) Soil solarization is a technique that uses clear plastic tarps that trap solar radiation and heats the soil to temperatures that suppress unwelcome pests. Pasteurization uses steam heat that which can be controlled to disinfect the soil of nematodes, soil pathogens and even weeds.

Many methods of safely eliminating pests have been tested over the years, but none have effective or cost efficient enough to become more commonly used. The ground we walk on has been here for millions of years and still has many years to come. Our job is to make sure that our soil remains as healthy as possible to support new growth for the many centuries to come.

# Worshiping the ground

**Worshiping the Ground**  
**We Walk On**  
By Dax Pueschel

Soil is often portrayed as being dirty, dark, and disgusting, even though it plays a vital part in our everyday lives. Without soil we couldn't benefit from the fruits of the earth and other necessities that we frequently take for granted. Soil conservation isn't exactly everyday conversation, yet without soil we would be deprived of an abundant amount of resources and luxuries. Coming from a farming family and community, I realize the importance of what lies beneath my feet. I love to be outdoors and enjoy reaping the benefits of the spring and summer seasons. I anticipate the arrival of wheat harvest every year because I have the opportunity to appreciate this overlooked treasure. From the experience and information I have gathered from the past four years of harvest, I understand the importance of conserving soil and taking care of this valuable resource. Farmers incorporate time, effort, and money into their soil in order to reap a greater reward: a profit and satisfaction of a bountiful harvest. Farmers also have been introduced to new technological innovative equipment and ideas which allow farmers to conserve their soil and receive the best yield from their crop. For example, by planting guar, also known as cluster bean, succeeding crops produce a higher yield due to the significant amount of nitrogen. Crop rotation and terraces also contribute to the

conservation of soil. By rotating crops, the soil has time to replenish the minerals and nutrients needed in order to obtain a higher yield. Terraces are equally important because they hold moisture and keep the soil from washing away. If our soil were lost, all resources from soil acidity and salinity would diminish or not exist. Without soil we wouldn't have forests, grass, and trees. Our society depends upon soil, yet we often overlook this vital necessity. Soil provides us with everyday items that we don't take the time to appreciate; instead, we take advantage of these luxuries without showing any respect from which these materials are derived. The paper we write on, the vegetables we pick, and the grass we mow all come from the soil. Yet, we know more about the moon than the soil bedded under our feet. Did you know scientists have identified seventy thousand varieties of soil in the United States alone? Soil is actually the outermost layer of our planet, which is formed from decaying remains of animals and plants. (What on Earth is Soil?) Soil contains a mixture of millions of organisms, helpful bacteria, and minerals. (What is soil?) Factories, housing, roadways, and other numerous necessities come from the soil. Our whole world depends upon soil, but people continue to misuse, waste, and destroy the small amount left. Instead of preserving farmland, skyscrapers and unnecessary buildings are shrinking our supply, economy, and self-efficiency. Even though our soil is being lost everyday, we continue to ignore the problem. The time to start conserving is now, not tomorrow or the next day, but today. People need to realize there isn't an infinite amount of land, and eventually we will deplete our supply if steps aren't taken today. The future can't be predicted, but at the booming rate of rapid urban development and consumer demands, our once most abundant resource will be plowed into the past.

# Healthy soil equals happiness

**Healthy Soil Equals Happiness**  
By Hannah Jordan

Soil is important to our lives on earth by helping us grow food, produce beautiful flowers and plants, and providing a home to bugs and animals. Everyday our soil becomes more polluted due to peoples careless acts of polluting our earth, people in this lifetime have not become aware of the beauty and life around us. Due to new technology and new methods of farming, people are around the soil less. There are millions of living creatures that inhabit and depend on the soil for a home such as bugs or rabbits. Due to our careless acts, the creatures that live in the soil have to suffer because of our acts. Ways of making the soil healthier are to respect the soil,

learn more about the soil, and prevent erosion by planting flowers, bushes or trees. If we aren't more careful about our acts, we will not only be making our lives less healthy, but we also will be killing living creatures' habitats and eventually killing the creatures and plants (Encarta).

Everyday, the population increases yearly by 1.6%, which is about 74 million people making demand for planting crops rise due to the increase in food demand. As more crops are planted, the soil conservation becomes more crucial. If a person does not take care of the soil seriously, not only will we be without food, but also enabling life to be on earth. People everyday are creating the chance

of erosion to occur more often because, humans overuse and misuse soil. One example of our misuse is scientists not disposing of chemicals properly; this can lead to unhealthy soil. The unhealthy soil can cause sickness or even deaths in humans, animals, and plants. With our rapid population increase estimated to be six to ten billion within three decades (MSNBC), we will be overdeveloping land. Humans will then have to have more buildings, streets, and vehicles made to meet the demand of our rapid population increase. Every person in this world would not want to be living in such pollution and everyday occurring deaths. Children would

not be allowed outside if our soil was contaminated so much that we would be afraid that the children would get ill or sick from just playing outside. Our animals would suffer as well; the animals would have to be put in artificial places like zoos instead of roaming free. We would not be able to enjoy the earth's beauty if such events occur. The soil is made up of everything from wastes of animals to decaying bodies; it is part of everyone and everything on this earth. We would not want to get rid of such an important element as soil because it helps us live.

With our increase of soil conservation, farmers and people are more inclined to conserve soil,

thanks to the government programs like the division of soil conservation. This program motivates people to take care of our soil and be less careless and explain how important soil is for our lives. If we are more careful about how we dispose of chemicals, to not misuse soil and to not over develop soil, we will be living in a healthy environment. Not only will we be making ourselves happy, we will be making those who live in the soil happy as well. If we practice soil conservation daily, the results would be positive; we would not only have a healthy environment to live in but also a beautiful one as well.



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# Judging teams compete at district contests

The annual Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District, California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District Range & Pasture, Land Plant I.D. Contests were held March 2, at the Avoca High School.

In the Range & Pasture Judging Contest, the Jacksboro team placed 1st, the Stamford team placed 2nd

and the Anson team placed 3rd.

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

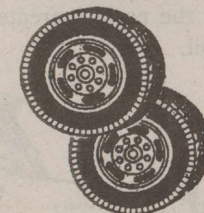
In the Plant I.D. Judging Contest, the Jacksboro team placed 1st, the Anson team placed 2nd and the Hamilton team placed 3rd.

Many other schools from the surrounding area participated in the contests.

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