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Calendar

Donkey basketball

A Donkey basketball game will be held Thursday, April 25, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Haskell High school gym, with three games: Haskell High faculty vs high school students; Haskell Co. Law Enforcement vs. Haskell Fire Dept. and EMS; the championship game will be the winners of the first two games.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for grade school students in advance; and \$7 for adults and \$5 for grade school students at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Video Mania, Heads or Tails or First National Bank.

Calf roping event

The Haskell Roping club will sponsor a "B" Calf Roping event on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Co. Arena. Books will open at 1 p.m. Open Calf Roping-3 for \$60; "B" Calf Roping-3 for \$45. For more information, call 817-864-2493.

Mike Patterson, Missionary to Old Mexico for the past 22 years, will be at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell from May 1 through May 5, at 7 p.m. nightly. The public is invited.

100th birthday for Gillespie Baptist

The Gillespie Baptist Church will host a 100th birthday celebration on Sunday, April 28. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a Special Worship Service will begin at 10 a.m. A noon meal will be provided, with visiting and sharing afterward. The afternoon service will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Boll Weevil meeting

A public meeting will be held Friday, April 26, in Weinert to discuss the status of the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which is gearing up for a fall 1996 start. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Weinert School Building.

All-Sports Banquet

The All-Sports Banquet, hosted by the Haskell Indian Booster Club will be held Saturday, May 4, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. All junior high and high school athletes are invited to attend as well as parents, faculty and all interested persons.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$7 from Haskell High School office, Haskell Elementary office, Sport About, First National Bank, Haskell National Bank and several Booster Club members. After April 30, a limited number of tickets may be purchased for \$8.

Old Glory Musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. The proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information, call 817-989-2925 or 2760.

Youth-led revival

The Rochester First Baptist Church youth group is sponsoring a youth-led revival May 3-5, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. nightly. The featured evangelist will be Brad Miles. Brad is a senior at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, where he will be graduating with honors in May.

He will be coming to FBC in Rochester to spread the Good News to all with a special emphasis for the youth in Rochester and the surrounding areas.

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City and EDC to host Boll Weevil Eradication Program open house

The City of Haskell and the Development Corp. of Haskell will welcome one of seven district offices of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program to town on Wednesday, May 1, with an open house and ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. at their office at 1201 No. First St. The public is invited to attend.

"The City of Haskell is extremely proud and honored to have a Boll Weevil Eradication District Office. This program is very crucial to the future success of our Cotton Producers and we want them to know they have our full support," said Monty Montgomery, Executive Director, Development Corp. of Haskell, Inc.

The office, which is scheduled to open later this month, will serve as the staging area for boll weevil eradication operations on approximately 100,000 acres of cotton in portions of Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties. Terry Futch is the district supervisor in the Haskell district office.

"During peak operations, the office will house storage space and

offices for approximately 50 full-time and temporary employees," said Frank Myers, Executive Director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

"Historically, boll weevil eradication offers a 12:1 investment return. In other words, for every dollar spent on eradication, 12 are returned to the local economy, in the way of money being spent on eradication operations, and money saved by the grower once pesticide applications decrease," Myers said.

He said the Foundation attempts to hire program personnel and purchase supplies locally whenever possible. "Of course, aside from monetary gain, one of the greatest benefits of eradication is the ultimate reduction of insecticides into the environment. That's something that all of us can appreciate—not just cotton producers."

Growers in the 19-county Rolling Plains Central Zone approved the program last year and will begin in the diapause of the eradication program this fall.

Applications for journalism scholarships available

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors and junior and senior college students for two \$500 college scholarships, according to John McDougal, publisher of *The Haskell Free Press*.

The Haskell Free Press is a member of the West Texas Press Association, the world's largest press organization because of the vast geographic area it encompasses. The Association will be presenting scholarships to two future journalists in print media whose career goals include working with a community newspaper.

Through the Bob Craig Memorial Scholarship program, a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior will each be presented with a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of longtime *Hamlin Herald* publisher Bob Craig, who died in

1981. He served 18 years on the WTPA board in all offices, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

The scholarship will be divided into payments of \$250 per semester for two semesters for each of the two scholarship winners. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other will be presented to a student who is already attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major.

Parenting workshop set for Saturday, April 27

April 27 will be an important day! All parents in Haskell, Rochester, Rule and Paint Creek are encouraged to attend a FREE parenting workshop at the Haskell Elementary School on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free snacks and lunch will be provided as will free babysitting services.

Several break-out sessions will be held concurrently and parents can choose from such topics as Communication, Stress, Peer Pressure, Birth Order and Healthy Choices. Some sessions will be

held in Spanish while others will have Spanish translators available.

Local merchants have donated door prizes and coupons that will be given to all-day participants. Please register for the workshop and babysitting by calling Haskell Elementary at 864-2654 or the Haskell High School at 864-8535.

Facilitators for the workshop will be Cathy Bartley, Janice Browning, Linda Billington, Ruth Enriquez, Rhonda Hanson, Michelle Howard, Betty Martin and Lisa Pheil.

New fence to be built at jail

At their first meeting of the month, Monday, April 8, the Haskell County Commissioner's Court approved a motion to install new fencing around the County Jail to be in compliance with state requirements and also to purchase jail uniforms for prisoners.

In other business, a motion was approved to accept the bridge replacement, by the Texas Dept. of Transportation, at Mule Creek in Precinct 4; and to accept the recommendation for a bridge replacement on California Creek in Precinct 3.

In personnel matters, a motion

was approved for Ricky Tidrow to be taken off probationary status and hired at a regular rate in Precinct 2.

At the April 23, Commissioner's Court meeting, a motion was approved to hire Nick Ortiz for the maintenance and yard work job at the Court House and other county buildings. Ortiz was hired at an annual salary of \$16,000 as of May with the usual six month probation period.

In other business, time warrants were issued for equipment purchased for Precinct 1, in the amount of \$92,567.68, to be divided equally in five payments, at Home State Bank of Rochester.



PET DIPPING AND RABIES SHOTS—Members of the Haskell Co. Sr. 4-H Club hosted a Rabies Clinic and Pet Dipping day at the park recently. Getting ready to dip a dog, are Bree Burgess, Nisha Patel and Amy Burson. In back, Bobby Sanford and Shannon Sanford and to the right, Charles Chapman. Dr. Tom Halgrove was on hand to administer shots. Photo by Jason Shaw

It's recycle and clean-up time

April 29 through May 4 is City-Wide Clean-Up week in Haskell. Everyone is urged to join their neighbors and friends in cleaning up Haskell. Citizens of Haskell can haul their old appliances, furniture and other junk to the city landfill all week with out any cost to them. If you need help in hauling your junk, please call City Hall and they will bring a trailer by to assist you.

For those of you with brush to get rid of, cut it into three feet lengths and the city will have a chipper behind one of their trucks and will chip it for you on sight. You may keep the chips if you want them.

The recycling trailer will be available and for those of you with brush to haul off, please take it to the recycling trailer, not the city landfill.

For those of you taking junk to the landfill, you will need to show

proof of Haskell citizenship, such as a utility bill.

CART—Citizens are recycling together!

It is recycling time again. Via a grant funded by the West Texas Council of Governments, the City of Haskell is the proud new owner of a recycling trailer. The trailer has four bins which will be used to collect newspaper, plastic (milk jugs and coke bottles), cans (bi-metal and aluminum) and office paper.

The trailer will be used throughout the county in an effort to unify the recycling movement. During City-Wide Clean-up, April 29-May 4, the trailer can be found at the following locations:

Monday, April 29—First Baptist Church parking lot; Tuesday, April 30—Vacant lot north of park; Wednesday, May 1—Save-a-Dollar

parking lot; Thursday, May 2—Old recycling center; Friday, May 3—Downtown, NE corner of square; Saturday, May 4—At the recycling center located east of the park.

On Saturday, May 4, the Recycling Committee will be hosting a recyclable "weigh-in" at the recycling center from 9-12. The individual bringing the most weight in each category will be awarded a prize. The categories will be newspaper, cardboard, glass, bi-metal cans and aluminum cans. Cookies and punch will be available to everyone visiting the center on Saturday.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9-5 and Sat., 9-12. At the center are containers for newspaper office paper, bi-metal cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, glass, plastic milk jugs and coke bottles and junk mail catalogues.

Haskell to host Wild Horse Prairie Days, May 31-June 2

Food and merchandise vendors are invited to participate in Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days on May 31 and June 1-2. The fee is \$30. Merchandise vendors are asked to include items of Western motif in their inventory.

Vendors will be located in the Gazebo area of the city park and near the rodeo arena and show barn. Electricity will be available in some areas, but vendors will need to

bring tables and chairs.

Registration forms are available at Heads or Tails or Hartsfield Insurance in Haskell. Deadline is May 17. For more information, contact Mary Rike at 817-864-2665 or Dickie Greenwood at 817-864-2631.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days will feature three days of ranch rodeo events with more than \$3,500

in jackpot money. Other events include a chuck wagon cook-off on the creek, dances Friday and Saturday nights, WTBRA barrel racing, open calf roping, team roping, cowboy poetry and entertainment and a cowboy church service.

Additional information about the Wild Horse Prairie Days is available at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office 817-864-2477.

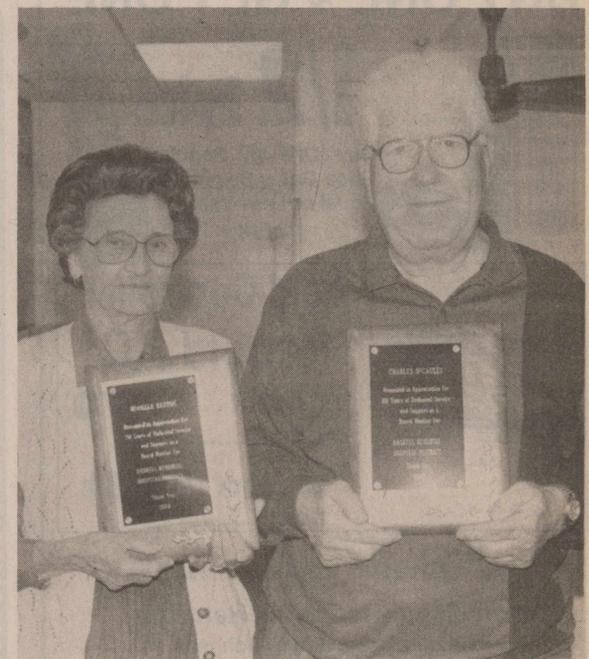
Weinert city election

The Weinert City Election will be held Saturday, May 4. There are three vacancies to fill and three people have filed with no opposition. Because city councilmen did not show up for the last meeting in order to cancel the election as allowed by law, the election will be held.

The vacancies were created by Gilbert Jimenez, Jerry Walker and Bryan Adams. Those filing for election are Fred Horan, Don Welch and Patricia Horan.

There are also three unopposed candidates for the Water Board, Lester Hutchinson, Jerry Sanders-Incumbent and Barry Walker.

It's time to get out the rakes and hoes & clean!



20 YEAR PLAQUES—Mozelle Barton and Charles McCauley were presented plaques in appreciation of 20 years of dedicated service to the Haskell Memorial Hospital Board at the last board meeting, when the two tendered their retirement notices.



BIRTHDAY SURPRISE—Kathryn Whitaker of Haskell was surprised Monday on her 73rd birthday, with a bouquet of flowers from Sue's Flowers, Gifts and Photography, from her daughter, Susie Kenan of Haskell.



Kira Carlson in pageant

Miss Kira Nichelle Carlson, age 8, the daughter of Wes and Michelle Strickland formerly of Haskell, has been accepted as a State Finalist in the Miss North Texas American Pre-Teen Pageant to be held May 24-25 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas in Dallas.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$500 cash award, official crown and banner, along with \$300 in travel expenses to compete in the National Miss American Coed Pageant in Orlando, Fl.

Carlson is sponsored by Wes and Michelle Strickland, Houser Concrete Co. and Glitter & Gold, Ltd. Her hobbies include cheerleading, Girl Scouts and reading.

Firemen attend Mid-West conv.

Nine members of the Haskell Fire Dept. and Auxiliary attended the 115th Semi-Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall's Association convention held in Merkel on Saturday, April 13.

Ladies attended the district's auxiliary meeting and luncheon held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

During the men's business meeting held in the Heritage Hall, Sam Watson of Haskell was re-elected as secretary-treasurer and Jerry Stocks of Haskell was re-elected as chaplain.

Abilene retired fire chief Dee Loss Edwards was named as the district's fireman of the year. His name will be submitted at the State Convention to be held in Amarillo June 8-12 for selection of the state's fireman of the year.

Winners in the district's fire poster contest from Haskell were Primary division: 3rd place Lindsey Pannell and Junior High Division: Cliff McGuire 2nd place. These posters will advance to the state poster contest in June.

A memorial service was held to remember twenty-one district firemen and auxiliary members who had died in the past year. Firemen from Haskell remembered were Desmond Dulaney, E. B. Love, Wilton Kennedy, Cecil Pittman. Auxiliary members remembered Jean Love, Audrey "Bud" Comedy, Betty Watson, Evelyn Mercer, Eva Speer and Lydia Stocks.

Ann E. Decker



1ST PLACE WINNER—Winston Stephens of Rule was the first place winner in The Haskell Free Press easter coloring contest. He won \$15.



2nd PLACE WINNER—Brianna Wheatley of Haskell was the second place winner in The Haskell Free Press easter coloring contest. She won \$10.



3RD PLACE WINNER—Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell tied for the 3rd place win of \$5, in the easter coloring contest with Taylor McGuire of Sulphur, La.

Obituaries

Judy Collins Flash

Services were held for Judy Collins Flash, 49, of Hawley on Sunday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Flash died Friday, April 19, in an Abilene hospital. She was born on May 21, 1946, in Haskell. She was a graduate of Haskell High School and Aladdin Beauty College. She married Ron Flash on June 1, 1974 in Rule. She worked for Lockheed for seven years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Flash of

Hawley; three sons, Kevin Sullivan who is stationed in Killeen with the U.S. Navy, James Flash who is stationed in Millington, Tenn. with the U.S. Navy and David Flash of Hawley; three step-daughters, Sissy Flash of Kentucky, Rhonda and Angela Flash of Abilene; her grandmother, Eva Jean Flash of Abilene; one brother, Robby Collins of Dallas; one nephew, Russell Collins of Dallas; and one niece, Page Collins of Dallas.

Pallbearers were Jack Ray, James Miller, Bobby Tidwell, Glenn Darden, Wayne Collins and Russell Collins.

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

Recent visitors with George and Faye Gray were Lynn Gray, Grapeland; Chuck and Judy Hicks, Michael Hicks and friend, Jennifer, Abilene; Woody and Georgia Turnbow, Weinert and from Haskell, Bob and Loretta Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeby.

Visiting Friday with Alice Wootan were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Wootan of Sweetwater.

The B.O. Robersons were in Floydada on April 13, to attend the piano recital of their granddaughter, Molly Long.

Bob Henshaw of Casper, Wyo. and his mother, Iola Henshaw flew to Hilton Head, S.C. for a weeks visit with Mrs. Henshaw's daughter and family, Bill and Jeanette Taylor and children. The Taylors live in Michigan and maintain a summer home in Hilton Head. Last Saturday, Gaylon Head of Lubbock came down and took Bob home with him for a few days visit before he returned to Casper.

On Saturday, Sarah Cothron won in feature writing in the Class 2A Regional UIL Academic contest held at ACU in Abilene.

Carl Lane of California is visiting his sisters, Ella Belle Burson and Sudie Mae Doerr.

Dusty and Sarah Burson of Lubbock visited relatives and friends in Haskell.

Emma Bland has returned home after spending a week in El Reno, Okla. with her daughter and family, Mark, Dana, Trent and Emily Gibson. Mark and his brother, Marshall, flew her home. While in El Reno, she saw Trent inducted into the Boy Scouts and watched him play baseball. They attended a performance for the ballet "The Three Musketeers" in Oklahoma City.

Recent visitors with Neat Bevel were her sister and brother-in-law, Virgil and Sylvia Mudd of Renton, Wa. They also visited a sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Bernice Chambers in Knox City and a sister-in-law, Willie Mae Turner in Rochester. Nieces and nephews stopping by the Bevel home to visit the Mudds included James and Lela Bevel, Paul and Sandra Chambers and Dalton and Loveta Hearne. Sylvia is the youngest daughter of the late Henry and Bertha Turner, former Rochester residents.

Visiting last week with Jack and Alta Faye Harvey were Mrs. Harvey's brothers, Joe Larned of Port Neches and Kenneth Larned of Port Arthur. Also visiting the

Harveys were Dale, Brucille and Alan Garret of Lefors.

Visiting last week in Haskell after being away for 55 years was Zelma Odom Pennington of Scottsburg, In. with her two children, Patty Martin of Scottsburg and Roger Pennington of Freetown, In. Their host guides were John and Florence Larned and Jack and Alta Faye Harvey. They went sightseeing to the Paint Creek School, the Lake Stamford power plant, Scott's Crossing, Rattlesnake Mountain, the old Howard School site and Zelma's old home site. There was much reminiscing about olden days. This was Patty's and Roger's first visit to Haskell. Patty, a beautiful dark haired girl will dance on Club Dance on TNN in May. She and her partner are the Indiana Boots and Jeans Country Dancers.

Tracey Yeldell has been named program coordinator of SAVI (Sexual Assault Victim Intervention) for the Washington Naval district. She is a former volunteer with the Prince George's County Rape Center Crisis Center in Maryland. She is developing

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Scholarship continued from page 1

Last year's recipients were Leslie Weeks of Canadian, a senior journalism major at Texas Tech University and Jennifer Comedy, a graduate of Haskell High school, who entered Texas A&M last fall as an agriculture journalism major.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and high schools throughout the West Texas region and to college journalism departments. Prospective applicants may secure a form from the high school journalism department or counselor or the local newspaper office.

Applicants must be from the West Texas area.

Applications and essays must be sent to M. Gene Dow, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Drawer 1200, Seminole, TX 79360, and be postmarked on or before June 17, 1996.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the directors of the West Texas Press Association and will be announced at the Association's Annual Convention, July 18-20, 1996, in Fort Worth.

Applications are available at the Haskell Free Press office.

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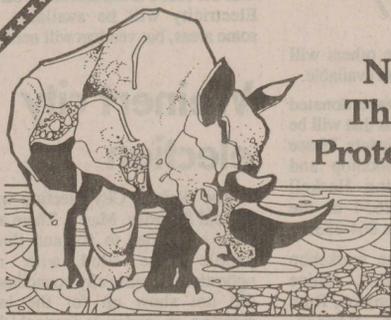
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Couple wed in western theme ceremony

Shana Lynne McKenzie of Haskell and Devery Kirk Rosenquist of Stamford exchanged wedding vows in a western theme ceremony on Friday, April 12, at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. David Page, pastor of East Side Baptist officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Doy McKenzie of Haskell. The groom is the son of Ms. Jocille Whitworth of Stamford and Doug Rosenquist of Abilene.

Teresa New, organist, played the Wedding March. Wedding songs played were "Look At You, Girl," by Chris LeDoux and "Keeper of the Stars," by Tracy Byrd.

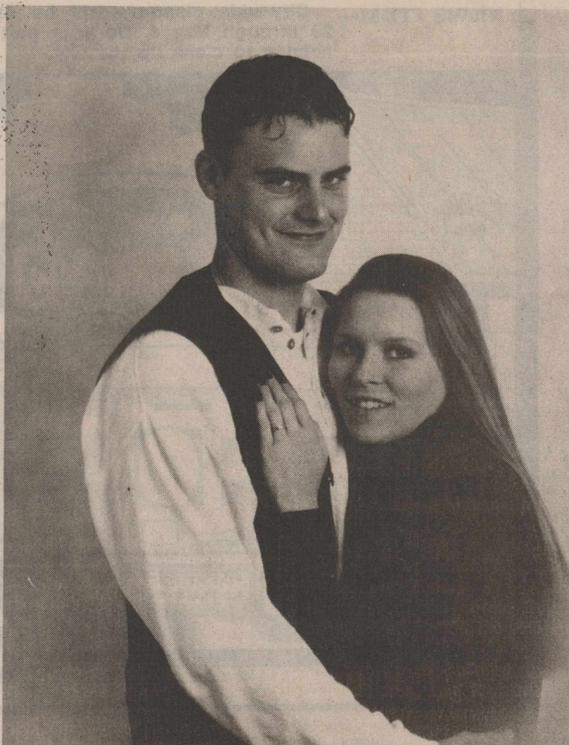
Using an Old Western Theme, Connie Cothron of Haskell, decorated the gentle setting for the wedding. A tall candelabra stood in the center of two large wagon wheels woven with purple Clemists, with old saddles flanking each side of the altar steps. The Unity Candle was decorated in matching streamers of purple satin ribbons.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mark Whittemore, of Kerrville.

The bride's dress, a gift from her grandmother, was a Frontier Sweetheart dress fashioned of white lace over satin with a fitted bodice and a sweetheart neckline with drop pearls and sequins in the center. The dropped-waistline formed a point in front with a full lace skirt that draped into a ballet handkerchief hemline.

She wore white western leather/lace wedding boots, also a gift from her grandmother. The veil, made by her mother, was heart shaped in closely woven satin with elbow length net, bordered in small pearls and gathered in back with white rosebuds. She carried a 33 year-old linen handkerchief from Belgium, a gift to her grandmother and that had been carried by her mother and both aunts in their weddings. Her bridal bouquet of white roses framed with loops of white rope interwoven with purple satin was designed by Connie Cothron.

Holly Hobgood of Lubbock was maid of honor. Shayne McKenzie, sister of the bride, of Haskell and Dala Young of Midland were bridesmaids. They were all attired in black broomstick skirts with fitted sleeveless Southwest design vests, adorned with Buffalo Nickel buttons and matching combs for the French twists in their hair. They also wore black lacer western boots. They



JAMES (JIMMY) JOHNSTON JR. and JAYME DEE HAMILTON

Engagement announced

The parents of Jayme Dee Hamilton and James Michael (Jimmy) Johnston Jr. are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tanny Hamilton of Clyde and Jim Hamilton of North Richland Hills. Her grandparents are Doris Moeller and the late Edwin (Tuffy) Moeller of Stamford, and James and Mary Lou Hamilton of Winters.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Ann Johnston of Clyde. His grandparents are Tommy and Betty Watson of Haskell, and Maxine Owens of Wardell,

Missouri.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Clyde High School and attends Angelo State University in San Angelo. She is employed by Blockbuster Video.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Haskell High School. He attended South Plains Junior College in Levelland and Cisco Junior College in Cisco. He is employed by Wal-Mart in San Angelo.

A June 7, wedding is planned at the home of Mrs. Doris Moeller in Stamford.

Celebration of Life party

On April 13, a Celebration of Life party was held honoring Lois Redwine's 80 years. The event was held in the home of Vern and Charlotte Foreman in Odessa. Hosting the party were daughters and sons-in-law, Hyrum and Jeanie Richards of Star Valley, Wyo., Vern and Charlotte Foreman and Coe and Suzy McElmurry, all of Odessa.

Barbecue brisket, chicken, sausage, salad, birthday cake and ice cream were served in the Foreman's spacious yard.

Guests included: grandchildren, Scott Henshaw and Debi Wright of Casper, Wyo.; Brady Henshaw of Albuquerque, N.M.; Butch, Jona, Jarryd and Bryan Foreman, Lucy, Julie, Jeff and Justin Stillwell, Greg and Dax Riley, all of Odessa; Flint, Lisa and Austin Nanny, Trey and Amber Rogers, all of Haskell; John, Monica, Alan, Richard and Joshua Childs, all of Midland; Chad and Lisa Lundy of Tulsa, Ok.; Dan and Jennifer Williams of Waco;

brother-in-law and nephew, Gaylon and Curtis Head of Lubbock; niece, Peggy Middlebrook of Haskell; cousin, Golda Lindsay of Midland; friends, Virgie Goodlett of Colorado City; Linda Gilispie, Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Foreman Sr., Jack and Bob Monzingo, Jimmy and Karen Locke, Don, Shawn and Kelsey Stringer, all of Odessa and the hosts.

Unable to attend were grandchildren, Dan Richards and family of Anchorage, Ak.; Rachel and Brittany Richards of Casper, Wyo.; Elizabeth Richards; John Richards of Albuquerque; Darlene Foreman of Burbank, Ca.; Billy and Rhonda Richards of Austin; and Koty and Keifer Koenig of Tulsa.

Births

Donna and Kerald Searcey of Gould, Okla. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Schyler Elizabeth, born March 19, in Lawton Okla. She weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 18-3/4 inches.

Proud grandparents are Melvin and LaVerne Hill of Haskell and Bill and Maurice Searcey of Gould, Okla. Great-grandparents are Elmo and Faye Jones of Hollis, Okla. and Vera Coplen of Arlington.

Thomas and Susan Croft of Bay City announced the birth of a son, Cody Fletcher, born April 2, at 7:35 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs.

Paternal grandparents are Harvey and Kay Croft of Haskell. Maternal grandparents are Bill Allen and Vickie Allen of Sulphur Springs.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. W.G. May will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 4. Their children and grandchildren will be hosting a reception at the Philadelphian Club, located at 701 Union Avenue in Rule.

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth Ashworth has decided to scrap the state's minority scholarship program, following the spirit of a March federal court ruling ending the affirmative action enrollment policy at the University of Texas.

Last week, Ashworth told the Higher Education Coordinating Board the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals rejection of UT's law school admissions process means the state can no longer implement its federally imposed plan to desegregate its higher education system, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

"We have to abide by the law, but I don't like it. If the ruling holds and we don't find some way to work around it, Texas will be badly damaged, given the role our program plays in enrolling minorities who will go on to make up so much of the state's 21st century work force," Ashworth said.

The Texas Access and Equity Plan, approved and monitored by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, already had awarded more than \$1.5 million to 1,300 minority students for the 1995-96 school year.

The 5th Circuit ruling resulted from a 1992 lawsuit filed by four white students who claimed they were victims of reverse discrimination when the university rejected their law school applications while accepting minorities with lower scores.

Ashworth said his decision does not require approval of the Coordinating Board, and that he will reinstate the minority scholarship program only if the state is granted a stay while the case is under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A stay has been filed with the 5th Circuit by Attorney General Dan Morales.

Former Prison Chief Opens Up

An interview with James A. "Andy" Collins, former executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, will appear on newsstands April 25 in the May edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

In the interview, Collins admits he had hoped to go to work for companies that received contracts from the Texas prison system while he was chief. And he criticizes the five-year prison-building program he helped design, saying much of the \$1.5 billion the state invested in new prisons should have been spent on juvenile offender programs. From 1990 to 1995, the prison system more than tripled in capacity from 45,000 beds to 146,000 beds.

Under way are state and federal investigations regarding a \$33.7 million contract with VitaPro Foods Inc. that was approved on Collins' watch without competitive bids. VitaPro is a soybean-

based meat substitute the prison system purchased to feed inmates.

After resigning from the TDCJ in December, Collins took a \$1,000 a day consulting job with VitaPro, triggering conflict of interest accusations against him.

Meanwhile, Collins is off the VitaPro payroll and VitaPro is off the prison menu, but 100 tons of the stuff are sitting in prison warehouses.

Can't Read? Don't Pass 'Em

Texans — 93 percent of us, that is — are against promoting students from third to fourth grade without being able to read, according to a poll conducted by the Texas Federation of Teachers.

John Cole, president of the state's second-largest professional educators' group, said 23 percent of third-graders can't pass third grade reading requirements.

The poll also shows 66 percent of Texans believe students should not be advanced to a higher grade unless they develop the learning skills required at the lower level.

TU to Form Huge Conglomerate

Texas Utilities agreed last week to purchase natural gas company Enserch Corp., forming a power company serving most of North Texas.

Texas Utilities will spend \$1.7 billion to acquire most of Enserch — which includes Lonestar Gas, the state's biggest gas company — pending approval by federal regulators and stockholders.

Tom Baker, a TU spokesman, said the merger should have no apparent impact on customers.

Jim Hines, a Lonestar Gas spokesman, said the combined companies eventually might eliminate duplicate costs such as billing and customer service and offer energy users "one-stop shopping" for gas and electricity.

Report Signals Insurance Hike

Insurance companies have asked Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer for an 11.3 percent increase in automobile insurance for Texans, but a report written by administrative law judges recommends a 6.3 or 6.4 percent increase.

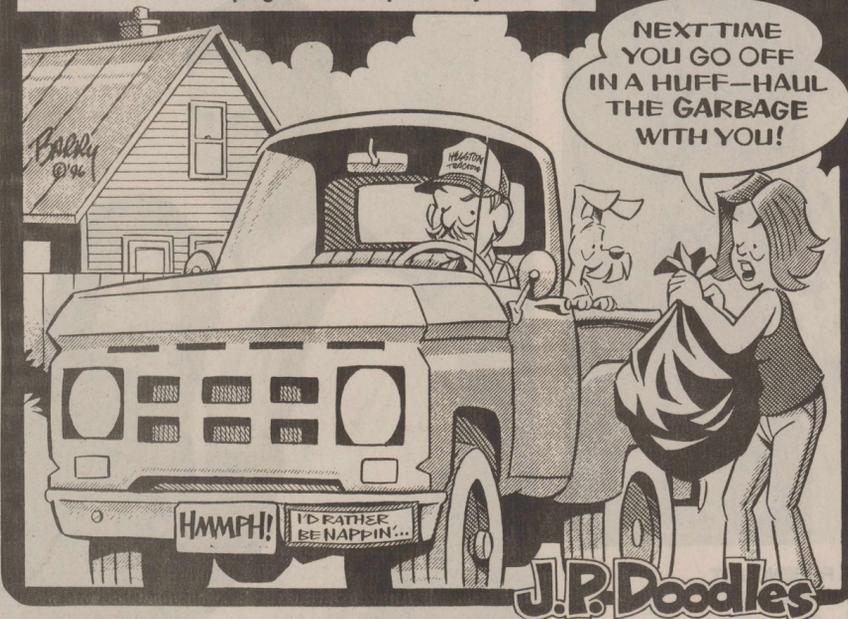
Bomer is expected to set the new "benchmark" rate this summer. Insurance companies use the rate to determine how much to charge customers for coverage. Charges can range from 30 percent above or below the benchmark rate.

Drug Laws to Be Examined

It's a puzzle: U.S. Customs allows the importation of certain prescription narcotics, stimulants and sedatives, but in Texas, law enforcement officials arrest people for possessing the same drugs or "controlled substances."

Gov. George W. Bush has asked his advisors to examine conflicting state and federal drug laws and prepare to discuss the issue at an April 26 meeting of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

NEWS ITEM — City-wide clean-up will be April 29 through May 4. Do your part in helping to clean up the city.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago April 22, 1976

A 40x200 foot chicken house on the Willie Peiser farm, about 12 miles east of Haskell on the Throckmorton Highway was destroyed by a tornado late Thursday afternoon. It was scattered across the pasture for 100 to 150 yards. Peiser was using the house for storage and a camp trailer was inside, but did not have a mark on it after the building was lifted up and scattered over the pasture. Haskell had 1.22 of rain in the cloud that crossed over Thursday afternoon.

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated three accidents on rural highways in Haskell County during the month of March, 1976, according to Sergeant Frank Jirick, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area. These crashes resulted in no persons killed and no person injured. The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first three months of 1976 shows a total of 14 accidents with no deaths and four injuries.

30 Years Ago April 28, 1966

Bill Neal of the insurance industry's Texas Joint Loss Committee reports that hailstones in the Haskell, Jones and Eastland

counties are the worst in the state so far this year from an insurance standpoint. Neal estimated that the storm in the Haskell-Stamford area has resulted in between 1,000 and 1,500 insurance claims and the Cisco-Eastland area is producing about 1,000 claims for hail damage.

Despite heavy rains, just prior to the beginning of Haskell's 43rd annual district singing convention, and overcast skies during the day Sunday, hundreds of singing enthusiasts all the way from the high plains of the Lone Star State to deep East Texas, plus out-of-staters, poured into Haskell for the all-day event, which got underway at 10 a.m. in the American Legion Hall. Inclement weather failed to dampen the spirits of the singers and the rafters of the Legion Hall rang with the voices of song leaders, trios and quartets.

60 Years Ago April 23, 1936

Work of installing some forty new street lights in Haskell was started last Friday by the West Texas Utilities Company, and a crew of men will be engaged in this work for several weeks, according to Henry King, local manager.

The following teachers attended the Texas Centennial Pageant at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion grounds Tuesday: Mrs. Irene Ballard, Mrs.

W.M. Murphy, Misses Alma Sprowls, Velma Hambleton and Patsy Lou Kounce.

Miss Anna Maude Taylor returned to Abilene Tuesday to resume her studies in Hardin-Simmons University after being here several days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L.F. Taylor.

70 Years Ago April 22, 1926

Uncle Tom and Mrs. Lemmons returned from Spur last Saturday where they spent a pleasant visit with their daughter, Mrs. J.E. Morris and family. Uncle Tom reports a good time on the entire trip.

Work was started on the Haskell National Bank building this week, but the continued rains have impeded progress of the work very much the past few days.

The delegates from the local clubs to the District meeting at Vernon are Mrs. Alfred Pierson from the Child Culture Club; Mrs. Bailey Post from the Magazine Club and Mrs. Courtney Hunt from the Harmon Club and Miss Estelle Tennyson of the Magazine Club.

90 Years Ago April 28, 1906

Sorry, the April 28, 1906, issue is missing from our files. The 90-year-ago column will be resumed next week.

Legal Matters

by Atty. Gen. Dan Morales

GOT A CONSUMER COMPLAINT? TAKE CONTROL

WHAT DO most people do when they have a legitimate complaint against a business or manufacturer? Complain, right? Well, not always.

According to the Better Business Bureau (BBB), as few as 5 percent of dissatisfied customers complain. That's why we at the Office of the Attorney General have put together the following guidelines to help you resolve your complaints more quickly and efficiently. After all, most customers who point out a problem to the management of a company are likely to have it resolved to their satisfaction.

Usually someone will try to resolve a valid complaint quickly and courteously.

Where to go first

If you have a legitimate complaint about a product or service, complain to the person with whom you did business. At this stage, the problem may be addressed either in person or over the telephone.

Be sure to ask the person for his or her full name. If that person is unwilling to help, ask to speak to a supervisor. If you do not get satisfaction, again ask for the individual's name and politely indicate that you will take further action in the form of a letter to someone with more authority.

Although writing a complaint letter is an unwelcome interruption to anyone's schedule, it usually gets results. Try to send your letter up the chain of command in a logical manner.

The Consumer

Protection Division

Our Consumer Protection Division receives tens of thousands of consumer complaints each year. State law prohibits our office from giving individual consumer legal advice, or from acting as their private attorney. However, we offer a mediation service that attempts to mediate disputes between consumers and businesses.

If you file a complaint with our office and we decide that it is appropriate for mediation, we will ask that the business respond to your allegations and make you a settlement offer.

Where to go next

If you have exhausted your efforts within a business and have not received satisfaction, you should seek help elsewhere. Consumers may seek assistance from the Office of the Attorney General, the BBB, a local consumer affairs office, a private mediation service, a private lawyer, or in small claims court.

How to file a written complaint

- Identify the company and its current address. If the company's employees that you have dealt with will not furnish this information, your local library may have sources that will help;

- Describe the problem as completely as possible. If you were told something that was untrue, state what you were told and explain how it was untrue;

- In the case of a defective product, spell out exactly what is wrong with it. If the business has refused to honor a warranty, clarify what needs repair and include a photocopy of the warranty.

- Describe what steps you have already taken to remedy the problem and why they were not successful.

- Explain the remedy that you want. Detail how much money should be refunded, exactly how a product should be fixed, or what specific services need to be performed.

- Provide photocopies of important documents such as receipts, warranties, both sides of canceled checks, contracts, etc. Do not send originals.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Let's all get in the spirit of keeping *Haskell Alive*. We can start by cleaning and beautifying the downtown area and the residential section. It is easy to say it with our lips, but we also need to follow through with our minds and hearts to turn this project into a great cleanup campaign for Haskell.

The slogan, *Haskell Alive Yesterday—Today—and Tomorrow*, will not take on the same meaning if we are indifferent concerning the appearance of our city.

This project can have a chain reaction if the adults from each organization—women's and men's

clubs, all business places and every homeowner—all get involved. We have done it before and we can certainly do it again. We can remember when the late Wanda Dulaney, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, organized the entire town in a beautification program.

Let's get our young people involved and motivated just the same as the adults. We will be surprised how the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will lead in a citywide clean-up and beautification project.

I was born and raised in Haskell, and a lot of my desire for wanting Haskell to be the most attractive and prettiest small town anywhere can be attributed to my father.

On Sunday afternoons, my father, the late J.E. Walling Sr., my mother and their five young children, J.E. Jr., Mattie Muriel, Frances, Hortense and Sarah would go for a joy ride, as we called it, by driving up one street and then another. Some of the homes in the residential part were clean and well kept. Our very observing father made the remark every time we had a joy ride, "Wonder why these people do not clean up their property?" It was also an obsession with him. He couldn't enjoy the pleasure of the ride because of the eyesore places in town.

This type of situation does exist in many small towns, but if the citizens have enough pride, excitement, and enthusiasm then they can change their surroundings. I believe in Haskell people, so let's get busy and face the challenge with enthusiasm.

Many people are looking for a

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MEDALS WON AT TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH— Martina Medford of Haskell, a High Blue Belt, recently won two 2nd Place medals (one in sparring and one in forms) at the 1996 Texas State Taekwondo Championships held March 30 in Dallas.



CHARTING SYSTEM WITH CHART RACK—Dr. Bill McSmith and Nancy Crawford, R.N. at the Haskell Hospital, use the new Charting System that was bought with the Bud Comedy Memorial fund.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Two local students will be going to Austin for state competition in U.I.L. events on May 4. Kacy Baitz, son of Fred and Tami Baitz will be going with the computer science team from Rule and the One-Act play cast; Stephanie Stegemoeller, daughter of Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller, will also go with the One-Act play. They were in competition at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this past Saturday. Stephanie was selected to be on the Honorary Mention All-Star cast. We congratulate them as well as the other Rule students who have worked so hard to be able to make it to the State meet.

Visitors in the Gene and Adela Teichelman home for Easter dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teichelman and family of Abilene, Terri Hubbard and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Teichelman and family of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Greenwood and family of Haskell.

Approximately 40 relatives and descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Laughlin met in the home of Jack and Linda (LeFevre) Pierce in Wylie, last weekend for a reunion. Those going from Sagerton were Jill Brown and children, Larry and Susan LeFevre and Delbert and Joyce LeFevre.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Butcher of Elk Grove, Calif. had lunch with Reece and Frances Clark Thursday of last week. Mrs. Butcher is the former Sandra Ross who grew up in the Sagerton community.

The Friendship Club held their regular monthly dinner Thursday in the fellowship hall of Faith

Lutheran Church with the following in attendance; J.B. and Dorothy Toney, Frieda Knippling, Minnie Monse, Leona Schonertstedt, Doris Lehmann, John L. Brooks, Ladain Anderson, Frances Clark, Beatrice and Lilia Puebla, Pastor Jeff and Marie Zell, Cato Macias, Jr. Jimmy Teichelman, Joe Clark, Diebert and Joyce LeFevre, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Brittany Lammert, Michelle Toney, Jackie and Peggy Tabor, Larry LeFevre and Ed Fouts.

Sunday dinner guests in the Reece and Frances Clark home, included Warren and Aline Ables of Austin, Ladain Anderson of Houston, Skeets and Earline Jameson of Matador, Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland and Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. The Ables' and Mrs. Anderson have been visiting with the Delbert LeFevres also.

The youth of Faith Lutheran Church will be meeting at the parsonage on Sunday night at 6 p.m. Everyone is urged to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Hospital

Admissions

Laura Boyd, Haskell
Maria Saucedo, Rochester
Erma Marsh, Haskell
Edna Burnett, Haskell
Willard Cox, Rule
Tim Townsend, Haskell
Gus Rueffer, Haskell

Dismissals

Betty Bruce, Shelly Speck, A. C. Jeter, Wanda Stocks, Cruz Garcia, Dixie Bradley, Arlee Bruce.

School report card for parents

At its regular monthly meeting, the Haskell CISD board rehired all para-professional and sports staff and also Bob Bowen and Ken Cockrell at the Alternative Education Center.

The board also set up a tentative calendar for the 1996-97 school year.

It was reported that the architect is completing drawings for the foyer addition at the gymnasium and plans are in the final stages, ready to send out to contractors for bids.

Rule City Co. sets Clean-up week

The Rule City Council approved a motion to designate the week of May 13 through May 18 as City Cleanup Week, during their regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 2. The Council hopes that each and every citizen in Rule will take an active part in cleaning up their properties and neighboring streets, alleys and lots.

In other business, a bid was

accepted from Texas Tabs for a new computer for the city, and a motion was made to purchase a fax machine with the cost not to exceed \$350. After a lengthy discussion, the Council approved a motion to notify the cemetery board, by letter, to draw up a set of by-laws to be presented to the Council at their next regular meeting for review and approval.

St. George Jamaica, May 4

On Saturday, May 4, St. George will sponsor a "Jamaica" at the American Legion Hall and Haskell City Park. On this date, the church hopes to be celebrating the unit of their parish with other parishes throughout Haskell and beyond. It is also a part of celebrating the good news "The 50 Days of Easter."

Games, bingo, etc. will begin at 1 p.m. Refreshments and food will

be available throughout the day. In the evening from 8 p.m. to midnight, there will be dancing to the music of Jose Y Popular 94, at the American Legion Hall.

For further information or to make a donation, please contact Ralph Hernandez at 864-3900, Sister Lale at 864-3171 or Jim King at 864-6159. Proceeds will go to the St. George building fund.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DEDUCTING MEDICAL EXPENSES

Even high medical costs can have an upside. The IRS says that medical expenses are deductible to the extent that they exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Even if your 1995 medical expenses weren't astronomical, you might have had enough to exceed the 7.5% floor and qualify for an itemized deduction.

Home improvement costs. If you modified your home to accommodate a medical condition, you home improvement costs are deductible to the extent they exceed the increase in your home's value. Say, for example, you installed central air conditioning to ease your dependent son's asthma. If you installed the system for \$5,000 and it increased your home's market value by \$2,500, you can deduct the \$2,500 difference. Improvement made to accommodate a physically handicapped person—such as the installation of elevators, handrails, or support bars—are also deductible.

Travel costs. You can deduct transportation and lodging costs that are primarily for, and essential to, medical care for you, your spouse, and your dependents. For example, if a doctor asks you to stay at a hotel near the hospital of a sick child, you can deduct up to \$50 a day of the lodging cost.

Other medical expenses. Several often-overlooked costs have also been allowed as a medical deduction. For example:

- Additional costs incurred to prepare foods for those with restricted diets.
- The cost of treating drug of alcohol abuse.
- Premium payments for medical insurance.
- Costs to remove hazardous lead-based paint.
- Additional expenses incurred to get publications in braille.
- The cost of orthopedic shoes, contact lenses, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids, elastic stockings, and false teeth.

If you think you might qualify for a medical expense deduction, give us a call. We'd like to help.

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CYO youth benefit dinner

The Catholic Youth Organization will be serving enchilada dinners as a fund-raiser on Friday, April 26, at the Haskell Post 221 American Legion Hall from 11 a.m. until everything is sold out, and possibly continuing throughout the dance, which will be from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The Catholic youth are trying to raise funds to remodel the youth activity center in the building given to them by St. George Church,

approved by the Church Council Board.

Nora Casiano, in celebration of her one-year anniversary at the Cake Garden, has donated a nine-tier cake that can be used for a wedding, anniversary, graduation, quinceañera, or any other event. The cake may be seen in the window of the Cake Garden.

Tickets for the cake are \$1 and are good for one year; and can be purchased from any CYO youth, or

contact Hope Perez after 5:30 p.m. at 864-3760. Donations from the cake tickets and dinners all go to the CYO youth.

Tickets for the evening dance, starring Sheila and the Texas Lawmen, will be \$6.

Submitted by Jim King.

The essence of true friendship is to make allowance for another's little lapses.

—David Storey

Food for thought

"My beloved."—Song of Solomon 2:8.

This was a golden name which the ancient Church in her most joyous moments was wont to give to the Anointed of the Lord. When the time of the singing of birds was come, and the voice of the turtle was heard in her land, her love-note was sweeter than either, as she sang, "My beloved is mine and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies." Ever in her song of songs

doth she call him by that delightful name, "My beloved!"

Even in the long winter, when idolatry had withered the garden of the Lord, her prophets found space to lay aside the burden of the Lord for a little season, and to say, as Esaias did, "Now will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard." Though the saints had never seen his face, though as yet he was not made flesh, nor had dwelt among us, nor

had man beheld his glory, yet he was the consolation of Israel, the hope and joy of all the chosen, the "beloved" of all those who were upright before the Most High.

We, in the summer days of the Church, are also wont to speak of Christ as the best beloved of our soul, and to feel that he is very precious, the "chiefest among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely."

So true is it that the Church loves Jesus and claims Him as her beloved, and that the apostle dares to defy the whole universe to separate her from the love of Christ, and declares that neither persecutions, distress, affliction, period, or the word have been able to do it; nay, he joyously boasts, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Oh, that we knew more of thee, thou ever precious one!
 "My sole possession is thy love;
 In earth beneath, or heaven above,
 I have no other store;
 And though with fervent suit I pray,
 And importune thee day by day,
 I ask thee nothing more."

Happenings

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 workshops with training to prevent rape and assist victims. Tracey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Yeldell of Micheville, Md., the niece of Robert and Mae Lou Yeldell of Haskell and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathel Yeldell of Stamford.

The Youth Directors of the Greater Independent Baptist express thanks to all who helped make the youth program a success on Sunday evening. A special thanks to new members, Rev. and Mrs. Cedric Robinson and son, James. Five-year-old, James, was the speaker. His subject, "God's Love."

I have been visiting in Odessa with the Vern Foremans and the Coe McElmurrys and the John Childs family, Midland. Also visiting with them were Hyrum and Jeanie Richards, Star Valley, Wyo., Scott Henshaw, Debi Wright, Casper, Wyo., Brady Henshaw, Albuquerque; Flint, Lisa, Austin Nanny, Trey and Amber Rogers, Haskell; Chad and Lisa Lundy, Tulsa and Dan and Jennifer Williams, Waco.

Much disappointment has been voiced about the Oprah Winfrey show aired April 16, by the National Cattlemen's Beef Assn., local cattle raisers and auction barn owners. Positive and factual comments by Dr. Gary Weber about Mad Cow Disease and E.coli were edited out and biased and alarmist reports were aired. It is reported that many advertising dollars have been pulled from the show.

Bryan and Nancy Middlebrook, Josh and Hayley of McKinney spent the weekend with Bryan's parents, Bill and Peggy Middlebrook.

Visiting Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Walker, were his sister, Earnest Mac Walker, Rev. Pauline Lusk, her friend, Darnell Aubrey, her daughters, Rhonda R. Ross, Shonda L. Ross, and her grandchildren, Angela W. Ross, Demonique Penny and Derrick Penny, all of Dallas.

Earnest Mac, Rev. Lusk and Darnell attended Sunday morning services at the Hopewell Baptist Church. Rev. Lusk sang two songs and Rev. John Lewis, pastor, preached from Isaiah and Corinthians, "What Shall I Preach? I Preach Jesus!" Also attending was Stacy Walker.

Sandy Flores

Customer Notice

On February 15, 1996, GTE Southwest Incorporated (GTE) filed a tariff with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for Advanced Credit Management (ACM). If approved by the Commission, ACM will provide a toll limit for all new and existing medium and high risk single line residence and business customers based upon their credit and payment history. If a toll limit is reached, the customer's telephone number will be subject to having its outgoing long distance, collect, third number billed, and GTE calling card calls blocked until payment has been made. ACM has no monthly charge or nonrecurring charge associated with it. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 15372.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment on this filing should notify the Commission by June 21, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Public Information Office at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



This Week's Devotional Message:



TRY TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS FAMILIES AND NATIONS MUST

Canada and the United States have always been good neighbors through the years, although as with families who live next door to each other, occasional differences will arise. This is only natural, but nonetheless the "heads" of the families can get together and work out solutions acceptable to both. The friendship is also kept in a healthy state by paying visits to each other

at regular intervals, with no barricades to entering each other's territory. Moreover, their "children" play games together, and if they happen to be baseball or hockey, this completes the parallel. The faith that we learn at our House of Worship teaches us to "love thy neighbor," and we pray that this spirit of helpful friendship will for ever transcend that 3,000-mile "property line" across our continent.

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 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.;
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 East Hwy 380, Haskell
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 Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Raul Tirado, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Sidney Paraley, 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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St. George Catholic Church
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
 Dale Huff, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
 Jasper McClellan, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
 Rev. Kenneth Blair
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
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 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
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 Sagerton
First Baptist Church
 Stewart Farrell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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 Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
New Life Baptist Mission
 Jesus Herrera
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sweet Home Baptist Church
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JESSICA HALE



JULEE PATTERSON

Students at Rotary

Jessica Hale, a senior at Haskell High School, is the daughter of Billy Hale and Debbie DeLos Santos of Haskell.

In school activities, she is involved in: FFA—one year, FHA—two years, FFA PALS—one year, yearbook—two years and public speaking—three years. Her hobbies and pastimes include: talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, sleeping and playing tennis.

Her special awards and recognition include: Being named in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Jessica plans to attend South Plains College and become a Respiratory Therapist.

Julee Patterson, a senior at Haskell High School is the daughter of Judy and Dennis Patterson of Haskell.

In school activities, she is involved in: FFA, Debate, Pam's PALS, and Public Speaking—four years. Her hobbies and pastimes include: Hanging out with friends, exercising, talking on the phone and playing tennis.

Her special awards and recognition include: Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1st in District Debate, and Volunteer in Noah Project Play.

Julee plans to attend South Plains College and would like to become a registered nurse.

FHA members attend conference

Representatives for the Haskell and Paint Creek Chapters of Future Homemakers of America attended the 1996 State Leadership Conference along with 4,000 members and advisers from Texas. "FHA/HERO: A Quest for Success" was the theme of the meeting which was held in the Austin Convention center in Austin on April 11-13.

Attending from Haskell were Melanie Michaels, Rochelle McCulloch, Johnny Diaz and Wanda Thompson, adviser. Attending from Paint Creek were Amanda Crawford, Halee Walton, Emily Wheat, Stephanie Isbel, Heather Hobbs and adviser, Cheryl Pitcock.

Members were challenged to set goals and quest for success through programs and projects in FHA/HERO by developing creative skills, practical knowledge and vocational preparation. Inspirational, dynamic keynote speakers and presentations by members were the highlight of the two conferences. Interest sessions concerning teen issues and programs that FHA/HERO provides were held for members to attend.

Submitted by Wanda Thompson.



ALL-REGION BASKETBALL TEAM—Josh Howard, a Paint Creek senior and the son of Glenn and Sue Howard of Paint Creek, was selected to the 1995-96 Region III Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Regional Basketball Team.



HALEE WALTON and AMANDA CRAWFORD

FHA/HERO members advance to nationals

Paint Creek FHA/HERO members Amanda Crawford and Halee Walton are "on their way with FHA," to the national Future Homemakers of America leadership meeting in St. Louis, Mo. The students entered a STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Event entitled "On our Way with FHA" for competition at the regional and state FHA/HERO leadership meetings. The duo earned the honor of advancing to national competition by placing first in the category of Applied Technology.

STAR Events give students the opportunity to demonstrate acquired basic skills; provide students with skills to cope in both competitive and cooperative environments; develop individual growth, group process, and decision-making skills; and are an integral part of the home economics education curriculum within the local school system.

Crawford and Walton developed a multi-media presentation describing how the chapter earned money to attend the regional FHA meeting and presented it to the Paint Creek school board to inform them of the students' efforts. In competition,

the girls explained the process they used to create the presentation.

The event recognizes participants who develop a project using technology and show evidence of problem solving, critical thinking and integration of applied communication, math and/or science skills in a home economics area.

Accompanying the students to St. Louis in July will be their adviser, Cheryl Pitcock. Mrs. Pitcock received the Master Adviser award at the state convention and will also be recognized on the national level. The Master Adviser award is given to home economics teachers who sponsor chapters that complete projects which promote leadership; continue professional development through leadership roles, attending workshops, and participating in professional conferences; facilitate the local chapter in Future Homemakers of America; and promote the organization by affiliating members and sponsoring officers above the local level.

Submitted by Cheryl Pitcock.

Haskell School Menu

April 29—May 3
Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday: Cereal and buttered toast

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: French toast and syrup

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy and sausage

Friday: Cinnamon toast

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with ham and cheese, salad bar or hamburger and fries plus milk and tea are offered daily at the high school. Milk and juice are served daily at the elementary school.

Monday: Beef and spaghetti, buttered corn, cole slaw, garlic bread and brownies

Tuesday: Fajitas, pinto beans, sauted onion/peppers and fruit

Wednesday: Roast, gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad and sliced pears

Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger trimmings and Ranger cookies

PC Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten pre-registration for Paint Creek School is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Paint Creek cafeteria.

To be eligible for kindergarten in the 1996-97 school year, a child must be five by September 1, 1996. Parents are reminded to bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record.

Rule UIL winners advance to state

Rule High School's One-Act play, "Crimes of the Heart" won the Class A Regional UIL one-act play competition Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University. They will participate in the state competition May 4 in Austin. Julie Saffel of Rule was named Best Actress.

Other UIL winners from Rule who will advance to the state round on May 2 and 4 are:

News Writing: 3rd—Kayla Allison
Calculator applications (Ind.): 1st—Cory Robinson; 2nd—Denise Wilson; 3rd—Eric Robinson
Calculator applications (team): 1st—Rule, Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson, Eric Robinson
Computer science (team): 1st—Rule, Kacy Baitz, Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson

Mathematics (Ind.): 1st—Eric Robinson

Mathematics (team): 1st—Rule, Eric Robinson, Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson

Number sense (Ind.): 1st—Justin Custer

Number sense (team): 1st—Rule, Justin Custer, Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson

Science (overall winner): 1st—Cory Robinson

Biology top scorer: Cory Robinson
Chemistry (top scorer): Cory Robinson

Physics top scorer: Cory Robinson

Science (team) 1st—Rule, Cory Robinson, Michael Murray, Sammy Bagot

Secondary UIL results

Casey Burgess, who won 2nd place in Prose at Regional, and Sarah Cothron, who won 1st in Feature Writing at Regional, will both advance to the State meet at Austin on May 2 and May 4.

High School

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1st—Julee Patterson

Extemporaneous Informative Speaking: 1st—Casey Burgess

Poetry Interpretation: 2nd—Bree Burgess; 4th—Christy Blocker; 5th—Kristina Lane

Prose Interpretation: 1st—Casey Burgess; 4th—Marcie Elmore

Editorial Writing: 2nd—Sarah Cothron

Feature Writing: 2nd—Sarah Cothron

Headline Writing: 6th—Daisy Cothron

News Writing: 1st—Sarah Cothron

Calculator Applications: 3rd—Sarah Cothron; 4th—Lyle Fouts; 5th—Anna Rieger

Calculator Applications (team): 2nd—Haskell, Sarah Cothron, Lyle Fouts and Anna Rieger

Computer applications: 3rd—Amy Burson; 5th—Nisha Patel

Literary Criticism: 1st—Wendy Dulaney; 3rd—Anita Rapp

Literary Criticism (team) 1st—Haskell, Wendy Dulaney, Anita Rapp and Carol Thornhill

Mathematics: 1st—Wendy Dulaney; 2nd—Sarah Cothron; 6th—Lyle Fouts

Mathematics (team): 1st—Haskell, Wendy Dulaney, Sarah Cothron and Lyle Fouts

Number Sense: 1st—Marcie McSmith; 4th—Sarah Cothron; 6th—Lyle Fouts

Number Sense (team): 2nd—Haskell, Marcie McSmith, Sarah Cothron and Lyle Fouts

Ready Writing: 6th—Anita Rapp

Science (overall winner): 2nd—Lyle Fouts

Science (top scorer): 2nd—Lyle Fouts

Haskell was 2nd in the District Meet Academic Championship with 281 points.

Seventh Grade

Ready Writing: 2nd—Kyle Brendle

Modern Oratory: 1st—Michael Lindsey; 5th—Paige Hagadone

Number Sense: 1st—Jimmy Huff; 3rd—Dan Fouts; 5th—Tom Fouts

Calculator: 1st—Tom Fouts; 3rd—Dan Fouts; 6th—Jeff Blanks

Life Science: 2nd—Jimmy Huff

Maps, Graphs and Charts: 4th—Heather Steele; 5th—Megan Bird

Listening Skills: 6th—Dacia Pchemister and Heath Brendall

Eighth Grade

Dictionary Skills: 2nd—Jessica Thompson

Impromptu Speaking: 5th—Amber Futch

Ready Writing: 3rd—Jessica Thompson; 6th—Dusty Yates

Calculator: 4th—Meg McManamon; 5th—Mira Patel

Listening: 2nd—Kevin Patton; 5th—Kevin McSmith

Maps, Graphs, Charts: 6th—Kevin Patton

Oral Reading: 6th—Amber Futch

PC volleyball tournament

Paint Creek Varsity Cheerleaders will sponsor a co-ed volleyball tournament on May 17 and 18 in the Paint Creek gym. Cost is \$30 per team. T-shirts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. A full concession will be available.

Cheerleaders for 1996-97 are Amy Barbour, Amanda Crawford, Halee Walton, Alycia Waters, Selina Salinas and Emily Wheat.

Mascot is Stefanie Isbell. Squad leaders are Brandy Gardner, Ashley Medford and Yolanda Rodriguez.

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The dinner is being catered by: **River Smith's of Lubbock**
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Several coaches from the Texas Tech Red Raider Football Team, representatives from the Ex-Students Association AND the FAMOUS... Rolling Plains Chapter Scholarship Auction will be our program for this fun evening!

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, April 26, 1996 by calling one of the following:

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Gary Mathis (Stamford)	915/773-3614 or 915/773-2683

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 664 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, April 20, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

All classes of cattle were \$2 to \$3 lower. Two young Limousine bulls have been consigned for the next sale.

Cows: fat, .24-.28; cutters, .24-.30; canners, .15-.25.
Bulls: bologna, .35-.385; feeder, .35-.45; utility, .25-.30.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .55-.65; 300-400 lbs., .50-.625; 400-500 lbs., .48-.57; 500-600 lbs., .45-.55; 600-700 lbs., .47-.54; 700-800 lbs., .42-.50; 800-up lbs., .35-.49.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .45-.55; 300-400 lbs., .42-.48; 400-500 lbs., .35-.45; 500-600 lbs., .40-.48; 600-up lbs., .35-.49.
Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$200-\$300.
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Masonic Oak Pilgrimage, May 19

On May 19, 1996, Texas Masons will make their annual pilgrimage to the Masonic Oak Park at Brazoria to celebrate the event which ultimately led to the formation of The Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas. The site is a plot of ground of 10 acres divided by a street named Pleasant, with the Masonic Oak near the street on one side and a Pavilion and Park on the other side.

It was under this tree that five Master Masons met at 10 a.m. on a day in March, 1835, to compose a petition to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to form a Masonic Lodge in Texas. It was to be named Holland Lodge after the then Grand Master of Louisiana, John H. Holland. Anson Jones, first Grand Master of Masons in Texas and fourth Governor of the Republic of Texas was to be Master of the Lodge. The petition was granted.

That was the beginning of organized Masonry in Texas and the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas, which now consists of 149,000 members in 910 Constituent Lodges.

The practice of convening at the Masonic Oak Park in Brazoria began in 1949 when members of

newly formed Anson Jones Lodge No. 1313 conceived the idea of a day of fellowship and picnic. The month of May was chosen because of the unpredictable weather in March. The idea caught on and became an annual pilgrimage, occurring now on the Sunday after Mother's Day.

It is the practice for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and his Grand Officers to attend. Activities start in the morning with

a Worship Service, presentation of the Colors and then awards for different categories such as "the oldest Mason there" or "who traveled the farthest" and so on, the latter all in fun. There are hayrides and games for children of all ages. The Grand Master is the principal speaker and after his talk, a catered dinner concludes the program. For further information, please contact Haskell Lodge 682 at 817-864-3189.

Police Dept. busy with arrests

The Haskell Police Department made four arrests over the weekend; with one parole violation, one person arrested for DWI and two arrested on possession of marijuana.

Other arrests in April include three thefts: three bicycles, one go-cart and a three-wheeler were all stolen. The bicycles were stolen out of the front yards of people's homes. Police Chief Tom Bassett said that with summer coming on, people need to put bikes and other items of value, up and out of the front yard. He would also like to point out that the thefts were non-related to the carnival being in town. He said that the police talked

with the carnival people and made a search of their surroundings, but did not find them to be involved.

During the month of March, the Police Department handled the following violations:

Four DWI's; four possession of marijuana; one possession of drug paraphernalia; three making alcohol available to minors; two public intoxications; and seven minors in possession of alcohol.

Chief Bassett said that the Police Department appreciates any information concerning crimes, including drug or alcohol violations and that all information remains confidential.

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FOR SALE: Large lake house at Veda's Camp, Lake Stamford. 817-864-3462, 1-800-377-3009. 16-17c

FOR SALE: Lake cabin. Fully furnished. Veda's Camp. Call 864-2536 or 673-8279. 17c

Public Notices

HASKELL SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION MAY 4, 1996

Haskell CISD has seven (7) Single Member Districts, each to represent one trustee. For the May 4 election three members will be elected representing Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5). It is extremely important that school district voters be aware of the following points.

1. Voters who reside on or within the line of Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) are the ONLY eligible voters for this trustee election.

2. Each voter in Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) will get one vote.

3. Early voting begins April 15, 1996 at the school administration building and ends April 30, 1996. Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eligible voters are those individuals living in Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) may vote.

4. Voters living in Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) may vote on May 4, 1996 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions please call the school administration building at 864-2602 and ask for Billie Lindsey or Bob Pheil.

NOTE: Remember that only voters residing in Single Member Districts Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5) will vote, and only for candidates running in their district. 15-18c

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION (ADVISO DE ELECCION PARA ESCOLARES)

To the Registered Voters of the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District of Haskell, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del distrito escolar Independiente Consolidado de Haskell, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 1996, for voting in A School Trustee Election, to elect 3 School Board Trustees. (Aviso, por la presente, dado que los lugares de votacion estaran abierto de 7:00 de la manana a 7:00 de la noche en el seis de Mayo, 1996 para votando en una eleccion escolar para escoger 3 Administradores

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escolares.)

Location of polling place: Community Room, Haskell National Bank. (Direccion de los lugares electorales; Community Room, Haskell National Bank.)

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Administration Office, 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. beginning Monday, April 15, 1996, and ending April 30, 1996. (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara los lunes a los viernes Administration Office, 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas, 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el lunes, 15 April, 1996 y terminando el 30 April, 1996.)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibir para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de April, 1996.)

Bob Aycock Haskell Consolidated Independent School District (Bob Aycock, El Presidente) (La Escuela Independiente De Haskell). 16-17c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for lease of farm land located at the City Airport. Specifications can be received at Haskell City Hall Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular Haskell City Council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. May 14, 1996 at Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 16-17c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for lease of farm land located at the Haskell Municipal Landfill. Specifications can be received at Haskell City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular Haskell City Council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. May 14, 1996 at Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 16-17c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting sealed bids for the following property.

- 1. 1989 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FABP72F4KX188465.
2. 1986 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FABP4301GX198755.
3. 1986 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FABP43G8GX198770.
4. 1985 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FABP43G9FX232827.

This property can be seen at the City Warehouse located at 1 Ave. A. Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Haskell will open bids at the regular Haskell City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., May 14, 1996 at the Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 16-17c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The records of the R. C. Couch Family Trust are open for inspection at 9820 Spirehaven Lane, Dallas, Texas. Phone 214-341-9546. April 25, 1996. 17c

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Public Notices

INITIAL NOTICE POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The City of Haskell does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. City of Haskell, P. O. Box 1003, Haskell, TX 79521, 817-864-2355 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988). 17c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the J. U. Fields and Florence B. Fields Museum is available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after this publication. Fields Museum, 401 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas. David Burson. 17c

NOTICE

The estate of Lena Oleta Blair proposes to sell the following described real property with residence situated thereon:

Property address: 204 9th Street, Rochester, Texas.

Legal description: Being all of Lots Nos. Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block No. Eleven (11) of the A. B. Carothers Addition to the Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas, as shown by a plat of said addition recorded in Vol. 72, Page 344 of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas to which plat reference is hereby made for all purposes.

Inquiries may be made by contacting the Law Office of L. W. (Bill) Jones, III, at P. O. Box 1085, Haskell, Texas 79521, phone 817-864-8531. The Estate reserves the right to reject any and all offers for any reason. 16-19c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION TRUSTEE)

To the Registered Voters of Paint Creek ISD, Haskell, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Paint Creek ISD, Haskell, Texas:) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4, 1996, for voting in a Trustee election to elect two members. 16-19c

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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 4 de May de 1996 para votar en la Eleccion para elect two members.)

Location of polling places: (Direccion de las casillas electorales) Paint Creek ISD Library, Rt. 2, Haskell, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Paint Creek ISD, Assistant Principal's Office, Rt. 2, Haskell, TX

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996 and ending on April 30, 1996.

(entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el April 15, 1996 y terminando el April 30, 1996.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:) Max Calk, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, TX 79521

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 26, 1996.)

Issued this the 16th day of April, 1996. (Emitada este dia 16th de April, 1996.)

Wallar Overton Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside) 16-17c

POL CALENDAR

The Haskell Free Press is authorized to make the following announcement for the political office in Haskell County, subject to the action of the 1996 Primaries.

Unless otherwise specified the candidates listed paid for the announcement, and have designated themselves as campaign treasurer.

All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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County Judge David C. Davis Sheriff John L. Mills

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A special heartfelt thanks to all those who extended comforting love, prayers and sympathy in the loss of our beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend. You were all so kind and compassionate—your outpouring of love will always be remembered. Delbert Ashbrook's family

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AUCTION Saturday, May 4, 1996 ~ Sale Time 9:37 a.m. Wilfred Bellinghausen Estate - Owner LOCATED: Munday, Texas From Intersection U. S. Hwy. 277 & Texas Hwy. 222 - 2 Blocks North on U. S. Hwy. 277, then 1 Block East (Same Being from Dairy Queen on U. S. Hwy. 277, 2 Blocks South on Cedar Ave.) Due to the Death of Mr. Bellinghausen, the Following Will Be Sold At Auction Phillip Homer at 817-422-4567 or James G. Cruce, 806-296-5050 TRACTORS: 1985 JD 4850 D Tractor, 1981 JD 4840 D Tractor, 1980 JD 4840 D Tractor, 1975 JD 4430 D Tractor, JD Model A Tractor Chassis. PICKUPS: 1995 Ford F-150 XLT Pickup, Club Cab, SWB, 4x4 351 Eng, 1989 Ford F-250 Pickup, 460 eng. 4x4, 1988 Ford F-250 Pickup, 460 Eng. 4x4. RADIOS, EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, TANKS, HAY EQUIPMENT, GRANARIES, AUGERS, GRAIN CARTS, AUGERS, WAGONS, PIPE TRAILERS, HORSES, TRACTOR & TOOL MAKEUPS Note: All Announcements Made Sale Day Take Precedence CRUCE & FLETCHER AUCTIONEERS P. O. Box 609 - Wolfforth, TX 79382 James G. Cruce 806-296-5050 Lic. #6704 Bobby Fletcher 806-866-4201 Lic. #7131

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CLUBS

Brazos Art

By Gladys O'Neal, Reporter
The Brazos West Art Club met Monday, April 8, at the Haskell National Bank Building. The meeting began with the serving of a buffet dinner. The club had a brief business session with Iva Lee Gipson, the president, presiding. Projects of the year were discussed and Secretary Denia Cunningham read the minutes. She also read some interesting correspondence from art workshops. Ruth Ann Klose gave the treasurer's report. The club then dismissed business for a visiting session.

The next meeting will be the last until September. It will be a salad supper and installation of officers on Monday, May 13. Visitors are always welcomed.

Those present were Peggy Middlebrook, Fern Livengood, Edna Wahlen, Jennie Lyckman, Florence Larned, Martha Spitzer, Denia Cunningham, Ruth Ann Klose, Iva Lee Gipson, Betty Berry and Gladys O'Neal.

Josselet FCE

By Edna Anderson, Secretary
The Josselet FCE Club met April 9, in the home of Mrs. Joe Davis. The meeting was called to order by President, Margaret Jones. For opening exercise, she read "Friends," by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Roll call was answered by seven members and one guest, Lou Gilly. Each told what "Their favorite type of weather was." Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dorothy Trussell gave the council report.

There will be a training meeting April 17, for leaders from each club to participate in. Dorothy and Margaret will be leaders for the next program.

Lou Gilly presented the program on "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning." She said we should educate ourselves about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide in our homes and how we can protect ourselves by making our homes safer. It was a very educational program.

The hostess served Angel Food cake, strawberries, chips and dip, peanut butter and crackers, candied fruit, nuts, tea and coffee to Phylecia Bailey, Earmal Bevel, Dorothy Trussell, Flo Holder, Margaret Jones, Mildred Robertson and Lou Gilly.

The next meeting will be May 14, with Mildred Robertson.

Historical Soc.

History was presented in poetic form Monday night, April 1, at the regular meeting of the Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society. The group enjoyed readings by local poet, Johnny Medford who has some of his work

published in the Library of Congress. He is now considered in the top two percent of poets in the 1990s.

Society members and visitors were whisked back in time when he read poems written as if seen through the eyes of those who experienced it. Titles of some written and read by Medford include: "Santa Fe, End of Trail," "The Seekers," "Prairie Winds," "Windmill Days," and "Dashing of a Dream." Two others, "The Old Drug Store" and "Pleasant Valley" are especially reflective of local county history.

A business meeting was called to order by president, Ann Summers and visitors were welcomed. Bill and Ann Simpson of Anson gave an update on their progress in listing the Highland Cemetery in Stamford which is located in Haskell Co. There was also a discussion of initiating an associate membership status for those wishing to receive the HCH&G Society's quarterly newsletter. Anyone interested should contact Kay Henry at 864-2042. The guest speaker was introduced by Wanda Ham.

Attending the meeting were Jerri Buerger, Maxine Miller, Mattie Felker English, Frances Lane, Wayne Dunnam, Wanda Ham, Johnny and Joan Berry Medford, all of Haskell; Ola Mae Lisle, June White and Novis Pittcock of Rule; Billy and Ann Simpson of Anson; Mary Sue and Johnny Rogers of Farmers Branch in Dallas; B.J. Stewart of Knox City; and Ann Summers of Abilene.

Submitted by Ann Summers, President.

Garden Club

By Gladys O'Neal, Reporter
The Haskell Garden Club met April 11, in the Haskell National Bank building. Everyone brought a sack lunch and a nice period of fellowship was enjoyed. President Mona Gibson presided over a short business session. Florence Peden read a letter pertaining to Arbor Day, which will be 107 years old this year on April 26.

Everyone brought dried and fresh material to make arrangements. Juanita Rhea was the director of the workshop. The club was honored to have two national judges, Lois Rogers and Carol Hickman, from Stamford to critique the arrangements.

The club received awards from the district stating that the yearbook rated a grade of 99 and an award of appreciation for wildflower research. The club members are very proud of the President, Mona Gibson, who has been such a faithful and tireless worker for the Garden Club.

The meeting adjourned "Knowing to be happy forever, become a gardener," a saying of Confucius of long ago.

Those present were Linda King,

Juanita Rhea, Mona Gibson, Wanda Ham, Ozelle Frierson, Florence Peden, Mary Kammenga, Dee Sprayberry, Peggy Burnett, Juanita Bevel and Gladys O'Neal.

Prog. Study

By Oleta Cornelius, Reporter
A Kaleidoscope of Opportunities in Conservation was the topic for the Progressive Study Club of Haskell when it met Thursday, April 11, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Members and guests were welcomed by President Nancy Toliver. Members answered roll call with a recycling tip, which included paper products, plastic, glass, motor oil and a variety of other items.

A skit, "I've saved it, now what do I do with it?" was presented by Thula Perry and Mary Kaigler, who were dressed in housewife apparel.

Ruby Turner introduced Alison Benton of Abilene, who has been the President of Abilene Clean and Proud for three years and is the Director of Economic Dev. for West Central Texas Council of Governments. She spoke on pollution prevention and recycling.

In a short business meeting, thank you notes were read from the Mesquite Dist. president, TFWC state secretary, treasurer and president, for the club hosting the Spring Convention.

Mary Abbott was the winner of the flatware. A total of \$1,025 was given to the Haskell Co. Library from the proceeds of the raffle. Librarian Joan Strickland also sent a note of thanks and appreciation.

Members were reminded that the next meeting on May 9, would begin at 7 p.m. with a meal being served.

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FCE meeting in Henrietta

By Lou Gilly
County Ext. Agent—FCS Family Community Education (FCE) met for their annual District meeting in Henrietta on Wednesday, April 10. Delegates from twenty-five counties in the Rolling Plains area met at the First United Methodist Church in Henrietta, according to Elaine Houston, Dist. Extension Director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Rolling Plains-3.

Attending from Haskell Co. were Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Joetta Burnett, Erma Liles, Estalynn Liles, Dolores Medford, Ophelia Newsom, Kathryn Schonertstedt, Jane Smith, Lena Tidwell, Alice Yates and Lou Gilly, Co. Extension Agent—FCS.

The program included Joan Frost, Vice President for Programs of Texas Association of Family and Community Education, who brought a message from the TAFCE Board. Keynote speaker was Dr. J.R. Conner, Texas A&M University Professor of Range Economics, who addressed "Property Rights."

Approximately 200 members of the FCE Clubs in the Rolling Plains District attended. The purpose of the organized FCE clubs is to strengthen family living, develop leadership skills, and to improve human rights. Texas Association for Family and Community Education is a part of the National Association for Family and Community Education, County Women's Council and the Associated Country Women of the World. They are the largest organization of women in the world.

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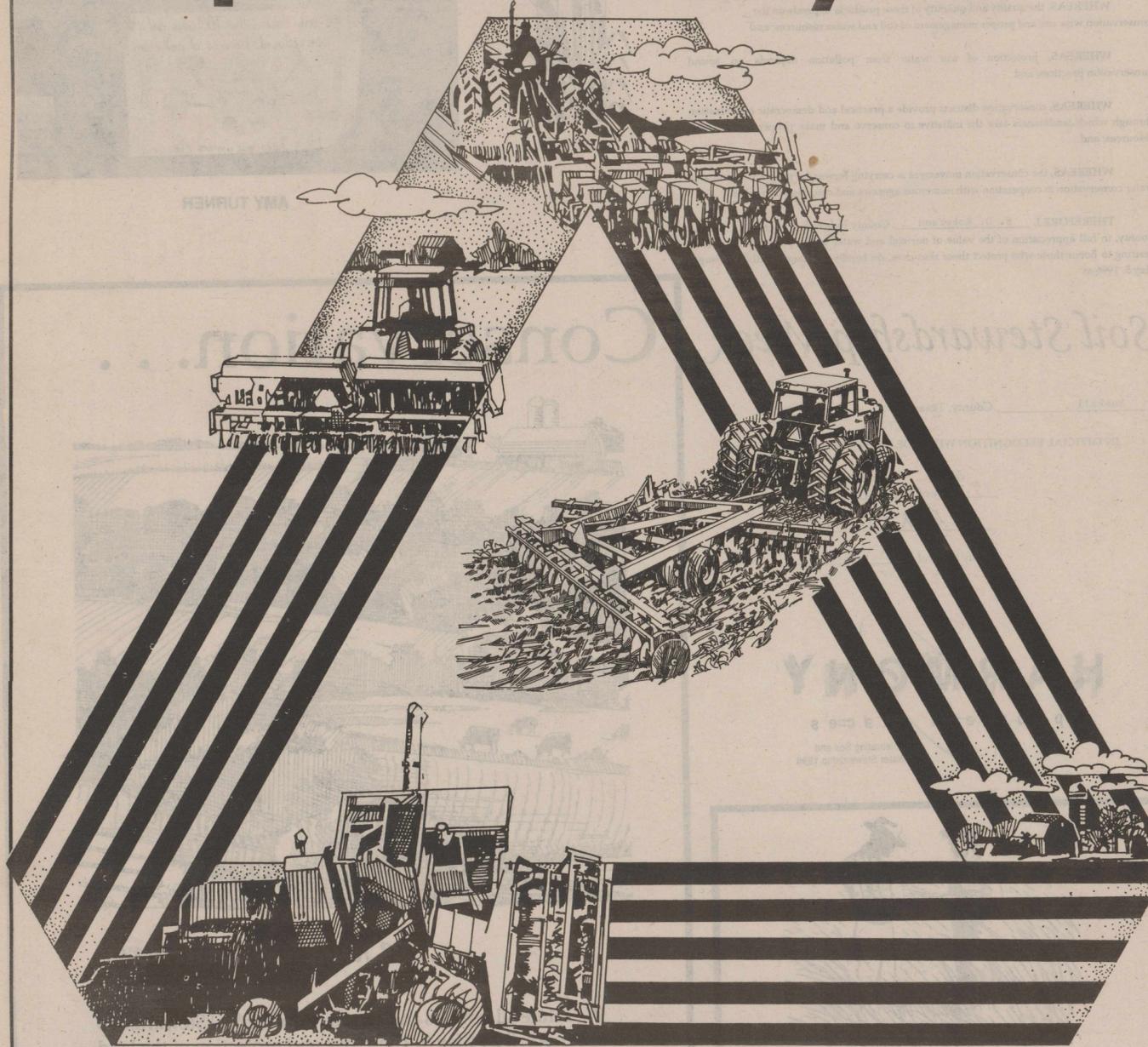
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The Haskell Free Press

"Harmony: People and Places," is the theme for Soil Stewardship Week, April 28 - May 5

"Harmony: People and Places," the theme of the 1996 Soil and Water Stewardship Week observance, is reflective of a classic definition of conservation given by Aldo Leopold, an early American conservation leader. He said, "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."

To emphasize the need for greater harmony between people and the place in which they live, the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District is encouraging interested individuals and organizations to join with the National Association of Conservation Districts in celebrating the annual Soil and Water Stewardship observance, April 28-May 5.

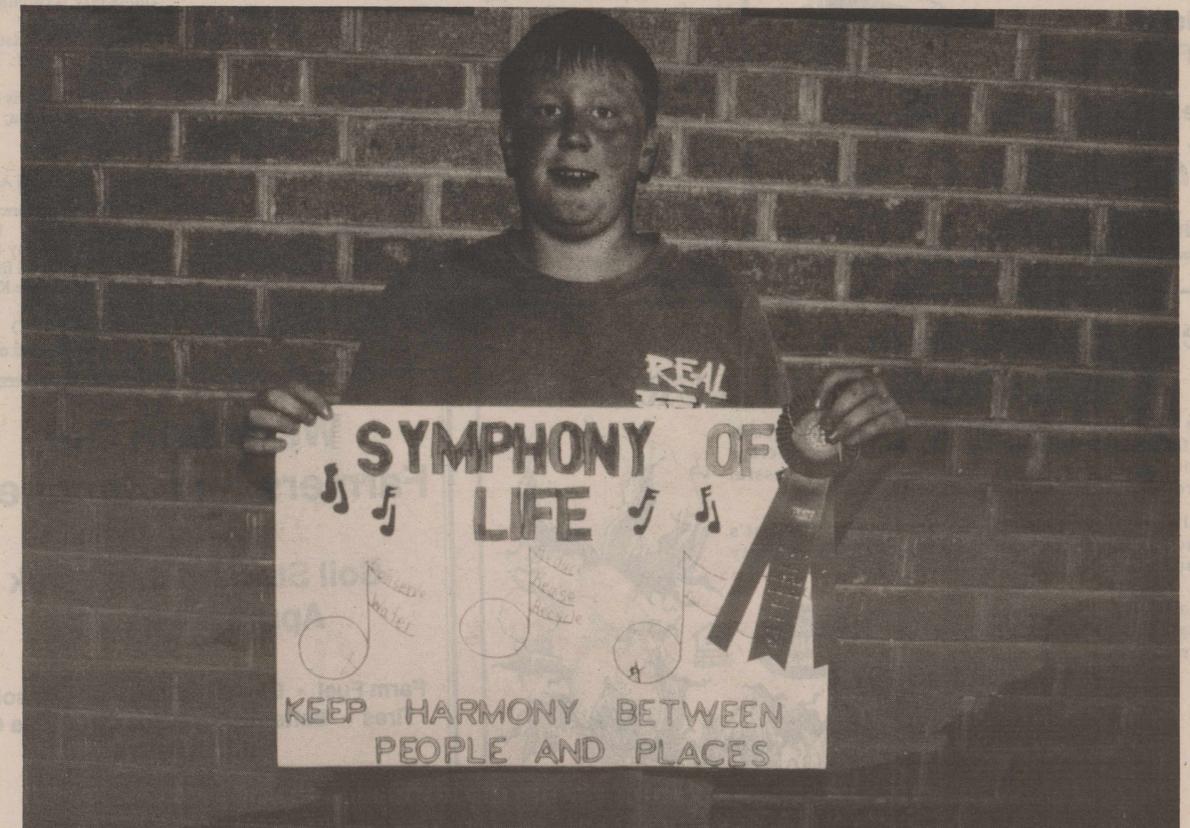
The Haskell SWCD, which works throughout the year to encourage soil and water conservation practices, is providing literature and information assistance to local churches, civic organizations and schools interested in furthering good soil and water conservation practices in homes and communities.

When the Haskell SWCD began in 1977, they began helping farmers and

ranchers practice good conservation on private lands. Today, they also offer assistance to cities, organizations, and individuals who have an interest in conservation natural resources. Although the focus is still on soil and water resources, the Haskell SWCD has broadened their educational services to include programs such as windbreak plantings and co-sponsoring programs such as continuing education programs for area producers and pesticide management programs, and an insect scouting school.

The purpose of the national observance, begun in 1955, is to create greater awareness among individuals of their stewardship responsibility to care for America's natural resources. Since the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, countless individuals have adopted a stewardship ethic and have applied conservation practices that have reduced soil erosion dramatically.

To obtain informational materials designed with the 1996 theme, "Harmony: People and Places," contact the Haskell SWCD during business hours at 1203A So. Ave. E in Haskell or call 817-864-8516.

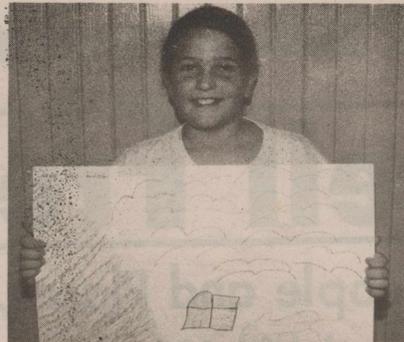


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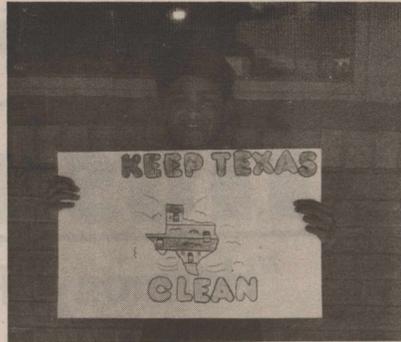
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JON DULANEY, MISTY WOODALL, TONY CASEY

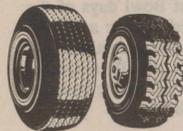


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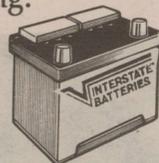
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Conservation poster winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce the winners of the 1996 Conservation Poster Contest. Each participating school conducted their own local contest and winners from each school participated in the district contest. The top three winners from the district contest will advance to the Texas State Region-5 Contest.

Students could choose from two major themes to create their poster: The Living Waters or Harmony-People and Places. "The Living Waters" theme emphasizes that water is essential to all life and is used by many different entities. Unless we practice good water stewardship, the Living Waters may not be available for future use. The "Harmony-People and Places" theme stresses the interrelationship between people and their environment. Everyone lives, works and plays in different environments yet everyone needs to strive to practice good stewardship toward our natural resources.

Winners from Haskell Elementary are:

Grade 2: 1st-Nancy Ruiz; 2nd-Caleb Hudgens; 3rd-Miguel Chavez

Grade 3: 1st-Angel DeLos-Santos; 2nd-Chris Villarreal; 3rd-Joshua Tidrow

Grade 4: 1st-Meagan Wallace; 2nd-Bradley Harris; 3rd-Derrick Tribbey

Grade 5: 1st-Ross Bullinger; 2nd-Whitney Hise; 3rd-Kelly Gady

Grade 6: 1st-Cliff McGuire; 2nd-Lori McDermott; 3rd-Bergen Peiser

from Rochester:

Grade 2: 1st-Andy Shaver; 2nd-Ashley Lisle; 3rd-Aaron Martin

Grade 3: 1st-Dorothy Strickland; 2nd-Bryan Martin; 3rd-Ross Short

Grade 4: 1st-Amy Turner; 2nd-Allie Birkes; 3rd-Felicia Hernandez

Grade 5: 1st-Billy Sanchez; 2nd-Chance Strickland; 3rd-Erica Martinez

Grade 6: 1st-Melina Garcia; 2nd-Edward Sanchez; 3rd-Lesley Birkes

from Paint Creek:

Kindergarten: 1st-Kailey McCord; 2nd-Jeremy McCasland; 3rd-Randall Pace

Grade 1: 1st-Cade Kruger; 2nd-Amanda Moseley; 3rd-James Haggard

Grade 2: 1st-Justin Hannsz; 2nd-Mikey Bailiff; 3rd-Cory Kendrick

Grade 3: 1st-Jon Dulaney; 2nd-Misty Woodall; 3rd-Tony Casey

Grade 4: 1st-Bonnie Emert; 2nd-Kelly Thompson; 3rd-Courtney Buerger

Grade 5: 1st-Hattie Walton; 2nd-Erin Terrell; 3rd-Alicia Combs

Grade 6: 1st-Chris Hobbs; 2nd-Eugene Escamilla; 3rd-Misti Wheat

from Rule:

Grade 4: 1st-Yeseni Araujo

District Winners are:
Kindergarten: 1st-Kailey McCord; 2nd-Jeremy McCasland; 3rd-Randall Pace (all from PC)

Grade 1: 1st-Cade Kruger; 2nd-Amanda Moseley; 3rd-James Haggard (all from PC)

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, our well-being depends on the production of ample food, fiber and other products of the soil; and

WHEREAS, the quality and quantity of these products depends on the conservation wise use and proper management of soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, protection of our water from pollution depends on sound conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners take the initiative to conserve and make proper use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, the conservation movement is carrying forward a program of soil and water conservation in cooperation with numerous agencies and countless individuals;

THEREFORE I, B. O. Roberson, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of our soil and water to the public welfare, and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 28 through May 5, 1996 as

Soil Stewardship Week

in Haskell County, Texas.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this

17th day of April, 1996

B. O. Roberson

County Judge of Haskell County

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people & places

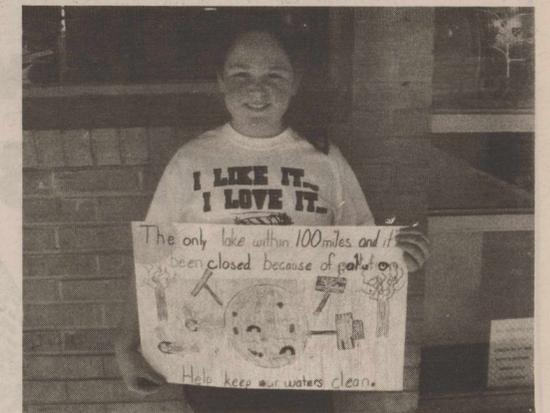
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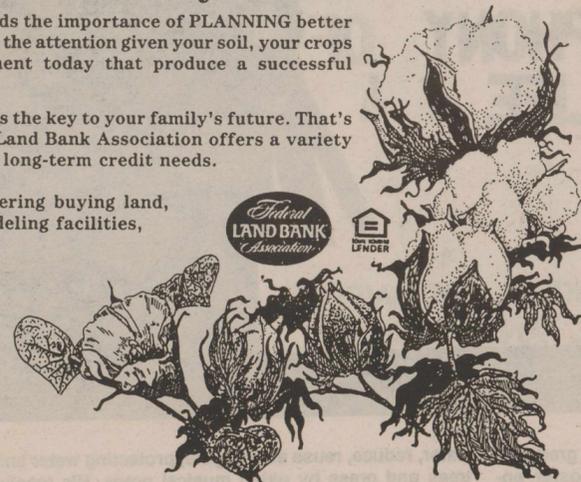
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Just a Drop of Water? but we very often take it for granted. We never realize that water is the source of life, water is there until it is scarce.

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

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We use water so often that it becomes a habit and we rarely think about it. The majority of people in the United States do not know what it is like not to have such an abundance of water available whenever it is needed. Because we have such a great amount of water available for use we do not always realize or understand the importance of water conservation.

We use water for so many things it is hard to distinguish them all. Just a few daily uses are: for drinking and cooking, to flush away wastes, to irrigate lawns and crops, and to manufacture products. Most of these things we do without thinking about how much water we use or how often we use it. We, as humans, hold a special responsibility for the management of the living waters.

The Living Waters
By Melanie Michaels
In 1845, Julia A. Fletcher Carney quoted, "Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make the Mighty ocean, And the pleasant land." Our world is largely made up of such great resources that we sometimes

take for granted. An element all living things depend on a great deal is water. We use water in our homes, for irrigation, industry, power, and transportation and recreation.

Plants, animals and human beings rely on water for all life processes. Without a normal water supply, we would die. A human being cannot go one week without water, but can go up to two months without food. Water makes up 65 percent of the average human body, but is also the same percentage for a small mouse. So, as you can see, size does not determine the water supply in living things.

Water: The Fruit of Life
By Veronica Gonzales
Water is the principal provider of all life. The living waters of the world allow all creatures to eternalize. All living things need water to continue the

life processes. The human body is composed of 65 percent water while the surface of the earth is composed of 75 percent water. The earth has a vast amount of water, but the demand for this natural resource has increased steadily as a result of the growth of the world population and the rise of living standards in various countries. While the demand for water has enlarged, the supply has depleted rapidly.

During early prehistoric times, the population was not large enough to use vast amounts of natural resources that would significantly cause damage to the environment. Thus, prehistoric people had little need to practice conservation.

Conservation is the protection, management, and wise use of natural resources. Natural resources are found in limited supplies on earth.



YESENI ARAUJO



WHITNEY HISE, ROSS BULLINGER



Contest

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Grade 4: 1st—Yeseni Araujo (Rule); Amy Turner (Ro); 2nd—Bonnie Emert (PC); 3rd—Meagan Wallace (H)

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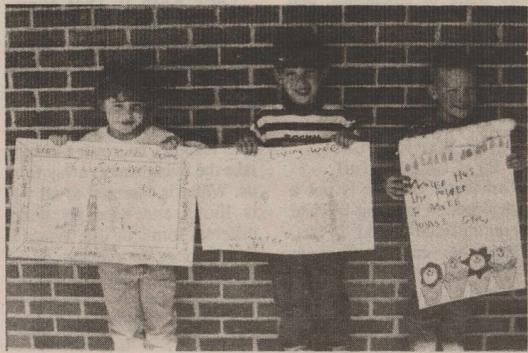
Grade 6: Cliff McGuire (H); 2nd—Chris Hobbs (PC); 3rd—Lori McDermott (H)

The Grand Champion entry was Cliff McGuire from the sixth grade in Haskell. His poster was titled the "Symphony of Life." He presented ideas of conserving water, reduce, reuse and recycle, protecting water, and planting trees and grass by using musical notes. His teacher is Mrs. Debbie Earles.

Ross Bullinger, Haskell fifth grader, had the runner-up poster with his idea of "Harmony—People and Places." His poster had a cowboy roping ways of conservation.

Jon Dulaney, Paint Creek third grader, won third overall with his "Living Water—Turn it Around, Texas" poster. His poster showed an umbrella upside-down catching drops of water showing ways to save water.

Judges, Ernestine Herren and Marie Kretschmer, stated what a fine job all the students did in presenting their ideas on conserving all natural resources.



KAILEY McCORD, JEREMY McCASLAND, RANDALL PACE



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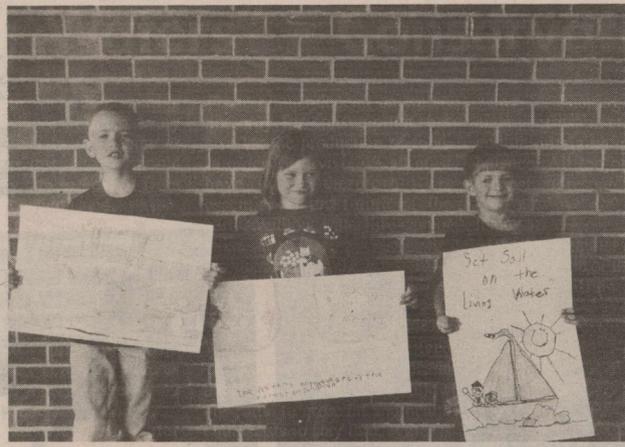


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"The Living Waters" - Conservation essays

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District offers two \$500 scholarships for two deserving Haskell Co. seniors. Applicants had to research and write an essay about the topic "The Living Waters." Essays were due April 10, and are currently being judged. Winners will be announced the week of graduation. 30 Haskell Co. seniors elected to participate in this contest.

Portions of some of the essays entered are included in this supplement. The essays included have not been judged and do not reflect the results of the contest.

Co-sponsors of the Conservation Essay Contest are: Federal Land Bank, First American Bank, First National Bank, and Haskell National Bank, all of Haskell; Farmers National Bank of Rule; Home State Bank of Rochester; and Production Credit Association of Stamford. Without the support of these businesses this worthy project would not be possible.

around, our water is becoming more and more polluted every day. With a natural resource as valuable as this, people should do all they can to keep it from becoming contaminated.

One major concern is the amount of nitrates that are contaminating drinking water. Nitrates come from decaying organic matter, sewage and fertilizers that get in the soil and can also get into the groundwater. Too many nitrates in the water a person drinks may cause cancer.

The majority of water pollution in the United States comes from common places. A stream of water running down a city street is just one example of the ways water is polluted that we do not even think about.

The Living Waters: Let's Keep it That Way

By Amy McWhorter
The waters are alive, but may not be for long. Unless we begin putting forth the effort it requires to keep the waters alive (for example, by treating the waters with respect), the earth will soon take the living waters away from us. Water is essential to all that is living and used by many different forms of life. Water is linked to us, as humans, in the form of a very important necessity, one of which we cannot live without. Unless we immediately begin the procedure of "giving to the waters," eventually the waters will not be able to "give to us."

Among the many forms of life needing water there are three groups, which are classified as: people, plants and animals.

These groups depend on water, not only for consumption, but also for the production of food. In order to survive, we all must have water; therefore it is essential to the future of the earth. Without water life cannot exist.

The Living Waters

By Aaron Earles
The living waters provide us with many services. They feed our crops and cool our bodies in the heat of summer. They allow our cattle to grow fat and health enthusiasts to stay thin. Water is everywhere and is used by every living thing. Without water, no living creature could survive.

Unfortunately, like most things we don't have to work for, water is taken for granted. Misuse of pesticides kills fish when waters are contaminated. Moss takes over lakes and streams when fertilizers, either natural such as a feedlot, or manmade, are improperly managed or dumped. Waters are constantly polluted accidentally by the people who love them most.

Our Living Waters

By Heather Guess
In John 4:10, Jesus said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water."
Water is by all means a necessity of life. People need

water for keeping their bodies clean, refreshment, agriculture, and maintaining perfect body balance. All too often, we take this natural resource for granted. And now we are in danger of losing it.

As the daughter of a farmer, I am very aware of the importance of water and rain to ensure the

growth of our crops. Farmers use water in all aspects of farming. Water is a necessity for making crops grow, cattle need water for survival, and water keeps farm land healthy. Farmers and ranchers can use water to irrigate the crops in absence of rain or in addition to the rain.

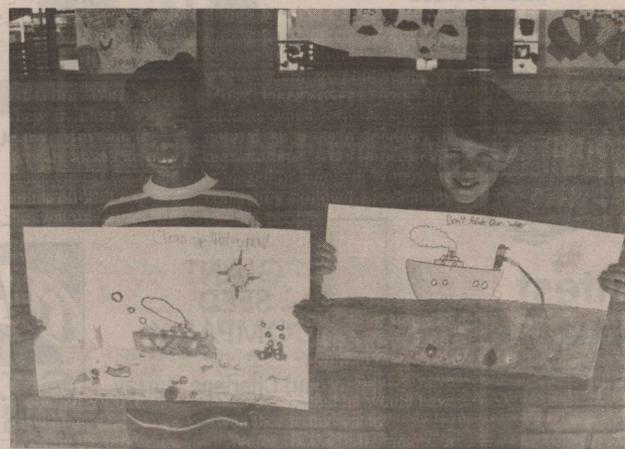
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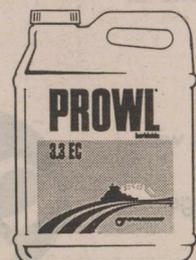


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