

Calendar

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet June 1 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be David Turner, director of Copper Breaks State Park of Quanah. His topic will include information about the Indians of that area. The public is invited.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., June 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial roping

The first annual John Wallace Memorial Roping will be held in conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days, Sun., May 31 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. The top twelve will qualify for the short round. 3 head will be \$250. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade will be held June 5 at 5 p.m. Space is still available for entries. All organizations, groups and individuals are welcome. Interested participants should contact Loutina White 864-3507.

Rule Clean-up

The City of Rule and the Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Clean-up Days in Rule through the month of May.

Singing

A fifth Sunday community wide singing will be hosted by the First Baptist Church of Rule Sun., May 31 at 6 p.m.

Mural painting

The Brazos West Art Association is accepting donations to help restore the mural on the building on the northwest corner of the square. Contributions may be mailed to the club's president, Martha Spitzer, Rt. 2 Box 15, Haskell, TX 79521.

All Night Party

The Haskell County Alcohol/Drug Free All Night Party will be held after graduation May 29. All county high school and college students are invited to join the fun at the Haskell Civic Center.

Wild Horse Prairie Days Schedule of Events

- Sun., May 31**
2 p.m.: John Wallace Memorial Roping, Haskell Co. Arena.
- Fri., June 5**
5 p.m.: Parade, downtown Haskell
8 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo, Haskell Co. Arena.
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Dance, Civic Center
- Sat., June 6**
8 a.m.: Ranch Team Roping Check-In, Rodeo Arena
8:30 a.m.: Ranch Team Roping, Rodeo Arena
9 a.m.: BBQ Cookoff Cook's Meeting
10 a.m. to 12 noon: Children's Rodeo, Show Barn
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cowboy Poetry & Entertainment, Civic Center
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Chuck Wagon Dinner, Fairgrounds
1 to 5 p.m.: Ranch Horse Competition, Rodeo Arena
8 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo, Rodeo Arena
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Dance, Civic Center
- Sun., June 7**
10 a.m. to 12 noon: Cowboy Church Service, Civic Center

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Congratulations Graduates!

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HORSES, COWS AND COWBOYS—Everything needed for a rip roaring celebration of western heritage is planned for Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days. Beginning with a parade at 5:00 p.m. Fri.,

June 5, events will include a two-day rodeo, two dances, chuck wagon lunch, children's rodeo, team roping, cowboy poetry reading, a cookoff and a cowboy church service on Sunday.

Bomb threat evacuates nursing home

The usual early evening quiet at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell was changed by the ringing of a phone call about 8:35 Monday, when an anonymous caller said a bomb was set to go off on the roof of the facility.

Within minutes, members of Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, the Department of Public Safety, and Haskell Co. Emergency Ambulance Service were on the scene, evacuating patients to the Experienced Citizens Center and one wing of the Haskell Memorial Hospital.

When the Dyess Bomb Squad arrived with their bomb sniffing dog, fireman Danny Stocks led them through the facility and the attic.

When no bomb was found, patients of the Home were returned to their rooms at about 1:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Rice Springs Administrator, Ann Decker, was quick to praise the local fireman, who did "an exceptional job" in setting up an ambulance crew, and helping get everyone evacuated across the street during the rain, some in wheel chairs and on stretchers.

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Haskell commencement exercises set Friday evening

The end of May means the end of 13 years of learning and growth for seniors who have reached the plateau of high school graduation in their training and preparation for adulthood. Individual plans for the future of these graduates are as varied as the individuals involved.

Haskell County High Schools are awarding a total of 105 diplomas to graduating seniors this year, 29 above the total graduating last year.

HASKELL

Seventy-four Haskell seniors will graduate at 8:00 p.m., Friday night, May 29, at Indian Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the exercises will be moved to Indian Gym.

Babysitting for children age three and under will be provided in the homemaking cottage.

Those attending are asked to treat this as a special occasion and dress accordingly. Anyone dressed

inappropriately will not be admitted.

Receiving diplomas at the exercises are John Abila, Christopher Aguero, Stephanie Alsbrook Meeks, Melanie Alvarez, Jennifer Andress, Marshall Andrews, Caridad Anguiano, Kristy Arellano, Jennifer Ashley, James Barrera, Kevin Billington, Jason Briles, Amy Burson, IV Burson, Wendy Cadenhead, Andrea Callaway, Katie Camp, Cody Caraway, Crystal Casillas, Christie Blocker Chambers, Stephanie Cheyne, Amanda Cothron, Jim Crawford, Mathew Cunningham;

Timothy Dewey, Marci Elmore, Marcus Fernandez, Turner Frierson, Tony Fuentes, Amanda Gonzales,

Elvis Gonzales, Wendy Gray, Eric Guadalucazar, Melissa Guzman, Jeremy Harlan, Rusty Howeth, Philip Huff, Nikki Isbell, Cory Ivy, Shannon Jordan, Timothy Jordan, Beau Klose, Kristina Lane, Latoya Ledbetter, Nicky McCulloch, Paul McGuire, Chris McSmith, Marci McSmith, Josh McWhorter, Timmy Macias, Cristal Mendoza, Vanessa Miller;

Josh New, Gavino Ortiz, Laura Ortiz, Adrian Palacios, Johanna Payne, Breann Peiser, Anna Rieger, Brandon Rodela, Chris Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriquez, Michael Rodriguez, Betty Ruiz, Shannon Sanford, Stephanie Solomon, Jessica Martinez Sosa, Kaki Stapleton, Creora Tatum, Landon

Terry, Sherita Tidrow, Will Trammell, Wendy West and Chris Williams.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1998 is Philip Huff, son of Dale and Diane Huff.

Salutatorian is Marci McSmith, daughter of Dr. Bill and Carol McSmith.

PAINT CREEK

Six Paint Creek seniors received diplomas during the graduating exercises held at the H. P. Morrison auditorium, Friday night, May 22. They were Alycia Waters, Johnny Martinez, Nick Goss, Lee Gonzalez, Trey Dancer, and Jason Shackelford.

Valedictorian for this year's class is Johnny Martinez, son of Tony and Jobita Martinez, with a grade point average of 96.0669. Salutatorian is Jason Shackelford, son of Larry and Martha Shackelford, with a grade point average of 94.3133.

ROCHESTER

Eight Rochester High School seniors were graduated in exercises Friday night, May 22. Receiving diplomas were Claude Baker, Brandy Brown, Shelly Hester, Gwen Lee, Charli McGhee, Mark Marin, Misty Merchant and Valerie Strickland.

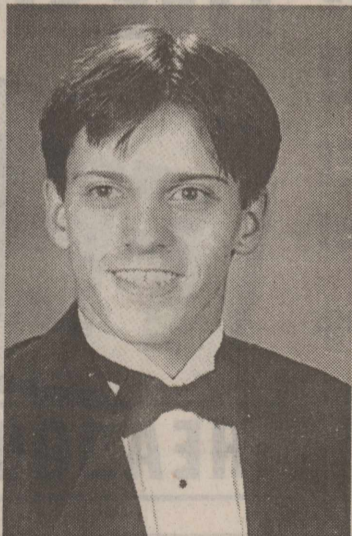
Valedictorian for the class is Shelly Hester, daughter of Billy Wayne and Sheila Hester. Salutatorian is Charli McGhee, daughter of Darryl and Sharon McGhee.

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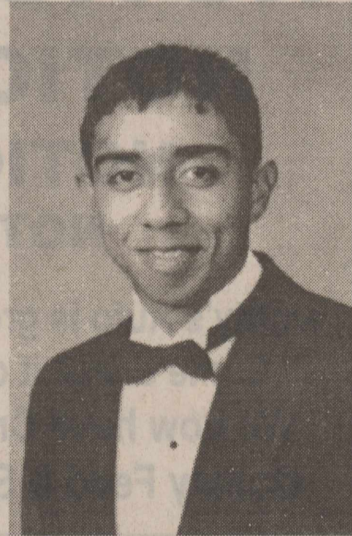
Seventeen Rule High School graduating seniors received diplomas during the graduating exercises held Friday night, May 22, at the school auditorium. They were Kayla Allison, Sammy Bagot, Benny Bundy, Justin Halliburton, Amy Hisey, Megan Jones, Melvinlee Kreger, Brandon Langford, Jennifer Lefevre, Jennifer Lehmann, Brigida Macias, Maria Martinez, Khalilah Mason, Ben Pace, Crystal Perez, Matthew Ramirez and Brad Simpson.

Valedictorian for the class is Maria Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Martinez. Her grade point average was 97.25.

Salutatorian is Jennifer Lehmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lehmann. Her grade point average was 95.38.



PHILIP HUFF
Valedictorian - Haskell



JOHNNY MARTINEZ
Valedictorian - Paint Creek



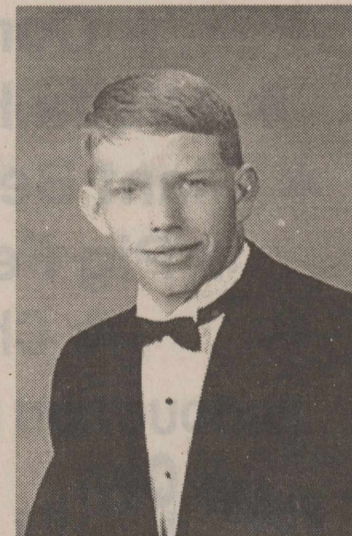
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Valedictorian - Rochester



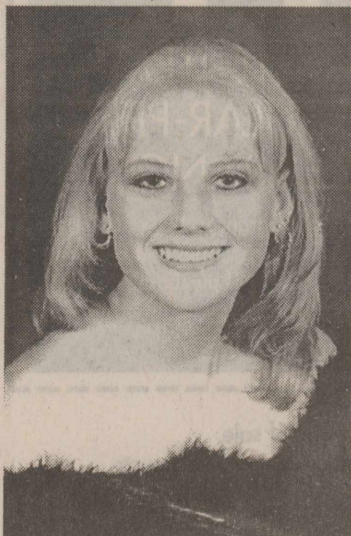
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Valedictorian - Rule



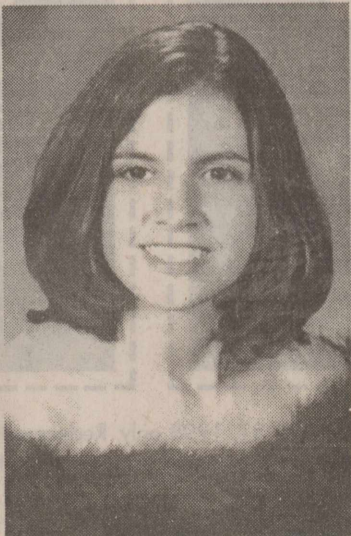
MARCI McSMITH
Salutatorian - Haskell



JASON SHACKELFORD
Salutatorian - Paint Creek



CHARLI McGHEE
Salutatorian - Rochester



JENNIFER LEHRMANN
Salutatorian - Rule

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Splash day set at City Pool

Saturday, May 30, 2-6 p.m. will be Splash Day at the Haskell City Pool.

Regular pool hours are 2-6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 will be

designated Family Night. Admission is free for those 2 years and under; \$1.25 for children 12 years and under and \$1.50 for persons 13 years and over.

Parties may be scheduled at any time on Monday, and before and after regular hours Tuesday through Sunday. The fee is \$20.00 per hour; \$30.00 for one and a half hours, and \$40.00 for two hours.

Small children are required to have appropriate supervision to be admitted. All patrons are required to abide by pool rules and requests. Failure to comply will result in the loss of pool privileges.

Jimmy Lisle is the pool manager. He will teach swimming lessons June 22-30, with classes for beginners through intermediate. Fee for the lessons is \$35.00. Times for the classes are: 5 p.m., Beginner; 6 p.m., Novice 1; 7 p.m., Novice 2; and 8 p.m., Intermediate.

To enroll in the classes, call 864-3820 and leave a message.

Bomb threat

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She said the wonderful support from all of the community was great. Many family members came to sit with the displaced patients, helping to make the traumatic situation less fearful for them. "Even some of the Haskell Healthcare Center people came," she said appreciatively.

Dr. Bill Kemp, owner of the Home, said this was the second time that a threat has been made to the facility. The other was about ten or twelve years ago, when in one week all of the health care and hospital facilities in Haskell were targeted with threats.

Sheriff Johnny Mills verified that the last such threats occurred in 1984. He said there are no leads at this time as to the identity of the caller.

Hospital

Admissions
Jessie Davis, Stamford
Eunice Cox, Haskell
Billie Bowles, Rule

Dismissals
Martha Reeves, Geneva Fetsch,
James Cameron, Carl Davis, J. B. May, Darlyne Phillips, Eula Orr,
Orbyce Littlefield, Earlene Smith

TxDOT urges construction zone awareness

With summer approaching, Texans will be traveling to their favorite vacation spots by plane, train and the most popular mode, automobile. But all these cars must contend with another Texas summer favorite: roadway construction.

To keep summer travels from becoming summer hazards, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has begun its annual "123 Safe Days of Summer" campaign to remind motorists and employees to put highway safety out front this season.

From May to August, the focus months of the campaign, TxDOT's goals are to increase employee awareness of work zone safety, prevent on-the-job accidents and educate the public about the dangers road crews face.

"Most of our construction is concentrated in the summer months because the warmer, longer days allow us to get more work done," said Ed Sims, TxDOT's occupational safety division director. "But that also means we

have to double up our safety efforts," he said.

According to statistics compiled by TxDOT, 10 department employees have been killed on the job since 1994. Seven of the last 10 employee deaths have occurred during the summer and more than 30 accidents also occurred during May and August last year.

For TxDOT employees, the added emphasis on safety begins before they hit the highways. Workdays begin with checks of department equipment and regular safety meetings focus on accident prevention.

For all its internal measures to keep its employees safe, TxDOT must rely on the public to help. "Give Us a Brake" signs are posted at construction zones to emphasize the need for motorists to obey posted speed limits and pay attention when driving through work zones.

More than 300 new construction projects will begin around Texas between May and August and all will be accompanied by the

customary cones, barrels and construction workers. Prime conditions, TxDOT officials say, for inattentive or impatient motorists to turn construction zones into injury and death zones.

But safe construction zones and possible, TxDOT officials believe, if motorists follow some simple rules of the road:

- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle, other vehicles, traffic barriers, construction workers and equipment. Most crashes in work zones involve rear-end collisions.

- Stay alert. Driving conditions change in work zones. Be prepared to respond to any changes in traffic flow.

- Merge at the first notice of a lane closure or change. Traffic flows better when you move to an appropriate lane at the first opportunity of an approaching work zone.

- Be patient. Traffic delays in work zones are often unavoidable, while improvements are being made to the roads. Patience can prevent accidents.

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School board hires new employees

At the May 19 meeting of the Haskell CISD Board of Trustees, the following students were recognized for successfully competing in state level competition:

Chris Aguero, 1st and 2nd in student art and 1st in editorial cartoon.

Josh New, 2nd in sports action photo.

Paula Harvey, 2nd in feature photo and 2nd in general news photo.

Gava Ortiz, 3rd in sports writing and 2nd in the 800 meter dash.

Kristina Lane, 2nd in news writing.

Robert Spells, 6th in the 200 meter dash.

Wendy Gray, 1st place medalist golf.

J. J. Comedy, Amanda Rapp, Misti Henson, Wendy Gray and

Jodi Thigpen, 4th place golf team.

Jimmy Lisle and Jim Rumage presented information regarding their campuses and closing activities for the school year.

The 1998-99 officers of the Board of Trustees are Bob Aycoc, President, Danny Josselet, Vice-President, and Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Secretary.

A presentation from Deanna Jordan concerning a proposed day care facility for employee and student's children, was referred to Superintendent, Bob Pheil, who will secure additional information regarding staffing cost before a decision will be made.

In other business the Board approved a \$10,000.00 budget amendment for the employee health insurance program; the school vehicle insurance bid was awarded to Brian Burgess Insurance;

transfers for 1998-99 were approved; participation in Academics 2000 and Discovery Grants were approved, and TASB Policy Update 58 was approved on the first reading.

Superintendent Bob Pheil's comments included information concerning student and athletic insurance; refinishing/resurfacing the gym floor; and the insurance adjuster, who will be on campus inspecting further damage to roofs from the last storm.

The following new employees were hired: Brad Brunson, Melynn Hunt, Darrell Hunt, David Middleton and Minnie Camacho. Resignations were accepted from Louis Kimbler, Brenda Salazar and Mark Coffman.

The school calendar for 1998-99, was adopted as proposed and printed in the *Free Press*, April 30.

Bike safety tips in time for summer

In recognition of the need for bicycle safety, the Coalition for Vehicle Choice (CVC) is reminding everyone to "play safe" as the weather turns warm and there are more outside activities.

With the carefree attitude that summer activities encourage, it is that much more important to be more alert to those around you.

Toni Barcellona, coordinator of the CVC said, "Be especially vigilant around younger children on bicycles who are not as familiar with rules of the road."

The Texas CVC offers the following tips for bike riders of all ages.

- *Always remember to wear your helmet (which is already a law in some states). You never know when your thrill could turn into a spill.

- *Ride so cars can see you and so you can see them. This is made easier by wearing reflective clothing and using reflectors.

- *Follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists are required by law to

abide by the same rules that cars follow. Ride with traffic, stop at all signs, signal when turning and always travel single file.

- *Never wear headphones while riding. They impair your ability to hear traffic and those around you.

- *Watch for obstacles in your path, especially in wet weather where roads become slick and unpredictable.

Other vehicles also need to be aware of the bicyclists around them, especially youngsters. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 70 percent of car-bicycle crashes occur at driveways or intersections.

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Isom, Burris wed

Scott Burris and Kendra Isom were married May 25 in Jamaica. The bride and groom stayed in Jamaica for their honeymoon and returned to Lubbock for a reception at Hillcrest Country Club, Lubbock.

The reception was hosted by the bride's grandparents, Bruce and Lexie Isom, of Idalou, Larry and Ann Skystad of Ft. Stockton and

the bride's parents, Ken and Julie Isom of Idalou. The bridegroom is the son of the late Dale and Lynda Burris of Childress.

The bride is attending Texas Tech University and is employed by Zeneca Ag Products. The bridegroom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and employed as the head Ag teacher at Idalou, where the couple plans to reside.

Food for thought

"Fellowship with him."

1 John 1:6
When we were united by faith to Christ, we were brought into such complete fellowship with him, that we were made one with him, and his interests and ours became mutual and identical. We have fellowship with Christ in his love.

What he loves we love. He loves the saints - so do we. He loves sinners - so do we. He loves the poor perishing race of man, and pants to see earth's deserts transformed in to the garden of the Lord - so do we.

We have fellowship with him in his desires. He desires the glory of God - we also labour for the same. He desires that the saints may be with him where he is - we desire to be with him there too. He desires to drive out sin - behold we fight under his banner. He desires that his Father's name may be loved and adored by all his creatures - we pray daily, "Let thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, even as it is in heaven." We have fellowship with Christ in his sufferings.

We are not nailed to the cross, nor do we die a cruel death, but when he is reproached, we are reproached; and a very sweet thing it is to be blamed for his sake, to be despised for following the Master, to have the world against us. The disciple should not be above his Lord.

In our measure we commune with in his labours, ministering to men by the word of truth and by deeds of love. Our meat and our drink, like his, is to do the will of him who hath sent us and to finish his work.

We have also fellowship with Christ in his joys. We happy in his happiness, we rejoice in his exaltation. Have you ever tasted

that joy, believer? There is no purer or more thrilling delight to be known this side heaven than that of having Christ's joy fulfilled in us, that our joy may be full.

His glory awaits us to complete our fellowship, for his Church shall sit with him upon his throne, as his well-beloved bride and queen.



REV. AND MRS. DICK WILLIAMS

Couple to celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams, of Brownwood, formerly of Haskell, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, June 5.

A special celebration is planned for family and friends on Sun., June 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood.

Dick and Vi Williams met at Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn. and were married in the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota. They moved to Texas in 1953 where Dick graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary.

They have served churches in North Dakota, and Oklahoma, as well as Olney, Gilliland, Newcastle, Rising Star, and Haskell, where he was pastor of East Side Baptist Church for a number of years. He is currently pastor of Mercury Baptist Church.

Rev. Williams has also been a chaplain commissioned under the Baptist Home Missions Board since 1983, and is currently serving as chaplain for the Brown Baptist Association.

Mrs. Williams has been a nurse, and active church worker.

Children of the couple are Joan Martin, of Denton, Gay Isbell, Edinburg, and Bruce Williams, of Glen. Sandy Williams and Jimmy Williams are deceased.

Herrings to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Tommy and Norma Herring of Graham will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sat., May 30. A come and go reception will be held in the Brazos Room at the Gateway Inn in Graham from 2 to 4 p.m.

Thomas Paul Herring and Norma LaRue Whitten were married June 2, 1948 in Benjamin. Through the years, the couple have worked together owning and operating various newspapers: the Rochester Reporter, the Rule

Review, the Munday Times and the Graham News. They bought Tri-SEQ Printing in Graham in 1975, where they remain.

The Herrings have two sons and a daughter. Eddy, his wife Melody and their son live in Plano. Randy, his wife Esther and her son live in Burnet. Judy House lives in Graham with her husband, Mark, and their son. Eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren also join in this celebration of 50 years.

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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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Attorney General Dan Morales met with tobacco industry attorneys in New York and emerged saying that Texas could receive \$2 billion more than the \$15.3 billion settlement it already has with cigarette makers.

Morales said last week a deal for more money could be reached within two weeks and that the extra money should put an end to the issue of how much private lawyers will be paid by the state for their role in the settlement.

The renegotiations are made possible by a clause in the previous settlement that allows Texas to claim better benefits based on subsequent settlements by other states.

"We believe that a minimum of \$2 billion is what is called for in the application of the Minnesota agreement to the Texas agreement," Morales said. Minnesota's settlement of \$6.1 billion is more on a per capita basis than the Texas settlement.

Unlike Texas, Minnesota left its private lawyers to deal directly with the tobacco industry on their fees. Texas' private lawyers were to receive 15 percent of the original settlement, of \$2.3 billion. But Gov. George W. Bush called the fees excessive and sued to reduce them.

Texas Joins Missing Kids Network

Texas last week became the second state to join Missing Kids 100,000—a national database that carries pictures of missing children on the Internet.

The program allows local law enforcement personnel to "upload" pictures of the missing children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children site on the Internet, helping to speed search efforts.

Gov. Bush called the system a "real-time, all-point bulletin that can be accessed by anyone with a (personal computer) anywhere in the world."

The site's address is:

<http://www.missingkids.com>

Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said he hopes to add 20 more states to the database by the end of the year. Nevada was the first state to join.

Court Open Records Policy Drafted

The Texas Judicial Council's committee on court records met in Dallas last week to present a draft of a new policy that would increase public access to court records.

Last fall, Tom Phillips, chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, ordered the committee to draft an open-records policy. Phillips' action came after he was criticized for overruling an opinion by Attorney General Dan Morales that state judge's telephone records should not be closed to the public.

The draft defines "public record," tells how much courts can charge

for copies of public records and explains how citizens can appeal if a court rejects a request for information.

According to the draft, judicial notes, personnel information and complaints against judges would still be privileged and unavailable to the public.

A final draft of the proposed policy must be approved by the Texas Supreme Court and voted on by the Texas Legislature.

Other Capital Highlights

•State District Judge John Dietz last week refused to order the Texas Department of Public Safety to cease its raids on the operators of "8-liner" casino-style gambling machines. The Texas Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars had asked Dietz to order the DPS to stop confiscating the machines declared illegal by Attorney General Morales.

•In 1997, the Texas Legislature approved up to \$4 million in revenue bonds for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to make state parks more accessible to people with disabilities. But Texas officials say it would cost \$20

million to bring state parks into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

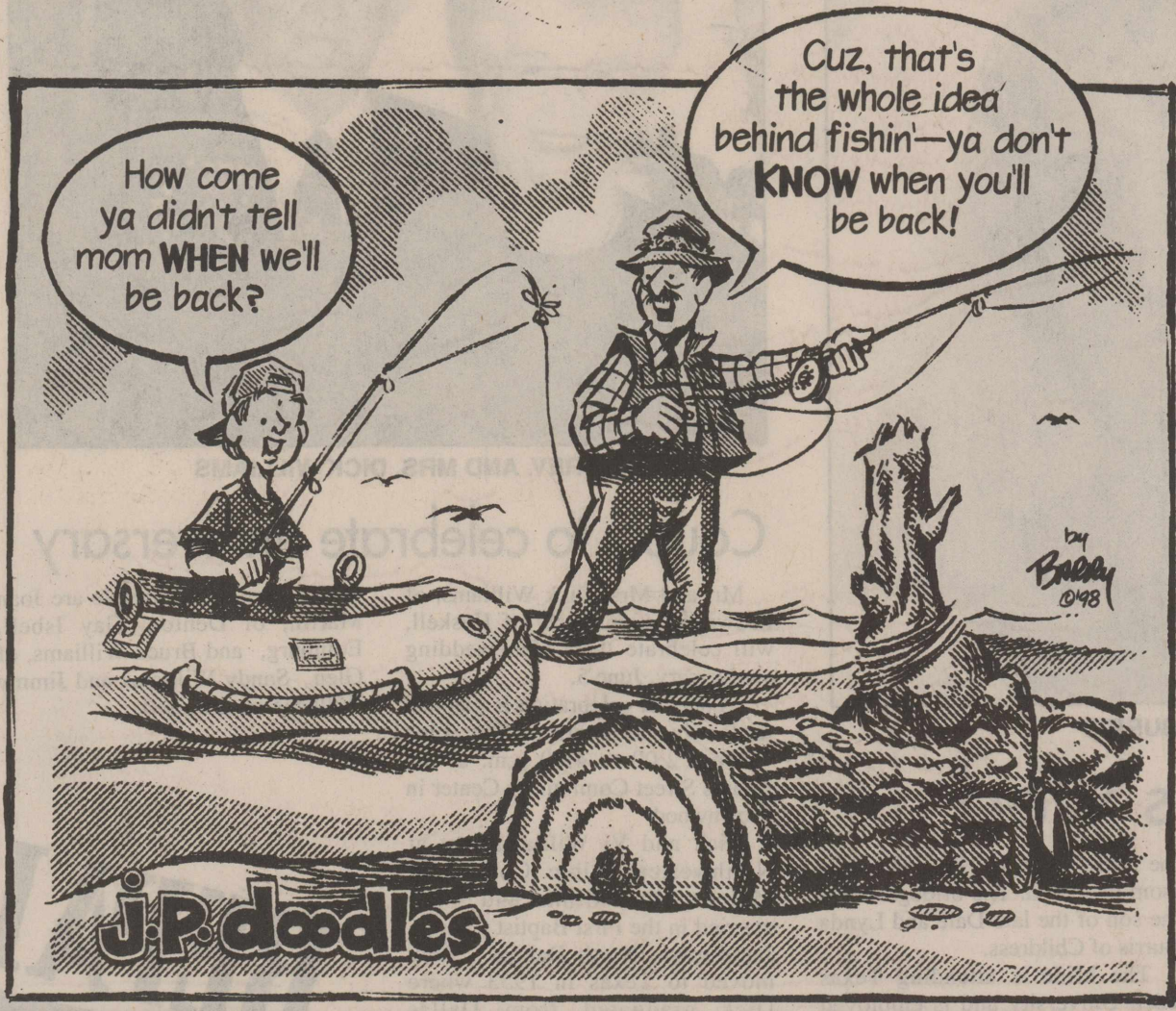
•Kansas investor George Ablah has purchased for \$10 million a huge office building and laboratory building and 52 acres of land on the site of the defunct Superconducting Super Collider project near Waxahachie. The Texas General Land Office handled and announced the sale.

•In its review of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Sunset Advisory Commission last week released a report saying services for crime victims, which are divided among six state agencies, should be coordinated and inmates should receive training for real-world jobs.

•Gov. Bush last week asked Attorney General Morales to seek a federal court order to shut down slot machines run by the Tigua Indian tribe at its Speaking Rock casino in El Paso. Bush also asked the U. S. attorney's office to consider action against the Lucky Eagle Casino operated by the Kickapoos in Eagle Pass.

•GEICO, Texas' fifth-largest insurance company, is following suit with other auto insurers. Last week, it agreed to cut auto insurance premiums by 5.6 percent for its 225,000 policyholders in the state. The rates go into effect for new policies on June 15 and for renewals on Aug. 1.

•The town of Jarrell received adequate warning before deadly tornadoes struck on May 27, 1997, according to a report by the National Weather Service. But the report reveals technical difficulties and staff management problems at the New Braunfels weather service office that serves 33 counties.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

May 26, 1988

Haskell firemen helped extinguish a fire, caused when lightning struck an oil storage tank battery near Rule.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will host the Haskell Fly-In and Pilot's Breakfast at the Haskell Municipal Airport.

Haskell county schools will graduate 90 seniors for the 1988 graduation.

20 Years Ago

May 25, 1978

Rosemary Kimbrough, daughter of Mrs. Anna Kimbrough, was selected to represent Haskell in the Miss Texas Universe Pageant.

A birthday party was held for Jerry Furrh in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Larned. Her mother, all her sisters and brothers were present.

Mrs. Elsie McGee, librarian, has announced that the Haskell County Library will take part in the Texas Summer Reading Program.

30 Years Ago

May 23, 1968

Seniors, Scott McDonald, and Glen Pogue were elected co-captains of the Haskell Indian team.

Several of the rodeo contestants completing in this years pageant were Gayle Chapman, Sue Hager and Analou Allen. Paula Wooten was named rodeo queen.

Haskell county entries at the District 4-H Food Show brought red ribbons back. They were Nean Newton, Marsha Berry, Karen Earp and Melissa Roberson.

40 Years Ago

May 22, 1958

Miss Jessie Vick,

superintendent of Haskell county schools, attended an area meeting of county superintendents at Benjamin.

50 Years Ago

May 27, 1948

Lester Hutchinson, 4-H Club boy of Weinert was awarded a prize Duroc boar by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, as a continuation of the registered Duroc pig program in the county.

Work has been started on the front of department store, purchased by Hill Oates, formerly occupied by Jones Dry Goods.

80 Years Ago

May 25, 1918

Dr. J.C. Davis of Sagerton was in Haskell and reports a light rain in his section.

Tom Davis, former county attorney of Haskell county, is visiting on a short furlough.

National survey shows newspapers experience delivery problems

If you sometimes get the feeling that your hometown newspaper, (even the Haskell Free Press) is being sent to you by way of the pony express, you are not alone.

In a survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association (NNA), 73 percent of America's community newspapers report that the Postal Service delivery of newspapers has become significantly worse over the past year. More than 1,000 community newspapers from 35 states, both non-daily and daily, participated in the survey, conducted with the assistance of the state newspaper associations.

"Community newspapers around the country report that is is taking longer than ever to get their products to subscribers, especially those who are outside the county and state," said Kenneth B. Allen,

NNA executive vice-president and CEO.

Echoing the delivery time experience of the Free Press, key findings of the survey include: In-county delivery is good. Non-daily newspapers report that 98 percent of in-county subscribers received their paper within five days

Out-of-county delivery is getting worse. Thirty five percent of non-daily newspapers must wait six or more days for their newspaper, and nine percent must wait eleven days or more.

Out-of-state delivery is worst of all. The out-of-state subscribers to non-daily newspapers must wait six or more days to receive their paper, and over 50 percent have to wait eleven days or more.

Complaints about service delivery are increasing. Readers

around the country are cancelling their subscriptions to community newspapers, as a result of poor delivery.

Allen noted, "Many community newspapers depend upon the Postal Service to reach their subscribers. When the Postal Service fails to deliver on time, community newspapers lose customers." He added that although this problem has been brought to the attention of postal officials, 48 percent of the newspapers participating in the survey reported that the Postal Service has been unresponsive to complaints.

"Community newspapers have few alternatives and must rely on the Postal Service," he said. "Every community publisher would agree with the publisher who wrote to NNA: 'Please help.'"

May sales tax receipts decrease

State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered a total of \$236 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,092 Texas cities and 188 counties, a 9 percent increase over the \$216.5 million allocated in May 1997.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

"The robust growth of the Texas economy still shows no sign of slowing, with higher employment numbers going hand-in-hand with higher consumer spending," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 10.3 percent over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$217.6 million to Texas cities, 9.2 percent higher than last May's payments of

\$199.3 million. Rebates of \$18.3 million to Texas counties were 7 percent higher than allocations of \$17.1 million in May 1997. Another \$6.3 million went to 31 special purpose districts around the state.

Haskell County had a 12.67 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$38,357.43 in comparison to \$43,923.82 for May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$153,434.48 reflect a 3.71 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$147,940.05.

The City of Haskell had a 8.89 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$34,205.16 in comparison to \$37,546.57 for May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$141,148.25 reflect a 6.44 percent increase over 1997 payments to date of \$132,600.14.

O'Brien had a 78.46 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$350.23 in comparison to \$1,626.06 for

May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$884.69 reflect a 59.42 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$2,180.32.

Rochester had a 17.80 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$392.58 in comparison to \$1,128.57 for May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$3,087.58 reflect a 1.57 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$3,137.01.

Rule had a 16.47 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$2,481.84 in comparison to \$2,971.52 for May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$7,490.09 reflect a 14.72 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$8,783.09.

Weinert had a 39.69 percent decrease for May, 1998 of \$392.62 in comparison to \$651.10 for May, 1997. 1998 payments to date of \$823.87 reflect a 33.53 percent decrease over 1997 payments to date of \$1,239.49.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

In his big white Stetson, boots and silver belt buckle, he looked the part of a big, tall Texan. In his quiet, natural demeanor, he stood tall as a gentleman who was always a gentleman. He was our friend and now he is gone.

Curtis Jordan was one of those who returned in their retirement years to the place of their family roots. In his case, the incentive he felt to come back had a lot to do with falling in love.

When he moved back to Haskell and married Doris Reeves, he became a part of our weekly 84 domino games bunch. George Fouts and Tom Kaigler were glad to have another "regular guy" playing on their team. (Mary Martin has been playing on their "guy" team for years, but she doesn't look the part as much as Curt did.) Together as a team, when they were "on a roll," as Curt would say, they "really tore us up," as George would say.

As glad as they were to have Curt with them, George and Tom told him right away that those chivalrous ways of his were giving them a hard time at home. Actually, I think they chalked up his habit of always opening the car door for Doris and holding the chair for her to be seated at the table as a temporary case of "newly married syndrome." But, to their never ceasing amazement and misjudgment, he never stopped the patient, mannerly ways that were indeed a part of who he was.

We learned early on that he wouldn't eat anything that was made from something "feathered," not even an egg, but he never made a big deal of it. He never failed to compliment the hostess on "the great spread" she served, even if he couldn't, in good conscience, eat it.

Two and a half years ago, during our annual domino bunch all-day, food-and-football New Year's day at our house, Curt said he didn't feel well. The next day he began the long, often painful journey that ended for him last Sunday morning.

At his funeral an especially moving memorial tribute given by his son, Robert, and an insightful analogy presented by Dusty Garison, of Curt's character, as demonstrated through twenty-eight years of military service, many years in a successful business career and his every-day approach to life, gave us other good memories we'll keep of this good friend.

Knowing how unassuming he was, I could just hear Curt saying, "Aw cheeze, don't do all of this. Hmhmhmhm" But, I know he'd be proud.

The full military burial was a solemn, impressive tribute to the officer-gentleman Curt was before we came to know him. One especially poignant moment was when the young soldier knelt and presented the carefully folded flag from atop the casket to Doris. In a beautiful, loving gesture, Doris then gave the flag to Curt's daughter, who is a member of the military. What an honor and fitting memorial for this daughter to have of her father.

Not having been to a military burial since the one in 1948 for the handsome young friend who had been killed in the landing on Iwo Jima, I had dreaded ever going to another one.

As I stood there last Wednesday, the 50 years since that day slipped away for me. The twenty one gun salute, the heart-breaking taps echoing through the grave stone and my tears were not just for Curt. They were for all the young soldiers who never got the chance to grow old and for all of those who served and did get to grow old in this country they loved and fought to protect.

Coming away from Curt's funeral, I realized that this Memorial Day would be especially meaningful for me, as I remember all of these and the loyalty to duty they represented. To all of them I'll say, "Thanks, I remember you."

To Curt I'll say, "Good-bye, gentle friend."

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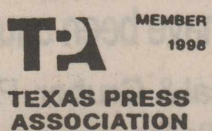
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RANDY BRADFORD - MINDY MCGEE

McGee, Bradford to wed June 27

Mindy McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben McGee of Haskell, and Randy Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradford of Cristoval have announced their engagement.

The wedding is planned for June 27, at the East Side Baptist Church. The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and Angelo

State University, with a BS degree in Psychology. She is employed with Interim Personnel of San Angelo.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Cristoval High School. He is employed by Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo.

Stickhorse rodeo set

True to its promise of having something for everyone, the Wild Horse Prairie Days Celebration will include some exciting events for kids aged 2 to 12.

So, lasso your horse, grab your hat and plan to enter the Stickhorse Rodeo, Fine Fat Piglet Chase and Dummy Steer Roping, Sat., June 6.

Events begin at 10:00 a.m., so plan to arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 to sign up for all of them.

The schedule time of events is 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Wrangler--Stickhorse Rodeo 10:00; Bulls and Barrels (Ages 2-6), 10:05; Fine Fat

Piglet Chase (Ages 4-6), 10:30; Dummy Steer Roping (Ages 7-9), 10:45; Dummy Steer Roping (Ages 10-12), 11:00; Fine Fat Piglet Chase (Ages 7-9), 11:15; Fine Fat Piglet Chase (Ages 10-12), 11:30.

Sponsored by West Texas Utilities, the event promises to be one for picture taking. Wrangler, Tony Lama, Justin Boots and Heads or Tails Western Wear will be awarding prizes. Included will be Wrangler jeans, boots, coloring books, and Justin stickhorses. Prizes will also be awarded to the Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl.



MR. AND MRS. JACK ISBELL

Couple to celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Isbell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 29 and 30 at the pavilion at Stamford Marina. Jack and Letha have five children: Dorothy Chesnut and Tony Isbell of Midland, Dale and John Isbell of Haskell and Alvin Isbell of Loving, N. M. They have 14

grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Their children will be hosting the event and would like to invite friends and family of the couple to come by and celebrate their anniversary with them any time on May 30.

Buckle up—it just might save your life

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, (NHTSA) experts remind motorists that buckling up is the most effective measure they can take to protect themselves in a crash, and they urge them to make it a habit.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 3,082 people were killed in motor vehicle

crashes in 1996. Of that number, 1,662 were unrestrained. Of the 70 children under age 4 who died in crashes, 43 were unrestrained. When used correctly, child safety seats do save lives of children. The best practice is for children age 12 and under to ride properly restrained in the back seat of all motor vehicles.

The NHTSA, the American Academy of Pediatrics and other

safety experts emphasize that children should ride rear-facing until at least one year of age. Children 12 and under should never ride in the front seat with a passenger air bag. Air bags save lives, but they work best when everyone is buckled and kids are in the back, properly buckled up.

Wearing a safety belt is the most important method of protection in a motor vehicle crash. While the back seat is the safest place to ride in a car, if occupants ride unbuckled, they place themselves and other occupants in a life-threatening position.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, June 1
 Lunch—Oven fried chicken, gravy, English peas, cauliflower, carrots and onion Au gratin, raisin bars, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, June 3
 10:30 a.m. Exercise, Outreach Home Health
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check, Outreach Home Health
 Lunch—Wrangler beef sandwich, cabbage slaw, pork & beans, whipped gelatin, cookie, bread,

milk, tea or coffee

Friday, June 5
 11:00 a.m. Tim and Susanne Townsend music
 Lunch—Fish patties, cabbage/green peppers/dressing, tartar sauce, tater tots, peach whip, cornbread, milk, tea or coffee
 All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

On Friday night Margaret, Christopher and Melissa Tatum and boys went to Clarendon where they met Jonathan, Candice and Aubree Tatum who live in Dalhart and brought Candice and Aubree back to spend this week. Jonathan will come on Thursday to be here for Creora's graduation. They will return to Dalhart on Sunday.

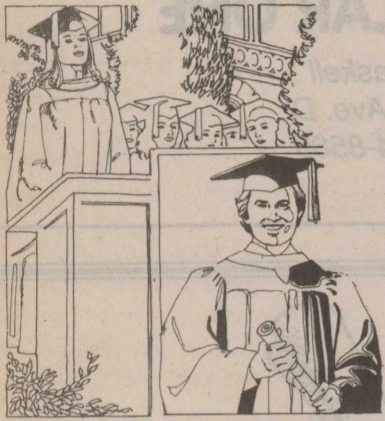
On Thursday night Tamera Hawkins of Irving came and spent the night. On Friday she and Granny Billie Jean Walters went to Levelland for Robert Kirkland's graduation exercises and returned on Saturday.

On Monday Grandma Joyce went back to Irving with Tamera for an eye checkup in Ft. Worth on Tuesday.

Darlene Cummins of Santo is spending a few days with her mother, Neat Bevel.

Bernice Hilliard, Linda and Mary Jane Short spent the weekend in Lubbock and attended graduation exercises for Bernice's granddaughter, Chessa Hilliard, who graduated from Coronado High School. Chessa plans to attend Tech in the fall.

This Week's Devotional Message:
THE STUDY OF FAITH GIVES THE ONGOING HISTORY OF LIFE



Graduation is the time when students of all ages share the euphoric belief that they have now learned everything they will ever need to know in order to make their way in the world; and this may well apply to English, math, computer technology and whatever can be called finite subjects at the moment. However, it is not true when it comes to learning about our faith, or even the

history of it and its effects on the growth of civilization. Faith is a subject about which there will always be something more to learn, because of its application to new problems that continually arise. Our House of Worship is the place to learn it, and there is never any graduation from the course. In fact, it's the ongoing story of human progress in all its diversity, and the study of it is as viable and eternally fascinating as life itself.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Vergil Smith, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, 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., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
 - Weinert Methodist Church**
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Weinert
 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
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Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
 - First Baptist Church**
Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
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- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
 - Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
 - Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
 - First United Methodist Church**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
 - New Life Baptist Mission**
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
 - Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
 - West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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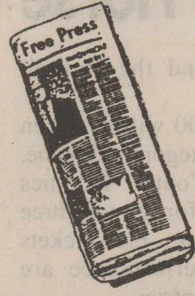


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NOTICE OF ESTRAY
Date: May 17, 1998
PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY: Lyndell Caddell
LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: About 5 miles SW Haskell on Lyndell Caddell Farm

LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED: 12 miles SW Haskell at Billy Lamb's
DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY: 1 black cow, no horns, 800 lbs. G left hip; 1 red bull calf, 500 lbs, no brand or mark; 1 red motley faced steer, 800 lbs, no brand or ear marks, small horns, yellow ear tag with #1.

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On the 14th day of May, 1998, I impounded the above described estray, and on the 18th day of May, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Haskell County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Haskell County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

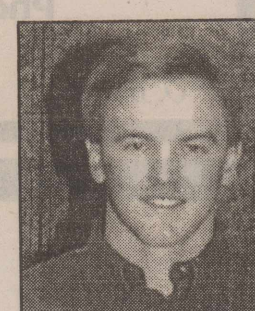
Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 30th day of May, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction at Haskell Livestock Auction.

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We want to thank the special people of the Sagerton community for the use of the Community Center and to extend a very special "Thank You" to the ladies—our neighbors—of the Sagerton community who prepared the wonderful meals for the family during her illness. Also, our appreciation goes out to the ladies at St. Ann's Catholic Church for the delicious meal they prepared for us on the day of the funeral.
Words cannot express how we feel at this time of sorrow, but you all have made our burden easier to bear. We will all miss Mom very much, and our memories will sustain us, but we know we have relatives and friends we can turn to in the future when we need someone to be there for us.
May God bless each of you.
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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS—Haskell's Chris McSmith pitched 13 strike-outs in the game with Valley View, May 22, when the Indians became bi-district champs of District 9-2A. Coach Nathan Blackwood, pictured standing, is proud of the team which met Bangs in Area competition at Driggers Field at McMurry University, Tues., May 26, at 7:00 p.m. Photo by Bill Blankenship

County Graduates invited to All-Night Party

On Fri., night after the May 29 Haskell High School Graduation exercises at Indian Stadium, the Haskell Civic Center will be 'the place to be' for all Haskell County high school and college students.

The Haskell County Alcohol/Drug Free All Night Party has been planned to be a great, fun-filled event. Gifts have been donated

for giving by drawing to high school students in attendance, and food is planned for everyone.

Seniors will be admitted free. All others will pay \$2.00.

Freshmen are asked to bring brownies, rice crispies or cookies; Sophomores, one six pack of soft drinks; Juniors, a bag of chips and/or dip.

Party planners need interested adults to help set up for the party after 4:00 p.m. on Thurs., May 28, and Fri., May 29.

BBQ Cookoff set

Covered wagons, ranch cowboys and horses will soon turn the city of Haskell into the Old West during the three day Wild Horse Prairie Days Celebration planned for June 5-7.

Plenty of entertainment will be on hand all week end for those who wish to participate.

One popular event is the BBQ Cookoff, sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet and Oldsmobile and Big Country Chevrolet Dealers.

A total of \$3,000.00 in cash and prizes will be awarded in the Cookoff. First place prizes of \$300.00, second place, \$200.00 and third place prizes of \$100.00 will be awarded for each of the categories of 1/2 Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs and Brisket. Entry fee is \$45.00 for one or all meat categories.

Also awarded will be \$500.00 for Overall Grand Champion; Custom Plaques, 1st through 3rd; Most attractive Cooking Area Award; and Jackpot Pinto Beans (entry fee \$5.00).

Lone Star Barbecue Society Rules will be followed. Certificates will be awarded to 4th place through 10th place winners.

Location for the Cookoff will be the R. V. Park east of the Haskell City Park.

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Parade to kickoff Wild Horse Prairie Days

Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days Celebration will kick off with a parade in downtown Haskell at 5:00 p.m., June 5.

About 45 entries are expected to be on hand, including three riding clubs displaying ranch flags, the Hardin Simmons White Horses, two clowns, the Wild Horse Prairie Queen riding in a surrey, 4-H groups, fire department engine, Lane Felker limo, numerous

business floats, and the Haskell Indian Band.

Prizes of \$100.00 will be given in each of three categories: Theme, Commercial and Youth. Trophies will also be given for the top three Riding Club entries. Free tickets for one Rodeo performance are being given to all entries.

The parade will form at the Civic Center, and then begin on Hwy 380 East, headed west to the

traffic light at Hwy 277. There it will turn right one block to North 2nd, then left to Ave. F. From there it will turn left down Ave. F. to South 1st, where it will continue east, back to the starting point at the Civic Center.

Loutina White, parade coordinator, said the entries are still coming in, and she hopes everyone will turn out for this year's exciting western parade.

Don't miss the Haskell County Alcohol/Drug Free All Night Party. All county high school and college students are invited to join the fun at the Haskell Civic Center after graduation May 29.

RULES FOR

Haskell County All Night Party

1. Doors will open at 9:00 p.m.
2. \$2.00 admission fee, except Seniors will be free.
3. EVERYONE must sign in.
4. NO outside food or drinks allowed.
5. NO ONE admitted after twelve o'clock midnight.
6. MUST BE grades 9-12 or college students for the 97-98 school year.
7. NO ONE may leave the building without an escort.
8. If you leave, you must sign out, if you sign out, you CANNOT come back.
9. If you leave before 5:00 a.m., you will automatically forfeit your gift.
10. ABSOLUTELY NO alcohol or tobacco. YOU will be subject to check.
11. ONLY high school students are eligible for gifts.
12. All forfeited gifts will be drawn and given away to those students who are still present at 5:00 a.m.
13. Inappropriate behavior WILL NOT be permitted i.e. vulgar dancing or language, etc.

If you attend, please bring the following:

Freshmen: Brownies or Rice Crispies or cookies; Sophomores, 1 six pack of soft drinks; Juniors, bag of chips and/or dip.

Interested adults are needed to help set up for the party after 4 p.m.

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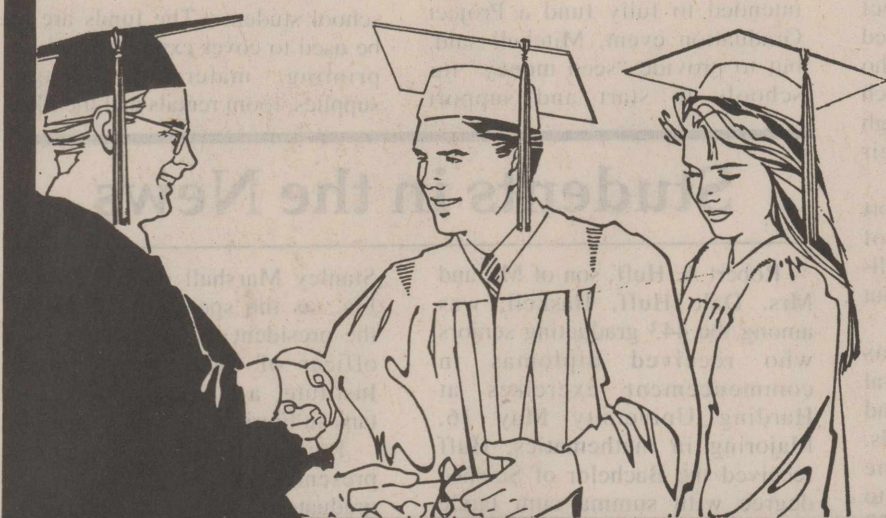
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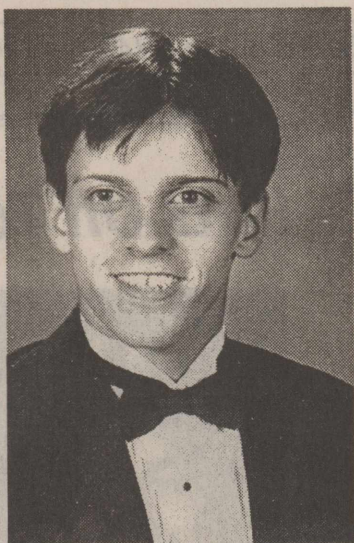


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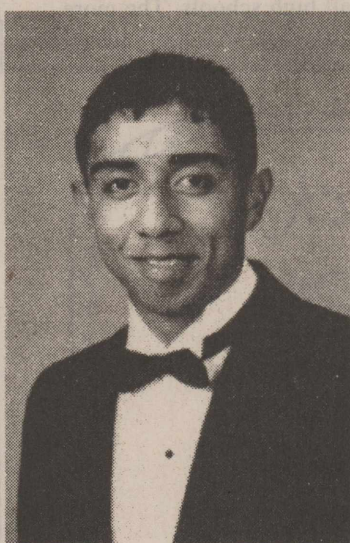
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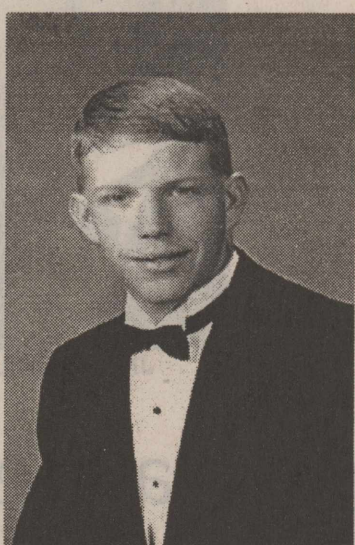


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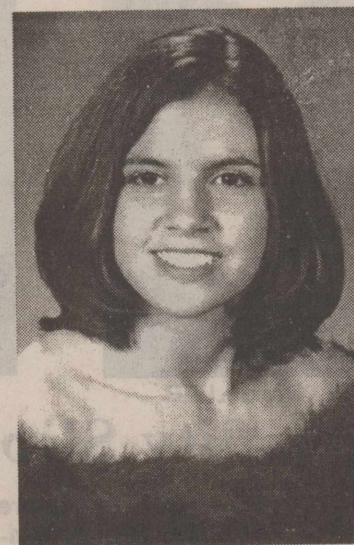
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ON THE MOUND—Chris McSmith pitched for the Haskell Indians during the game against Valley View. The Indians defeated Valley View 7-5 to claim the Bi-District title.

TxDOT helps Haskell with Project Graduation funds

Haskell High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene district receiving a \$300 mini-grant each from the Texas Department of Transportation for Project Graduation 1998.

In addition to the grant, Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, visited each high school and presented the Project Graduation chairperson key chains for each of the graduates who attend their high school school event. These mementos bare the slogan, "Zero Tolerance—Think. Don't Drink." T-shirts bearing the same slogan were also donated as door prizes.

"These graduation keepsakes are intended to be a reminder to the students to remain alcohol-free around prom and graduation time," Mitchell said.

For the past several years TxDOT has made grants available

through its Traffic Operations division to support Project Graduation. The money is divided between the state's 25 districts who then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools participating in their individual district.

Transportation officials report that this program is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

Project Graduation was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients. The program proved so successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. The more than 500 schools that participated last year effected 110,000 students.

These mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Graduation event, Mitchell said, but to provide "seed money" for schools to start and support

alcohol/drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like.

Students in the News

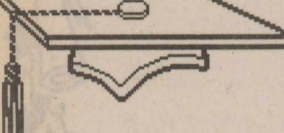
Robert A. Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff, Haskell, was among the 443 graduating seniors who received diplomas in commencement exercises at Harding University May 16. Majoring in mathematics, Huff received the Bachelor of Science degree with summa cum laude honors.

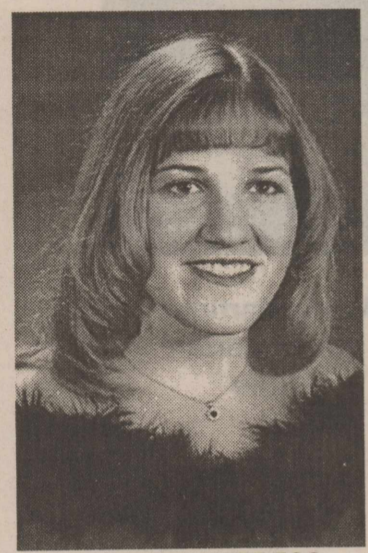
The ceremonies were held in Benson Auditorium with Dr. J.

Stanley Marshall of Tallahassee, Fla., as the speaker. Marshall is the president and chief executive officer of the James Madison Institute, a public policy think tank in Florida.

President David B. Burks presented the diplomas to the graduates. Huff was announced by Dr. Travis Thompson, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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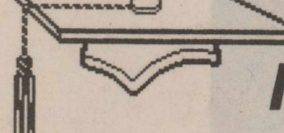
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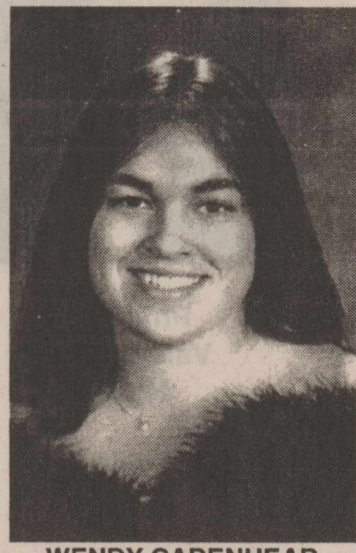
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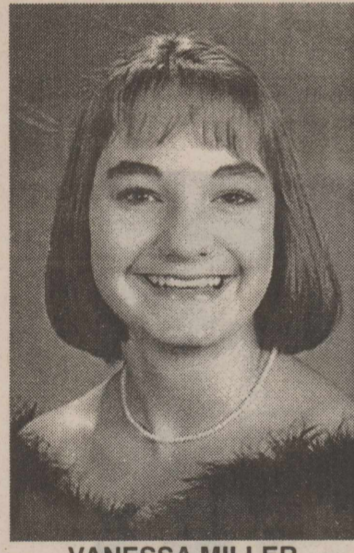
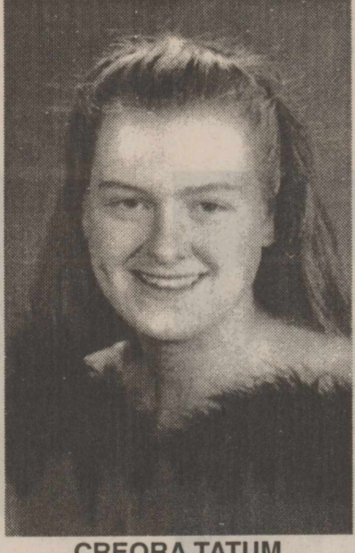
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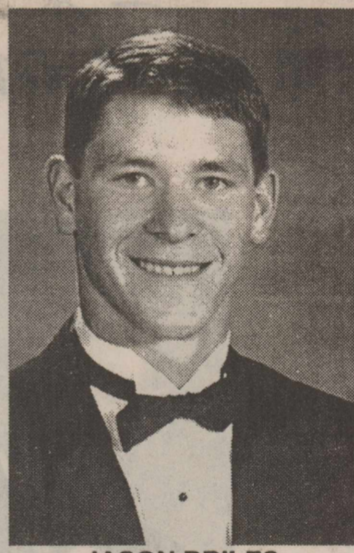

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Speed can kill—Slow down

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Everybody's in a hurry. You have to get to your part-time job on time, but you spend a few extra minutes in front of the mirror before you leave. You want to see your girlfriend before you have to be home and finish your homework you were supposed to do yesterday. You're going to a party where all your friends are already having a great time. Maybe you are not even aware that your foot is pushing the accelerator pedal a little further. Or maybe you love the feeling that comes from the gunning of the engine.

There are a lot of reasons young people drive too fast. Here are some reasons to let up on the gas.

First of all, speeding won't really save you much time. For example, if you drive 65 mph instead of 55 mph on the highway, over a 10-mile stretch, you'll only arrive two minutes sooner. In city of residential traffic the time saved is even less. If you're caught speeding, you'll pay a heavy fine. If you strike a child on a bicycle or cause a fatal crash, nothing can ever make up the time lost in those human lives or the devastation you'll feel.

Many drivers feel secure speeding if they are not drunk or driving carelessly. I'm a good driver, they say. I'm in control. But simple math tells another story. It takes 3/4 of a second to

move your foot from the gas to the brake pedal. If you are traveling at 60 mph, you'll cover 66 feet before you even reach the brake! From the time you begin to react to the time the car actually stops, you'll cover nearly 300 feet. That's 300 feet of potential collision space—300 feet in which you cannot stop.

Lower speeds save fuel, money and lives. Take your time. Next time you're tempted to save time by speeding, think of the lives you may save and take it easy. Enjoy the ride!

For more information concerning passenger safety issues, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service passenger safety office at (409) 845-3850.



MELANIE ALVAREZ

Melanie Alvarez honored at All-Sports Banquet

Among the athletes honored for their accomplishments in the 1997-98 season at the All Sports Banquet hosted by the Booster Club, was Melanie Alvarez, who received the Most Athletic Girl award.

Melanie is the daughter of Stan and Betty Martin and Alberto Alvarez of Haskell. Her athletic skills were: Cheerleader, four years; Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Softball.

Outstanding accomplishments

during her high school years included Female Class Favorite, freshman year, and Homecoming Princess, her sophomore year. In her senior year, she was Homecoming Queen candidate, Basketball Sweetheart candidate, Miss HHS, and Best Dressed Senior. She was the first home run hitter in the history of Haskell High School Softball.

After graduation, Melanie plans to attend Hardin Simmons University.

Haskell Horse Club Playday results

Results of the Haskell Horse Club held Sun., May 24 are as follows:

- Barrels**
8 and under Novice: 1. Kelse Adams 2. Kristina Bitner 3. Cannon Edwards
8 and under: 1. Weston Rutkowski 2. Ashton Rutkowski 3. Paige Adams
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13-15: 1. Morgan Cox 2. Terry Branch

- 16-19: 1. Ryan Branch 2. Shayne McKenzie 3. Jodi Pope
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Indian Booster Club to sell sports calendar in July

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will be selling the Indian sports calendar again this year.

The Booster Club appreciates the continued support of the local merchants in this fund-raiding effort.

They remind that any contacts concerning a sports calendar made to local merchants before July 1,

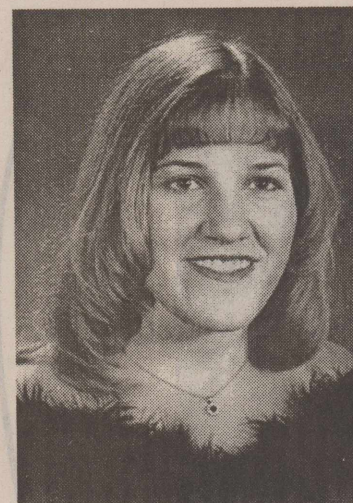
will not benefit the local booster club. Most contacts by the Haskell Indian Booster Club will be made in person.

To Subscribe, Call 940-864-2686

Good Luck, Class of 98!



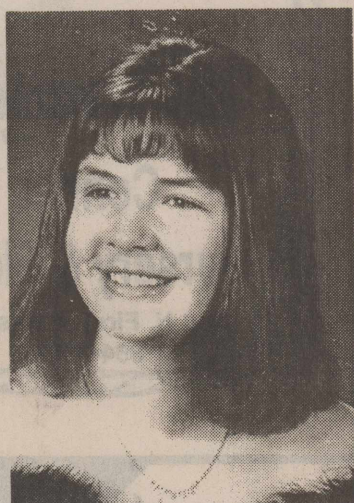
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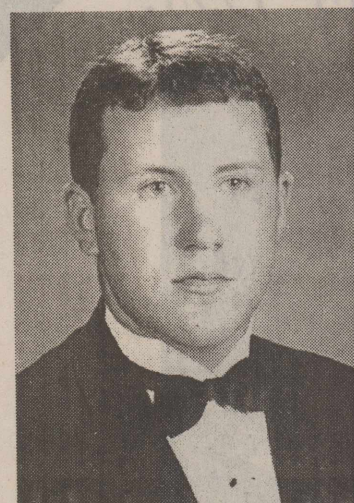
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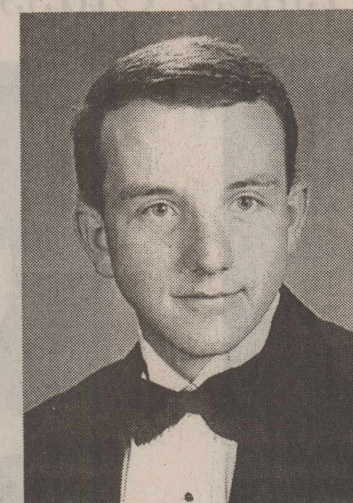
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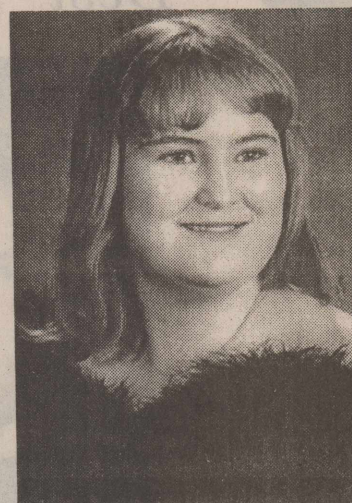
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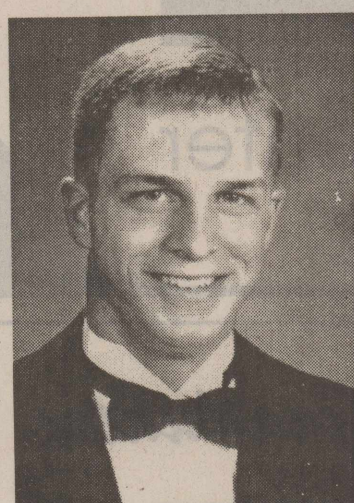
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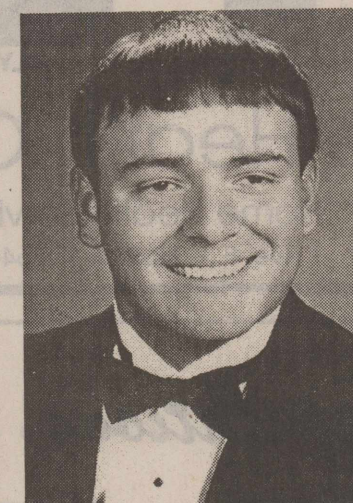
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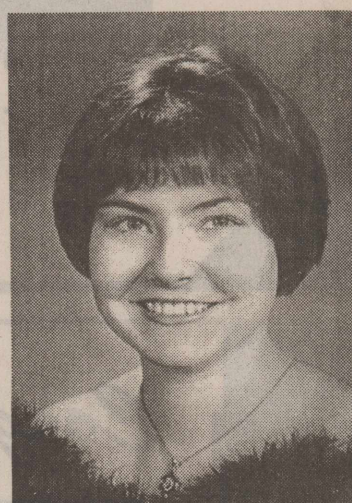
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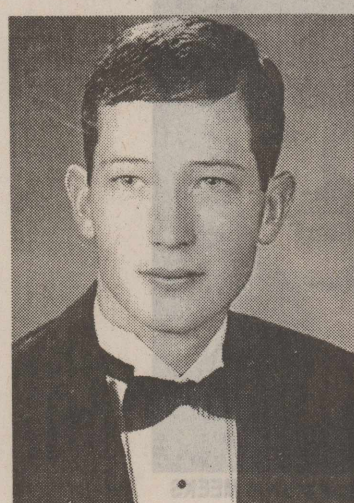
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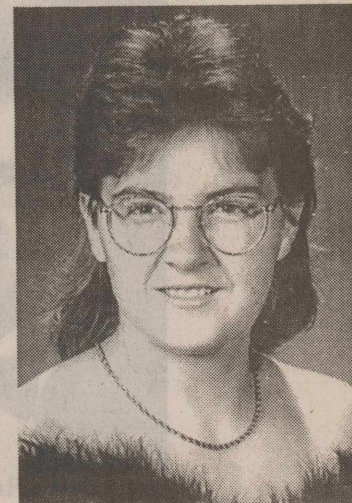
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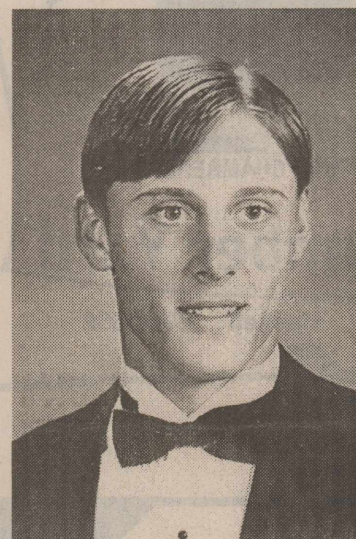


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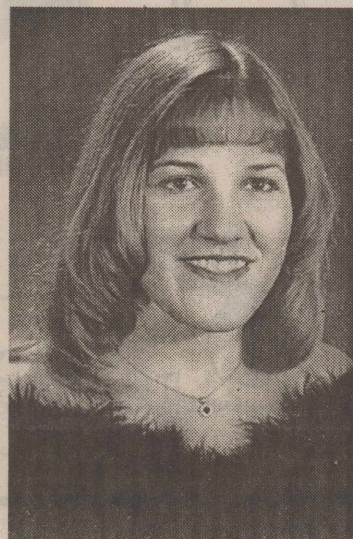


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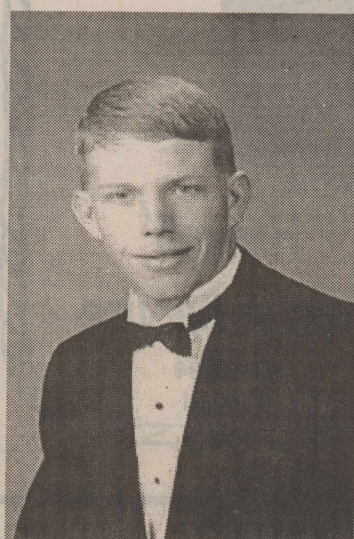
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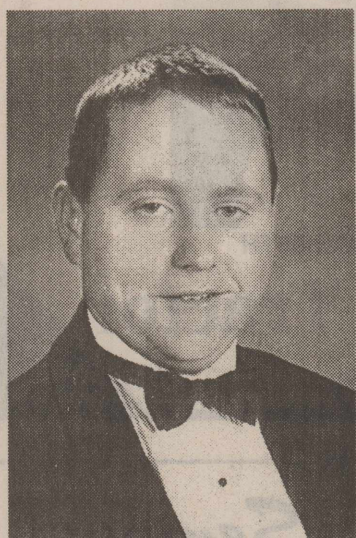


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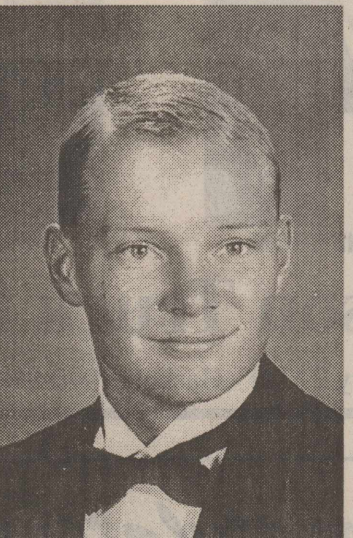
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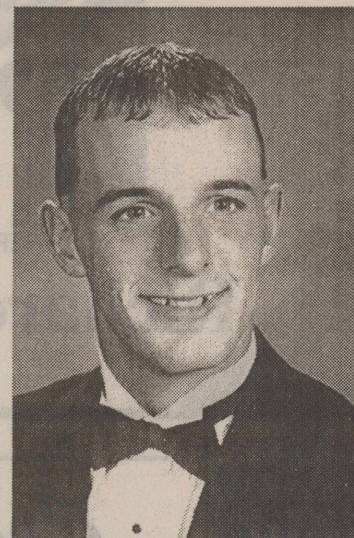
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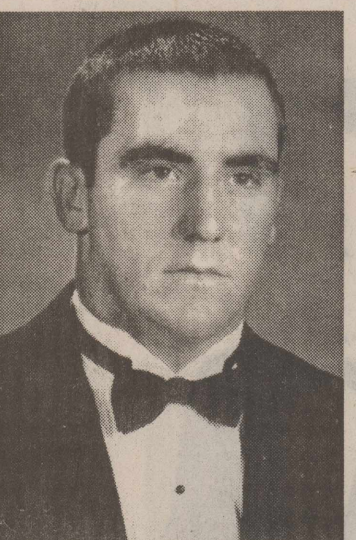
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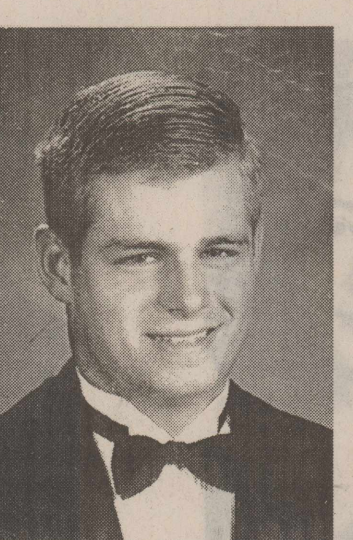
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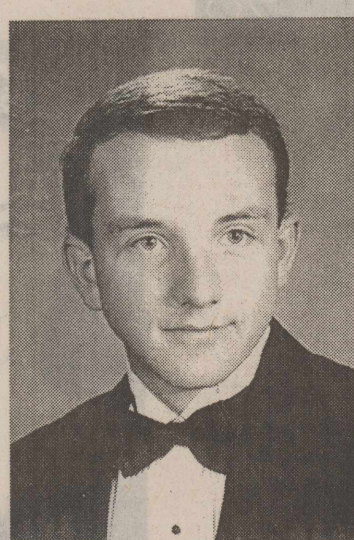
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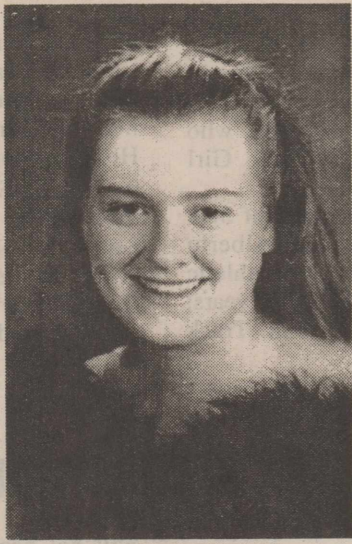
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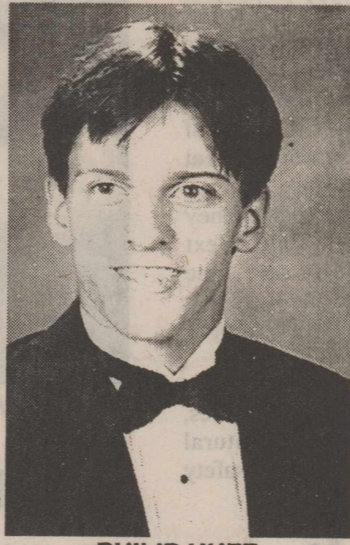
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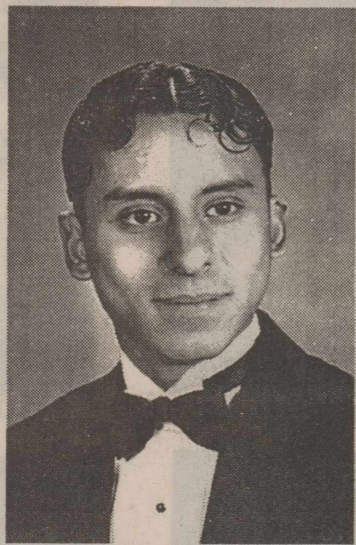


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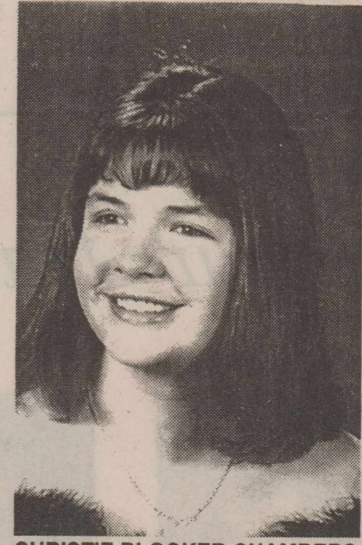
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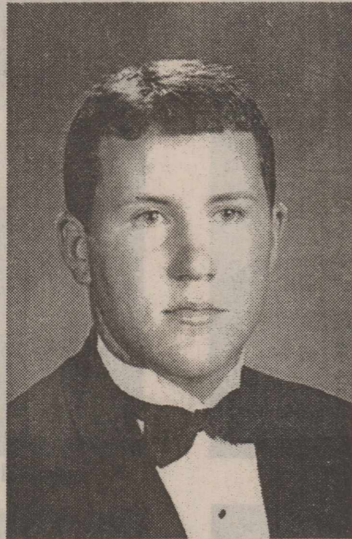
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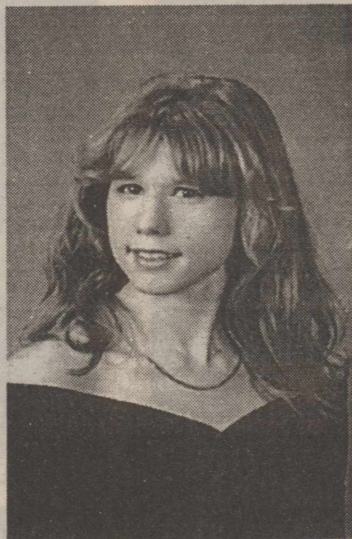
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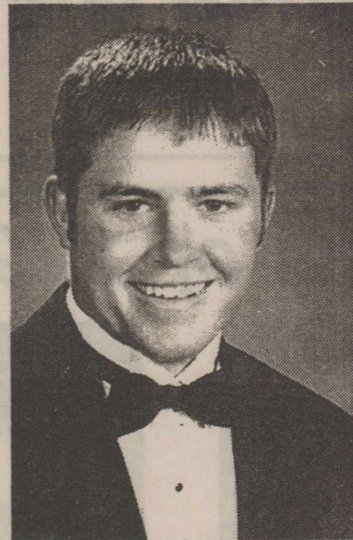


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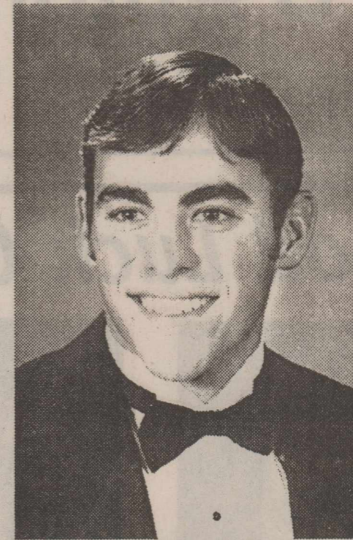
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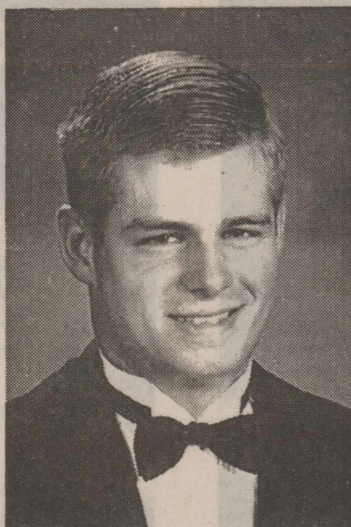


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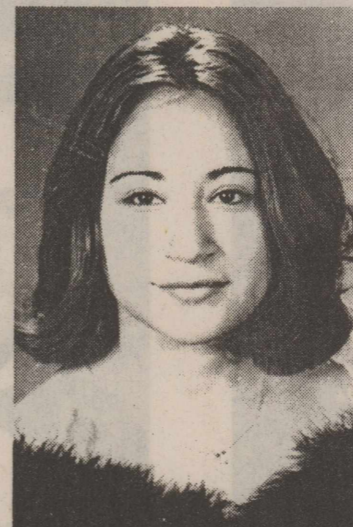


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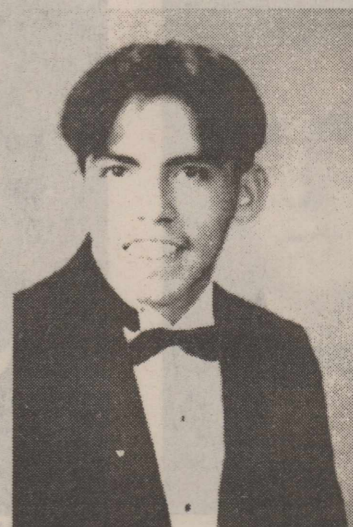
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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

School is out, graduations are over and the hazy, lazy days of summer are upon us. Farmers are busy harvesting the wheat and anxiously awaiting the rain so that they can plant the cotton.

The Friendship Club met at Faith Lutheran Church last Thursday noon with the following in attendance: Minnie Monse, Doris Lehrmann, Isabell Mrazek, J.B. and Dorothy Toney, Frieda Knipling, Joe and Dorothy Clark, John L. Brooks, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Pastor Jeff Zell, Wilma Teichelman, James and Cody Wilhite of Abilene.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre and Frances Clark have returned from a trip to several east Texas cities. They took Ladain Anderson back to her home in Houston and visited with relatives and friends along the way, including Warren and Aline Ables of Georgetown, Gail and Ben Dyer and Louise Busby of Houston and former Sagerton residents, Grady and Helen Laughlin and their daughter, Marlene and Dick Swope of Anahuac.

Five Sagerton students were among the recent graduates at Rule and Stamford. On Thursday night Kami Baitz and Elisa Flores graduated from the eighth grade at Rule. Kami was the valedictorian of the class. She is the daughter of Fred and Tami and her grandparents from Sagerton are Melvin and Annella Baitz. Her great-grandmother, Emma Raphael of Stamford, was able to attend the exercises. Elisa's grandparents are Joe and Margie Luevand. Sagerton students receiving perfect attendance awards were Tully

Brown, Jacob Manske, Kristin Hertel and M'Lynn Lehrmann.

Friday night at Rule Jennifer Lehrmann and Crystal Perez were our local representatives in the graduating class with Jennifer being the salutatorian of the class. Jennifer is the daughter of Steven and Karen Lehrmann and her Sagerton grandparents are Clancy and Helen. Crystal's parents are Joe and Frances Perez. Jennifer was awarded the U. S. Army Reserve Athletic Scholarship, Texas Tech Ex-Students Scholarship, the U.I.L. Scholarship and the citizenship award. Sagerton students receiving high school perfect attendance awards were: Eugenia Puebla, Jeremy and Michael Hertel and Brian Lehrmann. Paige Lammert, daughter of Danny and Helen graduated from Stamford High School as valedictorian of her class.

The Sagerton Hobby Club presented a \$200.00 scholarship to

each of the graduating seniors from Sagerton. Congratulations to all our students who represented our little town so well.

Anna Marie Willis of Montgomery spent the weekend with her grandparents Joe and Dorothy Clark. Emmalee Bivins of Haskell joined them Saturday night for supper. While here, Anna visited her great-grandmother, Emma Raphael, of Stamford.

Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson spent the Memorial Day weekend visiting with his parents, Leon and Mae and his grandmother, Emma Raphael, of Stamford.

Kacy Baitz of Waco spent the weekend with his parents, Fred and Tami and attended the graduation exercises for his sister, Kami. Kacy is a student at Baylor University in Waco.

Leslie and Kay Baitz and their granddaughters, Barbara and Debra Linden of Leander, spent the weekend with Melvin and Annella

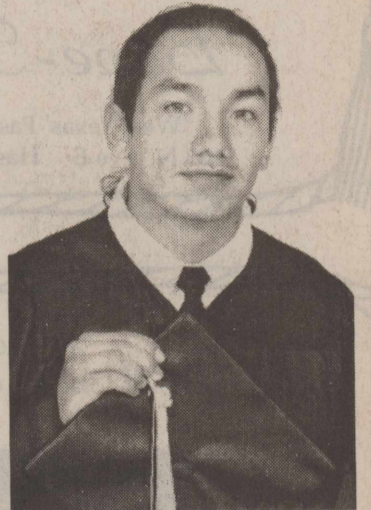
Federal Land Bank holds annual meeting

The Federal Land Bank Association of Texas recently held area stockholder meetings in Coleman, Brownwood, Haskell and San Angelo. Voting stockholders of the association elected three directors to service three year terms. They were Don W. Johnson of Brownwood, Jerry Richardson of Brownwood and Milton Spurgin of Anson. Also serving on the board are Chris West, Bruce Williams, Leroy Williams, Andrew Lange, Paul Jansa and Lavon Beakley. Also elected to the 1999 association nominating committee were O. B. Byrd, Scot Odom, Dale Middlebrook and Richard Pelzel. James Isenhower, CEO, informed the local stockholders of

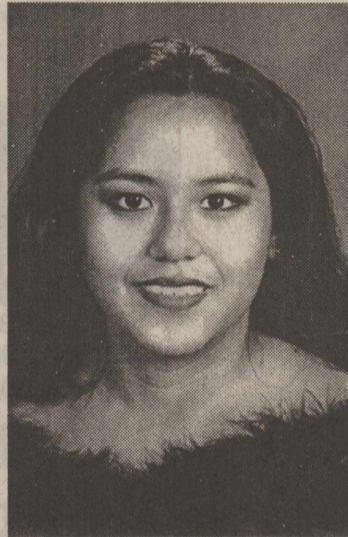
the association's financial condition as well as the recent patronage distribution of \$600,000 returned to its customers. This refund resulted in a "buydown" of approximately one-half of one percent of the interest rate, or if considered a dividend, would have amounted to an eighteen percent return on borrower stock.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Texas resulted from a merger of the Federal Land Bank Associations of Coleman, Brownwood, Haskell and San Angelo on September 1, 1997, and serves approximately 2,200 customers in 16 West and Central Texas counties.

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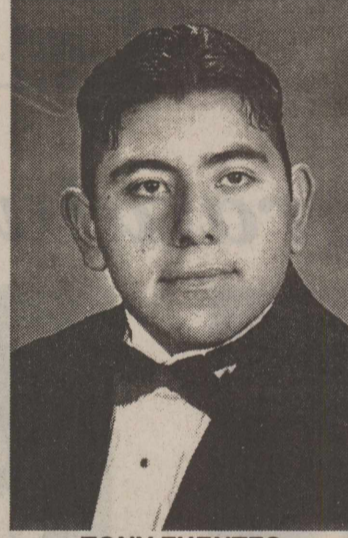
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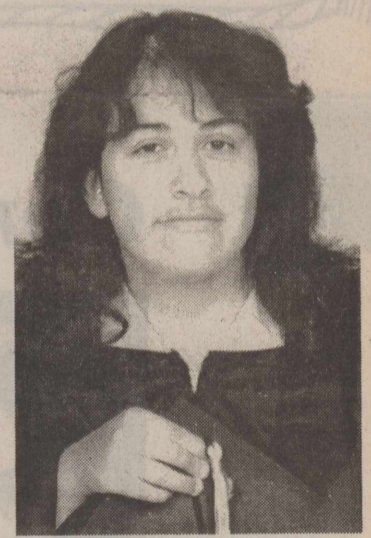
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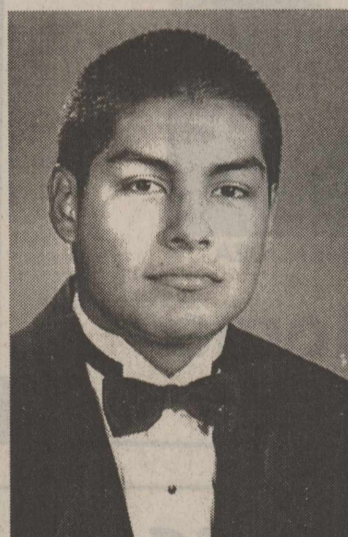
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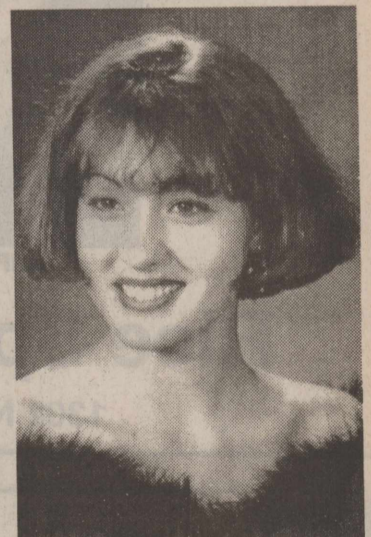
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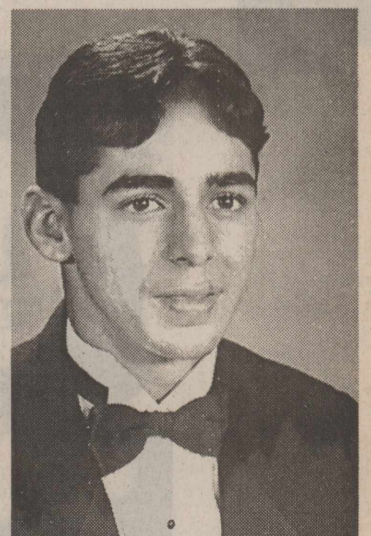
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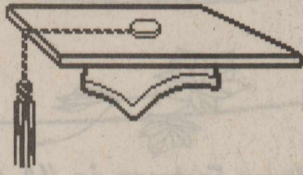
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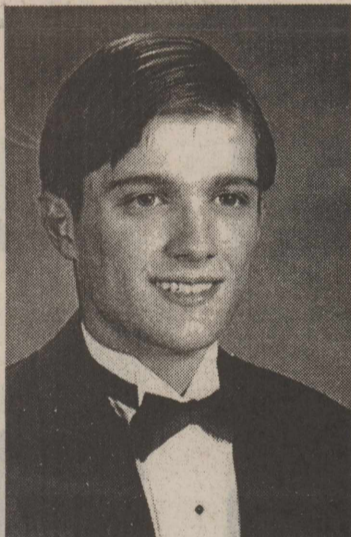
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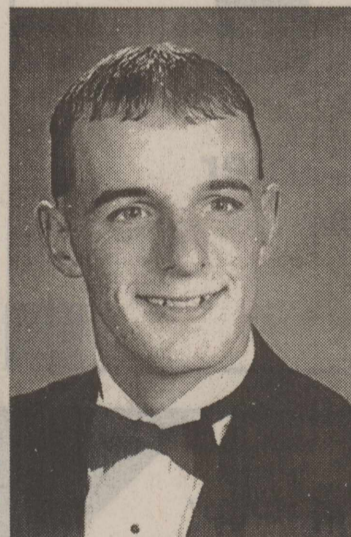
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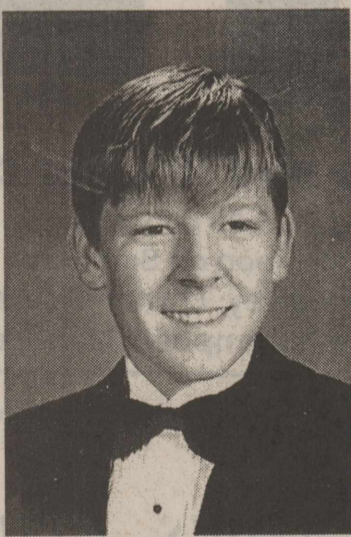
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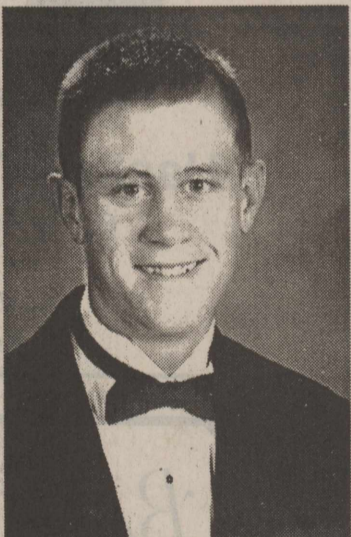
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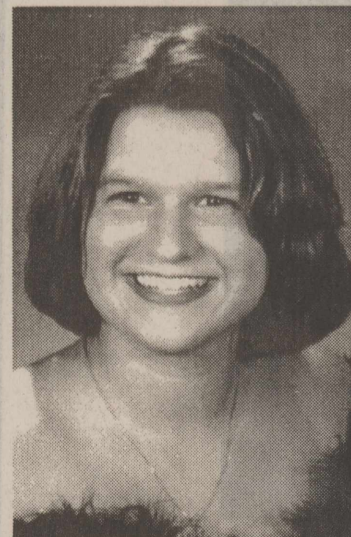
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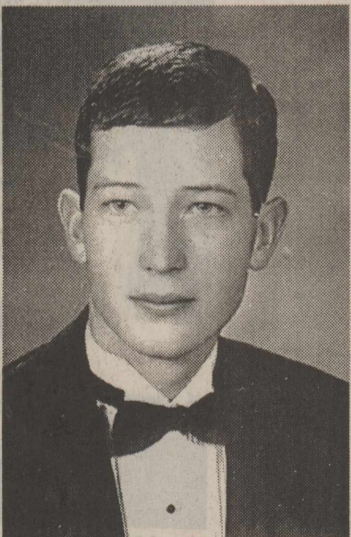
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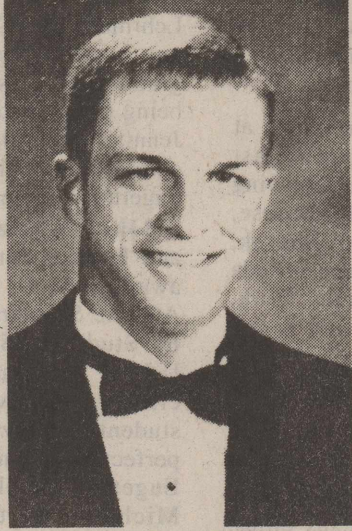
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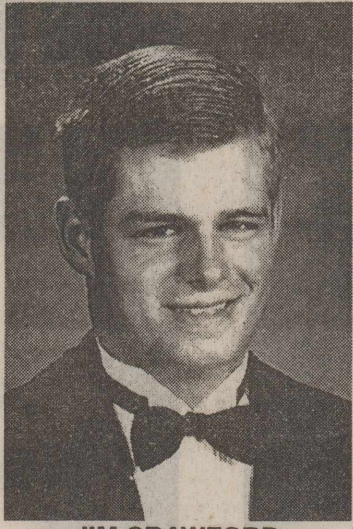


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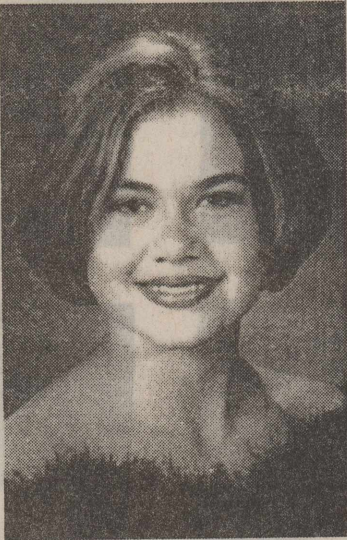


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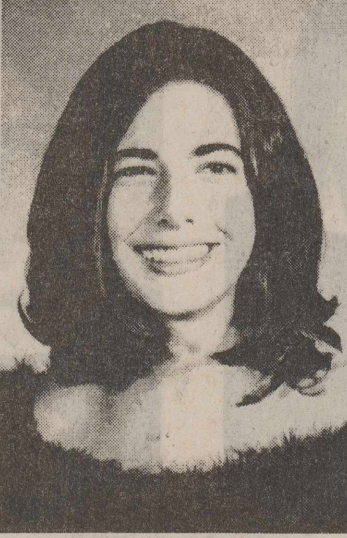


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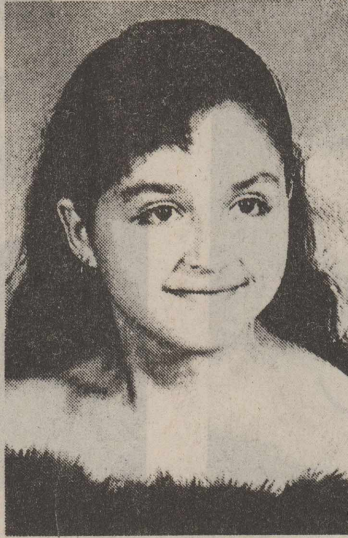
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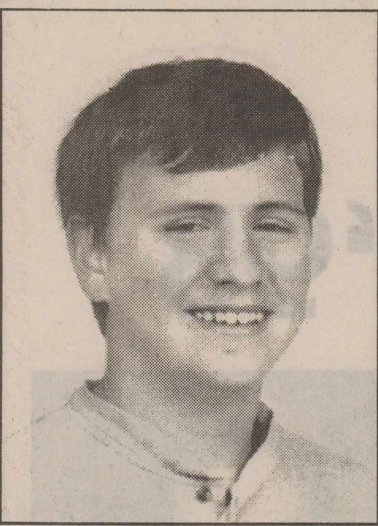


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Nathan Buerkel named to American Musical Ambassadors Band



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Nathan Buerkle of Rochester has been notified that he has been selected for membership in the American Musical Ambassadors Band. This highly select concert band, comprised of outstanding high school students from all over the United States, will tour several European countries for three weeks this July.

Buerkle, son of Ed and Sherry Buerkle, is a member of the Rochester High School band directed by Ladene Hartin.

The tour group will visit Paris, Lucerne, Lugano, Milan, Verona,

Venice, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Heidelberg, Koblenz, Amsterdam, Winchester and London. Highlights of the tour will include concerts in the concert halls and major parks of Europe and a three-day visit in the home of Dutch families. Students will visit many sites of musical and historical importance as well as the popular tourist attractions.

The American Musical Ambassadors have taken well over 5,000 outstanding young musicians to Europe for 26 consecutive years. Conductors of the band are among the most

prestigious band directors in the United States. Distinguished European musicians will serve as guest conductors at many of the concerts. The 1998 conductors are Prof. Dox Wilcox of West Virginia University and Dr. Peter Martin of the University of Southern Maine. The tours are organized and directed by Professor Maxine Lefever, who was a member of Purdue University's band faculty for 25 years. All counselors are experienced band directors from throughout the country.

The purpose of the tour is to

foster cultural and personal relationships between students of the United States and the people of Europe. AMA students, through their high standards of musical excellence and equally high standards of personal excellence, have indeed served as fine representatives of American youth and as ambassadors of good will through the universal language of music.

For those wishing to make a contribution, an account has been set up at the Home State Bank of

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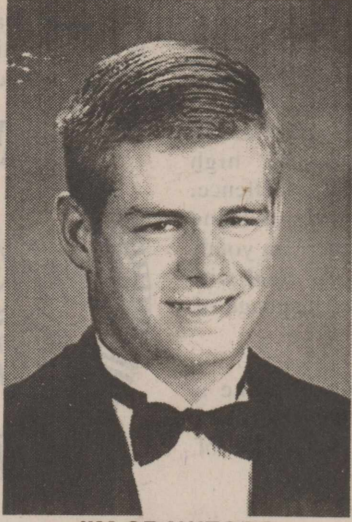
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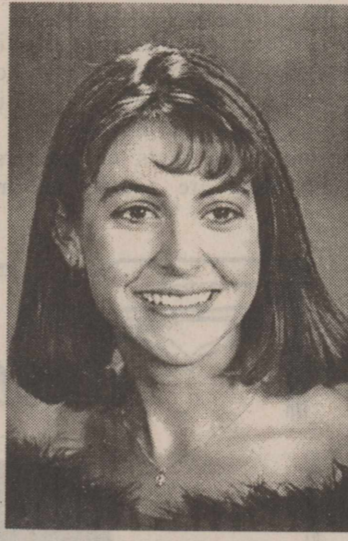
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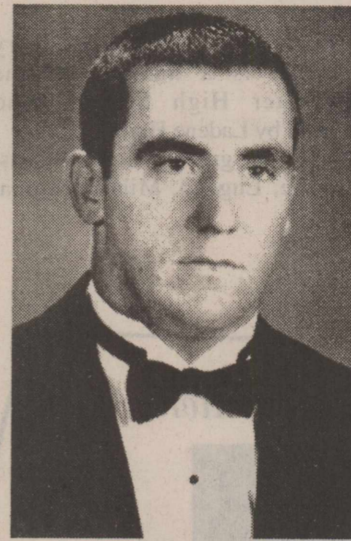
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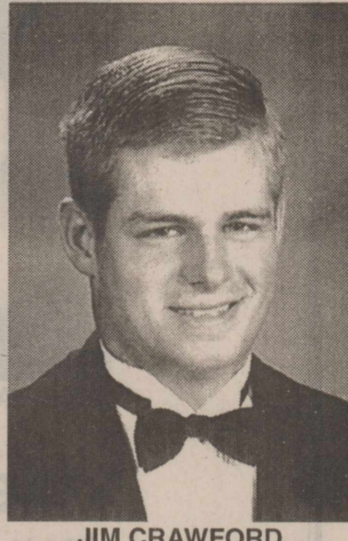
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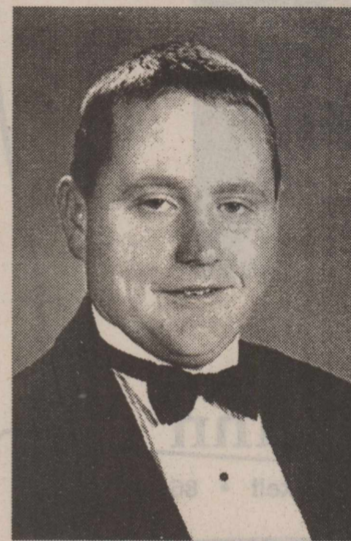
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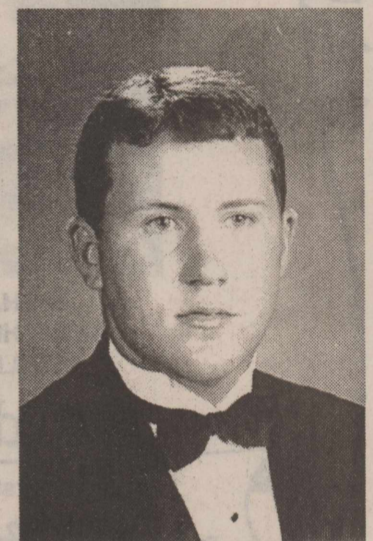
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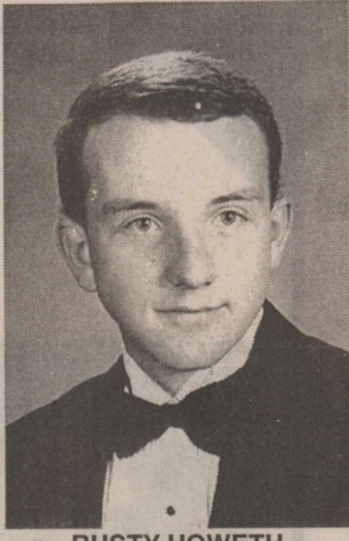
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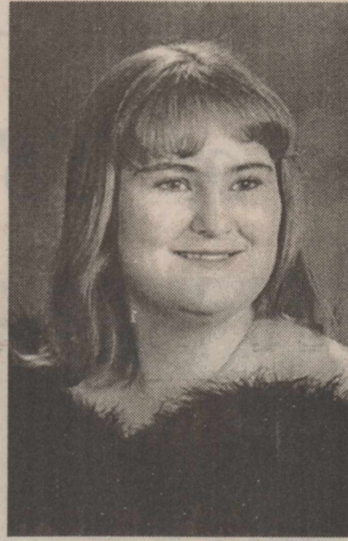
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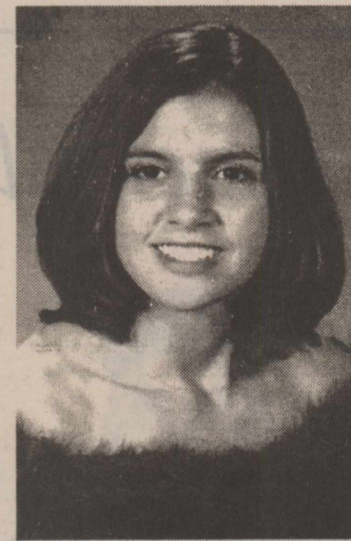
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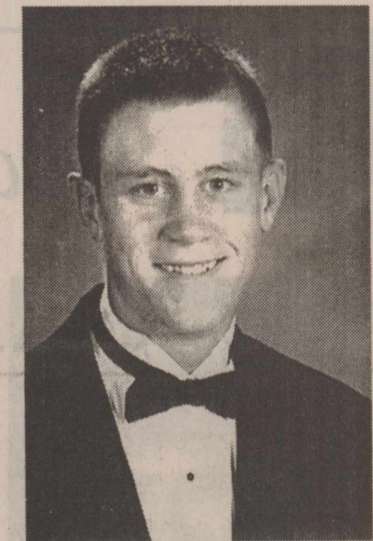
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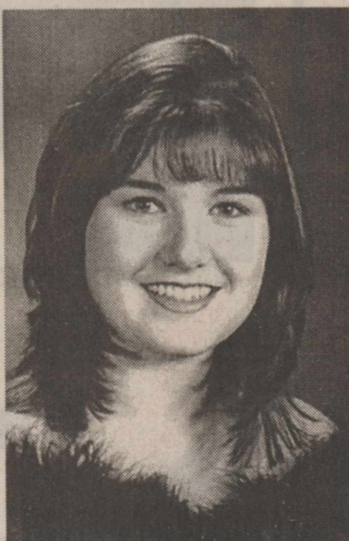
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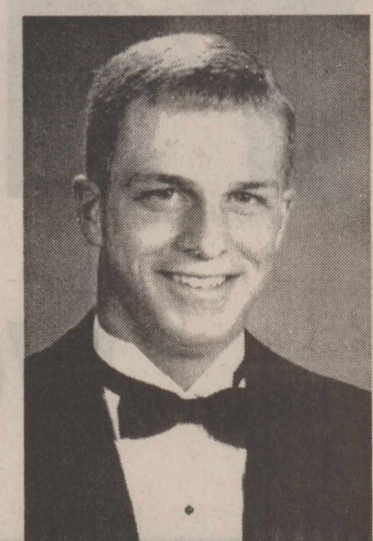
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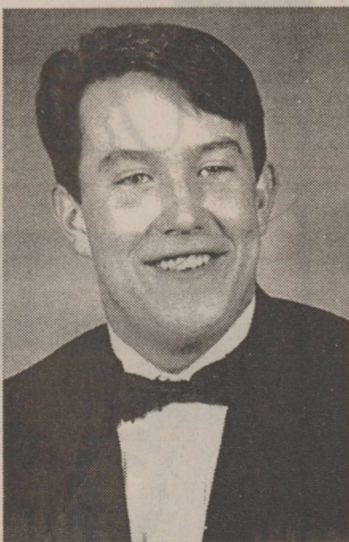
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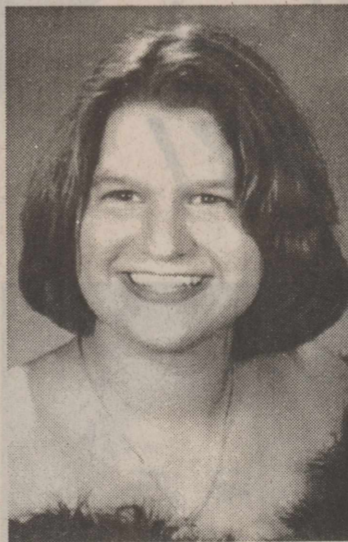
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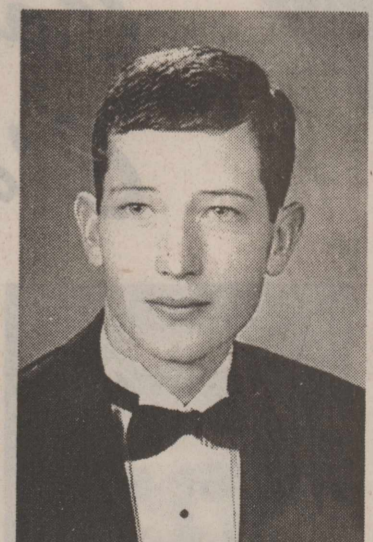
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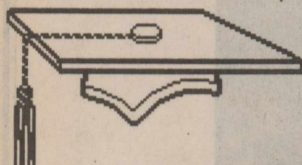
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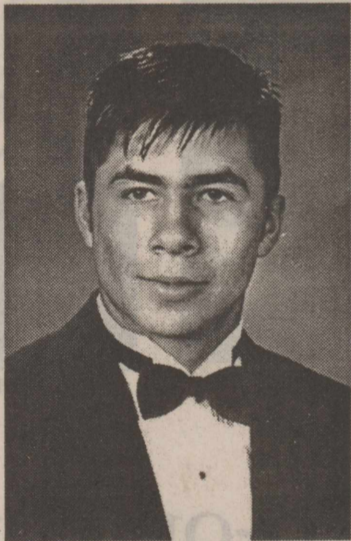
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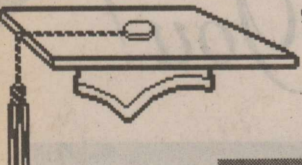
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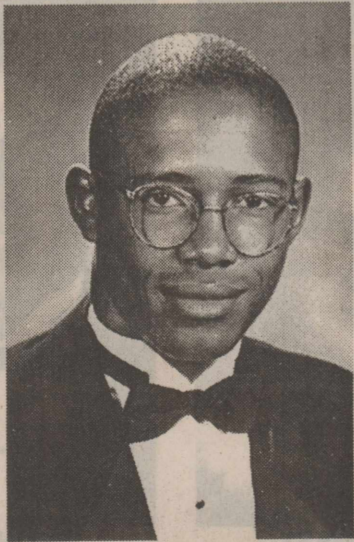
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Historical Commission interviews Spurgeon Neely

President Jim Hollingsworth presided over the May meeting of the Haskell County Historical Commission, held at the Haskell City Center on May 18 with ten regular members present. Two guests, Mary Davidson Hollingsworth and Spurgeon Neely, both of Rochester, indicated their desire to join the Commission in their goals of preserving Haskell County history and the support of a new county library and historical museum. Regular members attending were Dorje Anderson, Marguerite

Gauntt, Wanda Ham, Ernestine Herren, Jim Hollingsworth, Lowell Peters, Eula Peters, Johnny Scoggins, Margo Troyer and Joyce Turner.

Marguerite Gauntt, chair of the committee to videotape the memories of some of our experienced citizens, was assisted by Joyce Turner in interviewing Rochester resident Spurgeon Neely for the group. Neely shared some of his musical experiences during his almost 65 year career playing for local dances and get-togethers. He remembered the dances held in

homes each Wednesday and Saturday in the days before dance halls were established and he fondly recalled the dances attended by the cowboys from the "Sixes" and Pitchfork Ranches. At the age of 81, Neely is a regular at the Old Glory Musicals and his love for music and the musicians he has played with through the years is enthusiastic.

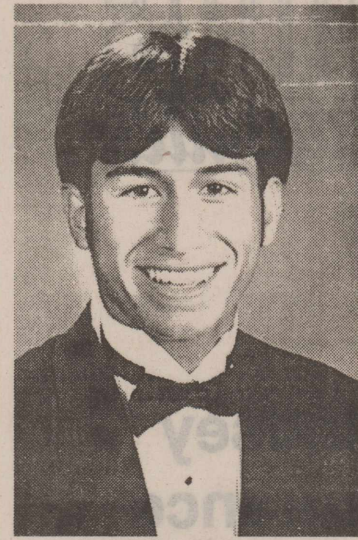
Plans are in the works for the Haskell County Quilt Show to be held in the fall. This show will be a fundraising event for the new library. Haskell County citizens are

encouraged to show their favorite quilt. An award will be given for the quilt judged by those in attendance as the "best of show". Hopefully the show will grow to become an annual event. Questions and ideas may be referred to Wanda Ham at 864-2769 or Margo Troyer at 997-2750.

The next meeting will be held June 15 at 7 p.m. with guest speaker Ernestine Herren of Haskell sharing a few of her many memories. The Commission meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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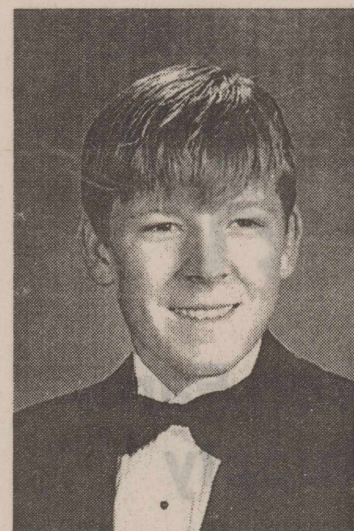
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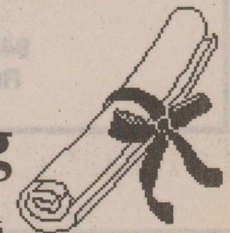
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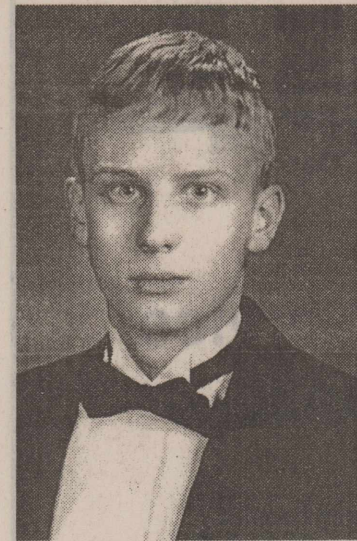
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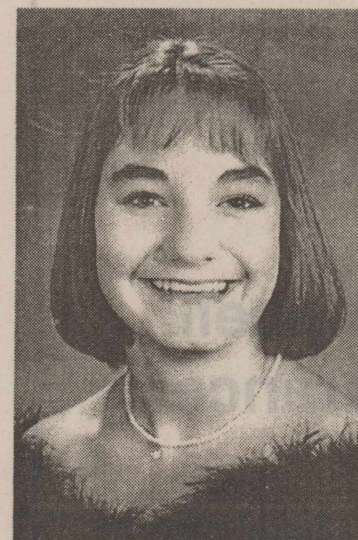
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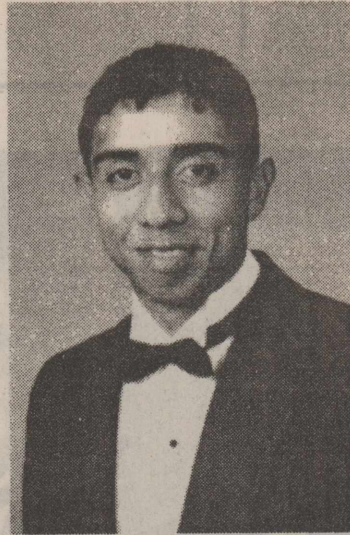


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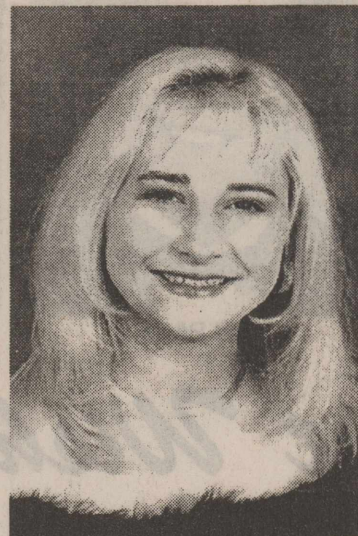
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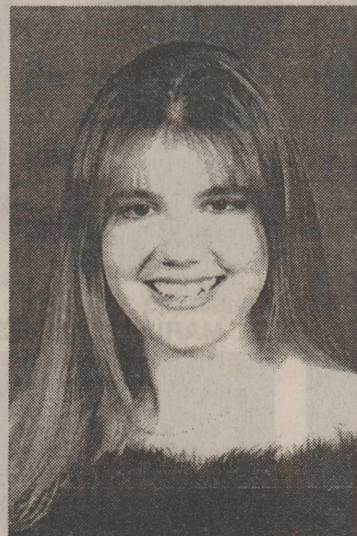
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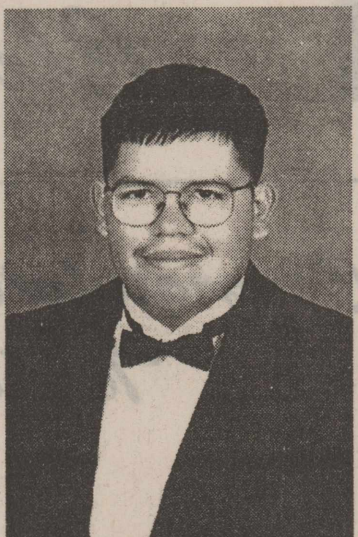
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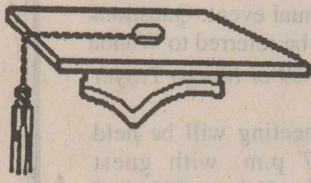
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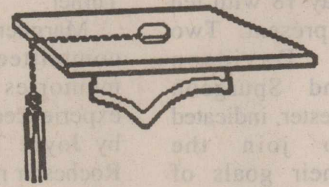
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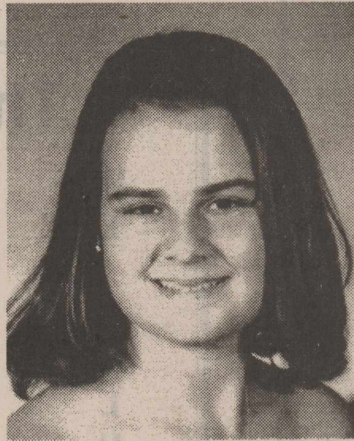
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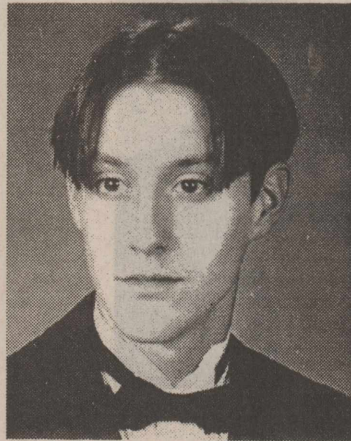


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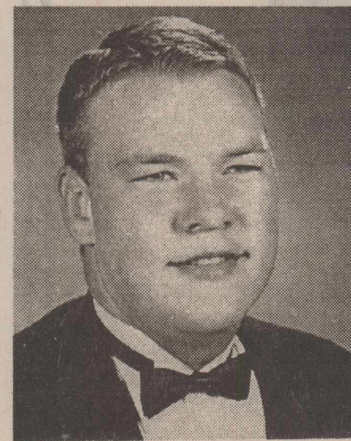
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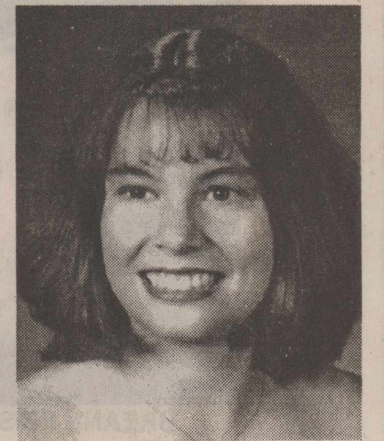
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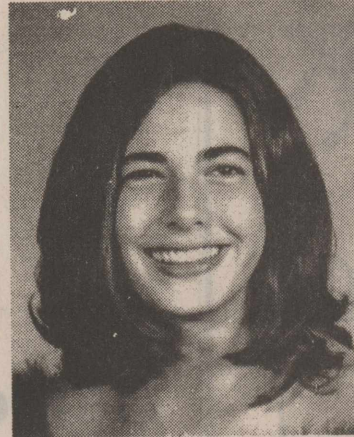
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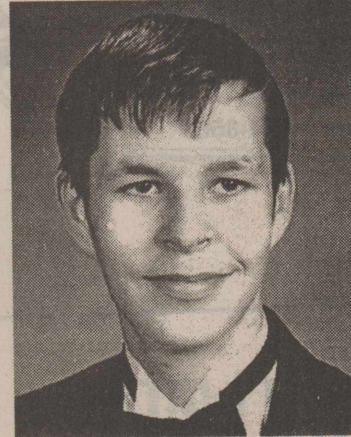
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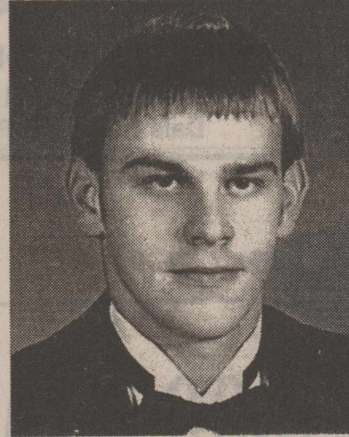
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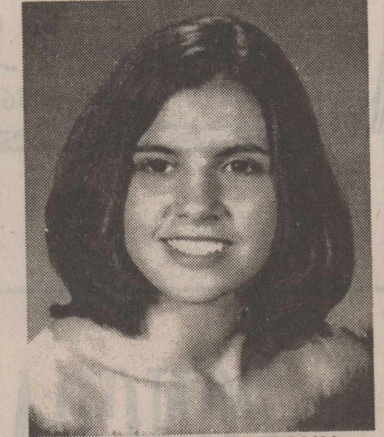
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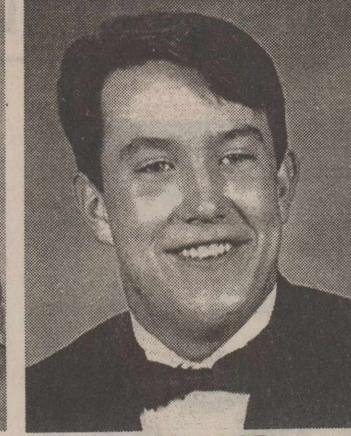
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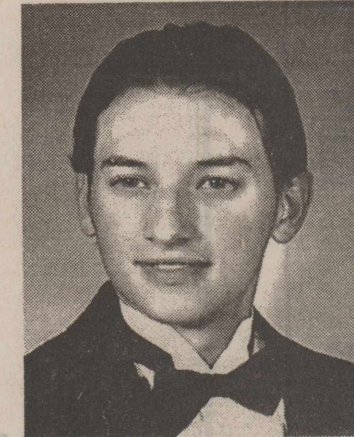
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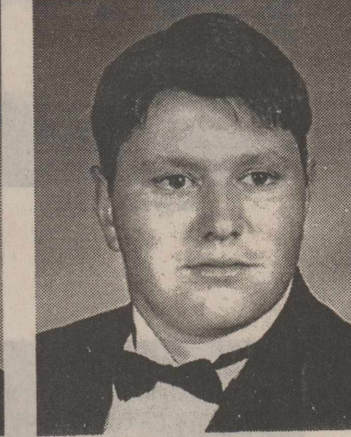
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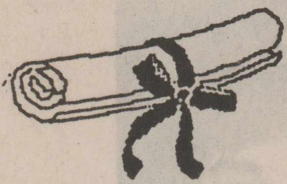
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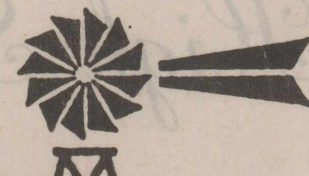
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