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Softball games

V Maidens vs Cisco
Fri., March 7, 4:30 p.m.
at Cisco
JV-V Maidens Open
Tues., March 11

Baseball games

JV-V Indians vs Cisco
Fri., March 7, 5 p.m.
at Cisco

Golf

Indians at Merkel Golf Club
Mon., March 10, 9 a.m.

Calendar

Car show

The 7th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 15 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. Kids tractor pull will be held. A 5k run walk will be held. Air castles will be available for the kids. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023 or Coy Scoggins at 864-3694.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Flea market

A flea market sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be held Sat., March 15 around the square in conjunction with the Haskell Fire Department's Car Show. For vendor information call the chamber office at 940-864-2477 or Janet Earle after 5 p.m. at 940-864-3830.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Wed., March 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 915-773-5681.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at KP's Fri., March 7 at noon. Those who live in Jones, Knox, Stonewall or Throckmorton counties who would like to become a member of the Advisory Committee are encouraged to call 940-864-2551.

Art club

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Guest artist Ruth Jackson of Abilene will demonstrate the use of acrylics.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 1303 N. Ave. I in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Beautification group formed

A group consisting of Haskell citizens has been formed through the Chamber of Commerce to work for the beautification of several areas of the city. Their primary purpose will be to identify areas needing to be cleaned up and cleared of unsightly debris, such as junk vehicles, etc., along incoming Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 380, and to require their removal.

Letters will be sent by the group to property owners involved, asking for compliance with already existing city ordinances.

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Community loses long time leader

By Mary Kaigler

She was an astute business woman, a positive influence for good and a shaper of the community of Haskell.

Mattie Muriel Felker English touched a lot of lives during her almost 91 years of life, and will be missed in many ways.

For a host of her friends and family Sunday, parting was such sweet sorrow, as they met to remember and celebrate the life of the gracious lady whose countenance seemed to become more beautiful with each passing year of her life.

As one half of the successful team that developed the legendary Lane-Felker fashion mecca in Haskell, she and her sister, Frances Lane, became known throughout the United States for their expertise and phenomenal aptitude for upscale merchandising. Through their innate sense of fashion, combined with good taste and personal attention to each customer, they earned a reputation that spread and attracted women shoppers from a wide area of Texas and neighboring states. There is no doubt that for many, shopping at Lane-Felker, throughout its years in business, was the highlight and reason for any visit to Haskell.

With vision for what could be done, and the courage and dedication to seeing it through, with grace and grit the sisters parlayed their small beginning in 1940 into the business that was a model in the world of fashion.

Mattie was also an uncommon role model as a citizen. With loyalty and belief in her home town, she generously gave back to the community in many ways. While never seeking personal limelight, she worked tirelessly, often in the background, to bring about and make a difference in the quality of life within her city.

Haskell's Youth Center in the 1960s, the Memorial Civic Center, the Haskell C.I.S.D. Educational Foundation, the Progressive Study Club projects and her church are but a few of the many worthwhile undertakings in which she continued to make a marked difference by the selfless gift of her time, influence and resources.

As was so aptly and beautifully expressed in her eulogy, "elegance was the essence of Mattie Muriel Felker English."



MATTIE MURIEL FELKER ENGLISH

Annual car show set March 15

The 7th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show will be held around the Courthouse square Sat., Mar. 15, offering a full day of varied activities, with something for fun and entertainment of all age groups.

The ten classes of vehicles included for judging are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre-'49;

Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre-'84; Pickups '85 and up; Motorcycles; Restoration in Progress; Cushman Scooters.

First and second place will be awarded cash prizes in each class. Third place in each class will receive a trophy. Awards and cash will be awarded for Best of Show, People's Choice (selected by the public) and Furthest Distance Traveled.

Entry time will be from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. Entry fee is \$20.00. Judging will be at 12:30, with trophy presentation at 3:30. For information Coy Scoggins at 940-864-3694 or Randy Shaw at 940-864-2023.

Entry fee for the Hot Wheels for Kids is \$1.00. Trophies will be given for 1st and 2nd places.

The Kids Tractor Pull with kid-

sized tractors will again be featured.

The Fire Department will be serving hamburgers and fries on the square.

The annual Flea Market sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held in front of the buildings around the square. Vendor spaces measuring 20 feet wide are available for \$10.00 each. Food vendor spaces may be rented for \$15.00. Several bake sales are planned for the day. Spaces may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office or Janet Earles at Haskell National Bank.

Other activities of the day will include the 5K Country Run. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the 3-mile run will be toward Jim Strain Road, and the optional 1-mile walk will be around the city park. Sign up time will be at 8:30 a.m. at the city park gazebo. T-shirts, medals and door prizes will be featured. Entry fee will be \$15.00, benefitting the Haskell Fire Department. Call Bill Markunas at 940-864-8930 for information.

Prison contract subject to change

by James Elam
Director, DCOH

Mon., March 3, the City and County of Haskell announced they will consider a proposal to allow Management and Training Corporation to assign their contract to Emerald Correctional Management, LLC. to provide detention services for the Rolling Plains Regional Jail & Detention Center.

If approved by the City Council

and County Commissioners at their regular meeting scheduled Mon., March 10 at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., respectively, the change will take effect at midnight, March 14.

Emerald Correctional Management, LLC has agreed in principle to provide the same services as Management and Training Corporation and to assure the City and County that the bond payments would be funded from the facility revenue.

The City and County are very pleased with Management and Training Corporation's help and assistance in getting the facility running and staffed to provide detention services. Management and Training Corporation has been an asset to the area.

The City and County are looking forward to a long successful working relationship with Emerald Correctional Management owners and employees.

WHPD queen's contest set April 13

The 8th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo will be held June 6-7. One of the events that gets the rodeo off to a start is the queen's contest. Interviews for the queen's contest will be held Sat., April 12. The pageant will be held Sun., April 13.

Entry forms will be available for all Haskell County girls grades 9 through 12 at the following locations: Haskell High School, Paint Creek ISD, Rochester ISD, Rule ISD, Haskell County Extension Office and First National Bank of Haskell.

The entry forms can be picked up beginning March 17. Entry deadline is April 3 at 5:00 p.m. to the First National Bank of Haskell or to the Haskell County Extension Office.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

OBITUARIES

Mattie Muriel Felker English



MATTIE FELKER ENGLISH
Funeral services for Mattie Muriel Felker English, 90, of Haskell were held Sun., March 22 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner, Rev. Kevin Hall and Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Abilene.
Born Feb. 28, 1912 in Haskell, she was the daughter of James Edgar Walling and Frances Irene Watson. She graduated from Haskell High School. She married Walter Viars Felker May 6, 1933 and lived in Haskell all her life except for a year in Whitewright. After Viars' death in January of 1986, she married John C. English March 21, 1987. He preceded her in death in 1990. In 1940, she and her sister Frances Lane opened Lane-Felker, a high-fashion clothing store, in Haskell, which would come to have customers from all over the United States. Over the years, the store was featured on television, and its story was told in numerous fashion magazines. Years after Stanley Marcus of Neiman Marcus called them his only competitor in Texas, they closed the store and retired in 1995 after fifty-five years in business. The store was later sold and reopened in Haskell in 1996 before being moved to Colorado.
She was active in civic affairs, often behind the scenes. In the 1960s,

she and her sister, Frances Lane, were the driving force behind Haskell's Youth Center. In the 1970s, she was the originator and designed of Haskell's Memorial Civic Center. The two sisters received numerous awards over the years, including the Golden Sun Award from the Dallas Apparel Market in 1987 for being 'shining examples' of the clothing business, and the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Chamber of Commerce in 1986 for their many years of service to Haskell. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Baptist Church.
Survivors include two sisters, Frances Lane and Hortense Lees, both of Haskell; two sons, Dr. Michael Felker of Levelland and Walter Viars Felker, Jr., of Beverly Hills, California; cousins, Frances and Patsy Davis; and several nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to Haskell CISD Education Foundation, c/o Shane Hadaway, Box 995, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to a favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Vernon Thomas Wright

Funeral services for Vernon Thomas Wright, 74, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 28 at Trinity Baptist Church with Tony Grand officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.
Mr. Wright died Mon., Feb. 24 at an Abilene hospital.
Born May 4, 1928 in Haskell, he was the son of James and Rosie Wright. He married Evelyn Avis Briscoe Feb. 18, 1950 in Haskell. After 35 years as an oilfield pumper, he retired to a life with his spouse and family.
He was preceded in death by one sister, Ella Mae Wright Hearington; and four brothers, William Byrd Wright, James McCoy Wright, Bobby Ray Wright and John Paul Wright.

and Deneice Wright of Abilene; five sisters, Maudie Wright McFadden of Lubbock, Argie Mae Wright McFadden of Haskell, Mary Faye Wright Stover of Haskell, Rose Lee Wright Briscoe of Midland and Patricia Ann Wright Anderson of Mt. Pleasant; three brothers, Miles Otis Wright of Knox City, Roy Ernest Wright of Haskell and Robert Wayne Wright of Plainview; grandchildren, Kevin Wade Messenger, Shannon Latrice Johnson, Jason Kyle Messenger, Corey David Parham, Devin Lynn Wright, Heather Denise Culver and Katelyn Nicole Wright; great grandchildren, Dakota Blake Parham, Katherine Allyne Parham, Tori Lynn Wright, Ashton C. Messenger and Cameron Scott Johnson.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601 or Trinity Baptist Church, 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Edna Tidwell Callaway

Funeral services for Edna Tidwell Callaway, 85, of Kaufman were held Sat., March 1 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. John Gondol and Rev. Greg Richards officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Callaway died Sun., Feb. 23.
Born Jan. 17, 1918 in Haskell, she was the daughter of the late Darling Gilbert and Carrie Bishop Tidwell. She married Garland Callaway Dec. 31, 1936 in Haskell. She had been a resident of Kaufman for 23 years. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Kaufman. She loved and cherished her grandchildren

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and great grandchildren. She was a blessing to all her family and friends.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland; daughter, Judy; and great grandson, Mark.
Survivors include her two daughter, Gayle and husband, Lonnie Bounds and Selda and husband, Jerry Loe, all of Kaufman; one sister, Mary and husband, Arvil Jarman of Dallas; seven grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society of M. D. Anderson Hospital of Houston. PD. NOTICE

Joseph Mark Phemister



JOSEPH PHEMISTER
Funeral services for Joseph Mark Phemister, 21, of Haskell were held Sun., March 2 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Randy McLelland officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Phemister died Thurs., Feb. 27 in Scottsdale, Arizona.
Born April 14, 1981 in Haskell, he was the son of Randy and Michelle Forehand Phemister. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1999 and then served as an Air Traffic Controller in the U. S. Air Force in Goldsboro, N.C. He was enrolled at The PGA Golf Academy of Arizona in Chandler, Ariz. He was an avid outdoorsman with an incredible zest for adventure. His passions were golf, fishing and camping. He married Amanda Hackney in 1998 and God blessed them with a precious son, Tristen Bailey. Joseph was a loving husband and father. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.
Survivors include his wife, Amanda and son, Tristen of Chandler, Ariz.; his parents, Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon and Michelle and John Vayre of Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Geoffrey

Phemister of Canyon and T. J. Vayre of Tucson, Ariz.; and step siblings, Dacia Carter of Cushing, Okla., Deshea Phemister of Abilene, Zach Folta of Grapevine, Jamie and Kelli Folta of Canyon; seven grandparents, Doris Jean and Max McMeans of Haskell, Wayne and Linda Phemister of Rowlett, Connie Forehand of Tucson, Ariz., and Randall and Betty Forehand of Bennett, Colo.; two great grandparents, Doris Roberts of Haskell and Bill Cimino of Denver, Colo.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.
Pallbearers were Ethan Brown, Ross Pittman, Jason Hobgood, T. Nichols, Rob Hengstenberg, Shane Steele, Cody Stone, Stephen Middleton and Chad Brendel.
Memorials may be made to The Joseph Phemister Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Haskell CISD, P.O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Hugh Almus Miller

Funeral services for Hugh Almus Miller, 81, of Haskell were held Sat., March 1 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Brother Ross Anderson and Paul Irby officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.
Mr. Miller died Thurs., Feb. 27 at his home.
Born June 22, 1921 in Detroit, Texas, he was the son of Stephen Washington and Amanda Elizabeth Prentice Miller. He married Ellen Beatrice (Bea) Wilson Sept. 27, 1941 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Oct. 17, 1998. He was a T-5 Corporal while serving in the Army during World War II. He was a retired farmer.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Ruth Norris; and grandson, Stacy Hester.
Survivors include his daughter, Wanda Jean Hester of Weinert; his son, Tommy Hugh Miller of Tulia; grandchildren, Shane Cunningham, Laurie Irby, Brooke Miller and Emily Miller; great grandchildren, Ashton and Seth Irby.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 100 W. McConnell, Weinert, Texas 76388; Weinert Cemetery, Box 188, Weinert, Texas 76388; or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Opal S. Rose

Funeral services for Opal S. Rose, 94, of Haskell were held Sun., March 2 at East Side Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Dr. Jim Heflin officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.
Mrs. Rose died Wed., Feb. 26 in Haskell.
Born Sept. 21, 1908 in Johnson County, she was the daughter of John Lester and Jennie Gholson Seets. She graduated from Haskell High School and lived in Haskell for over 90 years. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church for 60 years and taught Sunday school for 55 years. She was the Executive Director of Haskell Housing Authority and owner of Opal Rose Tax Service.
She was preceded in death by her parents, John Lester and Jennie Gholson Seets; one brother, Jesse Lester Seets;

granddaughter, Shannon Leigh Jetton; and great-grandson, Ian Clark.
Survivors include one son, Delbert Rose and wife, Martha, of Fort Worth; two daughters, Joyce Hewlett and husband, Bernard, of Crowley and Nelda Decker, and husband Jerry, of Haskell; thirteen grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.
Pallbearers will be grandsons, David Rose, Larry Rose, Kevin Rose, Wendell Dickerson, Justin Griffin and Taylor Cole.
Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Meeks Children Hospital, 1242 N. 19th, Abilene, Texas 79601. PD. NOTICE

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 884 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., March 3, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 75 sellers and 46 buyers attended.

Packers steady to \$1 higher, stockers \$1 to \$3 higher, feeders steady to \$2 higher.
Cows: fat, .36-.43; cutters, .35-.48; canners, .20-.32.
Bulls: bologna, .48-.59; feeders, .65-.75; utility, .42-.48.
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-700 lbs., .75-.87; 700-800 lbs., .70-.80; 800-up lbs., .64-.75.
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .80-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .72-.80; 600-up lbs., .64-.79.
Bred heifers medium frame, 625-720.
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-750.
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-950; aged or small, 575-700.

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$0.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con setecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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Ivy, Richards to marry

Traci Leigh Ivy of Rockwall and Fritz Ross Richards of Liberal, Kansas plan to marry in Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall April 11. The bride-elect is the daughter of Lee Adams Gilleland and Ron Gilleland of Rockwall and Volly Ivy of Poetry.

The prospective groom is the son of Clara and Darrell Richards of Avoca. The bride-elect is a graduate of Rockwall High School and Dallas Baptist University. Traci is Marketing Director for Lake Pointe Medical Center. Fritz is a graduate of Stamford High School and Texas A&M University. He is General Manager of Hog Slat, Inc. of Liberal, Kansas.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., March 10

Lunch—Beef stew, pimento/tuna sandwiches, savory coleslaw, pickles/onions, gingerbread/applesauce, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 12

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Beef/cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, pinto beans, garden salad, salsa/chips, Mexican bread pudding w/lemon sauce, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., March 14

Lunch—Hamburger steak with brown gravy/onions, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered corn, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Around Town

Visiting last weekend with Hyrum and Jean Richards were friends, Harry and Joan Rudy of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Jerry and Sylvia Fleckmor of Birden, Manitoba, Canada. They played golf and toured Abilene while here.

Dick and Anna Kathleen Winsted of Patricia visited her brother and wife, John Sam and Mary Rike.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roysdon of Mansfield visited her sister, Charlene Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller were visits at Trinity Baptist Church Sunday.

Gene Blair is in Megargel babysitting for Cody Blair this week.

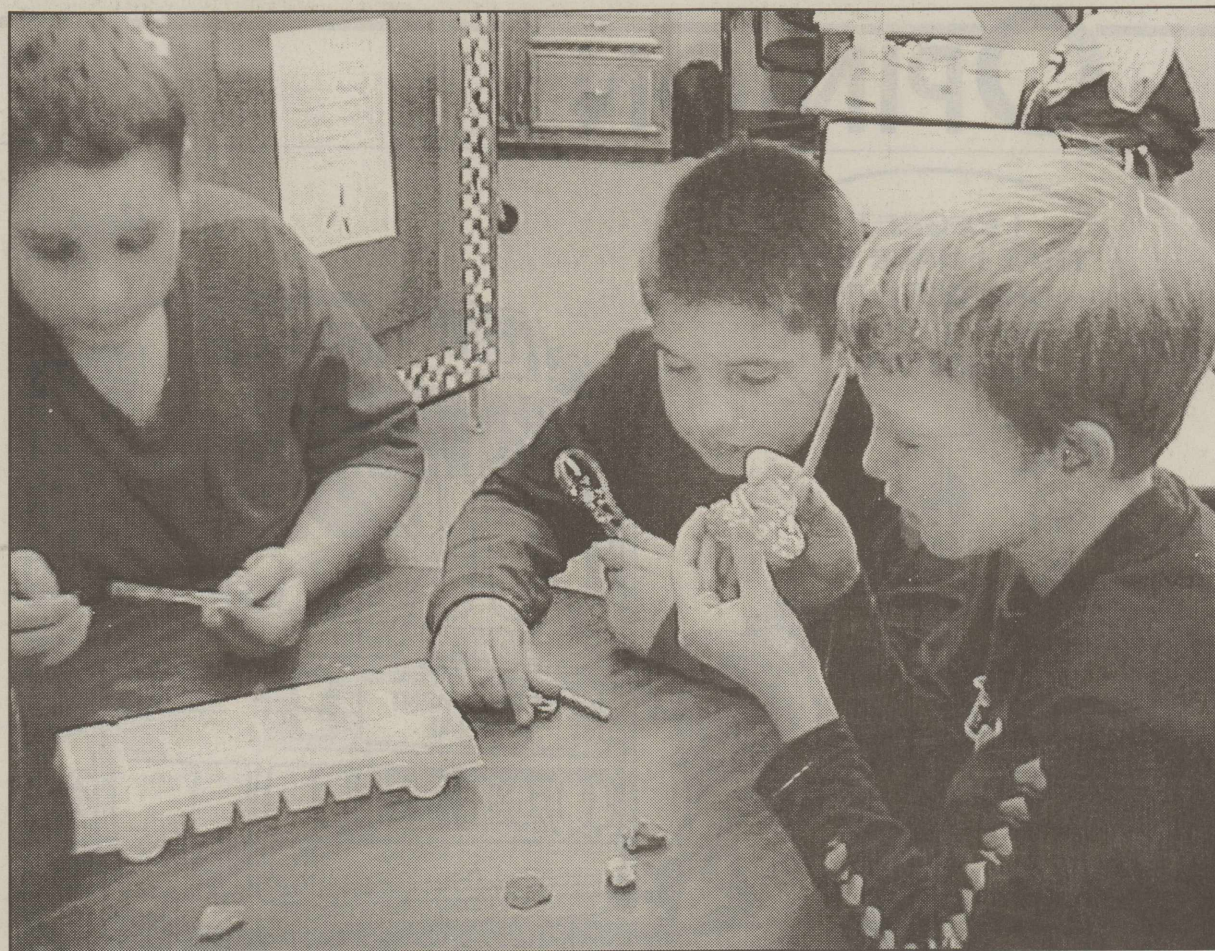
Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Stamford visited his mother, Joyce Hawkins, Friday evening.

Lee Gray of Abilene visited with his mother, Faye Gray, on Friday.

Cody Cochran brought Audree Cochran home after spending a week with him in Aspermont.

Guests in the home of Wilbert and Dwanna Klose for Sunday brunch were Tenille Mathis of Lubbock, Jeffrey Williams and Tracy Mathis, both of Stephenville, Pat Smith of Brownwood, Margaret Williams of Early, Casey Williams of Wichita, Kansas, Wade, Cam and Tyler King of Dublin, Gene and Viva Turnbow of Stamford, Ron and Pam Opitz of Mount Pleasant, Verlean Adkins and Kay Croft, both of Haskell.

Bernice Hilliard and Oleta Bowers attended the Paint Creek Water Supply meeting and supper Saturday afternoon.



ROCKS AND SCIENCE—Paint Creek 4th and 5th graders, Marcous Irby, Donovan Colley and Johnathin Kraatz, observe rocks as they learn about the different kinds; igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. Through experiments, the students were able to make models of each kind of rock.

Hodgin celebrates 80th birthday

Lillian Boe Hodgin was honored with a party to celebrate her 80th birthday Sat., Feb. 22, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The party was hosted by her son and daughter-in-law, Garry and June Hodgin of Abilene.

Lillian was born Feb. 24, 1923, in Knox County to Albert and Mallie Booe. She was the sixth child of eight brothers and sisters: Clarence,

Cecil, Loy, Ervin, Eulice, Willie and Norma Jean. She attended school in Munday and Weinert, where she met her future husband.

Lillian married Warren Chester Hodgin Sept. 11, 1941, in Munday, at the home of the Methodist preacher. They are the parents of one son, Garry Warren Hodgin (wife, June) and two granddaughters, Tiffany (husband, Brad Cook) of

Marshall, North Carolina, and Alison (husband, Jon Michael Sims) of Abilene. In addition, she has four great grandchildren: Max, Savannah and Chere' Cook of Marshall, North Carolina and Jonas Warren Sims of Abilene.

Lillian worked for Hammer Laundry, the Hi-Lander and Lane Apparel before she retired in 1986. She lost her husband Feb. 18, 1991. She is a member of East Side Baptist Church.

Party decorations were white table cloths with pink roses and tulips with greenery and candles burning on every table. A memory table displayed pictures from Lillian's past to the present. Tea almond punch, coffee, cucumber sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, pink finger print cookies, brownie cookies, strawberries with marshmallow dip, grapes, mixed nuts, sugar pecans and an almond butter birthday cake was served. Friends and relatives from near and far came to honor her on this special occasion with cards, letters, and pictures which were mounted into a memory book.

March is National Nutrition Month

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

This March, the American Dietetic Association reminds us—healthy eating is a great way to help achieve a healthy you. This year's National Nutrition Month theme is "Healthy Eating Healthy You." The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. According to Dr. Sharon Robinson, Registered Dietitian with Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University System, the goal is to achieve a healthy eating plan based on variety and moderation, matching individual food choices with a variety of fitness activities.

Key messages for the month include:

- Healthy eating helps you get the most out of life. A healthy lifestyle is the key to looking good, feeling great and being your best at work and play. It all starts with a healthy eating plan.

- Individual needs and preferences determine your personal food choices. Match your food choices to your lifestyle and individual requirements, choosing enough to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

- Actively pursue variety. Expand your range of choices and explore new tastes, within and among food groups. Eating a wide variety of foods not only promotes optimal nutrition, it provides the pleasurable aspects of eating.

- Make moderation your goal—you decide how much and how often. Healthy eating doesn't mean feeling deprived or guilty. Look at the big

picture, what you eat over several days—not just one day or one meal—that's important.

- Develop a personal fitness plan that fits your lifestyle. The key is to find a variety of activities you enjoy. You don't need expensive equipment or complicated fitness programs.

Texas Cooperative Extension offers nutrition education programs on a variety of topics. For classes in your area contact your local Extension office, in Haskell County contact Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent - FCS at (940) 864-2546.

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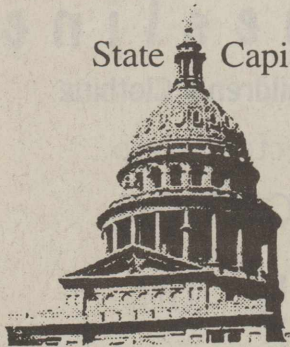
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Governor signs bill to open insurance firms' books

AUSTIN—A bill requiring homeowners insurance companies to make their books available for state review—Senate Bill 310—has been signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry.

The first major piece of legislation passed by the Legislature this session, the bill is part of a promised legislative reformation of insurance law in Texas.

"I'm hoping that when we get the data back from (SB) 310, it's going to show that rates are high, that a roll back is warranted," said Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee and author of the bill.

Still in the chute are insurance bills dealing with rate regulation, rate rollbacks, withdrawal (aimed at preventing problems such as the Farmers dustup last year when the company said it would stop writing homeowner's insurance in Texas) and credit scoring.

All these are complex issues, but they have monetary bottom line potential for both policy holders and the businesses that sell those policies.

Governor's Valentine...

The letter that went out from the governor's office on Feb. 14 wasn't exactly a happy valentine.

Signed by Kenneth Anderson, Gov. Rick Perry's appointments director, the letter said the governor would like records of attendance by state board members and their expenses for the last two years. About 500 letters were sent, according to the governor's office.

"As leaders of the state of Texas," the letter said, "it is critical that all board and commission members continue to fulfill their responsibilities in a prudent and dedicated manner, as well as to adhere to statutory requirements governing their duties."

Though these policy-making state board and commission positions are unpaid, they receive reimbursement from the state for travel and other expenses. Some state agencies also provide staff to assist them. The

boards and commissions have until March 7 to supply the requested information.

This is an unprecedented request, and given the large number of state boards and commissions and their varied duties, what happens next could be interesting.

Here's a sampling of boards that are not necessarily household names: the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers (six members who receive expenses); Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities (nine members, expenses); Texas State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists (nine members, per diem) and Texas Underground Facility Notification Corporation (12 members, no compensation).

Space, the final frontier...

Three entities hoping to develop spaceports in Texas are seeking \$1.5 million from the state to continue their efforts to extend the Lone Star State's reach to the stars.

Representatives of the Gulf Coast Spaceport Corporation, the Pecos County Spaceport Commission and the South Texas Spaceport Consortium were in Austin last week to make their case to the Legislature that the funding for their programs is still important, despite the state's financial crisis.

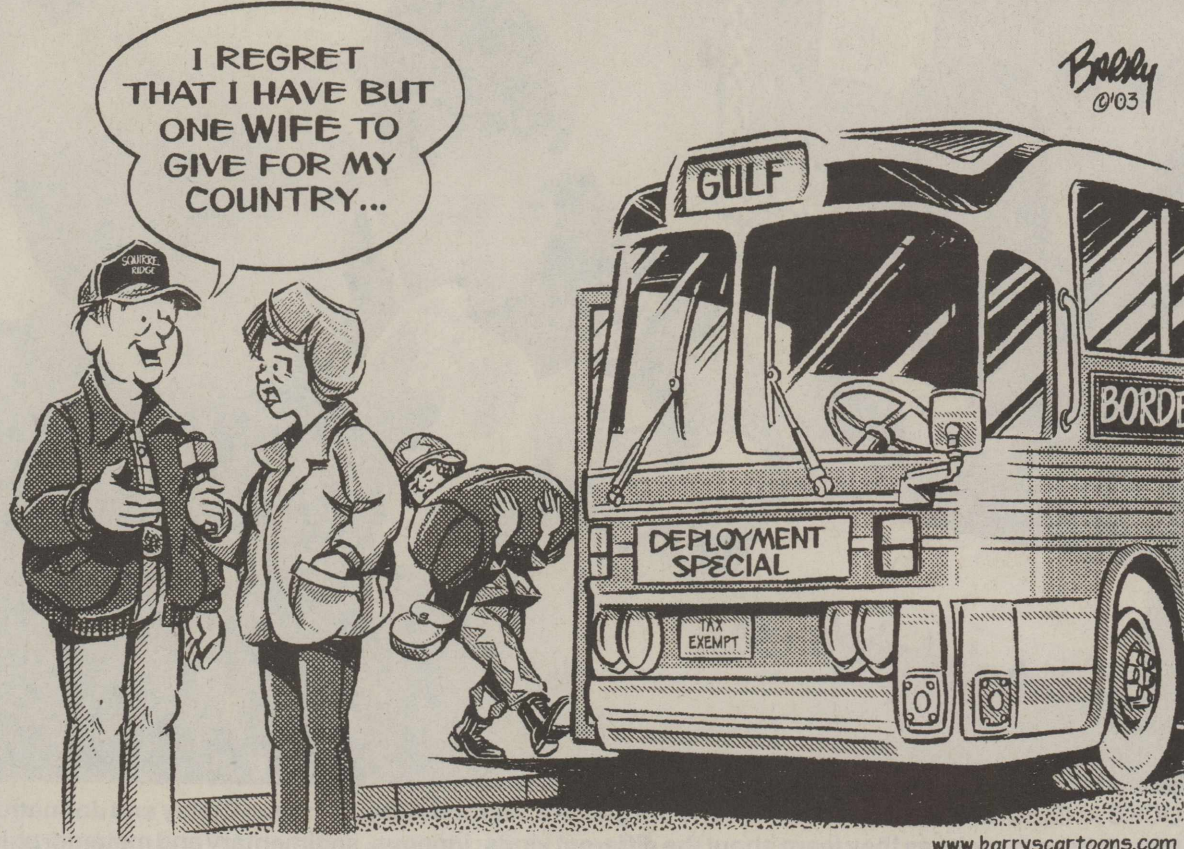
If the Legislature makes the requested appropriation, the money will be used to buy or lease land and to pay for environmental studies, engineering work and building infrastructure.

The most interesting quote on the issue comes from Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston.

"When you hear somebody say no, it can't be done, it's too far fetched, go back and look at early news reports of what was said in the early days of NASA," Janek said.

Animals in the news...

Texas has the most species of birds and reptiles, but North Carolina has the most amphibians. California has the most varieties of vascular plants and mammals. And, according to statistics published by the comptroller's office, Alabama has the biggest variety of freshwater fish.



ACROSS THE U.S., RESERVISTS ARE MOBILIZING ...



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell County. I have been married 31 years, have 4 children, 2 of whom are deceased, and 8 grandchildren.

I attended school at Haskell and Rochester.

No one knows that I once got a personal letter from Sam Walton, owner and founder of Wal-Mart stores.

My favorite TV shows are "20/20" and "Everybody Loves Raymond."

My favorite type of music is Country Gospel. I have several favorite songs.

I like to read, sew, craft, visit with friends, look for old things in antique stores.

The last book I read was *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul*. I am now reading *The Junction Boys*.

My favorite place in Texas is Haskell County. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Galveston and South Padre.

My best quality is caring for other people. I take a lot of pride in loving people.

My worst quality is having no patience.

I hate it when people procrastinate!

My greatest personal accomplishment is marrying the most wonderful man in the world 31 years ago.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is having friends that care; people caring about other people.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Jennifer Burgess of Haskell, who stuck a sign on the back of a stranger while riding an escalator in a mall. She and Brian Burgess, her

husband of 28 years, met when she was an organist and he was music director at First Baptist Church in Munday. They were married the next week after she graduated from Munday High School.

Brian taught school at Weinert after they married. The first year he also drove the bus, coached and taught reading in junior high.

She attended Hardin-Simmons University that year, and he was also music director at Avoca Baptist Church.

After a year at Weinert, Brian taught school at Lueders-Avoca and she continued school at Hardin-Simmons.

When Leo Fitch of State Farm Insurance retired he recommended Brian for an insurance management position, and the couple moved to Haskell in 1977 to start a new agency here from scratch. Jennifer said they survived those first seven years by Brian being music minister at Haskell First United Methodist Church.

The couple has three children. Son Casey is a State Farm auto insurance adjuster in Dallas. Daughter Bree is an agri-business major with a 4.0 grade point average at Texas A&M University. She will graduate in the spring. Younger son Ryan, a senior at Haskell High School, will attend Texas A&M, but is "in the running" for Coast Guard Academy.

The whole Burgess family's talent and interest in music is something they have enjoyed sharing in together.

Jennifer's parents, Rebus and Leora Guess, moved here from Munday after their grandchildren came along.

"I've lived all my life on Hwy.

277," Jennifer said. She grew up in a home located on Hwy. 277 in Munday, and the home and office she and Brian settled into in Haskell is on Hwy. 277.

Thoughts for the Week

How often it seems that we tend to either fall into the habit of constantly worrying about the future, or we agonize over misfortunes and failures of the past nor in the future, but let each day's work absorb all your interest, energy, and enthusiasm. The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well."

In Sir William Osler's inspiring address on "A Way of Life," given at Yale in the spring of 1913 when he was 64 year old, he said, "Live neither in the past nor in the future, but let each day's work absorb all your interest, energy, and enthusiasm. The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well."

Charles Malcomb Flandreau wrote, "The greatest gift is the realization that life does not consist either of wallowing in the past or peering anxiously at the future. It is good for one to appreciate that life is now. Whatever it offers, little or much, life is now, this hour."

Perhaps the wisdom to make the most of today's opportunities to work in confidence, without letting the mistakes of the past paralyze the efforts of today, or without letting needless anxieties about the future destroy our peace of mind, is best said in these words from Matthew 6:34. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 4, 1993

Haskell scored first, and then never trailed, in Odessa as the Indians won their way into the regional tournament with a 54-44 victory over the Anthony Wildcats.

Jason Torres and Kurt McCord won consolation honors at the Breckenridge Tennis tournament.

Four students from Haskell were named to honor rolls at Hardin-Simmons University. Kathy D. Futch and Rebecca F. Russel were named to the President's List, while Craig Hanson and Valeria R. Ramos were on the Dean's List.

20 Years Ago March 3, 1983

Three students from Haskell High placed in the Wichita Falls High Invitational UIL meet. Toby Villa placed second in editorial writing and Kathy Kemp placed third in news writing. Paul Cox took fourth in headline writing.

Sherry Overman has assumed duties as the new Administrator of Haskell Nursing Center.

Linda Wells of Haskell has been named to the Dean's List of McMurry College.

30 Years Ago March 1, 1983

Desmond Dulaney began employment as City Secretary this morning. Dulaney will succeed Ira Hester who has served as City Secretary since April of 1966.

Haskell Jaycees sponsored the first Rattlesnake Roundup for the area at the Fair Grounds. Frank Jenkins, chairman, says snakes will be purchased from registered hunters.

Mayor J. Belton Duncan received the coveted Outstanding Chamber of Commerce worker of the year award.

40 Years Ago March 7, 1963

Ira Hester, a Rotarian since Rotary International issued a charter to the Haskell club six years ago, was elected president of the Rotary Club.

Responding to an appeal from hospital authorities to organize a Women's Hospital Auxiliary for the Haskell County Hospital, a total of 52 women from throughout Haskell County met in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Officers were elected and a representative board composed of citizens in all communities of the county was selected.

For the first time "in at least 30 years" according to school board sources, Haskell has women candidates for election as school trustee. Mrs. B. B. Gilmore and Mrs. Roy Wiseman filed with the office of Haskell Superintendent of Schools Robert R. King for a place on the ballot.

Howard Liles, Jr., member of the faculty of the Mattson School in the Mattson Community, reported for duty at Ft. Polk, La., to begin basic training with a National Guard.

50 Years Ago March 5, 1953

Announcement of plans for erection of a modern new building in Haskell to be occupied as a supermarket by Piggly-Wiggly food store was made jointly by R. V. (Virgil) Reynolds of Denver, Colo., and Cecil Gregory, owner and operator of the Piggly-Wiggly food store in Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beene, who recently moved to this city from Abilene, have announced the opening of the Modern News Stand.

Formal opening of the Highway Cafe, formerly Warren's Drive In was announced. New owner of the cafe is Bob Lee from Haskell. Mrs. Brashear will be in charge of the drive in as operator and manager.

100 Years Ago March 1, 1903

The Haskell Telephone Company has closed a deal through which it secures controlling interest in the Seymour, Throckmorton, and Haskell telephone line.

S. W. Scott went to court at Anson to represent the Texas Central in two damage suits.

The Panhandle country had a 14 inch snow and a heavy loss of cattle is feared.

Dr. E. E. Gilbert is now occupying his new office on the northeast corner of the square, near the Lindel hotel.

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Haskell CISD Comments

by Billie McKeever
Haskell CISD Superintendent
Haskell CISD students and employees will take spring break next week March 10-14. GED classes

will not meet that week. Haskell CISD offers GED classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. The classes are held in room 102 in the elementary school. They last from

5 until 8 p.m. but students can come and go at the time that best fits them. Students are encouraged to attend at least twenty hours of classes a month.

Anyone interested in getting their GED is encouraged to attend the classes. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Miller work with each adult individually, and everyone can progress at their own pace. Some people only need a little review and are soon ready to take their GED test. Others may want to go more slowly and take several months of classes.

Anyone wanting more information about the classes may call 864-2654, extension 306 Debbie Miller or extension 339 Sherry Adams.

These classes are a continuing part of the TIF Community Grant on which the school, city and county cooperated. The funding period for the grant has ended but related services are continuing. In addition to taking these classes, citizens are encouraged to use the public access computers at the County Library, City Hall, Experienced Citizens Center and County Extension office.

NASA seeks debris; lists toll free number

The Federal Emergency Management Agency reported Feb. 25 that the search for Columbia shuttle debris continues to intensify as more than 3,000 searchers, representing 38 states trek daily through fields, forests and farm lands attempting to find any pieces that may help the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) determine the cause of the Columbia accident.

NASA Astronaut Dom Dorie issued a plea to those living in the flight path of the Columbia to "continue to search for and report anything that will help us determine the cause of our loss of Columbia and her crew."

Residents, farmers, ranchers and landowners who reside and work in the area of New Mexico/Texas state line by Bailey County and continuing in a line to just south of Fort Worth are asked to be aware of potential shuttle material.

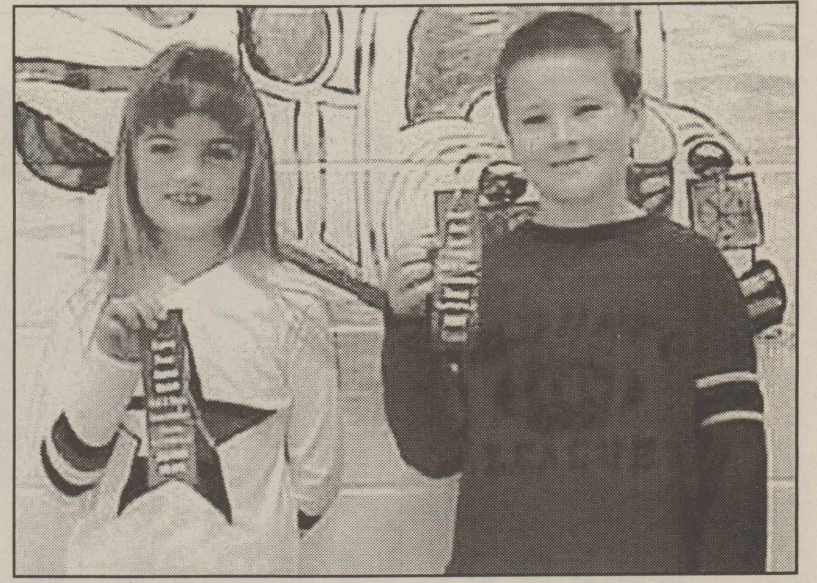
"Anyone finding what they suspect to be Columbia debris should call the toll-free Material Recovery Line at 1-866-446-6603. This will allow Environmental Protection Agency officials to make arrangements to recover the suspected material," said Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Department of Public Safety, Deputy State Coordinating Officer Dell Greer.



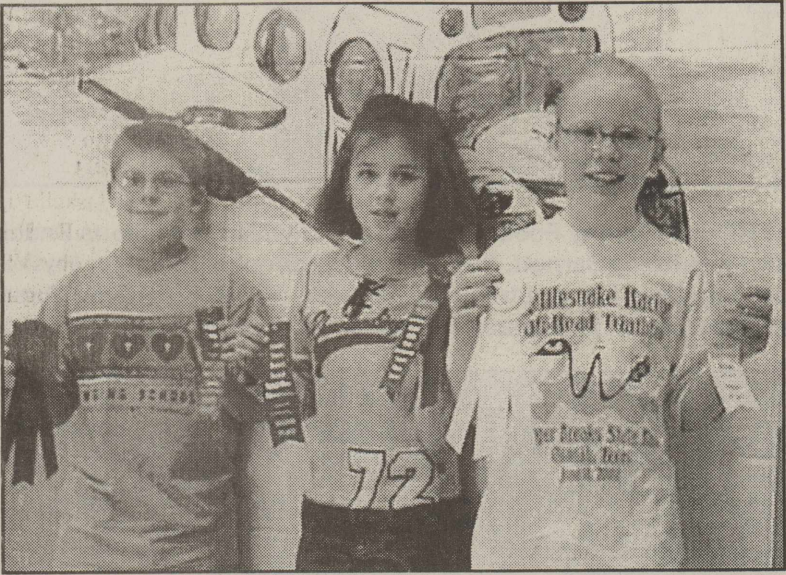
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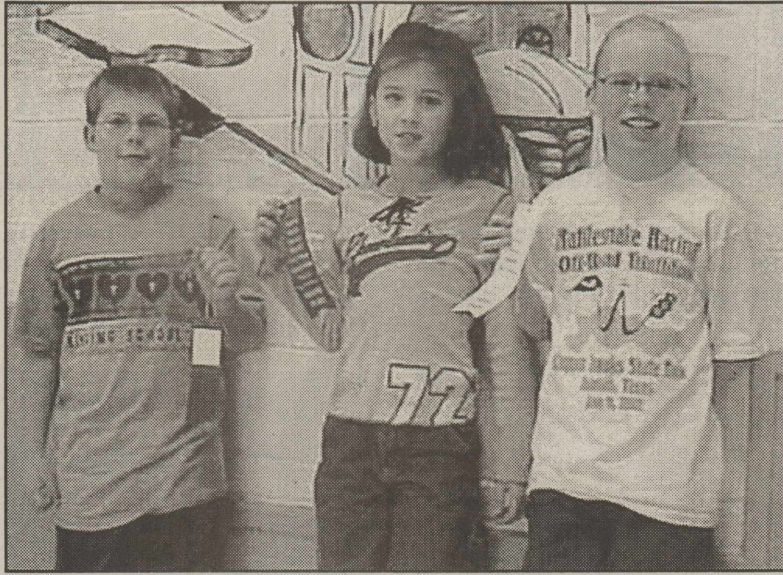
POSTER WINNERS—Haskell second grade students of Mrs. Dunnam winning ribbons for their Soil and Water Conservation posters were: l-r, Tillie McGuire, first place; Morgan Frierson, second place; Ashley Adams, third place.



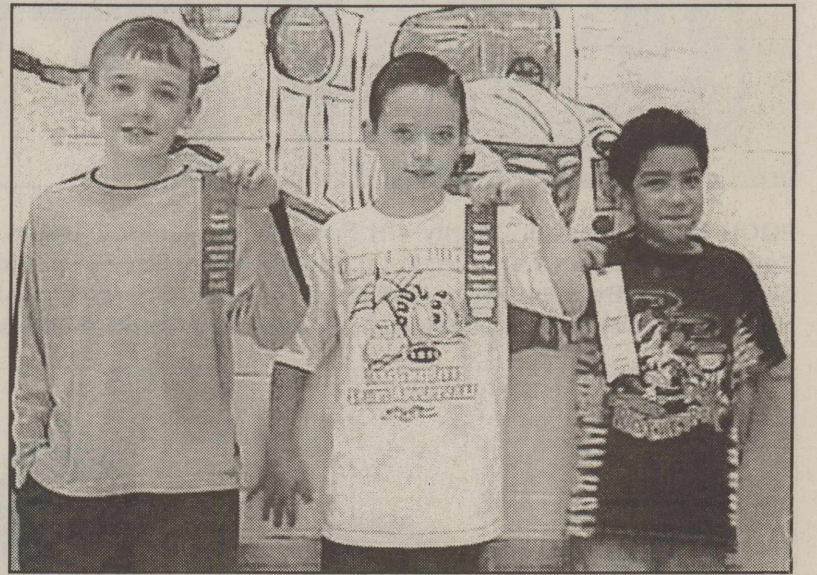
POSTER WINNERS—Haskell second grade students of Mrs. Hanson winning ribbons for their SWCD posters were: Brett Shelton, first place, and Maci Colley, second place.



OVERALL WINNERS—Haskell third grade overall winners in the SWCD Poster Contest were: l-r, Ryan Anderson, first place; Laycee Tullos, second place; Carley Calhoun, third place.



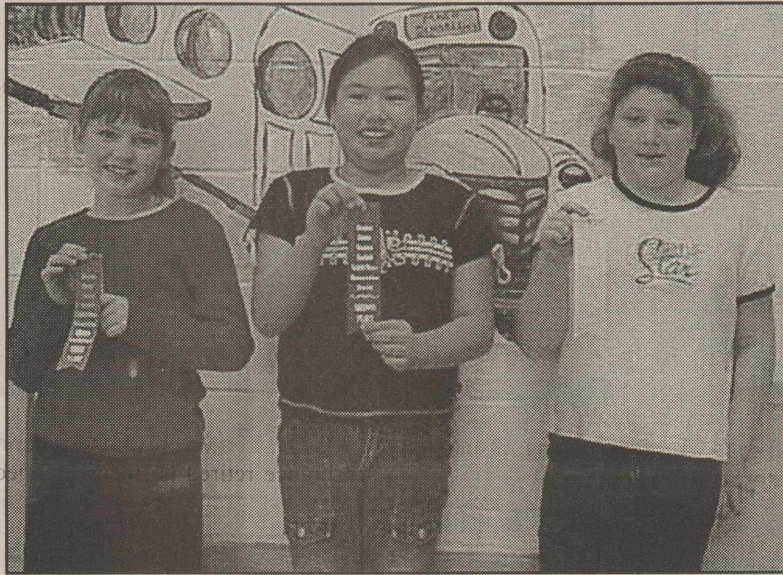
POSTER WINNERS—Haskell third grade students of Mrs. Waggner winning ribbons for their posters were: l-r, Ryan Anderson, first place; Laycee Tullos, second place; Carley Calhoun, third place.



POSTER WINNERS—Haskell third grade students of Mrs. Christian winning ribbons in the poster contest were: l-r, Brady Leach, first place; Casey Calhoun, second place; Manuel Ramirez, third place.



OVERALL WINNERS—Haskell fourth grade overall winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were: l-r, Kacey Strickland, first place; Angelica Gonzales, second place; Jessica Rodriguez, third place.



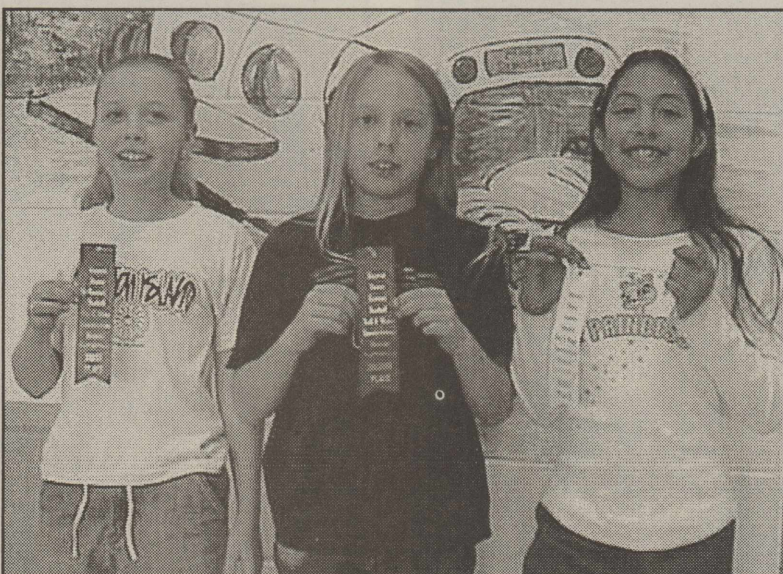
POSTER WINNERS—Haskell fourth grade students of Mrs. LeFevre winning ribbons in the poster contest were: l-r, Kacey Strickland, first place; Jessica Rodriguez, second place; Leslie Crosson, third place.



POSTER WINNERS—Haskell fourth grade students of Mrs. Chapman winning ribbons for their conservation posters were: l-r, Angelica Gonzales, first place; Dawn Skinner, second place; Kelson Aguro, third place.



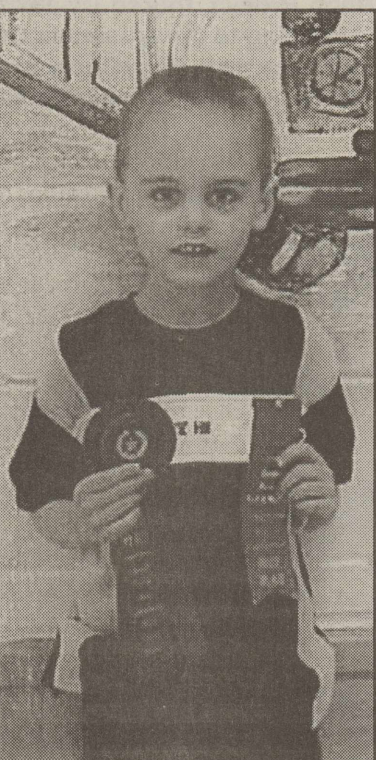
OVERALL WINNERS—Haskell fifth grade overall winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were: l-r, Aubrey Bassett, first place; Brooke Bullinger, second place; McKenzie Barrington, third place.



POSTER WINNERS—Haskell fifth grade students of Mrs. McClellan winning ribbons for their conservation posters were: l-r, McKenzie Barrington, first place; Veronica Benton, second place; Lonnie Alvarez, third place.



POSTER WINNERS—Haskell fifth grade students of Mrs. Fouts winning ribbons in the SWCD Poster Contest were: l-r, Aubrey Bassett, first place; Brooke Bullinger, second place; Jordan Burson, third place.



KINDERGARTEN WINNER—Haskell student, Kade Colley, holds his first place and Overall Winner ribbons won in the conservation poster contest.

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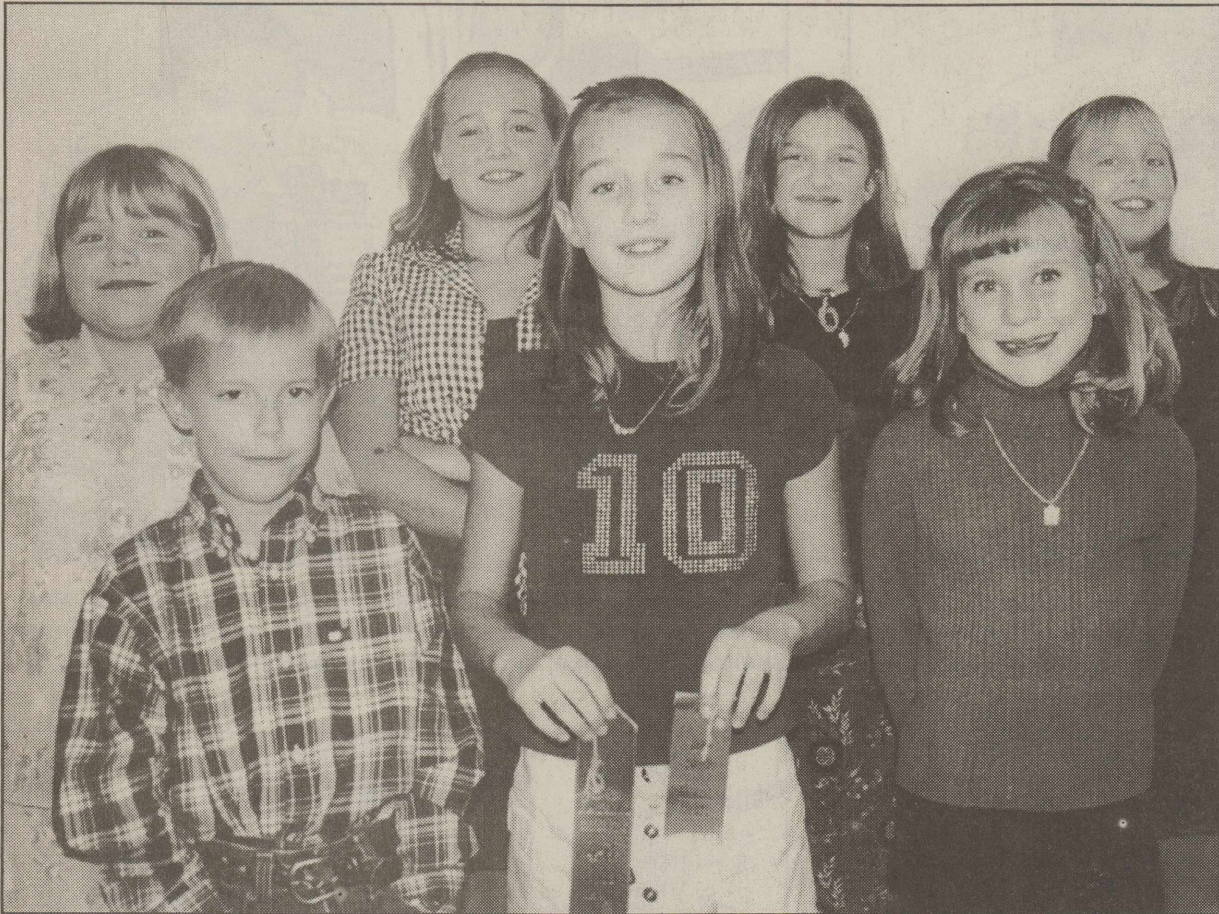


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FOOD SHOW—Haskell County 4-H Food Show, Junior Division, Main Dish and Bread and Cereal Categories winners were: back, l-r, Jenny Dudensing, Rule, 2nd place; Lacey Stephens, Rule, 1st place; Hailey Bethune, Rule, 2nd place; Andrea Anderson, Haskell, 3rd place. Front, Jim Young, Haskell; Aubrey Bassett, Haskell, 1st place; Toni Brown, Rochester.



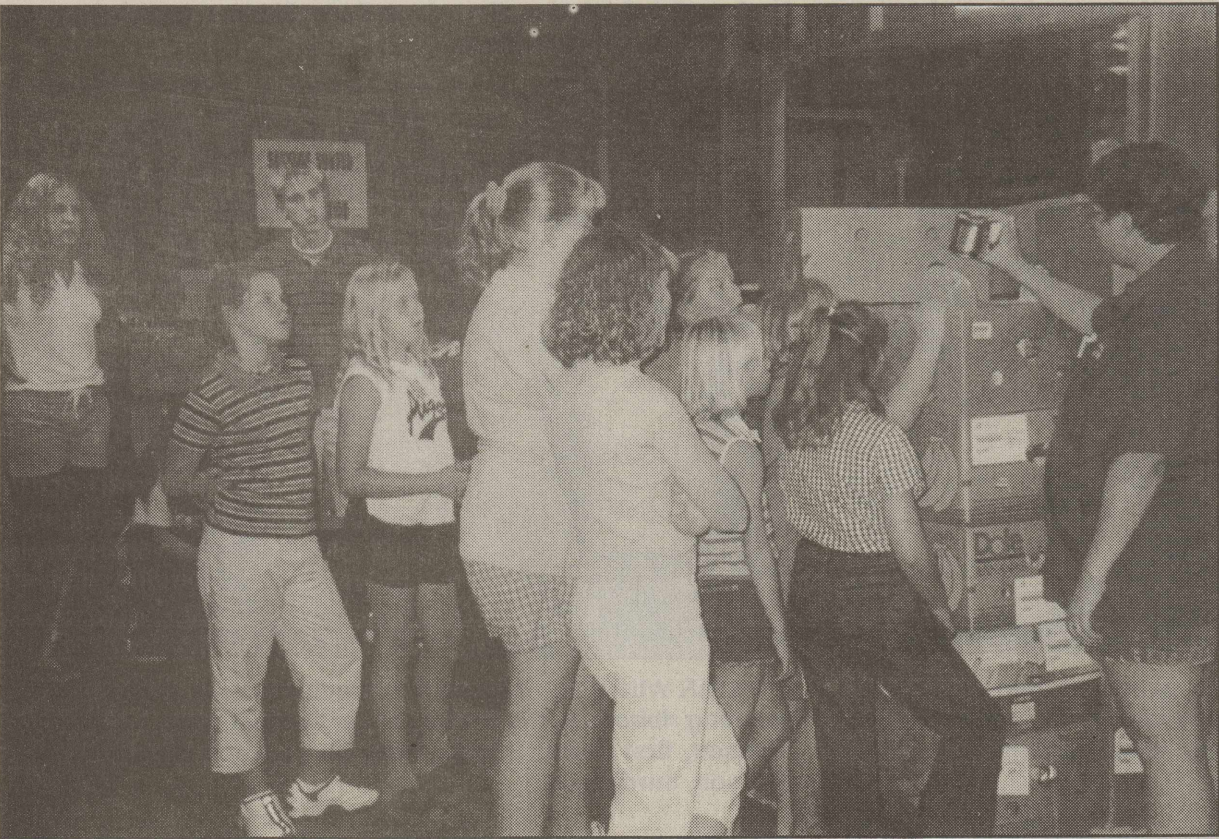
4-H FOOD SHOW—Competing in the Haskell County Food Show, Junior Division, Nutritious Snacks and Desserts Categories were: back, l-r, Brittany Barnett, Rule, 3rd place; Brooke Bullinger, Haskell, 1st place; Nathan Meredith, Haskell, 1st place; Kacey Strickland, Haskell. Front, Stephanie Threet, Rule, 2nd place; Allison Petty, Rule; Paige Glover, Rochester, 3rd place; Rebekah Bethune, 2nd place.



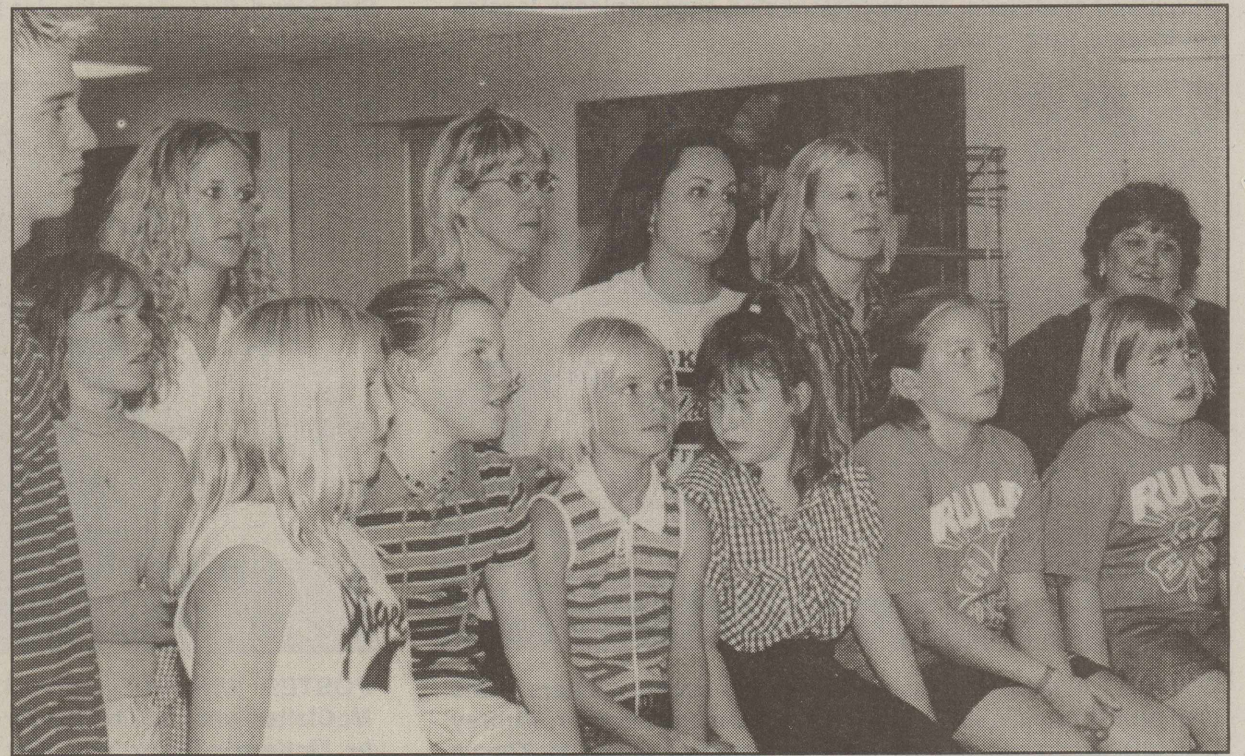
SENIOR DIVISION—Haskell County 4-H Food Show Senior Division winners were; l-r, Emery Dudensing, Rule, 2nd place; Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell, 4th place; Caleb Hudgens, Haskell, 1st place and Abby Dudensing, Rule, 3rd place.



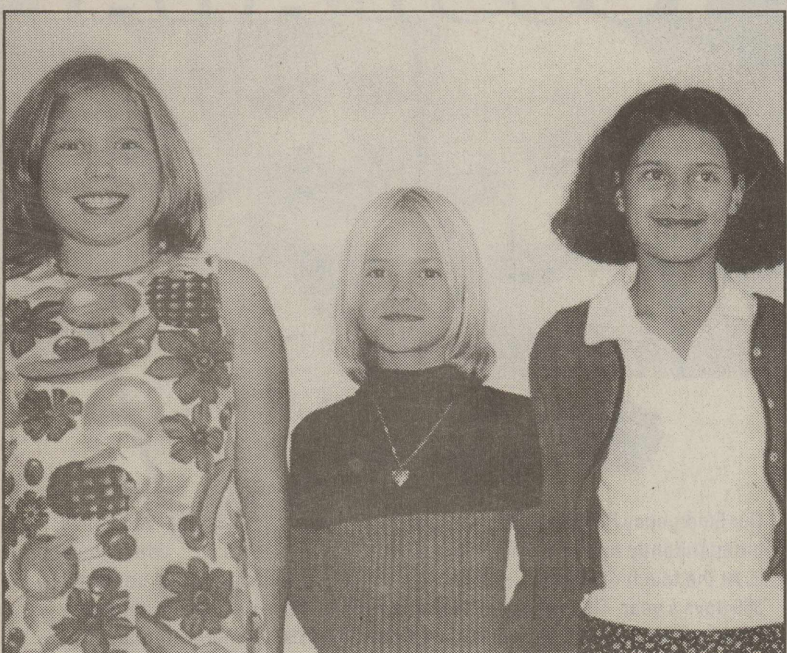
AT DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW—4-H'ers representing Haskell County at the District Show in Wichita Falls were: back, l-r, Abby Dudensing, Rule, 2nd place; Emery Dudensing, Rule, 2nd place; Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell, 1st place. Front, Lacey Stephens, Rule; Nathan Meredith, Haskell, 5th place; Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; Aubrey Bassett, Haskell, 1st place; Molly Dudensing, Rule, 1st place. Not pictured are: Candace Brister, Haskell, 5th place; Caleb Hudgens, Haskell, 1st place; Thomas Stufflebean, Paint Creek. Both Hudgens and Tribbey advance to the State Food Show to be held June 11-12 during Texas 4-H Roundup on the campus of Texas A&M.



FOOD AND NUTRITION TOUR—Haskell 4-H'ers enrolled in a Food and Nutrition Project, enjoyed learning all about the Abilene Food Bank during their countywide combined project tour to Abilene. Pictured are Robbyn Tribbey, Derrick Tribbey, Brooke Bullinger, Andrea Anderson, Brittany Barnett, Shayla Felty, Katrina Buerger, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing and Stephanie Threet.



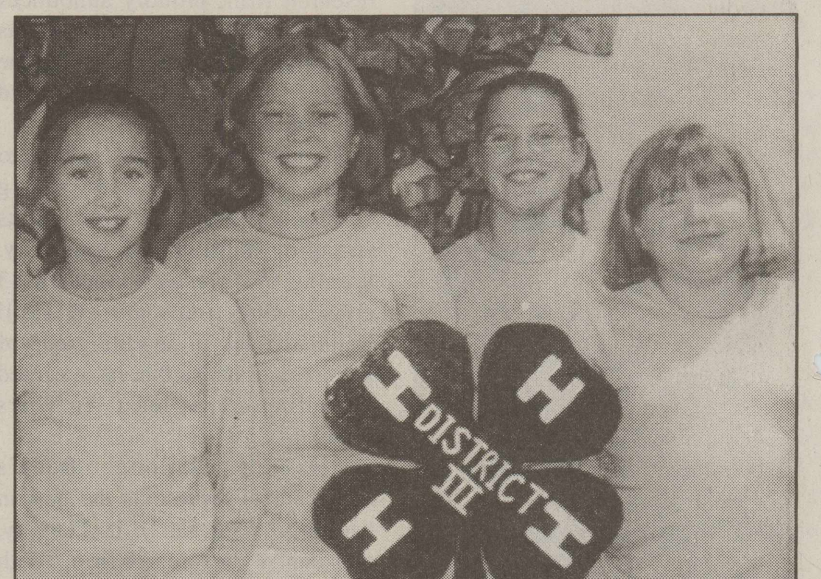
DISABILITY RESOURCES TOUR—As part of their countywide combined tour to Abilene, Haskell County 4-H'ers and volunteer leaders involved in a Food and Nutrition Project, toured Disability Resources to learn about foods they preserve to sell to the public. Listening to the presenter are: back, l-r, Derrick Tribbey, Shayla Felty, Robbyn Tribbey, Gina Buerger, Whitney Hise, Abby Dudensing and Tammy Parham. Front, Andrea Anderson, Brooke Bullinger, Katrina Buerger, Stephanie Threet, Molly Dudensing and Jenny Dudensing.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H Food Show, Junior Division, Fruit and Vegetable Category winners were: l-r, Molly Dudensing, Rule, 1st place; Katrina Buerger, Paint Creek, 2nd place and Tabitha Schonerstedt, Weinert, 3rd place.



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H Food Show winners were: l-r, Candace Brister, Haskell, 1st place; Thomas Stufflebean, Paint Creek, 2nd place and Taylor Williams, Haskell, 3rd place.



QUIZ TEAM—Representing Haskell County at the District 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest were; l-r, Aubrey Bassett, Molly Dudensing, Brooke Bullinger and Jenny Dudensing. The team received 3rd place honors at the contest. Their coaches were their mothers, Kim Bassett, Vallene Bullinger and Renee Dudensing.

4-H'ers compete in a variety of areas; Hudgens, Tribbey advance to state

by Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agents

Haskell County 4-H'ers involved in the Food & Nutrition Project have been busy this 4-H year. The 4-H year begins each year on Sept. 1.

The year began with a combined Food & Nutrition, Clothing, and Photography Project Tour to Abilene. For the food section of the tour they visited the Abilene Food Bank and Disability Resources to learn about these two community service related programs. They also experienced eating Italian food at a new eatery in Abilene.

The next activity was a Countywide Food & Nutrition Workshop held in the Haskell City Park. During the workshop, 4-H'ers learned about unusual fruits, food safety when grilling outdoors, and the scientific principles of making ice cream. They tasted fruits they had not tasted before, grilled hamburgers, and had an old fashioned ice cream freeze off using hand cranked ice cream freezers. After exerting much energy freezing their ice cream the "old timey" way, they enjoyed eating their finished product.

Each 4-H club in the county has conducted their own Food & Nutrition Project meetings, workshops, and activities.

The first competitive event was the District Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest held in Graham. Haskell County had one Junior team that competed. The team consisting of Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, Jenny Dudensing and Molly Dudensing placed third at the contest. Their coaches were their mothers: Kim Bassett, Valiene Bullinger and Renee Dudensing. In preparing for the District event, the 4-H'ers competed against their mothers and are proud to boast that the daughters won the match.

The next competitive event was the County 4-H Food Show where 25 county 4-H'ers competed for the honor of representing Haskell County at the District 4-H Food Show. The County 4-H Food Show was hosted

by the Haskell Senior and Junior 4-H Clubs at the Haskell First Baptist Church Activity Center. As part of the activities for the evening, 4-H'ers and their mothers and other family members were introduced to the art of making crepes. Each person prepared their own crepe and filled it according to their own tastes. The awards for the County 4-H Food Show were partially funded by the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA).

After the County 4-H Food Show, eleven Haskell County 4-H'ers traveled to the MPEC in Wichita Falls to compete in the District 4-H Food Show. Haskell County 4-H'ers performed well bringing home four first place awards, two second place awards, and two fifth place awards.

Three Haskell County volunteer leaders served as judges for the District event. These leaders were Renee Dudensing from Rule, Reida Penman from Rochester, and Lynette Tribbey from Haskell.

Because of the quality of the project work Haskell County Volunteer Food & Nutrition Project Leaders plan and conduct during the year, they are called on to judge for surrounding County Food Shows. This year the following volunteers from Haskell County judged for other counties: Abby Dudensing for Knox County; Caleb Hudgens for both Kent and Knox Counties; Reida Penman for Knox County; and Lynette, Derrick and Robbyn Tribbey for Stonewall County.

The last competitive event for Haskell County 4-H Food & Nutrition Project participants will be the State 4-H Food Show which will be held June 11-12 during Texas 4-H Roundup. Two Haskell County Senior 4-H'ers earned the privilege to participate in this prestigious State 4-H contest by placing first at the District 4-H Food Show. These 4-H'ers are Caleb Hudgens and Robbyn Tribbey, both from Haskell. Texas 4-H Roundup is held on the Texas A&M Campus in College Station.

All during the year 4-H'ers have

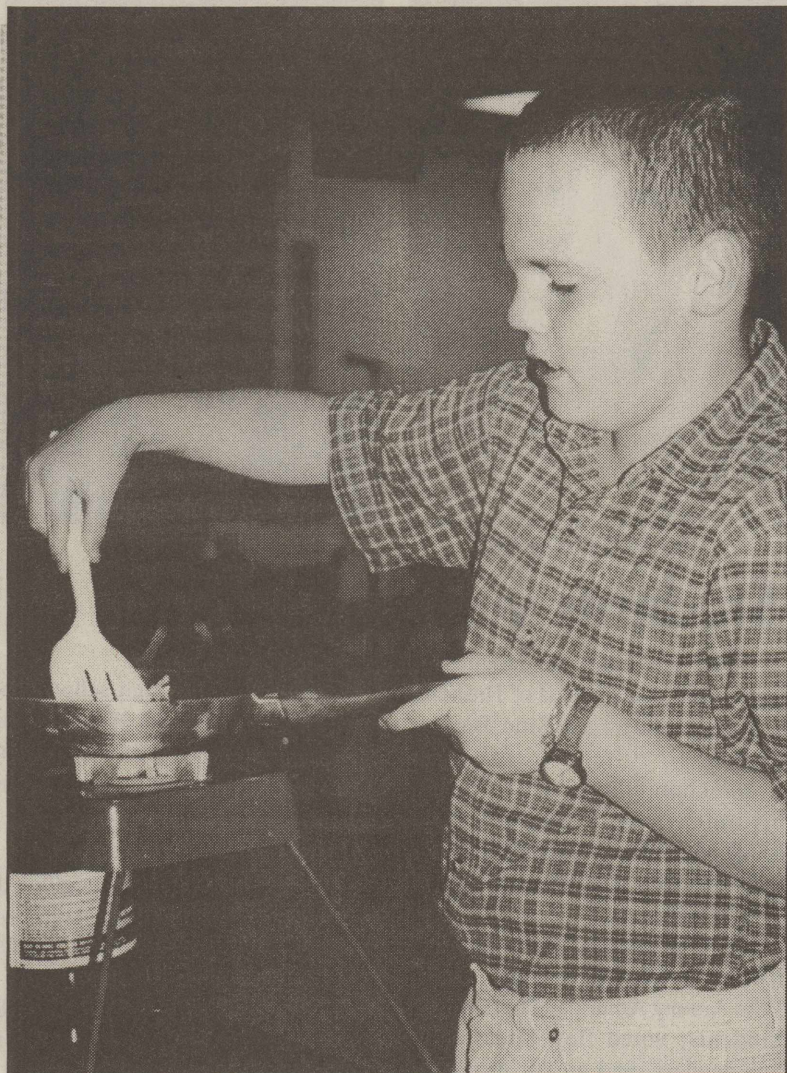
been involved in various food and nutrition related community service projects. Each 4-H club in the county has sponsored a food drive some time during the year either for the NOAH Project or for needy families in their community. Most recently Aubrey Bassett, a Haskell Junior 4-H'er donated her services to bake her prize winning cinnamon rolls for the highest bidder during the NOAH Project's annual silent auction.

Dedicated 4-H Club Managers are the key to the success of Haskell County's 4-H Food & Nutrition Project. Working hard to coordinate Food & Nutrition Project activities for the 2002-2003 4-H year are Club Managers: Debbie Brister, Valiene Bullinger, Renee Dudensing, Tammy Parham, Lynette Tribbey and Faye Ulrich.

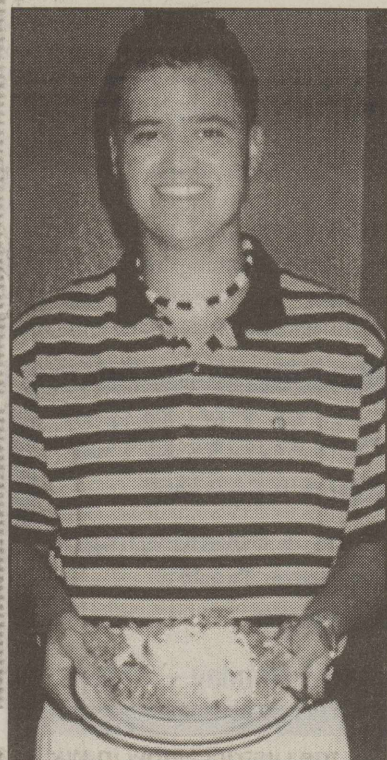
Also, many dedicated older

4-H'ers serve as Junior Leaders to plan and help with various Food & Nutrition Project related activities. These Junior Leaders are Courtney Buerger of Paint Creek; Abby, Emery and Molly Dudensing of Rule; and Caleb Hudgens, Derrick Tribbey and Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell.

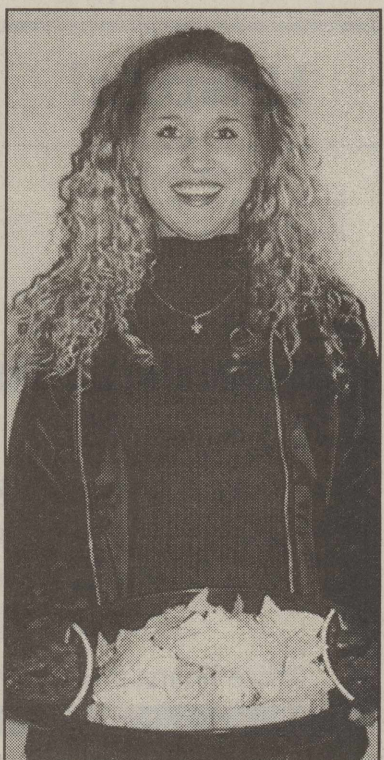
The Clothing Project is getting active at this time planning tours, activities, and contests. If you are interested in participating in the clothing project or any other 4-H project including the Food & Nutrition Project next year, contact the County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658. County Extension Agents available to provide information for you are Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences.



LEARNING TO COOK—Nathan Meredith enjoyed learning how to make crepes during the Haskell County 4-H Food Show.



MAIN DISH WINNER—Caleb Hudgens, Haskell, placed 1st at the District 4-H Food Show in the Main Dish Category with his fruit and chicken salad, and will represent Haskell County and Extension District 3 at the State 4-H Food Show, June 11-12 during Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M.



SNACKS WINNER—Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell, placed 1st at the Dist. 4-H Food Show in the Nutritious Snacks Category with her Game Time Salsa. She will represent Haskell County and Extension Dist. 3 at the State 4-H Food Show June 11-12 during Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Feb. 25.

Upon the recommendation of Bill Steele, Fire Chief, a motion was approved for the Haskell Fire Department to trade their 1980 Peter Bilt truck for a 1989 Ford 9000, with no money being exchanged.

A report was discussed about the County supplying culverts for crossings on highway right of ways.

A motion was accepted to contribute \$750.00 to the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District.

Discussion of an electricity provider for the County was tabled until next meeting.

Rates set by the Court for prisoner's medical charges were: \$10.00 doctor fee; \$5.00 nurse's fee; \$10.00 per prescription pharmacy fee (for one-month supply).

A motion was approved to give quit claim deeds to the State of Texas for parcels of land on the proposed Hwy. 277 reroute.

A resolution to the State of Texas was approved requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct the Highways US 277 and 380 within the city limits of Haskell and also all the sidewalks downtown and areas around downtown Haskell that have deteriorated and are in need of repair.

The appointment of nine members to the Historical Commission was tabled.

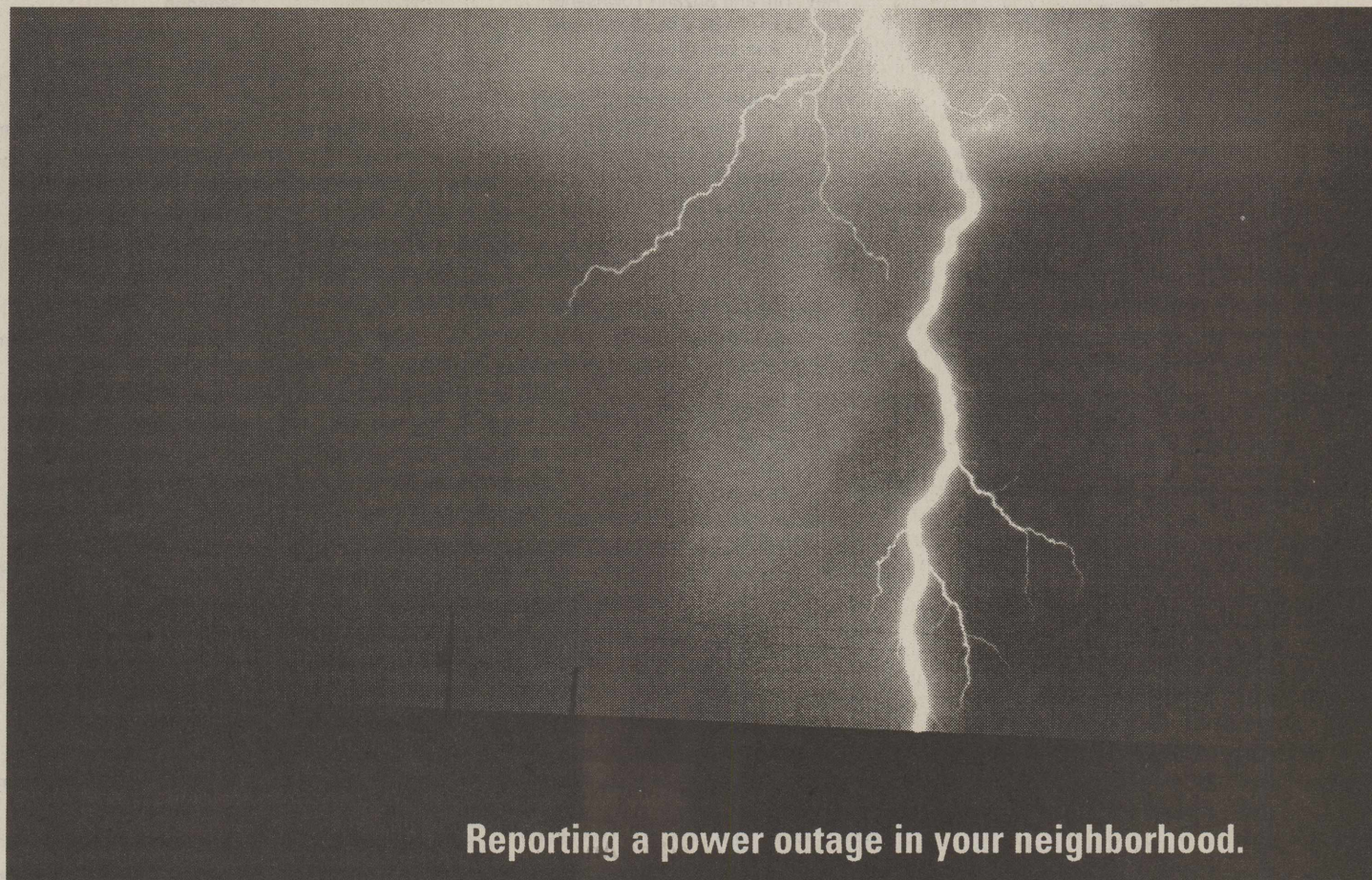
A motion was approved to place a \$250.00 to \$500.00 fine on individuals who do not report controlled burns to the proper authorities.

Donnie Rieger was appointed as a representative to the Aspermont Small Business Board.

A motion was approved to join TASB (Texas Association of School Boards), and to allow Precinct 4 to buy a motor grader through this Co-op.

The Court's Mar. 25 meeting was changed to Mar. 24.

2:45 a.m. Monday



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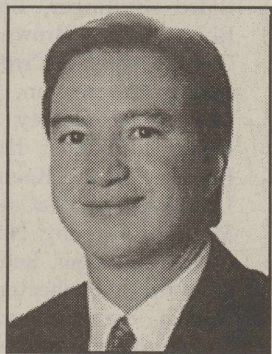
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If you're self-employed, you could qualify for a number of special tax breaks.

Depreciation. You can take a depreciation deduction for the business equipment you buy. There are two breaks in addition to regular depreciation. The 2002 tax law created an extra 30% first-year bonus depreciation deduction for most new business assets bought and placed in service after September 10, 2001. Qualifying assets include equipment, furniture, software, and some leasehold improvements—but not real estate. The law also increased the first-year depreciation limit on business vehicles from \$3,060 to \$7,660.

Then there's the Section 179 deduction that lets small businesses write off up to \$24,000 of equipment purchases made in 2002. This deduction increases this year to \$25,000. Unlike the 30% bonus depreciation, the Section 179 deduction may be claimed on purchases of used assets.

Retirement plans. Self-employed taxpayers can set up a retirement plan and deduct the contributions they make. Retirement plan choices include an IRA, Keogh, SEP, SIMPLE, or 401(k) retirement plan. If you have employees, a plan can be a valuable part of your overall compensation package.

Home office. If you conduct business from your home, you may be entitled to a deduction for home office expenses. You may qualify to write off the business portion of your home utility bills, insurance, maintenance and other expenses.

Other breaks. Health insurance premiums paid by self-employed taxpayers are 70% deductible on 2002 tax returns; they'll be 100% deductible for 2003. You may be able to plan some vacations to combine business with pleasure, which could allow you to deduct part of your travel costs.

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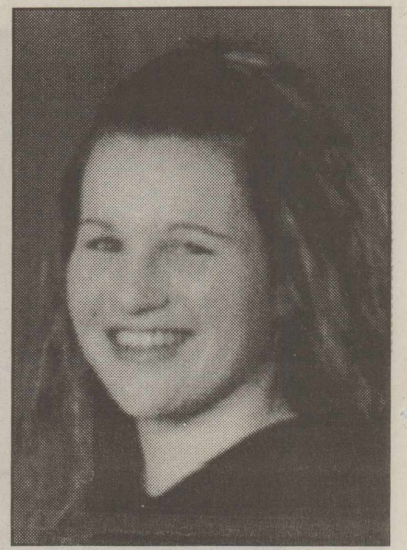
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MARATHON RUNNERS—Carmel Pace of Rule and Bill Markunas of Haskell ran at the Motorola Marathon held in Austin, Feb. 16. Both completed the 26.2 mile event. Pace placed 43rd out of 280 in her age group of Female 40-44 years, in a time of 3:46.40, qualifying for the Boston Marathon in April. Markunas placed 194th out of 1079 in his age group, Male 40-44 years in a time of 3:46.36.



JILLIAN THOMAS



MORGAN COX

Students visit Rotary Club

Jillian Thomas is the daughter of Gary and Reda Thomas of Haskell. She attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school she is active in the National Honor Society, UIL academics, Fellowship of Christian Students, FFA and is cheerleading co-captain.

Special recognitions for her include Academic A-team; Who's Who Among American High School Students; voted Best-Dressed by Senior class, and an All American Cheerleader nominee.

She likes spending time with family and friends, shopping and

running. After finishing high school, she plans to attend either Angelo State University or Hardin-Simmons University to major in biology and earn a degree in physical therapy.

Morgan Cox is the daughter of Bill and Susan Cox of Haskell.

She attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school she is active in softball, band, National Honor Society and is the Mascot.

Her special recognitions include All Tournament softball team at Eula tournament; 2nd Team, All-District softball; All American Mascot nominee and being listed in Who's Who Athletic edition.

She likes horseback riding, spending time with friends, working at Flatlands and bike riding.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech University or Texas State University.

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Reta Farber, Haskell

Dismissals
Pauline Dick, Robert Drinnon,
Herschel Alexander, Doris Martin

This Week's Devotional Message:



We do many things on impulse, in haste and often in anger, and we may live to regret those actions after we've had time to cool off and think it over. We may quit a job because of one unfortunate incident. We might terminate a friendship because of some real or imaginary hurt. We occasionally contemplate a divorce. In any case, if some situation should bring you to a major moment of

decision, give it a lot of thought. Would you really be better off as a result of this action, or would you be sorry perhaps for the rest of your life? If you need help in deciding this, go to your House of Worship and tell your clergyman about it. That is one of the most vital functions of your faith: to point you in the right direction and to help you straighten out your life, once and for all.

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
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
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Paint Creek
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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**
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
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Rochester
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Kyle Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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- 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**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
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The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial enviros customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in enviros rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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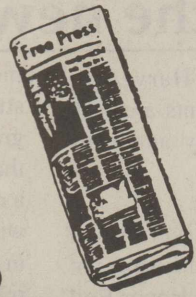
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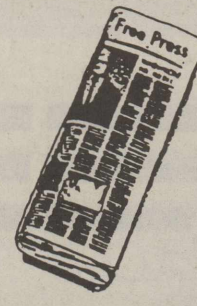
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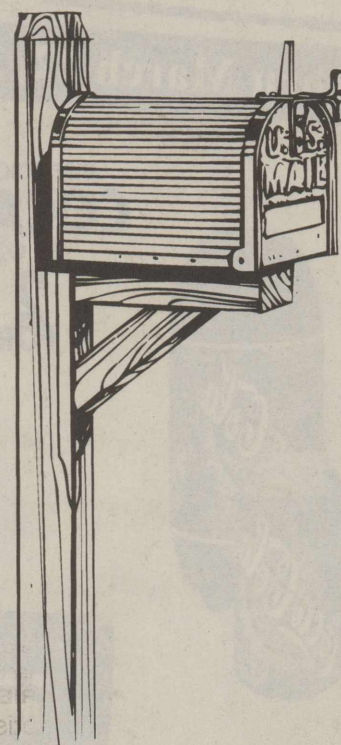
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Our heartfelt thanks for the love, prayers, visits, flowers, food, music, service and expressions of sympathy for our loved one, Rev. Gary O. Bruns. We feel so fortunate to be surrounded by such wonderful people. May God bless you for your kindness and caring.
The Family of Gary Bruns
Martha, Stephanie, Peter
Stacey, Carl, Sara and David

Words cannot express the appreciation and love that we feel for our friends and family in this community. The outpouring of support has carried us through this extremely difficult time. The prayers lifted on Joe's behalf and on the family's behalf have given us strength. The power of your prayers gave us the miracle of time. We needed that time with Joe to let him know how very much he was loved. We were overwhelmed by the abundance of love, food, calls, visits and flowers. Also, we could not have made it through without all of you that helped us plan, organize and just plain think. Times such as this make us proud to be a part of and come from such an amazingly caring community. Thank you again for everything. In honor of Joe, we ask that you please always remember to tell your loved ones how you feel *everyday*.
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AG MECHANICS PROJECT—Members of the Haskell Agriculture Mechanics Team, I-r, Dax Pueschel, Frank Robledo, Rusty Howard, Ross Bullinger, Sean Jeans and T.J. Yates, stand with the blue ribbon winning hog/sheep trailer they planned and constructed along with about 20 other students.

Ag Mechanics team wins with student built trailer

The Haskell FFA entered into a new contest this year that has been raising new interest in the program. At the beginning of the year, the Ag teachers came forward to the newly established Haskell FFA Booster Club and proposed the idea to have

an Ag Mechanics Project Show team. The idea for the team was to involve more students and help them gain awareness of the new shop program in Haskell.

After careful debate, it was decided that the Ag Mech team would build a new hog/sheep trailer to replace the old one. The students were assigned the task of coming up with ideas and concepts for the new trailer, and out of the concepts, one was chosen to be constructed.

About 20 students were involved in some way in helping build and plan the trailer, but the actual show team consisted of Ross Bullinger, Rusty Howard, Frank Robledo, T. J. Yates, Dax Pueschel and Sean Jeans. The students began construction Dec. 1 and completed their project Feb. 15.

The students competed at the San Angelo Ag Mechanics Show where they won their class and competed heavily for the Trailer Division Award. After three days of rest they were off again to compete at the

Houston Ag Mech Show which is the largest Ag Mech show in the state. The show consisted of 650 entries with over 30 classes.

The Haskell FFA Ag Mech team did an excellent job showing their trailer and was awarded a blue ribbon for their workmanship and a 3rd place award. The students came home with a tack room full of new tools, shop equipment, and a ton of new ideas and experience.

The Haskell FFA hopes that this new type of project and learning will increase the school and community's interest in all of their programs. They would also like to say a big thanks to the Haskell FFA Booster Club, the Haskell Administration, and Mathew Cunningham for helping with an excellent paint job. The Haskell FFA is looking for future projects to construct and show.

If anyone is interested in looking at the project or having one constructed, please contact Justin Cox or Kenny Cockerell at 864-3310.

Students in the news

The University of Texas at Arlington had their largest December graduating class in the school's history.

Paula Harvey-McClendon participated in the commencement exercises Dec. 14 and was the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

She is attending the 104th Basic Peace Officer Academy at the Tarrant County College Criminal Justice Training Center in Fort Worth and is employed by the Granbury Police Department.

McClendon is the daughter of

Bennie and Connie Harvey of Haskell. Her grandparents are Jack and Alta Faye Harvey and Lois Golden, all of Haskell.

Tarleton State University of Stephenville has listed the names of students listed on the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2002 semester.

Students on the A Honor Roll is Blayne Davis of Paint Creek. Students on this list maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

The Distinguished Students list

includes freshman and sophomore students with a minimum of 3.25 grade point ratio with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum of 3.50 grade point ratio with no grade lower than C and are in good standing. Students on the list included Blayne Davis of Paint Creek, and Jennifer Nicole Bryan and Mindy Howard, both of Haskell.

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March 3, 2003

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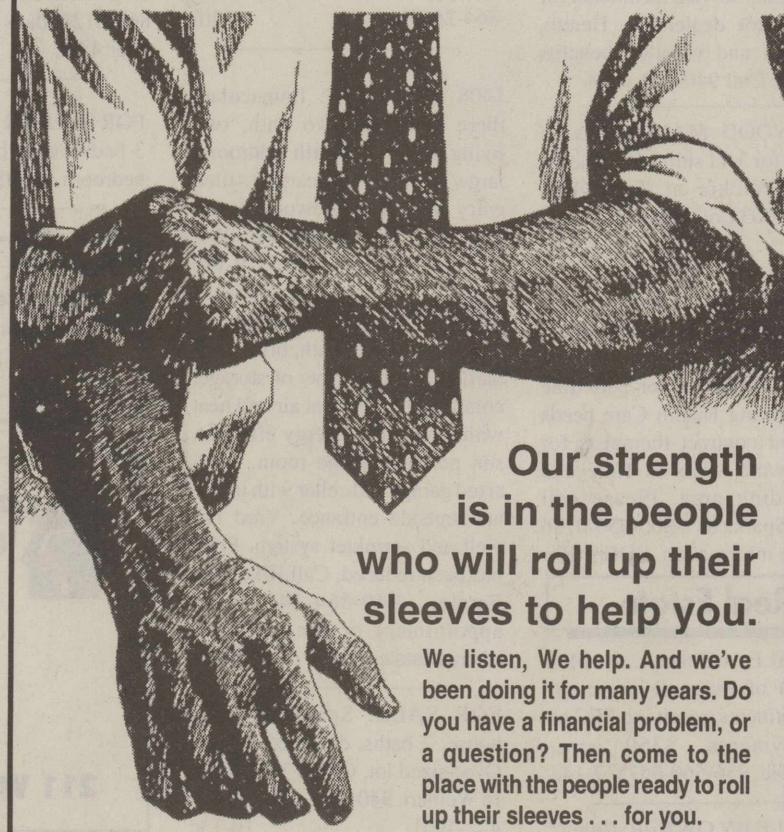
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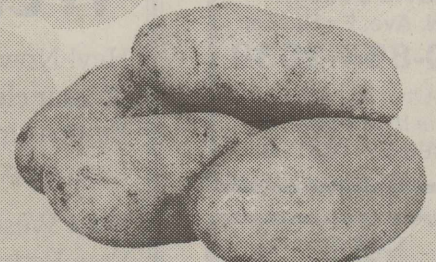


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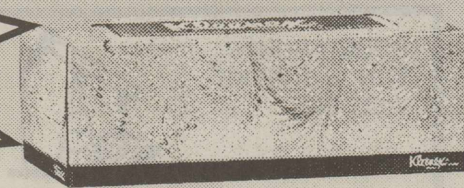


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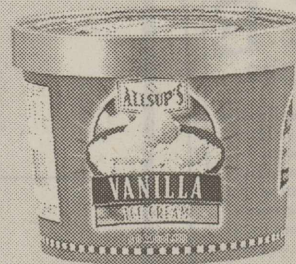
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