

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the May 31 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 24 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 28.

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held June 1 at 5 p.m. For entry forms or information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

### Summer reading

The Haskell Library will start its summer reading program Thurs., June 5 at 2 p.m. The theme is 'Sail Away with Books.' Stories, crafts and a snack will be provided. Awards will be given for reading books. For more information, call the library at 864-2747.

### PC VBS

The Paint Creek Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School for pre-K-sixth grade students May 28 through June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. VBS for teens will be held May 27-31 beginning at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Family night is set for June 1 at 7 p.m.

### Memorial Day

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host Memorial Day services Mon., May 28 at the Rule Cemetery at 7 p.m. to honor those, living or dead, who have served or are serving, our country. John Greeson and John Pike will officiate. Bring your lawn chair and help pay tribute to those who have given their lives to make our country free.

### Gore concert

East Side Baptist Church will host Jeff Gore in concert Sun., June 3 at 6 p.m. Drawing on his personal ranching experience and vast talent, Gore will bring the west alive with stories and songs of cowboy trail drives and ranching from a Christian context. A love offering for Jeff Gore Ministries will be taken.

### State rings fund

The parents of the Rule track team are hosting a benefit catfish supper to help the 18 track team members with the purchase of state championship rings. The rings cost approximately \$300 each. The dinner will be held Sat., May 26 at 6 p.m. in the Rule High School cafeteria. Donations will be accepted. This will be the only fundraiser held for this purpose.

### 50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class' school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755. Additional information will be mailed to those on the mailing list.

### Car wash

The youth group of East Side Baptist Church will host a car wash Sat., June 2. A location will be determined and announced in next week's paper. Proceeds will help pay for camp and other summer activities. Donations will be accepted.

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## Congratulations Graduates

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## Commencement exercises set Friday

A total of 77 high school seniors will receive diplomas in graduation ceremonies this month from the three Haskell County schools, and one from the Rolling Plains Christian Academy, an increase of fifteen in total from last year.

In Haskell, 49 seniors will graduate during the school's commencement exercises at the Indian Stadium, Fri., May 25 at 8 p.m.

Those graduating are: Guadalupe Abila, Scott Agraz, Chambray Bartley, Amber Bingham, Matthew Brown, Paden Brown, Vicente Castillo, Jr., Roxanne Chavez.

Jamarian Delce, Tamisha Dever, Jerrica Escobedo, Shayla Felty, Kayla Fernandez, Ashley Foster, Gary Frierson, Sarah Garcia, Julia Graciano, Stephanie Grand, Teddye Harris, Anthony Hernandez, Jessica Herring, Erin Hise, Jake Jeffrey.

Brittany Jordan, Joshua Kimmel, Andrew Long, Natalie Lopez, Billy Lusk, Kristen Martinez, Diana Mauricio, Mykel McGhee, Kimberly Medford, David Ortiz, Angela Pena, Mark Reyna, Alexa Roberts, Joshua Rodriguez, Justin Rodriguez.

Samantha Rodriguez, Rylie Tatum, Maggie Teague, Jasmine Thomas, Kayla Tidrow, Kellye Tidrow, Gerardo Torres, Janie Walker, Jared Webb, Keith Wilcox, Krystal Wilson.

Valedictorians are Stephanie Grand for Haskell, and Teddye Harris for Rochester. Salutatorian is Kristen Martinez.



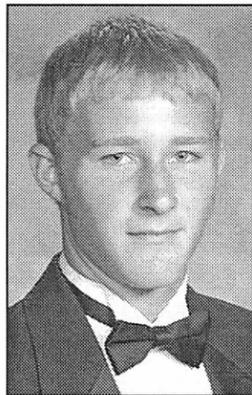
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VALEDICTORIAN  
HASKELL



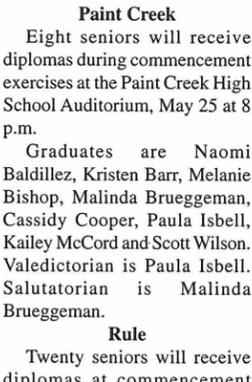
**TEDDYE HARRIS**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
ROCHESTER



**PAULA ISBELL**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
PAINT CREEK



**MATHEW TURNER**  
VALEDICTORIAN  
RULE



**KRISTEN MARTINEZ**  
SALUTATORIAN  
HASKELL

Will Kittley, Kortney Kupatt, Julian Menchaca, Josh Perez, Patty Rodriguez, Arlis Rogers, Kendra Scheets, Heath Trussell.



**MALINDA BRUEGEMAN**  
SALUTATORIAN  
PAINT CREEK

Mathew Turner and Kimberly Williams. Valedictorian is Mathew Turner. Salutatorian is Kortney Kupatt.



**KORTNEY KUPATT**  
SALUTATORIAN  
RULE

Graduating from the Rolling Plains Christian Academy is Home School graduate, Matt Bowers.

## Area citizens attend snakebite seminar

Approximately 50 individuals including nurses, doctors and personnel from area hospitals, emergency services personnel, law enforcement personnel, fire and rescue department personnel and interested citizens attended a seminar on snakebites at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building Wed., May 16.

Presentations were heard from Sergio Vie of Fougere, who brought information on new techniques and drugs used to treat snakebite victims.

He said that the term 'time is tissue' is the new buzz word in snakebite treatment. Individuals who are bitten and those who maybe around them should call 911 and begin getting the victim to a treatment center as soon as possible. Victims should be kept calm with the affected area held

in an area of comfort. The old methods, including making an incision between the punctures and sucking the venom, are no longer recognized as successful treatments; but, rather as treatments that further delay getting the victim to a treatment center promptly. Remove any constricting clothing or jewelry from the victim in anticipation of swelling.

James Lionberger of Hermligh, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Natural Resources Specialist, held a discussion on venomous snake species native to Texas. Most common. Among the fifteen Texas venomous snakes, in this area is the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake.

Lionberger said that snakes go to a food source. Bird feeders, livestock feeders, barns are common hunts for snakes. They

also seek shelter in wood piles, brush piles, trash dumps and storage areas.

When in an area that might be a common location for snakes

•Be careful where you put your hands and feet—don't reach or step until you can see the bottom.

•Never step over a log without first seeing what is on the other side. If you must move a log—use a long stick or garden tool first,

to ensure snakes are neither under, on or around these favored habitats.

•Use a flashlight when moving about, even in your home yard, at night.

•Animal burrows make excellent habitat for snakes—don't reach in without first checking.

•Wear protective clothing if working in areas where you suspect snakes nearby. Heavy footwear, snake proof trousers

and/or leggings will help reduce your risk.

•Freeze when snakes are known to be nearby until you know where they are. Allow the snake to retreat. If you must move, back slowly and carefully away from the snake.

Snakes do not pursue or hunt humans. Bites are usually a result of the snake being surprised or cornered, or from someone handling snakes.

## All Night Party

Haskell County parents will host the All Night Party Fri., May 25 from 10 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. The alcohol free and drug free activity will provide a safe activity for students on graduation night. A dance, inflatable outdoor games and table games are planned. Generous businesses, individuals and clubs in Haskell and Jones counties and around the Abilene area make the event possible.

All students who attended high school during 2006-07 and college students are invited. Dress code will be enforced according to school guidelines.

Admission for senior students is free. Admission for all other students is \$5.

## Graduation issue

Appearing in this edition of the *Haskell Free Press* is our annual graduation section.

Our thanks to all who helped provide senior's pictures for use in this traditional edition featuring photos of Haskell County graduates.

A special thanks to all our advertisers who make this section complete and this edition possible.



**FOOD DRIVE**—Local letter carriers collected food during the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Sat., May 12. Jeff Claterbaugh and Cynthia Kendall are shown with the 713 lbs. of food collected for the local food bank. Other carriers who collected food are Tina Meador, Deward Gordy, Conrad Roewe and Teresa Briles.

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# City Council report

The Haskell City Council met for a called meeting, May 15 at 7:00 a.m. Those attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem, Sue Medford, Councilmen Chan Guess, Bob Smith, Lonnie Meredith, and Randy Bowers, City Administrator, Brandon Anderson, City Secretary, Louetta Wallace, Thomas Rodriguez, Linda St. John, Tom Bassett, Jim Bob Bowers, Jerry Bowers and Janet Bowers.

Mayor Ken Lane called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by Bob Smith.

Mayor Lane canvassed the election results to be 113 for Sue Medford, 134 for Chan Guess, 104 for Randy Bowers, and 94 for Jimmy Roberts. Total ballots cast was 168. The Council accepted the election results.

Mayor Lane administered the oath of office to Sue Medford,

Chan Guess and Randy Bowers.

On a motion by Smith, the Council approved by acclamation, Sue Medford as Mayor Pro Tem.

On a motion by Guess, the Council approved the Atmos Gas Franchise Contract.

On a motion by Meredith, the Council approved the sealed bid from the Haskell County Appraisal District, submitted by Irene Castillo of \$300.00 for the property at 1500 North Ave. A.

On a motion by Smith, the Council approved the bid received from Sooner Scale, Inc. for the scales at the landfill.

A motion by Smith was approved for the proclamation presented by Mayor Lane naming June 14-21 as Certified Nurse Aides Week.

In his report, City Administrator Brandon Anderson said that the time line for working on the creek is to clean out the problem area sometime in June, July or August, depending on the weather and the duties of the city. The city will do the cleaning themselves. The weirs will be repaired and back to original by the end of the calendar year. The city will begin a maintenance plan to be implemented every five years for cleaning the silt.

Anderson reported that the pool is up and running. A training for lifeguards was hosted in Haskell, May 14. The fifth grade will be helping replace the flower bed by the fountain with concrete that will be stained or painted by the fifth grade. Through all of the rain the city is trying to keep the park mowed and kept up for upcoming events.

The list of properties that did not make any progress after their friendly reminder, has been sent on to the municipal judge, and letters are being sent to the landowners. Anderson expressed thanks to everyone who has cleaned up their lots and assisted in making Haskell a better place.

The city has been spraying for mosquitos every day, he said, but with the recent rains the mosquito population is thriving. He urged citizens to use insect repellent, especially on children who may be playing outside, especially around dusk and dawn. Also, he reminded citizens to dump all standing water around their premises, as this is where mosquitos lay their eggs.

The Haskell police force has been working to keep Haskell as safe as possible and has closed many cases over the last couple of months. Officer Mathew Cunningham has taken the drug dog to all county schools over the last few weeks.

Councilman Smith reported that the Assisted Living Center should be about two to four months from breaking ground.

The Council meeting scheduled for May 28 has been cancelled, as that is Memorial Day weekend.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, the Council approved the paying of all bills presented to the council to that date.

# Obituaries

## Nannie Ophelia Ralston Wilson



**NANNIE WILSON**

Funeral services for Nannie Ophelia Ralston Wilson, 82, of Haskell were held Sat., May 12 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Jack Lusk

and T.C. Melton officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Wilson went to be with her Lord and Savior Wed., May 9 at Haskell Healthcare Center.

Born Nov. 4, 1924 in Alvord, Wise County, she was the daughter of William C. and Mary Alice Armstrong Ralston. She married Randolph Wilson Jan. 15, 1942 in Haskell. She served in the ministry with her husband for 50 plus years. She worked as a nurses aid at Rice Springs Care Home for 14 years and after retirement, she volunteered her ministry for another 14 years. A charter member of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, she was a very devoted wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Randolph Wilson of the home; sons, Randy Bob Wilson and wife, Sharon Mae of Livermore, California, and Jonathan Paul Wilson and wife, Shannon Denise of Ralls; daughter, Jennifer Holmes and husband, Alan of O'Brien; sisters, Odessa Pruitt and husband, Sam of Bullhead City, Arizona, and Ruth Cutbirth of Magnolia; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Building Fund, 1600 North First Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 or Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604. PD. NOTICE

## Rev. Kenneth Wayne Andress



**REV. KENNETH ANDRESS**

Celebration of life services for Rev. Kenneth Wayne Andress, 74, of Abilene were held Sat., May 19 at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Rev. Andress went to be with the Lord Wed., May 16 at the home of his son in San Angelo after a length illness in the hospital.

Born Sept. 16, 1932 in Haskell, he was the son of Oscar Herly and Willie Velma Andress. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1950. He moved to Arizona where he worked in the copper mines and later started a mission church in Miami, Arizona. He married Betty Nell

Lytle Dec. 24, 1951 in Globe, Arizona. They later returned to Texas and he graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He pastored Buford Baptist Church, First Baptist Church in Westbrook, Westside Baptist Church in Big Spring, Hillcrest Baptist Church in Carlsbad, New Mexico, First Baptist Church in Monahans, First Baptist Church in Snyder, First Baptist Church in Killeen, and Southside Baptist Church in Palestine where he retired after 48 years of full-time pastoral ministry. After retiring, Ken and Betty moved to Abilene, where he served as interim pastor in several Baptist churches, and also ministered as Chaplain for Hospice of the Big Country for the past 8 years, retiring in December 2006.

He was a dedicated worker for the Lord Jesus Christ all of his life. He loved the Lord, he loved his family, he loved the church, and he loved his many friends and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Herly Andress; his mother, Willie Velma Andress; and infant brother,

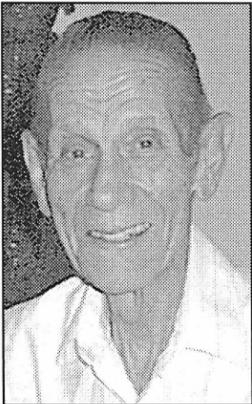
Oscar Herly Andress Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Andress of Abilene; children, Mike and Kristi Andress of San Angelo, Paula and Terry Bowden of Snyder, and Vance and Cindy Andress of Excelsior, Minnesota; grandchildren, Allison Bowden of Midland; Jeremy and Alisha Bowden of Granbury; Ashley and Jim Honea, Anna and Stephen Heimbecker, Emily and Derek Rogers, all of San Angelo; Erin and Chaz Sloan of Oklahoma City; Regan Andress and Timothy Andress of Excelsior, Minnesota; and five great grandchildren, Triston and Ty Bowden, Ryann and Cullen Honea, and Caleb Sloan; two sisters, Melva Everett of Haskell and Olien Elmore of O'Brien.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, or Hospice of San Angelo.

"I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith; therefore there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8). PD. NOTICE

## Claude 'Buddy' LeRoy Thomas



**BUDDY THOMAS**

Funeral services for Claude 'Buddy' LeRoy Thomas, 89, of Haskell were held Mon., May 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery

under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Thomas died Fri., May 18 in Haskell.

Born Sept. 23, 1917 in Haskell, he was the son of the late William Thomas and Josephine Toliver Thomas Johnson. He married Madge Leona Reese Jan. 13, 1940 in Haskell. He served in the Navy for three years during World War II aboard the USS Endymion Are in the South Pacific. Later while living in Kentucky in 1958, he was sponsored to become a Mason. He held the 32nd Degree, sharing the common moral, ethical and spiritual beliefs of these good men. In 1966, he started T & T Drapery Company which later became known as Thomas Draperies in Dallas. He and

Madge moved back to Haskell in 1995 with their mini-blind business, Big Country Blinds. He retired in 2003 at the age of 86. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William and Forrest Thomas; granddaughter, Jeri-Gayle Thomas; and daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Thomas.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 67 years, Madge; two sons, Charles and wife, Ginger of Grapevine, and Randy and wife, Suzanne of Arlington; grandchildren, DeWayne and wife, Darlene of Irving, Kenneth Thomas of Houston, Tracy Herzik and husband, Chris of Grapevine; great grandchildren, Michael and Shanna Thomas and Katie Herzik. PD. NOTICE

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# Knox County museum plans fund-raisers

At the May 8, Knox County Historical Commission meeting several museum fund-raisers were planned for the summer.

The first event will be held Sat., June 2 at 8 a.m. at the Perry Patton Center, as part of the annual city wide Munday garage sale.

The June garage sale fundraiser has become one of the major fund-raisers for the museum over the last few years. Donated items from all over the county fill the center and include everything from greeting cards to furniture and appliances. Many things are used, and others are new with price tags still attached.

All Knox County residents are invited to clean out closets, garages, and store rooms. The center will be receiving donations at the Perry Patton Center Fri., June 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. If you need help taking donated items to the center, contact a member of Friends of Knox County Historical Commission in your community, or call 459-2229.

The second event is the bake sale at the museum in Benjamin on June 30, a few days before the July 4 holiday. Cakes, pies, cookies, and any baked goods will be welcomed. Breakfast burritos and coffee will also be served that morning, beginning at

7:30 a.m.

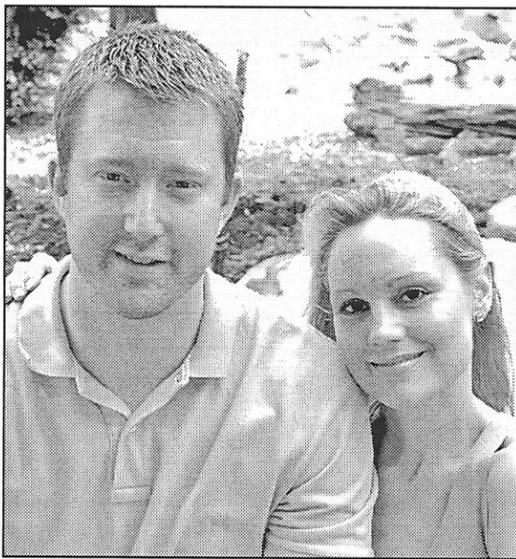
The third summer museum event will be the home made ice cream sale at the Knox City Watermelon Festival July 28. Volunteers can make ice cream, help at the booth, or help out by buying cold cups of ice cream for all the family. This project is always a fast sell out on a hot summer day.

Knox County cook books and historical calendars will be available at all three summer events. If you plan on giving cook books for Christmas, you might want to get them now, the supply is dwindling.

All brick and stone orders will be sent to the engravers the first week of June, anticipating the arrival of the finished product in September.

Inside construction at the museum has made a lot of progress lately. It is looking great. Much of the construction help is coming from volunteers so the pace may be slower than some expert, but because of volunteers, whether in raising money or raising the building, what you see at the museum site is and will be paid for when you see it.

The best thing about our efforts to raise money for the museum, is the cooperation of the Knox County people and friends.



CASEY BURGESS - SHAUNA ELLIS

## Ellis, Burgess to marry

Bernice Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burgess announce the engagement of Shauna Rene Ellis and Brian Casey Burgess.

The bride-elect is the Mission Coordinator for Stonebriar Community Church in

Frisco. Burgess is the Marketing Specialist for Burl Wood's State Farm Insurance Agency in Plano.

The couple is planning a family wedding in Graham, June 9. They will reside in Allen.

## Births

Cody and Michele Josselet of Abilene announce the birth of their son, Dylan Alexander Josselet, born March 27 at 8:35 a.m. in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 9 lbs. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by

his sisters, Bethany and Allison. Grandparents are Buford and Cheryl Berryhill of Munday and Danny and Vickie Josselet of Haskell.

Norma Lowry of Abilene is his great grandmother.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Sammy and Michael Hawkins of Aspermont visited with Joyce Hawkins Thursday morning.

Gary Richard Hufhines of Dimmett and Russel Magby of Lubbock came to Lake Stamford on Friday and returned home on Sunday. While here, they visited with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum.

Gary and Vickie Hawkins of Haskell had a little excitement at their home on Sunday when Vickie went out to feed their dog and found a four foot rattlesnake in the dog's pen.

Florence Larned went to Abilene last Saturday and met her son and family, Johnny Larned of New Braunfels for a short visit.

## Antiperspirants do not cause breast cancer

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Have you heard the rumor about antiperspirants or deodorants causing breast cancer? Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council would like to put your mind at ease regarding this false claim—antiperspirants do not cause breast cancer.

Researchers from both the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) say "there is no conclusive evidence linking the use of underarm antiperspirants or deodorants and the subsequent development of breast cancer."

You might also wonder why doctors tell women not to use antiperspirant or deodorant on the day of a mammogram. The American Cancer Society says the reason for this request is that

"many of these products contain aluminum, which is a metal and can show up on a mammogram as tiny specks in the area." These specks can look like a possible sign of cancer on the mammogram film. By avoiding the use of these products, you can help prevent any confusion when the radiologist looks at the mammogram films.

If you are concerned about breast cancer, talk with your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider about your risk. You can also reduce your risk of developing or dying from breast cancer by avoiding or limiting the use of hormone replacement therapies, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, avoiding excessive alcohol consumption, and getting regular mammograms and clinical breast exams.

## Be careful with insect sprays

Spring in Texas lasts only two weeks, or so it seems. During this time, avid gardeners spend most of their days outside planting and tending to their beds—some growing flowers, some vegetables, some everything in between.

Either way, insects are bound to be a problem for both gardener and plants, and insect repellants will no doubt be the solution. DEET is among the most common chemicals and is wonderful at repelling insects.

"While these are not a problem, there are certainly exceptions like excess use or sensitive individuals," said K.C. Donnelly, Ph.D., professor at the Texas A&M Health Science

Center School of Rural Public Health. "Always use the insecticides according to the directions, as overexposure can be hazardous to your health. Exposure to insecticides over many years can have long-term health effects, as well."

According to Dr. Donnelly, never use unlabeled pesticides. Always follow directions, and when seeking medical care in the event of exposure to eyes, nose, mouth or other sensitive areas, take the pesticide container along, as the physician will need the ingredient information. Also, wash everything very well before eating, as ingesting pesticides can be very dangerous.

## ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., May 28  
Lunch—closed  
Wed., May 30  
Lunch—BBQ sausage, green beans, scalloped potatoes, onion, pickle, garlic toast, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



## Graduation Gifts Galore!

Many area seniors have made selections.

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## Memorial Day

Monday, May 28  
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## Bridal Registry

Shauna Spratt and Casey Burgess  
Kendra Scheets and Jeremy Sorrells  
Kate Wullbrandt and Kyle Michaels  
Jana Saffel and Mike Joiner  
Nicole Urbanczyk and Levi Pate  
Leslie Grand and James Jeanes  
Brittany Lindsey and Zack Coker  
Chelsea Ramaekers and Geoffrey Phemister  
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The Drug Store will be closed Monday, May 28.

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**Graduates have made selections!**

Amber Bingham	Kristen Martinez
Jerrica Escobedo	Diana Mauricio
Shayla Felty	Kimberly Medford
Stephanie Grand	Samantha Rodriguez
Teddy Harris	Alexa Roberts
Sarah Garcia	Maggie Teague
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Perry vetoes House version of toll road legislation

AUSTIN—On May 18 Gov. Rick Perry vetoed HB 1892, legislation that would have preserved local control over toll road projects in the North Texas and Houston regions and placed a two-year moratorium on the governor's massive new toll road plan.

Perry wants a bill that will centralize control through the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT would execute his Trans Texas Corridor plan, a statewide matrix of toll road projects to be built and run by Zachry, a San Antonio-based firm, and Cintra, a Spanish company.

In his explanation of the veto, Perry said HB 1892 "jeopardizes billions of dollars of infrastructure investment and invites a potentially significant reduction in federal transportation funding."

"Projects important to fast-growth communities would be placed on hold without alternative financing mechanisms to get them constructed. Even more egregiously, the bill serves to break up the state highway system by permitting local control over state assets," Perry said.

Perry's hopes are now pinned to SB 792, a bill similar to HB 1892 but amended to address highway infrastructure issues in a manner more acceptable to him. The House passed SB 792 with amendments. The Senate did not concur with the House amendments, so the bill will be considered by a conference committee.

The governor has threatened to call a special session if the final version of the bill doesn't suit him.

### Little time left to deal with bills

Countdown to the May 28 end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature is in single digits.

Various deadlines governing the fate of bills come almost daily. There is competition to get bills placed on House and Senate floor calendars before it's too late.

### Keffer files to run for speaker

Beyond the bubbling vat of bills is a race for speakership of the House. Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, on May 15 announced his intention to challenge standing Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, for that high office.

Keffer suggested three terms are enough for anyone to be speaker. Craddick is completing his third term.

But Craddick, 63, made it plain he wants a fourth term, putting to rest any speculation that he feels like he has had enough time on the rollercoaster. His wife approves. "I have talked to Nadine and I fully intend to run for speaker. The paperwork was already filed last February," Craddick said.

The announcement by Keffer means a long campaign to wage until the 2009 session. And, it is likely Keffer won't be the only House member challenging Craddick. Names that come easily to mind are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, and Brian McCall, R-Plano.

Pitts and McCall already attempted to unseat Craddick at the beginning of the present session. They could try again.

### Jessica's Law heads to governor

The House and Senate agreed to compromise language on HB 8, "Jessica's Law" legislation enacting new charges and tougher penalties for sexually violent acts against children younger than 14.

The bill, by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, will make sexually violent offenders subject to penalties ranging from a 25-year minimum sentence on a first offense to the death penalty for repeat offenses.

Certain offenders also would be denied parole and subjected to GPS monitoring should they ever be released from prison, the author said.

And, HB 8 directs the Texas attorney general's office to support local prosecutors in pedophile cases.

Gov. Perry is expected to sign the bill, which is written to take effect Sept. 1.

In a related matter, Perry already has signed another piece of legislation that requires the Department of Public Safety to collect detailed information on sexual assaults that occur in Texas.

HB 76 by Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, addresses a lack in statewide statistics on sexual assault. Under their bill, what will be collected is information about the offender, the offender's relationship to the victim, any weapons used and any injuries sustained by the victim.

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"IT MEANS LOTS OF BRAVE FOLKS'LL NEVER BE BACK..."

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago May 22, 1997

Jodie Reel and Amy Barbour were named Mr. and Miss Pirate at the Paint Creek High School awards banquet.

Members of the Haskell Indian baseball team named to the district 9-2A District baseball team included first team, Joe Salinas, Corey Breckel, Will Trammell, Jim Crawford and Timmy Masias. Making the second team were Greg Rodriguez and John Adam Abila. Chancey Pogue was named most valuable player.

Melissa Long was recognized with the "Extra Mile Award" for her work as Floyd County Home Extension Agent. Long is the daughter of the former County Judge B.O. Roberson and Mrs. Roberson. She is a graduate of Haskell High School.

### 20 Years Ago May 21, 1987

Rebecca Curtis of Hamlin was crowned as queen of the 1987 Haskell Rodeo and Frontier Days.

Mark Young won the gold medal for the 800 meter run in the state track meet.

Matt Lane, junior; Pam McGhee and Jana Payne, freshmen; have not missed a day of school.

Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Snell of Aztec, New Mexico and Wanda Hall and Mrs. C.M. Masoner of Kansas City, Kansas visited in the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe.

### 30 Years Ago

Joe Wiley Josselet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Josselet, is scheduled to receive an Associate in Applied Arts degree from Lubbock Christian College.

The piano students of Mrs. J.F. Cadenhead Sr., will be presented in recital. Students are Becky Gholson, Joan Barnett, Gail Barnett, Helen Mary Cadenhead, Denise Perry, Bobby Perry, Deanna Robertson, Terry Walton, Doris Wooten, Becky Alexander, Lisa Stocks, Danny Stocks, Carol Hosea, Gina Lancaster, Cindy Short, Donald Jones, Billy Stone

### May 19, 1977

Participating in the 4-H Share-The-Fun team were Mark Lewis, Kim Campbell, Lynn Weatherly, JoAnn Cloud, Stan Hager, David Gray, Rod Townsend and Russ Lewis.

Valedictorian of the Rule High School class is Eddie Brass. Salutatorian is Wes Kittley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hartsfield and children, Danny and Linda, are home for a few days in between college.

Mrs. Cecil Crow of Hillsboro visited her sisters, Mrs. Paul Dick, Mrs. J.E. Walling, and Mrs. G.H. Muegge.

### 40 Years Ago May 18, 1967

The Haskell Indians have elected Derrel Davis, Tim Everett and Ray Herren as team captains.

Theresa Abbott and Pamela Reeves have been nominated to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girl's in Austin.

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### 50 Years Ago May 23, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Landess and children, Cathy and Joe, of San Angelo were visitors during the weekend in the home of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Landess.

Robert D. Starr has signed a letter of intent to enroll in Baylor University, according to HHS Coach Jess Stiles.

Bobby Jack Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Price, will graduate from McMurry College.

Kenneth W. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Howard, received the Texas Christian University Natural Science trophy.

Mrs. Lester Smith and daughter of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Bert Harrison.

### 100 Years Ago May 25, 1907

Dr. J.E. Linsey of Rule returned from the coast country where he spent several weeks for the benefit of his health.

Dr. Albert G. Gebbard of Cleburne has located in Haskell to practice his profession.

George Andruss, Ollie Henderson and D.H. Bell left on a fishing expedition to Elm Creek in Throckmorton County.

Collins and Brewer have moved their confectionery and cold drink business into the new Oates Building on the west side of the square.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Protecting Texans

**From Medicaid Fraud**  
Safeguarding the \$17 billion Texas Medicaid program from waste, fraud and abuse is a complex and difficult task that requires many partners.

Medicaid is a joint state-federal initiative that provides health care to needy Texans. To reduce abuse, the program makes payments directly to Medicaid providers. Unfortunately, some providers think they can take advantage of the system and bill Medicaid for services to the poor that were never really provided. Fortunately, Texas has a tight-knit community of law enforcement officials who work together to crack down on Medicaid fraud and protect taxpayer dollars.

The Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) works with local and federal law enforcement to protect senior Texans from physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and fraudulent reimbursement claims for services or products not provided.

For example, MFCU investigators are working with the Ellis County District Attorney's Office to investigate and prosecute theft in a Waxahachie nursing home. MFCU investigators found evidence that the nursing home's office manager stole from 110 residents. Her elaborate scheme, which involved moving money through various accounts and forging 145 checks, accounted for \$350,000 in diverted funds. The woman also controlled an individual resident's personal check book, and wrote checks totaling more than \$34,000 from that account.

Last month, the suspect was indicted on theft charges. The MFCU is jointly prosecuting the case with the Ellis County District Attorney's Office.

The Office of the Attorney General also works closely with federal law enforcement agencies. In March, the MFCU, with special agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice investigated the owner of a Dallas ambulance company.

MFCU investigators found that an ambulance company owner used his company to defraud the state Medicaid program by falsely certifying dialysis patients for ambulance trips. A jury found that the owner and his company had obtained \$750,000 from the fraudulent scheme and convicted him on 40 counts of health care fraud.

Increased funding from the Texas Legislature has enabled the Office of the Attorney General to dramatically expand the MFCU. To save additional taxpayer dollars and improve protection for Texas seniors, the unit, which handles allegations of criminal fraud and abuse, has established field offices in Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, San Antonio and Tyler.

Some police departments have also created specialized task forces, such as the Special Victims Unit in El Paso, which conducts domestic violence and senior abuse prevention training. These initiatives offer valuable resources and services to victims and families.

Protecting Texas taxpayers and families from Medicaid fraud abuse is an on-going battle, but thanks to cooperative effort by law enforcement, Texas is winning this fight.

## Check your home for electrical hazards

Your home is your castle, whether you live in a tiny studio apartment in the city or a sprawling mansion in the suburbs. But is your castle really as safe and secure as you think?

Most people don't realize the potential danger posed by electrical hazards hidden in the walls of their homes or lying unseen on their grounds. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, over 400 people are electrocuted in the United States every year. An additional 500 lives are claimed and nearly 1.6 billion in property damage is caused by electrically-related fires. Given these alarming statistics and with May as National Electrical Safety Month, now is a good time to follow this checklist to ensure your "castle" is truly safe.

Don't overload outlets. With power strips and surge protectors, it's all too easy to add more appliances to an outlet than it was

designed to handle. By overloading circuits you can create a fire hazard.

Outlets and switches. Replace any outlet or switch that has broken parts or cracks, feels warm to the touch, or has plugs that hang loose.

Power cords and extension cords. Examine power and extension cords for fraying or cracking. Replace taped-over cords, or those showing wear. Never run cords or extensions under carpets, rugs, or furniture, where damage might be hidden.

Use of power tools. Don't use power tools, even if they are properly grounded, in wet or damp spots.

Install GFCIs and test them monthly. GFCIs (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) have prevented hundreds of electrocutions and untold numbers of injuries since the early 1970s. The National Electrical Code requires GFCI-

equipped outlets in rooms with a water source or damp ground such as kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, crawlspaces, and in outdoor locations like hot tubs or poolside, where they should be equipped with weatherproof covers. Testing them is simple. Just follow these three easy steps:

1. Plug a lamp or radio into the GFCI. Turn on the lamp or radio.

2. Press the TEST button. Lamp or radio should go off.

If the lamp or radio doesn't go off, the GFCI is damaged or was miswired during installation. Please call a qualified electrician.

3. Press the RESET button. Lamp or radio should come back on.

If the lamp or radio doesn't come back on, the GFCI is damaged and must be replaced. Please call a qualified electrician.

If you are not sure that your GFCI is testing and resetting properly for any reason, play it safe and call a qualified electrician. Be sure to make your safety inspection a yearly habit and hire a licensed electrician to conduct an in-depth inspection every ten years.

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Slow down in work zones



**COOKING CREW**—Cooking the fish for Sunday's Noah Project-North fish fry were front row, l-r, Joey Thomas, Roy Wright, Frank Jenkins, Bill Baker, Gaston Tidrow, James Wittenborn and Eddie Klose; back row, Butch Hertel, Bobby Jenkins, Kevin Hertel, Wes Alsabrook, Randy Shaw, Jackie Reed and Mathew Cunningham. Not picture is Kyle White.



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—The Haskell Bass Club held the first annual Haskell Bass Tournament April 28 at Stamford Lake. Cary Hogue of Albany, left, with a 13.55 lbs. stringer won first place overall. Taking the Big Fish honors with a three fish stringer weighing 6.10 lbs. was John Welker of Wichita Falls, left. Top seven finishers were Hogue, Richard Lancaster of Breckenridge, 13.3 lbs.; Dewey Nichols of Abilene, 12.55 lbs.; Jeremiah Isbell of Haskell, 12.20 lbs.; Rusty Hollar of Seymour, 12.05 lbs.; Buddy Seale of Abilene, 11.80; and Alan Riney of Abilene, 11.70 lbs. A total of \$3500 was paid out in cash and prizes during the tournament.

## Common Medicare questions

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Medicare and the many coverages from Medicare can be quite confusing. Below are some commonly asked questions about Medicare that Andrew Crocker, Extension Gerontology Health Specialist, recently shared. Hopefully this information will answer some of your questions as well.

**What is Medicare?**  
Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease. Medicare has many programs from which one may choose.

**Part A:** Most people do not pay a premium for Part A because they or a spouse already paid for it through payroll taxes. One qualifies for Part A after working and paying taxes for 40 quarters (approximately 10 years). Medicare Part A helps cover inpatient care in hospitals as well as skilled nursing facilities; however, Medicare does not pay for long-term care (nursing home, assisted living, etc.). It may also help cover hospice care and some home health care.

**Part B:** Part B is completely optional and most people pay a monthly premium for it. Medicare Part B helps cover doctors' office visits and outpatient care, such as lab tests. It also covers some other medical services that Part A does not cover, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and some home health care. Part B helps pay for these covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary.

While the monthly premium for Part B may go up each year, those who do not sign up when they first become eligible, usually within six months of turning 65, may pay higher monthly premiums as a penalty. Programs are available to beneficiaries who meet certain income requirements to reduce or eliminate their monthly premium and/or deductible.

**Part D:** Part D is completely optional and most people pay a monthly premium for this coverage. Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to all Medicare beneficiaries. If a beneficiary signs up for this coverage, it may help lower prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future. While Medicare lends its name to this program and oversees it, coverage is provided by private companies.

While the monthly premium for Part D may go up each year,

those who do not sign up when they first become eligible, usually within six months of turning 65, may pay higher monthly premiums as a penalty. However, those beneficiaries who can prove they had existing prescription drug coverage during that time may be able to have their penalty waived. Programs are available to beneficiaries who meet certain income requirements to reduce or eliminate their monthly premium and/or deductible.

**Medicare Advantage:** Medicare Advantage Plans work more like private insurance and are usually administered by private companies but are still part of the Medicare program. If you join one of these plans, you generally get all your Medicare-covered health care through that plan. Medicare Advantage Plans may include Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMOs), Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), Private Fee-for-Service Plans and/or Medicare Special Needs Plans.

When you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you use the insurance card that you get from the plan. In many plans, there may be extra benefits and lower co-payments than in Original Medicare (Parts A and B). However, you may have to see specific health providers that belong to the plan or go to certain hospitals to get services.

To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must have Medicare Part A and Part B. You will have to pay your monthly Medicare Part B premium to Medicare. In addition, you might have to pay a monthly premium to your Medicare Advantage Plan for the extra benefits that they offer.

Where can I get information about all the changes with Medicare?

The best way to find information about changes to Medicare is to go directly to the source: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, also known as CMS.

Changes to Medicare are usually only made once per year and go into effect the following January. As such, every year, usually in October, CMS produces and distributes a publication entitled "Medicare & You" followed by the applicable year (for instance, in 2007 the publication was called "Medicare & You 2007"). A copy of this publication is mailed to each Medicare beneficiary and is also available for download from the Medicare website in English and Spanish. Keep this publication until the next year's publication is mailed or available for download from the Medicare

website.

**What is MediGap?**  
MediGap is a common name given to any number of supplemental, or back-up, insurance plans that may help cover some of the costs not covered by Medicare. MediGap plans are standardized and titled A through L, each with particular benefits available. In Texas, you may visit the Texas Department of Insurance website for a list of plans and their benefits: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/consumer/medsup.html>.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent-Jane Rowan at 864-2546. You may also contact Medicare by phone 800.MEDICARE (800-633-4227) or the Internet: <http://www.medicare.gov>. Your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or State Unit on Aging may also be able to provide information about Medicare. In Texas, you may call your local AAA at 800-252-9240 or Department of Aging and Disability Services at 512-438-3011.

## USDA announces new rate

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has announced that loan rate adjustments for the 2007 crops of upland and extra long staple (ELS) cotton are now available online.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers loans on behalf of CCC.

Tables of 2007-crop upland and ELS cotton loan rate adjustments for individual quality factors can be found on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Price Support, then Loan Rates. The Web site also includes loan rates for the base grade of upland cotton at each approved warehouse location.

FSA uses the schedules to administer CCC nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for producers. The schedules include characteristics such as color, grade, staple length and leaf content. They are used to determine loan rates for particular zones in the United States. FSA

used the same procedures for the 2006 cotton crop loan rate adjustments to determine the 2007 premiums and discounts.

USDA will apply the 2007-crop loan rate adjustments to national average CCC loan rates of 52.00 cents per pound (the same as 2006) for upland cotton and 79.77 cents per pound (also

unchanged) for ELS cotton.

Nonrecourse marketing assistance loans provide producers financing to store harvested crop production rather than immediately selling the crop. Marketing loans help ensure an orderly distribution of commodities to the marketplace throughout the year.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 840 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 19, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

363 steers and bulls, 277 heifers, 200 cows and bulls were sold. 74 sellers and 33 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .52-.56; cutters, .5750-.64; canners, .40-.46.

Bulls: bologna, .6750-.74, feeders, .86-.95.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.55-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.51; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.25; 500-600

lbs., 1.10-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.00-1.11; 700-800 lbs., 1.06-1.10; 800-up lbs., .95-1.08.

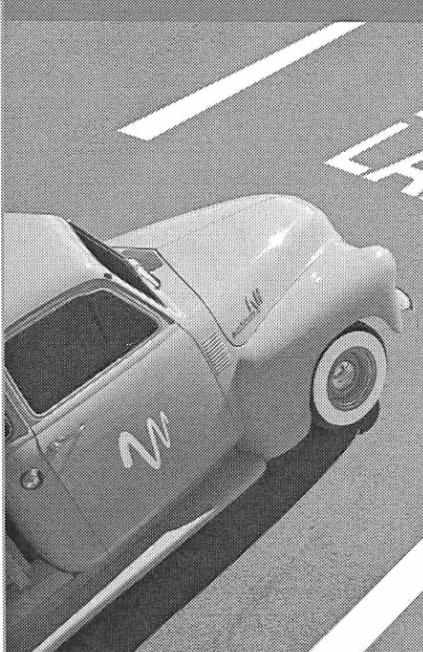
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.27-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.29; 400-500 lbs., 1.22-1.25; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.22; 600-up lbs., .95-1.14.

Bred heifers: medium frame 600-775.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 800-925; aged or small, 600-800.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 800-1260; older, 600-800.

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## Ceiling fans

If your home has ceiling fans, it's important to make sure they're installed properly.

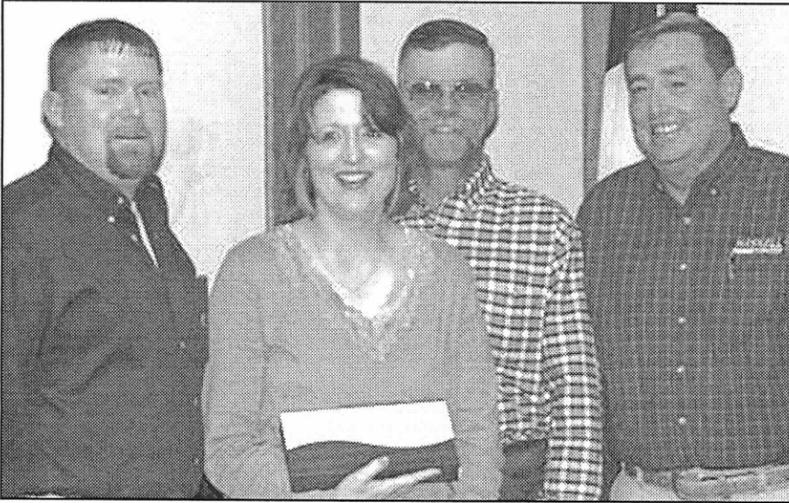
The blades on the fan shouldn't droop or hang and need to be fastened securely to the fan. Ceiling fans shouldn't appear to be loose or make any abnormal noises while in use.

If any of your fans wobble or are unbalanced, you should be able to fix the problem with an inexpensive balancing kit that you can find at your local building supply store.

If you can't fix the wobble, contact a professional for additional assistance.

Good luck, graduates

# Haskell FFA holds annual awards program



**APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS**—The Haskell FFA 2006-07 Appreciation Award winners Cheryl and Wayne Hutchinson, center. Representing Haskell FFA are Advisors, Justin Cox, left, and Kenny Cockerell, far right.

The Haskell FFA held its annual awards program Fri., May 18. The program began with the recognition all of the greenhands (first year members) and chapter (second year) members.

LDE and CDE teams were recognized and awarded certificates of achievement. The Radio team and the Ag Issues teams were recognized for their participation in the state LDE Contest in the fall. They each received garment bags with their names on them.

Livestock exhibitors were recognized and those who placed an animal at a major show also received a bag.

Jr. FFA members for the 2006-07 year were recognized

for their participation in FFA. Two appreciation awards including Bryan McCulloch, high school principal, who was awarded an appreciation award for his dedication to the FFA. McCulloch has traveled numerous miles this year helping kids get back and forth to contest. He is also a great supporter of the FFA. Cheryl and Wayne Hutchinson were awarded a set of knives for their hard work and countless hours spent helping livestock show exhibitors. They are wonderful FFA supporters as well.

The James Bevel Memorial academic award was awarded to two outstanding seniors, Teddye Harris and Chambray Bartley.

Stephanie Grand was recognized for advancing in the Texas FFA Scholarship process. She will be interviewing for a FFA academic award in June.

The evening ended with the installation of new officers. The 2007-08 officer team includes Lauren Newton, president; Kimie Hutchinson, vice president; Paige Adams, secretary; Tyler Reese, treasurer; Cody McLemore, reporter; Miranda Johnson, sentinel; Shelby Still, student advisor; James Williams, parliamentarian; Ethan Frierson, historian; and Kayce Wilcox, chaplain. The new officers will be attending Area II Leadership Camp in June in Big Spring.

## Composting saves money and helps protect the environment

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Each year millions of tons of leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs, weeds, organic debris and other yard wastes end up in Texas landfills. This volume represents about 20 percent of all trash placed in landfills. It costs Texans over \$250 million a year to collect and dispose of yard wastes.

Putting these materials to use instead of throwing them away can save money and preserve and protect the environment for all Texans.

What is compost? Compost is a part of the natural process of decomposition. Leaves drop from trees. Grass clippings are left on the lawn after mowing. Living plants die and over time, all of these organic materials break down or decompose. The rich, dark-brown, crumbly, soil-like material that results is called compost.

Why compost? Organic wastes put back into the landscape in the form of compost can assist in reducing fertilizer applications, conserve water, and decrease the volume of wastes entering landfills.

Compost can be used by other living things in the landscape and instead of going to a landfill, these wastes become a valuable resource.

The Composting Process: Compost can be made out of leaves, grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds

and filters, tea bags, wood chips, straw, small twigs and similar materials. Tiny microorganisms do most of the work of breaking down organic materials to form compost.

These microorganisms include a wide range of bacteria and fungi. Animals living in the soil also help microorganisms break down organic materials, worms and pill bugs are examples of soil animals that help change organic wastes into compost.

The microorganisms and soil animals that turn organic matter into compost require many of the same nutrients that plants need for growth (particularly nitrogen). Most of these nutrients are derived from the decomposing organic matter. Eventually, these nutrients are returned to the soil, to be used again by trees, grass, and other plants. This is nature's way of recycling.

Landscape uses of compost: Compost can be used as a mulch or mixed into the soil. Compost provides an almost constant source of free fertilizer and is an excellent soil conditioner. The organic materials in compost help plants grow by loosening the soil and providing improved aeration and drainage.

The composition of compost also improves the soils ability to hold water and can reduce the frequency of landscape irrigation. Compost has most of the nutrients plants require for growth and through regular use can greatly

reduce the need for chemical fertilizers. This can help limit the potential risk of environmental contamination.

Making compost: The composting methods described here help the process of decomposition work even better than it does in nature. Choose a structure and location for making compost. Any type of composting bin will do. Visit the Earth Kind web site for more information on types of composting structures. <http://earthkind.tamu.edu>

Place kitchen and yard wastes in the composting bin. Chop or shred these organic materials for faster decomposition.

Spread soil or "already done" compost over the compost pile. This layer contains microorganisms and soil animals that do the work of composting. It also helps keep the surface from drying out.

Adjust the moisture of the compost pile. Add dry grass clippings or sawdust to soggy materials, or add water to a pile that is too dry. The materials should be damp to the touch, but not so wet that drops come out when squeezed.

Allow the pile to "bake." It should heat quickly and reach the desired temperature of 90-140 degrees Fahrenheit (32-60 degrees Celsius) in four to five days.

Stir or turn the compost as it bakes to speed the decomposition process.

The pile will settle down from its original height. This is a good sign that the organic matter is actively decomposing.

Mix or turning the compost pile every week will speed up the process. Under normal conditions it should be "done" or ready 1-2 months. Compost piles that are not turned generally require 6-12 months to complete the process.

Thoroughly decomposed compost should look like dark crumbly soil mixed with small pieces of organic material, with a sweet "earthy" smell.

## Try gum for heartburn relief

If no antacids or other medications are available for unexpected heartburn, try a stick of gum.

Chewing gum stimulates swallowing and the secretion of alkaline, which could provide some temporary relief, says Dr. Stuart Spechler, a gastroenterologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center and a heartburn expert.

"Swallowing helps to clear acid from the esophagus, and the alkaline in saliva can neutralize acid that remains in the esophagus after swallowing," Dr. Spechler says.

Heartburn is generally caused by naturally occurring acids splashing back up from the stomach. Nearly 40 percent of Americans experience it at least once a month, according to the American College of Gastroenterology.



**HASKELL FFA 2007-08 OFFICERS**—Serving on the Haskell FFA Officer team for 2007-08 are, l-r, Ethan Frierson, Kayce Wilcox, Shelby Still, Paige Adams, Miranda Johnson, Lauren Newton, Kimie Hutchinson, James Williams, Tyler Reese and Cody McLemore.



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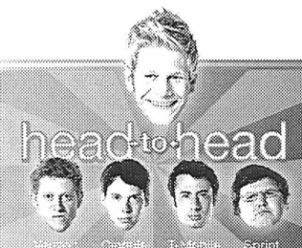
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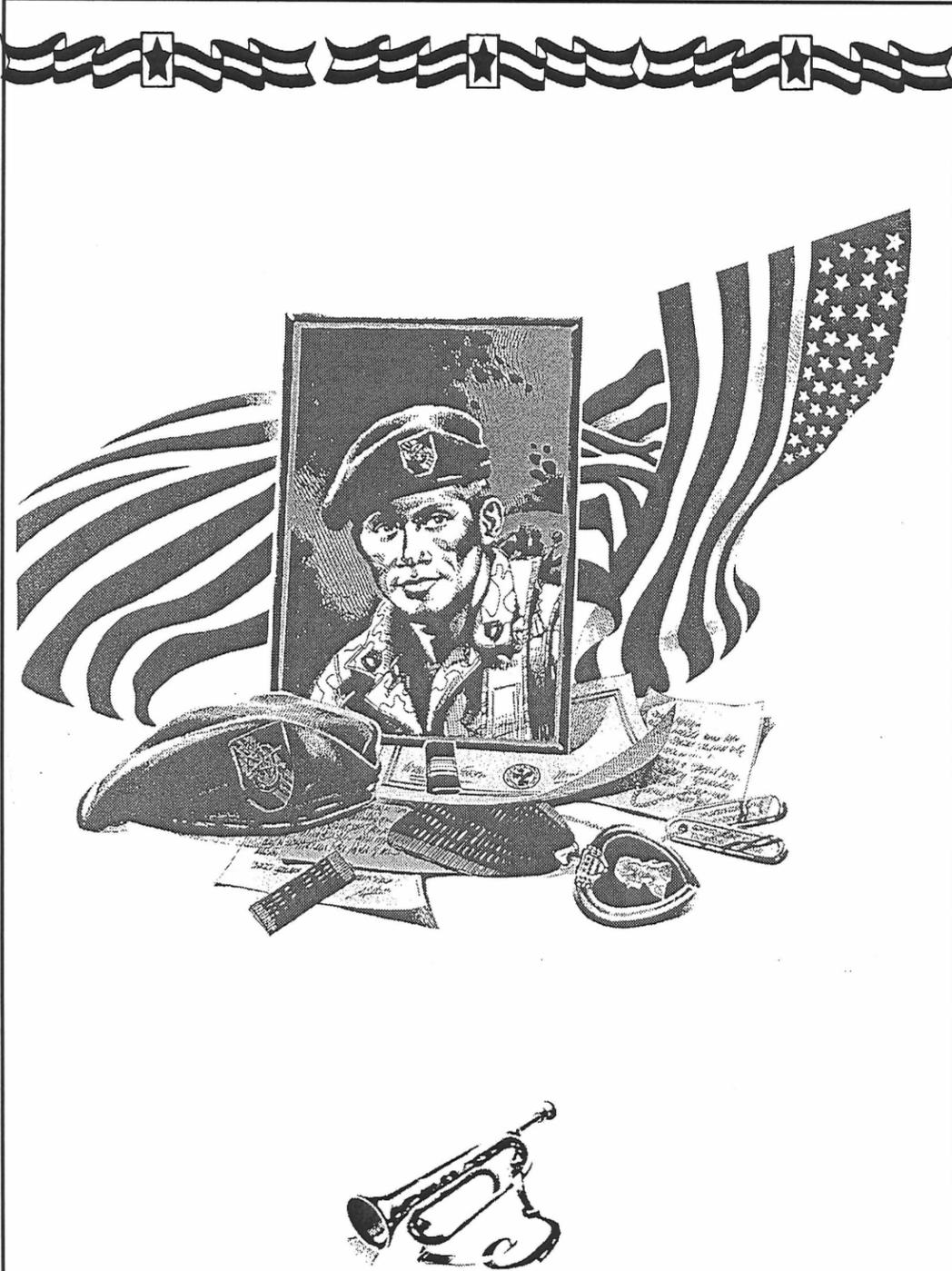


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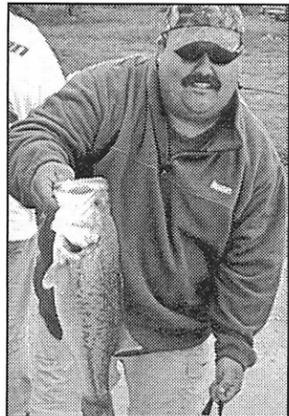


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# MEMORIAL DAY



**HASKELL MAY TOURNAMENT**—Members of the Haskell Bass Club held their monthly tournament May 19 at Miller Creek. Jeremiah Isbell of Haskell, left, was first place winner with a five fish stringer weighing 22.50 lbs. Jay

Miller of Haskell, center, placed second with a five fish stringer weighing 19.45 lbs. In third place was Brad Dubert of Aspermont with five fish weighing 18.5 lbs. To participate in a monthly tournament, contact any Bass Club member.

## Students visit Rotary Club



ANGELA PENA

Angela Pena is the daughter of Angel and Angie Pena of Haskell. Her church affiliation is Haskell Church of Christ. In school she was recognized as Top Student of Mathmodels Class. She likes hanging out with family and friends, watching movies, talking on the phone, playing games with her little brother, Angelo. After finishing high school she plans to go to college to become a registered nurse. She plans to attend Cisco Junior College.

## Housing Preservation grants available

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced the availability of \$10 million in Housing Preservation Grant funds. The program provides financial assistance to sponsoring organizations to assist in the repair or rehabilitation of single-family and rental residences located in rural communities.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide

housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

Eligible sponsors who would administer the grant funds can include state agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes, and nonprofit

organizations. The Agency's Housing Preservation Grant Program can also provide assistance to rental property owners to repair and rehabilitate their units providing the owners agree to make the units available to very low- and low-income families. The USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program provides assistance to residential projects located in communities

with a maximum population of 20,000.

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on June 18, 2007 to USDA Rural Development, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501. For more information on the Housing Preservation Grant Program, contact Linda Sultenfuss at 254-742-9767 or visit [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/brief\\_mfh\\_hpg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/brief_mfh_hpg.htm).

## Fire ants have new Web site

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

One of America's most important exotic insect pests has a new enemy an online resource dedicated to providing information on the control and eradication of the imported fire ant.

Extension's imported fire ants website puts a wealth of research-based information directly on consumers' computer screens. It's an excellent resource for anyone needing information about imported fire ants and how to control them. To take full advantage of the site, register at [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org) and choose Imported Fire Ants.

This new tool was launched April 24-26 at the Annual Imported Fire Ant Conference in Gainesville, Florida. Entomologists from throughout the world gathered to discuss the latest research and management advances to help combat this pest ant.

Two species of imported fire ants, the red imported fire ant and the black imported fire ant, and their sexually reproductive hybrids infest southern states from Florida to California.

"Fire ants arrived in Mobile, Alabama between 1910 and 1940, and have since spread over 320 million acres in 14 states and territories. They cause an estimated \$6 billion in annual losses," said Kathy Flanders, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System entomologist and associate professor of entomology and plant pathology at Auburn University.

People and animals are also susceptible to fire ant bites and stings. Those who are sensitive to their venom may have severe medical problems or may even die. Healthy individuals can be seriously affected because the ants can sting many times when defending their colonies.

The extension imported fire ants website features:

•Frequently asked questions allows users to submit queries about imported fire ants. If an answer is not already available in the FAQ section, the question is directed to Ask the Expert where

local contacts provide requested information.

•Learning Sessions titled "Managing Imported Fire Ants in Urban Areas" and "Managing Imported Fire Ants in Cattle Production Systems" target unique situations facing homeowners and livestock producers.

•News and upcoming events keeps the news and calendar of events current at the local, state and national levels.

•Imported Fire Ant Management Decision Module, to be added soon, asks users a series of questions and then offers suggestions to help them decide what to do about fire ants in their urban landscapes or cattle operations.

The website has been developed through the collaboration of experts in entomology and pest management at land grant universities, federal, state, county, and municipal employees, and communications and information technology specialists, who formed a community of practice to develop a nationwide, web-based site on imported fire ant management.

"This site will be regularly maintained and kept current with new features and dates of events. For homeowners and producers needing fire ant information, this site will be a valuable resource," said Bart Drees, Extension entomologist and professor with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Extension is an educational partnership of more than 70 land-grant universities helping Americans improve their lives with access to timely, objective, research-based information and educational opportunities.

Extension's interactive Web site, at [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org) is customized with links to local cooperative extension websites. Land-grant universities were founded on the ideals that higher education should be accessible to all, that the university should teach liberal and practical subjects and share the university's knowledge with people throughout their states.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### THE LEARNING PROCESS IS A LIFETIME CURRICULUM

Your education began the day you were able to notice all the shapes, colors and sounds of the world which you had just recently entered. It continued through school, and culminated during a ceremony when someone handed you a sheepskin scroll which proclaimed that you were ready to step out into the world on your own. However, there is much more to education

than just the skills of your everyday life, as you will learn at your house of worship. It also means a study of the faith we live by and the word of God, who put us here and endowed us with the intelligence to wonder about these things. There is no graduation from this course, because it continues throughout our lives and enriches them in the process.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rengegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

#### First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

#### Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. T.C. Melton, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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#### Weinert Foursquare Church

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

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

#### First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### —RULE—

#### First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

#### First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

#### West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

#### —PAINT CREEK—

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

#### —O'BRIEN—

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
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by Wes Utley  
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Lactating cows averaged 74 days postpartum. Estrus was synchronized. Then when adequate follicle development occurred, part of both the lactating and dry cows were treated with gonadotrophin-

releasing hormone (GnRH) and inseminated 12 hours after treatment. The other cows were not treated and were inseminated 12 hours after onset of estrus.

Compared to the non-treated group, GnRH averaged ovulating almost 1 day earlier and produced smaller follicles. All of the non-treated group were diagnosed pregnant 30 days after AI, compared to 76% of the GnRH group. All of these effects were statistically significant (P<.05). The authors concluded that "premature ovulation of a dominant follicle with GnRH reduced the size of follicles, reduced fertility, and decreased subsequent luteal function" and that "timed AI synchronization programs must be structured in a manner to ensure that mature follicles are present when treatments are administered to synchronize ovulation."



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Two year lease term begins July 1, 2007 and expires June 30, 2009.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Land Lease Bid" noted on the outside, and delivered to 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371 or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2007.

All pertinent information relating to said lease conditions may be reviewed at the Authority office located at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371.

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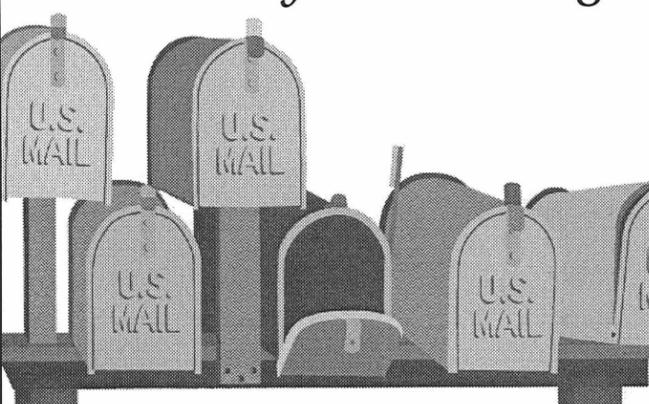
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# Wild Horse Prairie Days

## June 1 ~ June 3



## Pokey the Clown to host Junior Ranch Rodeo

Pokey the Clown will be on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo June 1-2 in Haskell.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug 'Pokey' Smith of Panhandle. This event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

Team events for the Junior Rodeo will include a Pony Express Race, Cow Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. All events will involve the use of custom made wooden 'livestock.' The three age divisions will be Pee Wee (4-7), Junior (8-11) and Senior (12-16). The young cowboys will compete on beautiful, handmade stick horses.

Entry fee is \$20.00 per team with four people on each team.



POKEY THE CLOWN

Entry fee includes a trick rope for each one who participates.

Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

The event will be held on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena at 2:00 p.m., Sat., June 2.

For more information, entry blank and a copy of the rules for each event, call Gerre Larned at 940-864-2454.

## WHPD Calendar of Events

### Memorial roping

The John Wallace Memorial calf roping will be held Sun., May 27 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Ranch horse cutting

The Sam 'Snaky' Graves Memorial Ranch Horse Cutting is set for 8 a.m. June 1 at the Haskell Arena.

### Chuckwagon meal

A chuckwagon meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the pavilion area June 1 and 2.

### Ranch rodeo to be held

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will be held June 1-2 beginning at 7 p.m. Vendors will be indoors and outdoors at the Civic Center June 1-2. An awards ceremony will be held after the rodeo on Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. A dance will be held June 2 from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the Cory Bivens Band providing the music.

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### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 1 at 5 p.m. To enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477 for information on entering.

### Ranch horse competition

The Wild Horse Prairie Days ranch horse competition will be held Sat., June 2 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell Arena.

### Kid's rodeo

The Wild Horse Prairie Days children's rodeo will be held at 2 p.m. Sat., June 2.

### Cookoff

The Wild Horse Prairie Days brisket, rib and chicken cookoff will be held all day Sat., June 2 beginning at 8 a.m.

### Cowboy breakfast

A cowboy church service with Jeff Gore serving as speaker will be held Sun., June 3 beginning 8 a.m.

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- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership or property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

Contact the Haskell CAD staff at 940-864-3805.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The

CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

Haskell CAD,  
604 North First Street  
Haskell, Texas

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your

land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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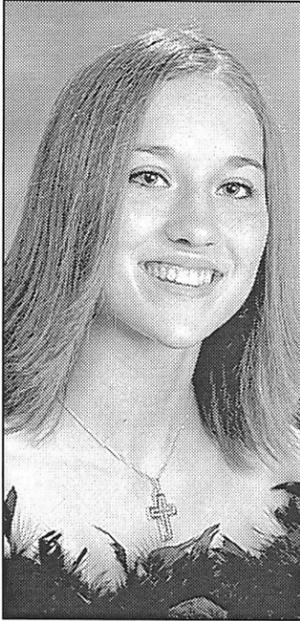


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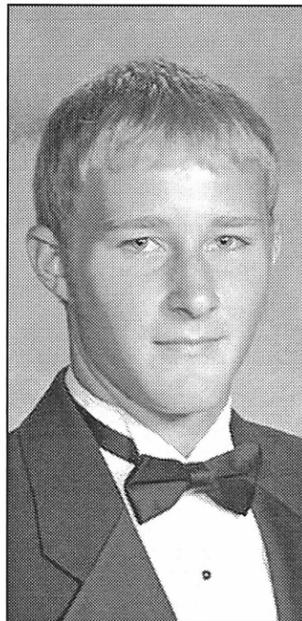
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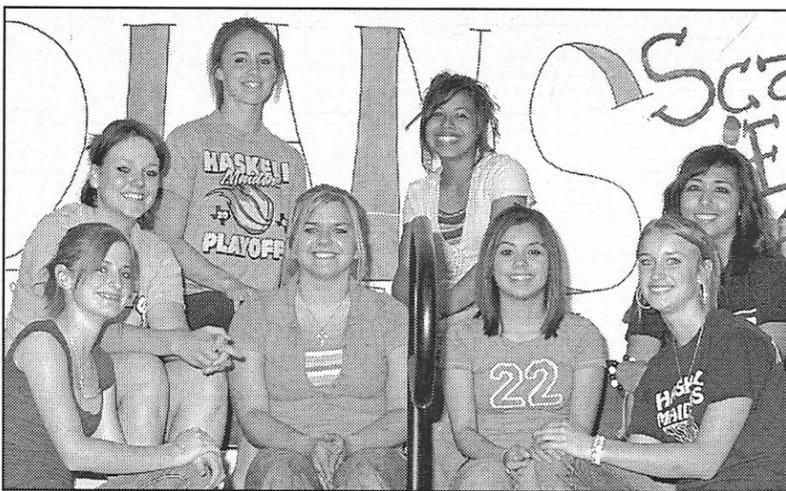
## Grand, Harris advance to FFA state contests

Haskell FFA members competed at the Area II contest Fri., May 1 in Odessa.

Stephanie Grand was selected as a academic candidate to represent the Area II Association. Her application will be sent to Austin, reviewed, and if selected, she will interview at Tarleton State University June 7-8 an academic award.

Grand also competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest where she placed second, advancing to the State Contest to be held in Corpus Christie July 9-13.

Teddye Harris competed in the Soil and Water Stewardship Speaking Contest and placed second, also advancing to State at Corpus Christie. Harris will be competing for an academic scholarship at this contest.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Cheering next year for the Haskell varsity teams will be back row, l-r, Destini Cooke, mascot; Hanna Wallace, Haley Chavez and Clarissa Walker; front row, Bailey Fillmon, Lauren Newton, Vanessa Glass and Ashton Rutkowski. Not pictured is Brie Torres.



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Selected to cheer for the Haskell JV teams next year are, l-r, Veronica Sessions, Kelsie Adams, Meagan Kimbrough and Arabella Garcia.

## Good Luck, Class of '07!



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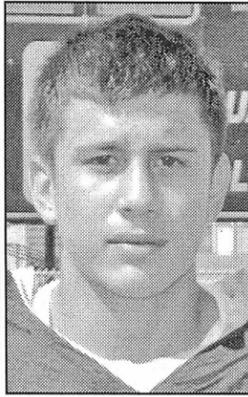
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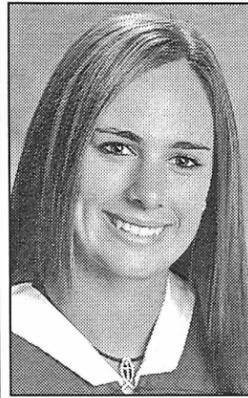
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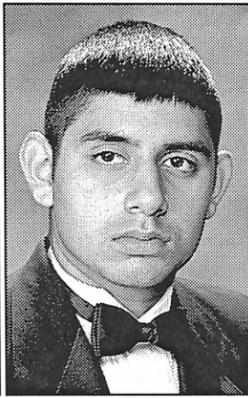
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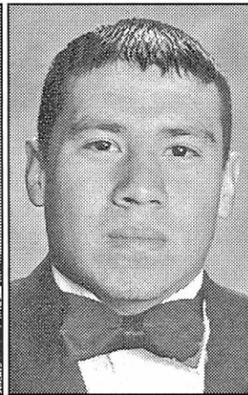
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**JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS**—Selected to cheer for Haskell Junior High next year are front row, l-r, Kymbre Kupatt, MacKenzie Thomas and Carson Hadaway; back row, Valerie Gonzalez, Sasha Walker and Paige Glover.

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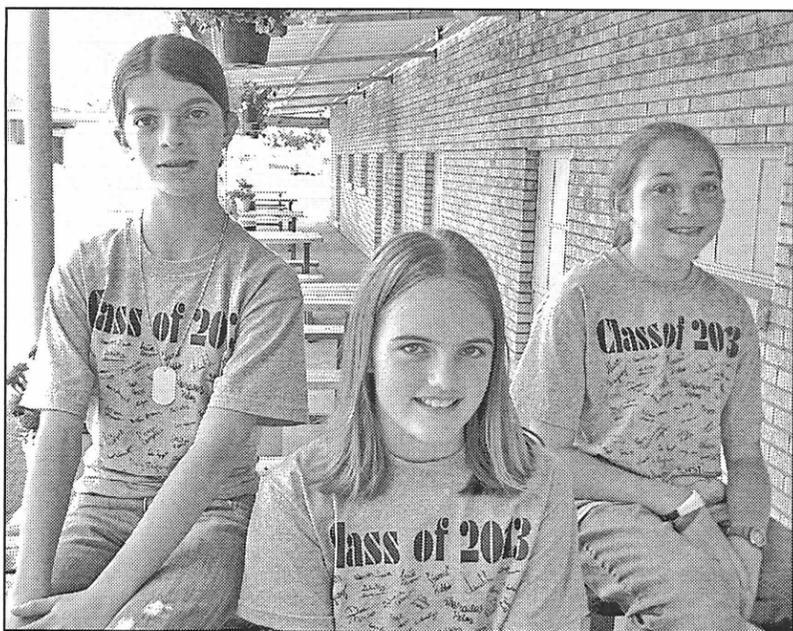
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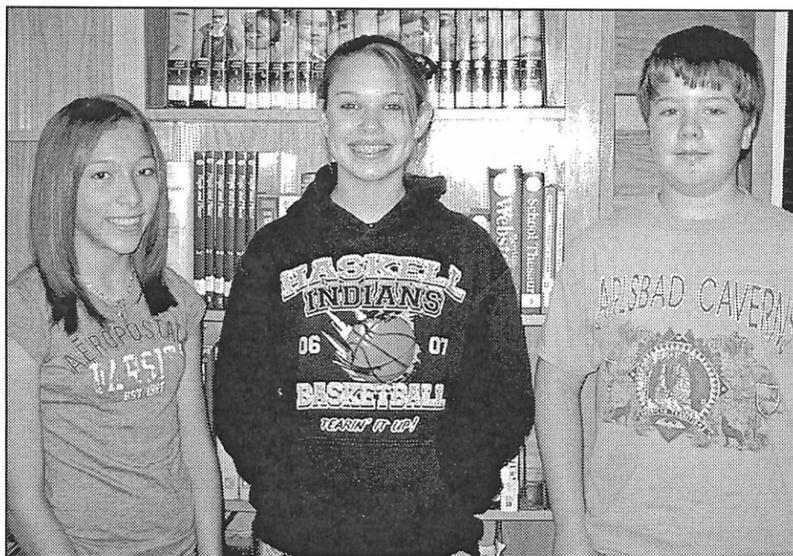
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STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS—Serving on the Haskell Student Council for the seventh grade next year are, l-r, Morgan Frierson, Maci Colley and Madison Mayfield.



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS—Haskell eighth grade students serving on the student council next year are, l-r, Sasha Walker, Kymbre Kupatt and Garrett Brueggeman.

## Energy savings tips

With summer months closing in on us, we will soon be dealing with that good old Texas summer heat. Here are some ways to maximize your savings and conserve energy while still staying cool.

- Set your thermostat comfortably low in the winter and comfortably high in the summer. Install a programmable thermostat that is compatible with your heating and cooling system.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.

- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.

- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).

- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120 F.

- Take short showers instead of baths.

- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

For more information, visit the Department of Energy's Energy Savers web site or visit [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov) to learn more about home energy efficiency initiatives.

## Welding classes to be hosted by Ag Dept.

The Agriculture Department at Haskell High School will hold a six week (one class per week) welding workshop. The course will cover oxy-acetylene cutting and welding, plasma cutting; MIG or wire welding; AC and DC arc welding for two class periods each. Classes will consist of classroom exercises as well as hands on training in the use and application.

Classes will be held June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 16 and July 23. A make up class will be held Aug. 6. Classes will held from 6 to 8 p.m.

The course is designed to give

students a basic understanding of metal work and for welding as a hobby, around the house or on the farm or ranch. Any one, any age may attend.

To register, call Justin Cox at the Haskell ag shop at 940-864-3310 or 325-370-6571 before May 25 for information about fees and supplies. Each student will receive a welding helmet and a pair of gloves upon completion of the class.

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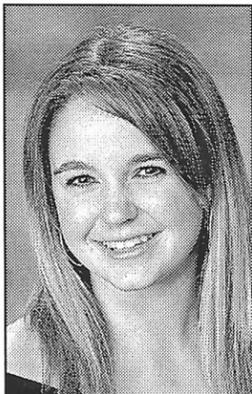
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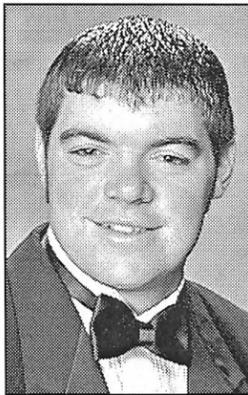
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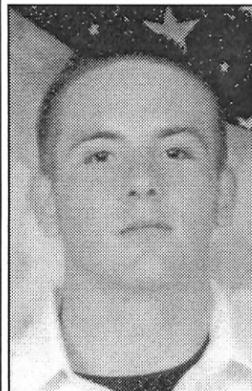
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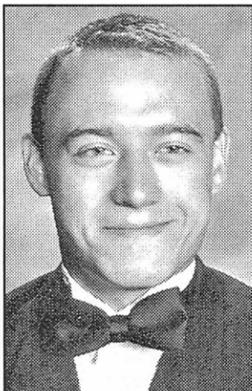
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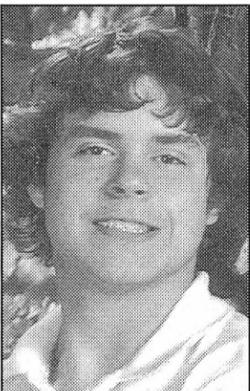
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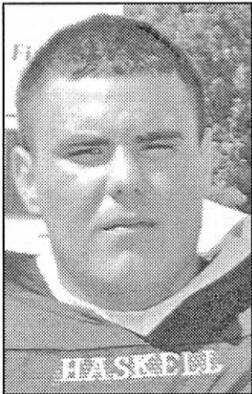
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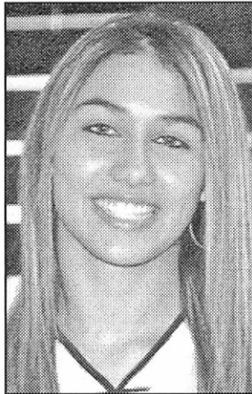
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## Student in the News

Kiersta Lane Garcia of Cleburne graduated with a Master of Education in School Counseling degree from Dallas Baptist University at spring commencement May 10-11. She is the wife of Ron and mother of Hannah. She is the daughter of Ken and Nelda Lane of Haskell.

### Congratulations Graduates

## Congratulations Graduates!

We're proud of you!



KRISTEN MARTINEZ

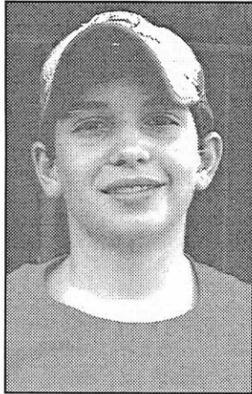
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**ABSTRACT & TITLE**

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## Urich wins calf scramble prizes



STEWART URICH

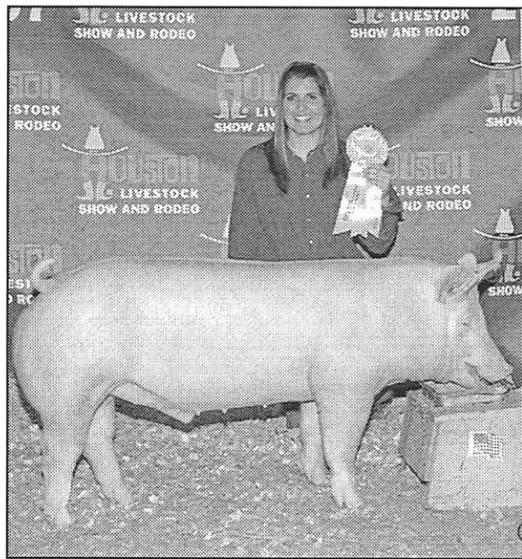
Stewart Urich, Rochester 7th grader, was a participant in the

75th anniversary San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo HEB Calf Scramble.

To be eligible for the prizes, a 4-H or FFA member had to be one of four to catch a calf during three rodeo performances. Urich was one of the four to catch a calf during his performance night, and then returned to the finals the next week as one of 12 to attempt to catch another calf.

Urich received two certificates to be used toward the purchase of a show animal for the 2007-08 stock show season.

He is the son of Ricky and Faye Urich of Rochester, and the grandson of Sharon Mullino of Rochester, and Jerry Clem and Ann Lindsey, both of Stamford.



**FOURTH PLACE PIG**—Haskell FFA member Kimie Hutchinson won fourth place at the Houston Livestock Show. She is the daughter of Wayne and Cheryl Hutchinson.

## Scrubbing bubbles can worsen acne

When acne starts to flare, avoid the instinct to scrub.

Acne begins in the teen years because of hormonal changes that can make oil glands on the face, chest and back more active. Pores on the skin can become plugged with dead skin cells and oil, causing blackheads and whiteheads.

"I advise teens to wash their face no more than twice a day, because acne is not caused by dirt, and too much scrubbing and washing will irritate the skin and make the acne worse," says Dr. Erin Welch, a dermatologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Instead, use a medicated face

wash containing salicylic acid, which helps slough dead skin cells, or benzoyl peroxide, which also helps keep pores unplugged and kills the bacteria that grow in pimples."

Many effective products that contain these ingredients can be obtained over-the-counter, she says. If acne persists, there are prescription medications available from dermatologists, as well as chemical peels and laser therapy.

Also, avoid picking and squeezing pimples since this can rupture them, which makes the area more painful and can be potentially scarring.

## West Nile virus info

For the last few years, news about the West Nile virus has been everywhere. But what exactly is it?

West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes that pick up the virus when they bite infected birds. These infected mosquitoes then spread the virus to humans.

Most people do not realize they have West Nile because the virus infection usually causes few or no symptoms. However, in rare cases, the illness can lead to encephalitis or meningitis.

The usual incubation period from infection to the development of symptoms is from three days to two weeks. If you have been bitten by mosquitoes, watch for fever, headaches, body aches, eye pain, skin rashes, exhaustion, lack of appetite, nausea, vomiting and/or swollen lymph nodes. If you

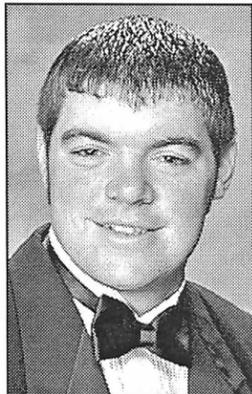
experience any of these or more serious symptoms, consult a doctor immediately.

According to Dr. John Quarles, Ph.D., virologist and head of the Department of Microbial and Molecular Pathogenesis at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, most people can avoid the West Nile virus by following common summer safety tips.

"Try to cut down on mosquitoes in the area by eliminating any standing water," Dr. Quarles said. "Use insect repellent with DEET and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants, if possible. Also, the times from dusk to dawn are worse for mosquitoes, so be sure to protect yourself in the evening and early morning."

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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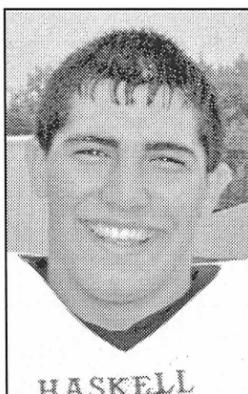


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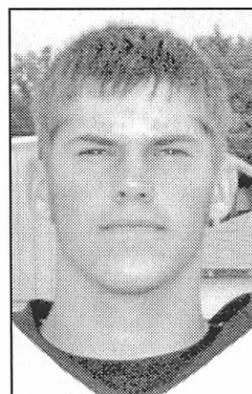
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Don't miss the Haskell County Alcohol/Drug Free All Night Party.

All county 2006-07 high school and college students are invited to join the fun at the Haskell Civic Center after graduation Friday, May 26 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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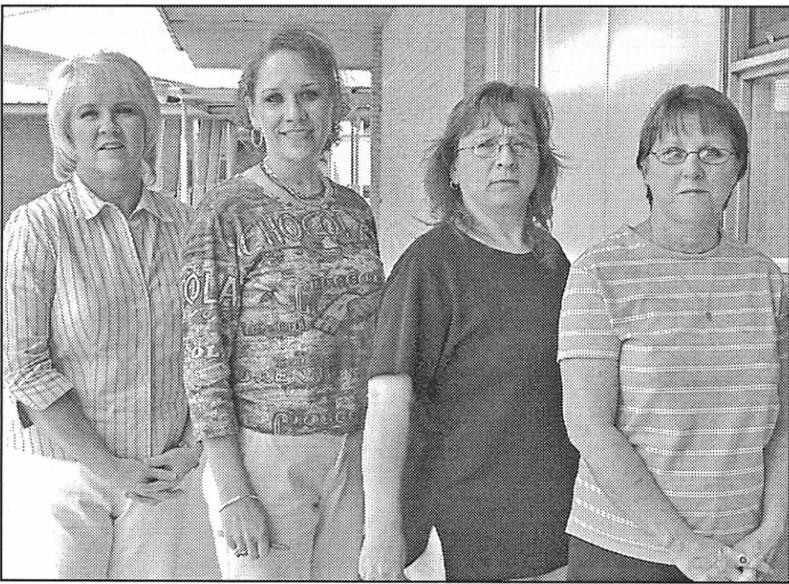
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## Sports drinks are bad for teeth

Sports drinks are popular among athletes who seek to rehydrate their bodies and replenish electrolytes, sugar and other nutrients lost during strenuous training or competition. But, while the beverages may offer benefits to the body, some research suggests these popular drinks can be damaging to teeth.

"If exercise is less than one hour, plain water is sufficient, because you really only need sports drinks for extended exercise where replenishment of electrolytes, sugar, caffeine and water are essential," said Dr. Charles Wakefield, professor and director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

The real problem, Dr. Wakefield said, is sports drink consumers tend to sip these drinks all the time. This can be detrimental to teeth, as prolonged use of sports drinks can damage teeth enamel—the thin outer layer that preserves the tooth structure and prevents decay.

Dr. Wakefield also advises caution when drinking flavored water and water with lemon juice because they can contain high levels of acid and sugar.

Dentists at HSC-BCD say good oral hygiene, including brushing and flossing, is the best prevention to minimizing tooth decay.



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## Elementary readers honored at Bluebonnet breakfast

Forty-four elementary students in grades three through six were honored during a Texas Bluebonnet breakfast held at the Haskell Elementary library Thurs., May 10. The annual breakfast recognizes students in these grades who have read the current year's Bluebonnet Award books and passed the required number of Accelerates Reading tests on these books. The Texas Bluebonnet Award Program is a state children's choice reading award program for Texas students in grades three through six. Students in participating schools throughout Texas are encouraged to read at least five of the twenty nominated books

each year to be able to vote for their favorite book in the statewide election in January.

Students were served a breakfast of blueberry pancake sausage-on-a-stick, assorted fresh fruits, blueberry muffins, milk and juice by the Haskell Elementary food service. Six Bluebonnet books were given away and top readers for each grade were recognized and presented a Bluebonnet book.

Top Bluebonnet/AR readers for each grade were: Hannah Foster, third grade; Reagan Hadaway, fourth grade; Emily Fouts, fifth grade; and Kalyn Wheatley, sixth grade. Wheatley was the overall top reader, having passed Accelerated Reading tests on nineteen of the twenty

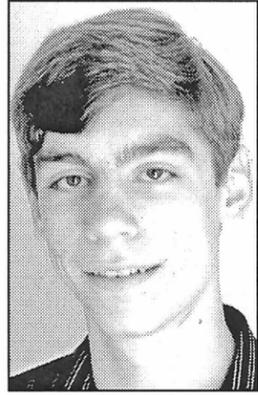
books. She was presented an autographed copy of the state winner for 2006-07, *Ghost Fever* by Joe Hayes.

After the awards were presented, the thirteen sixth graders in attendance entertained the other students with a 'Name That Book' game, giving written and visual clues to the Bluebonnet books read for 2006-07. The table with the most correct answers won ice cream treats.

All students eligible to attend the breakfast are to be congratulated for their good reading and hard work. Their teachers who continue to support the Texas Bluebonnet program are thanked for encouraging their students to read these great books.



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**ROCHESTER 8TH GRADE CLASS**—The 7th and 8th grade classes of Rochester Junior High will be honored during an awards ceremony Thurs., May 24 at 6 p.m. in the Simmons Auditorium in Rochester. Graduation exercises for the 8th grade class will follow the awards ceremony. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Junior high graduates include, front row, l-r, Juanita Ortega, Arabella Garcia, Marissa McGhee, Bailey Fillmon, Tony Trevino, Christian Myers, Rosa Nieto,

Julius Aguilar, Angel Navarrette, Amber Allen and Rebeca Ortega; middle row, Alyssa Fraga, Sara Weise, Markus Zalud, Andrew Sammons, Austin Nanny, Ricky Barrett, Garrett Miller, Ross Wittenborn, Ricky Molina, Kelsie Adams and Denise Hibbits; back row, Codi Beth Foster, Ashlee Short, Leslie Crosson, Marcell Lewis, Kelson Agüero, David Gonzales, Nathan Meredith, Simon Rodriguez, Candy Hill, Ashley Bullard, Ariel Foreman, Harley James, Pam Walker and Judith Isbell.

## Summer hiring laws listed for teens, parents and employers

Thousands of jobs will soon become available for teenagers hoping to gain valuable work experience as employers begin hiring for the busy summer months. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) reminds employers, workers and parents to familiarize themselves with state and federal laws, as well as safety regulations that address child labor issues.

"Texas employers rely on teen workers each summer and recognize youth as integral to their success," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "The experience young workers gain will help them determine which work opportunities enable them to better develop and showcase their strengths."

"The most effective way for employers to establish and meet their business goals and heighten their productivity is to educate themselves about child labor law, and also ensure they are within the constraints of applicable laws," Rath said.

From April to June of 2006, more than 80,000 people entered the Texas labor force, including teenagers eager to gain valuable vocational experience or earn their first paychecks.

Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child when employed in the workplace. Federal and state child labor laws protect youth against potentially detrimental occupational settings or working conditions that could interfere with a child's safety,

health or well-being.

Different laws apply to different age groups. For example, workers who are age 16 or 17 can engage in any task for any number of hours, as long as it is not deemed hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Children 14 or 15 may perform a job beyond traditional school hours in some nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs, but only under certain conditions. Because operating power-driven lawnmowers is considered dangerous, 14- and 15-year-olds are prohibited from that activity, but children ages 16 or 17 are permitted to do so.

Federal laws restrict teens who are age 14 and 15 from working

more than three hours on any given school day or more than 18 hours within a school week. They also may not work more than eight hours on a non-school day or more than the standard 40 hours during a week when school is out. A standard workday for children who are 14 or 15 must be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except between June 1 and Labor Day, when they can work no later than 9 p.m.

Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman identifies how teen workers contribute to greater productivity for employers and recognizes the importance of adhering to child labor regulations.

"The teen workforce is a definite asset to employers at a

time of year when business traffic is traditionally high," Lehman said. "It is imperative that employers understand the types of work activities young workers can perform safely and legally to benefit the most from the experience."

Job-related functions prohibited by law and considered inappropriate or unsafe for teens include:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle. (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- Any operations on or about a roof
- Excavating operations
- Power-driven wood-working machines
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Power-driven paper-products machines
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives
- Coal mining and mining other than coal

A few exemptions for apprentices and student learner programs under specified standards for some hazardous occupations do exist. For more information, visit <http://youth.rules.dol.gov/jobs.htm>.

"Youth learn while gaining valuable workforce experience in any number of long-term career prospects," said Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Earning extra money may be a primary influence, but working beyond a regular school year provides a great opportunity to execute the skills they learn in school and establish a strong work ethic."

One TWC youth employment contractor, The Good Samaritan Community Services, serves youth in the 12-county Alamo WorkSource region and three counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley's WorkFORCE Solutions region. Bill Fehr, ombudsman in the San Antonio-West Office of the Attorney General, recognized how various community projects have benefited from youth hired through The Good Samaritan program.

"I would tell other employers that it has helped us work more effectively and efficiently," Fehr explained. "It benefits the community when we help our youth, and it gives them a chance to feel like they are fulfilling something within their community."

Teens seeking job-search assistance can visit their local workforce center. Visit <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wdamap.html> for information about local workforce centers.

For other information on prohibited jobs or those with restrictions, employers or prospective summer youth workers can learn more about child labor laws by calling TWC's Labor Law Section at 800-832-9243 or 512-837-9559, or at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/lablaw/lablaw.html>. More employer or worker services are available online at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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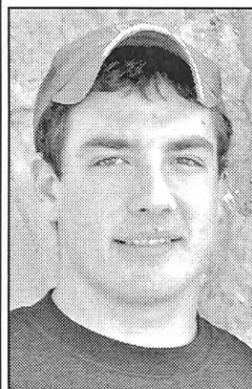
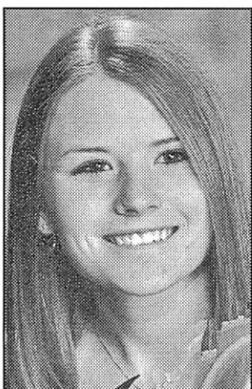
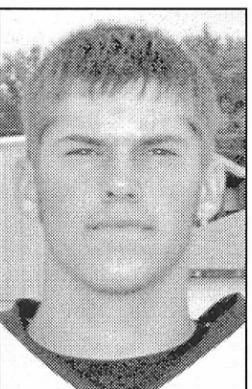
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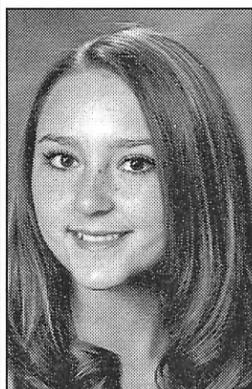
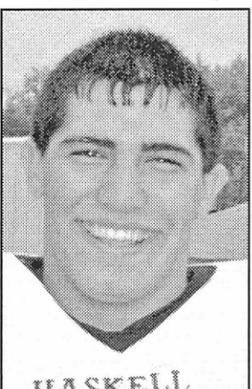
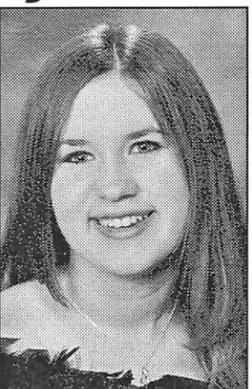
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# TxDOT kicks off Click It or Ticket campaign

Texas is mounting its most ambitious campaign ever to remind drivers and passengers to buckle up or pay the consequences.

Over the past week and a half, larger-than-life Click It or Ticket messages have popped up on landmarks from one end of Texas to the other, including Amarillo's Cadillac Ranch, the Fort Worth Stockyards and the Rose Garden in Tyler.

State officials have launched the annual effort by buckling up a giant safety belt at what is perhaps the state's most revered icon—the Alamo.

"These unconventional reminders are all part of the Texas Department of Transportation's Click It or Ticket campaign to increase safety belt use in Texas and save lives," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District traffic safety coordinator, said.

"Thanks to Click It or Ticket, 90 percent of drivers in Texas now use their safety belts," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "For those

folks who aren't in the habit of always buckling up, we know that it often takes the threat of an expensive ticket to get them to do the right thing."

According to Mitchell, beginning May 21 to June 3, state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies statewide will be stepping up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws. Drivers, front seat passengers and children under 17, whether riding in the front or back seat, must be buckled up. Also, children under five years old and less than 36 inches tall must ride in child safety seats. Adults who don't use safety belts or fail to secure their children face fines up to \$200, plus court costs.

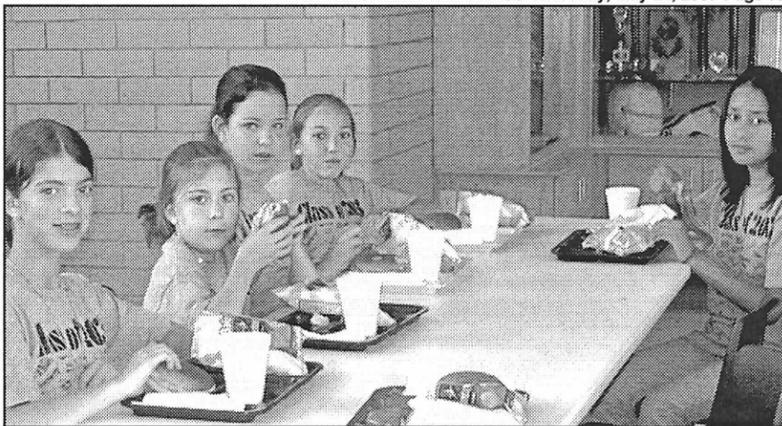
"The number of Texans complying with state safety belt laws has steadily climbed from 76 percent to slightly more than 90 percent since the Click It or Ticket effort began five years ago," Mitchell said.

Researchers say pickup drivers and passengers and teens

continue to be the least likely to buckle up. In 2005, more than half of those killed in rollover crashes in Texas were not wearing safety belts.

Safety advocates report that drivers and passengers who buckle up have a 50 percent better chance of surviving serious traffic collisions and avoiding serious injuries. Since the Click It or Ticket campaign was first launched in Texas in 2002, there have been 1,200 fewer traffic fatalities in Texas and 28,000 fewer injuries as a result of increased safety belt use.

Some of the partners joining TxDOT in the campaign are the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement agencies across the state, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Municipal Police Association, AAA Texas and NASCAR.



**VISIT CAMPUS**—These sixth graders are visiting the Rochester Junior High School where they will attend school next year. Enjoying lunch are, I-r, Morgan Frierson, Ashley Adams, Taylor Burson, Madison Mayfield and Cassidy Rios.

## Tips for a happy summer

The summer is a joyous time when loved ones come together. But for many families, the summer can also be a time of stress and frustration, sometimes unintentionally resulting in an increased risk to the child.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas offers the following tips to help families enjoy the summer while keeping tension to a minimum:

1. Establish a budget for summer spending. Be realistic about what you can afford to spend on entertainment, special foods, travel, etc.

2. Hold a family meeting to discuss summer plans. Ask for ideas from the children for family activities that would appeal to them.

3. Post a calendar of family activities in a place where all family members will see it.

4. Check community calendars and local lists of events to find inexpensive or free activities for children. Write all possibilities on individual slips of brightly colored paper and put

### Ceiling fans

Today, most homes come equipped with ceiling fans.

A ceiling fan is a nice feature for a number of reasons. A ceiling fan can be a good source of central light. Ceiling fans also help cool in the warmer months by circulating air throughout your home. This can help cut electric costs by keeping your air conditioner from running as much.

Check with your local building supply store for more information on modern ceiling fans that are economical and long lasting.

them in a "summer fun jar." When children have been especially cooperative with other family members, allow them to choose a slip of paper from the jar. Then, the family can enjoy an afternoon of fun activity together.

5. Have your children make a list of elderly or shut-in neighbors in your area. Plan to share a meal, some of your time, or run errands for these neighbors. Explain to children that helping and sharing are important elements.

6. Find time to relax and reflect on the simple joys of the summer. When you feel yourself becoming overwhelmed, take a break to get a better perspective

on what needs to be done and what can be done.

7. If you find that it is becoming difficult to avoid being verbally or physically harsh with your children, STOP. Don't take out your anger on your kids. Instead, try the following:

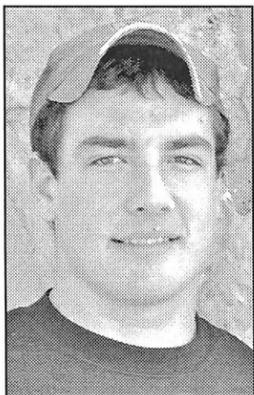
- Take a deep breath and count to 20.

- Phone a friend.
- Take a walk outside, or use another form of exercise.

- Laugh. Even a comedy show on television will help relieve stress.

- Spend one hour doing something you really enjoy.

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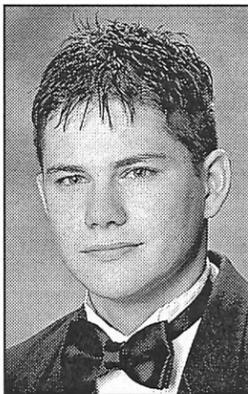
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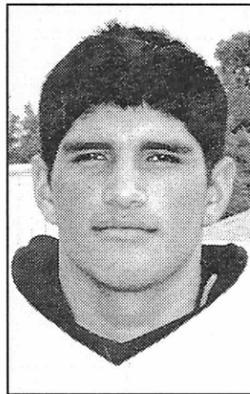
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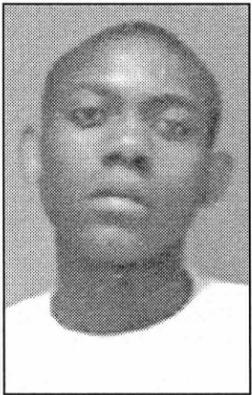
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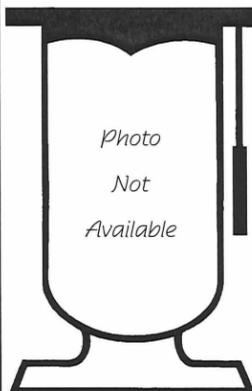
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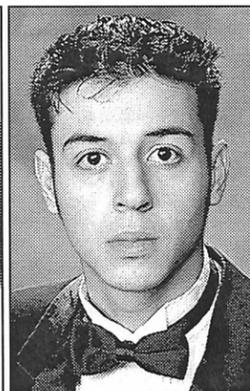
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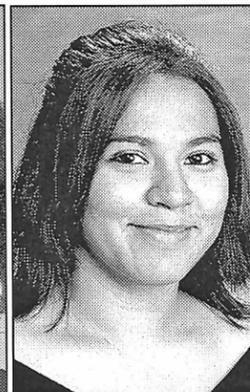
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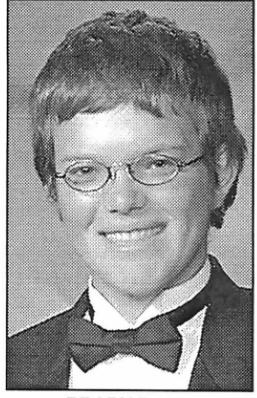
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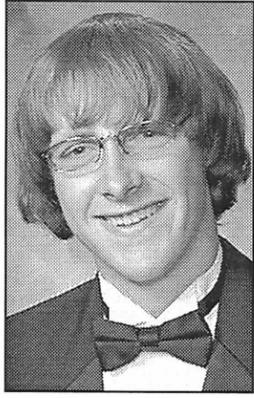
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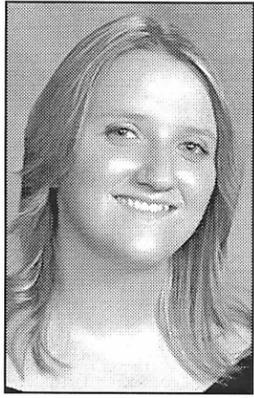
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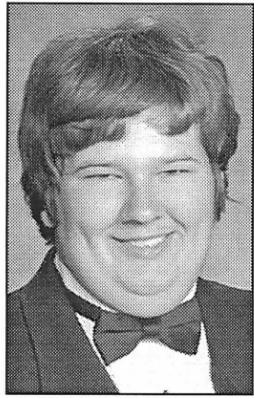
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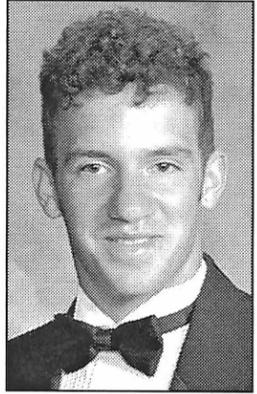
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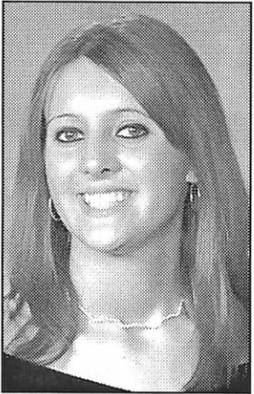
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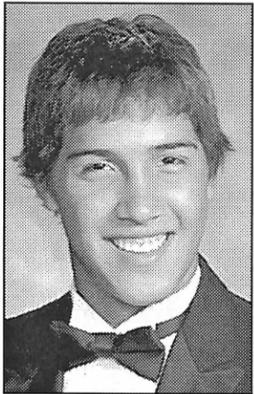
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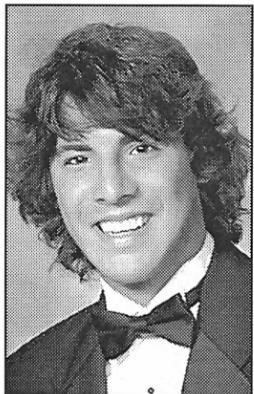
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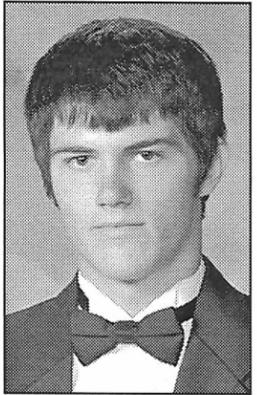
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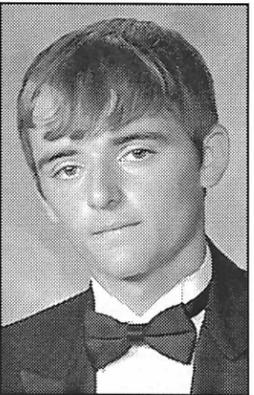
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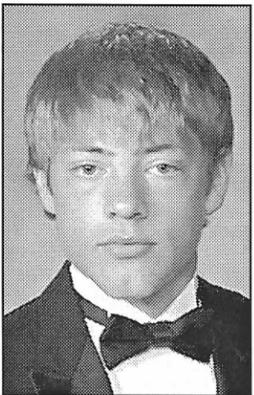
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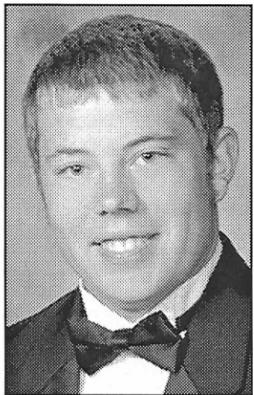
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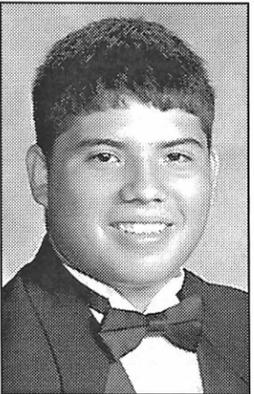
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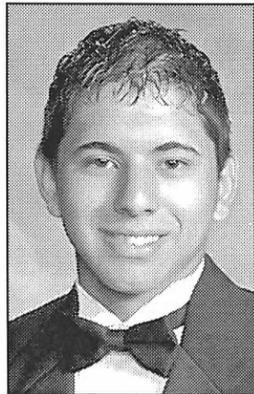
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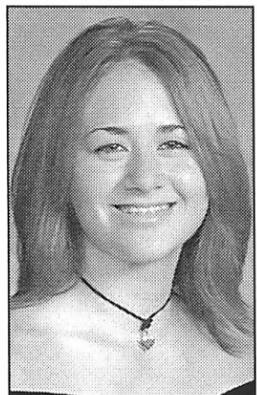
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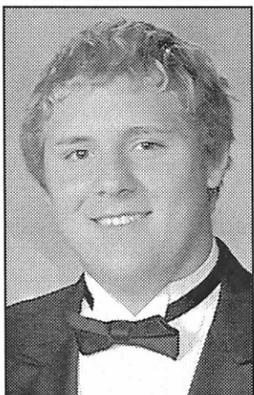
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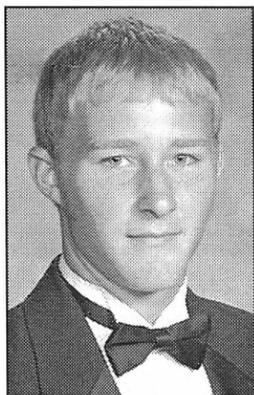
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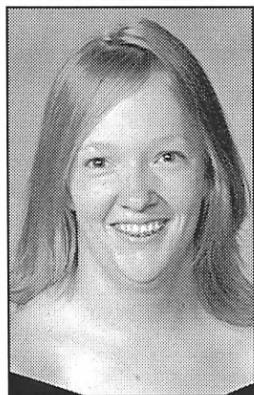
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