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Boys Region II Tournament
The Legends Country Club
Stephenville
Thurs. April 27

Track

Regional Meet
April 28 & 29 at Stephenville
Calendar

Benefit supper

The Haskell Lions Club will hold a baked potato supper to benefit the Haskell County Library Fund Fri., April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$4.50 each and are available from any Lions Club member.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., April 27 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 2 to 5:30 p.m. A clinic will be held at the First Baptist Church in Paint Creek Tues., May 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Steer show tags due

Youth planning to exhibit a steer at any major stock show or the Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show must have steer tags ordered by Wed., May 3 at 5 p.m. For more information call Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., May 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., May 1 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Jeff Blanks will present a program on Mary Lou Gilleland; Ross Pittman on Roy and Jewel Pittman; Coy Hise on Virgil Smith of Rule; and Roy Rivera on Robert Edison Speer.

Day of prayer

The local observance of the national day of prayer will be held Thurs., May 4 at 12:15 p.m. at the Courthouse gazebo.

Art club to meet

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Installation of officers and a salad supper will be held.

Rummage sale

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at the American Legion Hall Sat., April 29 from 9 a.m. til 7 p.m.

Cinco de mayo

St. George Catholic Church will celebrate Cinco de mayo May 6-7. Mexican food will be sold Sat., May 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Hall. Admission is \$6 per person, \$10 per couple. On Sun., May 7, games, dance contests, bailables florlorikos, bingo, raffles, food booths and a volleyball tournament will be held beginning at 1 p.m. at the church. For volleyball tournament information call Felix or Terry Rodriguez 864-5502. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per team.

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TEXAS TECH EX-STUDENTS MEET—Golfing at the Haskell Country Club during the Rolling Plains Chapter annual meeting, sponsored by the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, April 24, were, l-r, Tech Coach Robert Anae, Jess Stiles, Sam Toliver, Matt Perry,

Joey Kimbrough, Bobby Hobgood, Coach Dana Holgarsen and Brian Wolsch. The evening activities included a dinner and program presented by representatives from the Texas Tech football coaching staff.

All-Sports Banquet to be held May 20

The All-Sports Banquet will be held Sat., May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. The annual event will be hosted by the Haskell Indian Booster Club. All Haskell High School athletes will be recognized and special thanks given to them and their coaches for the hard work and effort they have put forth in athletics this year.

A meal of steak, boiled shrimp, baked potatoes, salad and cheesecake will be served.

Tickets are available at the Haskell National Bank, First National Bank, Sport-About, Haskell High School or Haskell Elementary School for \$7.50 before Tues., May 16. Tickets will be \$8.50 after May 16.

Haskell athletes off to regional track meet

Stephanie Hodge of Haskell won the 100 and 200 to lead the Maidens to a second-place finish behind Olney in the District 9-2A girls track meet Tues., April 18.

Haskell also won the girls 800-meter relay to qualify for the Region II-2A meet April 28-29 at Tarleton State in Stephenville. Haskell Indians placed third.

Girls

3200: 3. Jillian Thomas, Haskell, 14:31.15; 4. Candace McFadden, Haskell, 14:46.11

Long jump: 3. Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 16-1

Triple jump: 6. Leslie Grand, Haskell, 31-3 1/2

High jump: 2. Brittany Lindsey, 4-10

Shot put: 2. Melissa Buerger, Haskell, 34-11 3/4; 5. Judith Andress, Haskell, 32-6

Discus: 1. Melissa Buerger, Haskell, 103-10

400 relay: 4. Nikki Wallace, Tanisha Riley, Tiffany Lindsey, Leslie Grand, Haskell, 51.75

800: 5. Jillian Thomas, Haskell, 2:56.13

100 hurdles: 6. Morgan Cox, Haskell, 17.93

100: 1. Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 11.50; 4. Tanisha Riley, Haskell, 13.02

400: 3. Brittany Lindsey, Haskell, 64.43; 5. Tiffany Lindsey, Haskell, 67.83

800 relay: 1. Nikki Wallace, Brittany Lindsey, Leslie Grand, Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 1:46.18

300 hurdles: 5. Deshea Phemister, Haskell, 55.45; 6. Morgan Cox, Haskell, 55.50

200: 1. Stephanie Hodge, Haskell, 24.69

1600: 5. Candace McFadden, Haskell, 6:54.50

1600 relay: 2. Nikki Wallace, Leslie Grand, Tiffany Lindsey, Brittany Lindsey, Haskell, 4:20.36

Boys

Pole vault: 2. Patton, Haskell, 11-6

Triple jump: 1. Riley, Haskell, 44-4 1/4

Long jump: 3. Billington, Haskell, 21-6

400 relay: 3. Haskell, 44.13

800: 3. (tie) Ray, Olney and Garcia, Haskell, 2:06.05

100: 2. Billington, Haskell, 10.74

300 hurdles: 3. Everett, Haskell, 42.81

200: 2. Billington, Haskell, 22.36; 3. Patton, Haskell, 22.98

1600 relay: 2. Haskell, 3:29.90

EQIP deadline May 5

Applications for the environmental quality incentive program (EQIP) are being accepted through May 5 for the 2000 year.

This program is a long term contract that provides cost-share incentives for anyone interested in establishing conservation practices on their land.

Traditional practices include terraces, waterways, grass

establishment, brush management, cross-fencing, irrigation, delivery systems, livestock water well, etc.

Conservation buffers are never practices that involve strategically planted grasses, trees or other ground cover. Their purpose is to help reduce run off from fields.

For more information, contact the NRCS in Haskell at (940) 864-8516.

Classical pianist to perform

Made possible by a mini-grant from the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, a concert by classical pianist, Dr. James Ronald Rathbun will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Thurs., May 4, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The public is invited.

With the money made available through the Foundation, Haskell Elementary teacher Diane Huff asked Dr. Rathbun to give two concerts—one for Haskell students during the day and an evening performance for the community and surrounding towns.

"Opportunities for concerts of this caliber in our town are rare," Huff said. "The community will benefit by the enrichment of the various forms of music offered."

Dr. Rathbun's repertoire includes masterpieces from all periods of music. Among these pieces are

works by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Liszt and Schumann.

Rathbun is former head of the piano department at Abilene Christian University and has performed at Carnegie Hall.

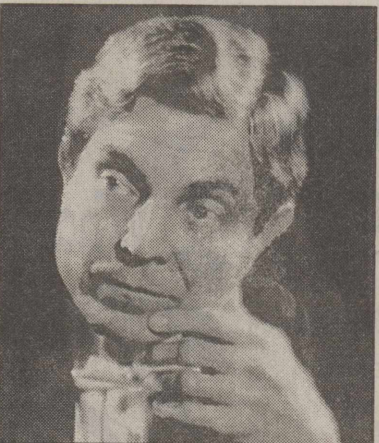
He is founder of the Abilene Chamber Players and has conducted the Abilene Christian University Symphony Orchestra, operas for the Abilene Opera Association, the Abilene Philharmonic and the Angelo State University Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Prior to his retirement, Dr. Rathbun performed at China Conservatory of Music in Beijing, Carnegie Hall in New York and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

He was named to the Outstanding People of the 20th Century (1999), Who's Who in Entertainment (1998-99), and Who's Who in the World (1998). Currently he is preparing to go on tour in China, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand in June and July.

Rathbun has taught music at schools from kindergarten to college level. During the day on May 4, he will perform for the high school and elementary students.

"Children are accustomed to 'just listening' because our society is one that has relegated music to the 'background'. It will be a challenge for the students, and I hope to help them learn to just listen," he said.



DR. JAMES RONALD RATHBUN



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Holding the trophies won in track events during the 9-2A District Track Meet in Seymour, April 18 are Haskell students, back, l-r, Jesse Martinez, Melissa Buerger, Leslie Grand, Stephanie Hodge, Tanisha Riley, Casey Riley, Kevin Patton and Evan Everett. Front, Brittany Lindsey, Tiffany Lindsey, Jillian Thomas, Nikki Wallace and Tyrone Billington.

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Troy Culpepper honored at FBC

Sun., April 9, was set aside as Troy Culpepper Day at First Baptist Church, Haskell.

On that day, the church bestowed Dr. Culpepper the title, Pastor Emeritus, for his many years of service to the church.

He and his wife, Gene, were recognized during the morning service. Long-time friend and fishing buddy, Carl Bailey, shared a few humorous stories about "Bro. Troy." Dan Griffith, Chairman of Deacons, presented Dr. Culpepper with a plaque and words of appreciation. Dr. Culpepper then spoke a few moments, expressing

his gratitude for the opportunity to serve, his appreciation to the church for the honor, and his love for the church and its people.

After the service, the Culpeppers and their family were the guests of honor at a church-wide lunch. Included were his sons, Robert and James, daughter-in-law Irene, and twin granddaughters, Katie and Melissa. An album as presented to the Culpeppers, in which church members had placed letters of appreciation and love.

After beginning his ministry in 1947, Culpepper attended Hardin-Simmons University, where he

graduated in 1951. Since graduating from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955, he has pastored churches in Argyle, Texarkana, Linden, McKinney and Kaufman.

Dr. Culpepper was pastor of First Baptist Church from September, 1966 to May of 1973. After retiring from full-time ministry in 1988, the Culpeppers decided to make their home in Haskell. He served as Interim Pastor for several months that year and again for six months in 1999. Since his retirement, he has served as Interim Pastor for almost every Baptist church in the area, and has worked with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has preached in over 250 churches.

An active member of his Sunday School class, Culpepper has served on church committees, filled the pulpit many times when the pastor was out of town, performed weddings and preached countless funerals for church members and their families.

He has been and continues to be an inspiration and a blessing to the members of the church and the community.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Everyone experienced a beautiful Easter Day as cool north breezes prevailed, flowers bloomed and families enjoyed visiting with out of town relatives who came to our little community.

The local branch of Aid Association for Lutherans hosted a pancake breakfast at Faith Lutheran from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. prior to the Sunday School time. After the worship and study time in Sunday School, the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. A full sanctuary greeted Pastor Leaf as he conducted worship services for members and many family visitors.

The Methodist church members met for a pre-service breakfast at the community center followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children and special worship services at the church led by Pastor Tommy Wilson.

Everyone is reminded of the final community supper and meeting to be held at the center next Monday night before we take a summer break. The supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will consist of a "Mexican pile-up" hosted by J. D. and Meta Kupatt, David and Leona Letz and Joe and Dorothy Clark. Ladies of the community are asked to bring Jello salads or desserts.

Hospital

Admissions
Bernice Mathison, Weinert Donald Bockmon, Haskell

Dismissals
Nathelee Caddell, Luevenia Collins, J. R. Williams, Berdie Dumas, Alice Lowrance, Donald Smith, Sylvia Roberts

Good luck athletes at the Regional track meet!

Obituaries

W. H. Patterson

Funeral services for W. H. Patterson, 77, of Rochester were held Sat., April 22 at Weinert Foursquare Gospel Church with Ministers Rob Harrison and Katherine Byrd officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Directors.

Mr. Patterson died Fri., April 21 at an Abilene hospital.

Born in Kent County, he was a lifelong resident of this area. He married Jo Evelyn Russell in 1957. He was a member of the Seagraves Farmers Gin Board and the Rochester Gin Board. He was a member of Weinert Four-

square Gospel Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Evelyn of Rochester; one son, W. H. Patterson, Jr. of Rochester; four daughters, Darlene Carter of Knox City, Sharon Brinson of Aspermont, Karen Byrd of Rochester and Louetta DeYoung of Abilene; two brothers, Dale Patterson of Dardanelle, Ark., and Jerry Patterson of Denver City; four sisters, Clydie Boydston of Modesto, Calif., Gracie Erath of Spur, Verna Bagwell of Gorman and Henrietta Wheeler of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Wilbert and Dwanna Klose for Easter were their daughter Cam and Wade King and little son Tyler of Dublin, Jean and Viva Turnbow of Stamford, Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls and from Haskell Lottie Cook, Pauline Couch, Pam, Tenille and Tracy Mathis and Delma Matthews.

Visiting with Gladys O'Neal over the weekend was her sister Frances Lee of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gannaway of Roswell, N. M. visited his mother Lucille Gannaway.

Robin and Leann Colbert of Dallas visited parents Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver and Golda Colbert also Pam McDonald of Andrews visited mom Golda.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden went to Ft. Worth on Tues. to be with his sister-in-law for surgery. She is Linda Gail McFadden of Bryson.

Faye Gray is back home after taking her sister Pauline home after a three week stay with her. Faye stayed a week in Weatherford visiting sisters and families. A

grandson, Kevin, took her to her daughter's, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hicks, at Abilene on Fri., then on Sun. the Hicks brought her home.

Bernice Hilliard had her children for Easter weekend. They are Ron and Edith Hilliard of Odessa, Kenneth Hilliard of Waco and his daughter Nacole of Lubbock, Pat Shaw of Bryan and Linda Short of Rochester. They all attended church at the Methodist church Sun. morning and then had lunch at Burketts.

Coming on Fri. night to be with Hope Josselet for Easter weekend was daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baccus of Mansfield. Darrell and Jena Hombrick and children Dustin and Brittany of Waco came on Sat. and on Sun. afternoon David Josselet and wife of Abilene came for a visit.

Kip and Kay Derrick of Ft. Worth spent the Easter holidays with her parents Paris and Fannie Mae Barton.

Rickey, Debbie, Todd and Kaylee Scheffel from Lubbock spent Easter weekend visiting with Lewis and Joyce Thomas.

Out of town guests attending the christening ceremony of Sarah Kathrine Williams, daughter of Paul and Mindy of Abilene, at the First United Methodist Church of Haskell, were great uncle and aunt, Gene and Betty Herd and Betty's mother, Mattie Reed of Wichita Falls. Mattie will be celebrating her 99th birthday in August. Sarah is the granddaughter of Royce and Bobbie Williams.

Prekindergarten classes to register Friday, May 5

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 2000-2001 school year Friday, May 5. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

However, prekindergarten is hoped to be offered for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program, please register on Friday, May 5.

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

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 852 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 22, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Active demand good; all cattle steady; 5-15 higher pairs.

Longhorns, Jerseys, Holsteins and out cattle \$5-30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .36-.43; cutters, .39-.46; canners, .25-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.55; feeder, .65-.75; utility, .44-.47.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.15; 500-600 lbs., .88-

.98; 600-700 lbs., .84-.94; 700-800 lbs., .80-.88; 800-up lbs., .68-.82.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .94-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-up lbs., .58-.85.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small, 575-675.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-1050; aged or small, 650-750.

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Births

Brian and Shelby welcome home their new brother, Peter Gaston Copeland. He was born April 17 at 4:11 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 5.3 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Michael and Michele Copeland of Haskell.

Maternal grandparents are Wix and Joann Gaston of Sudan. Paternal grandparents are George and Carol Copeland of Abilene.

Great grandparents are George and Juanita Copeland of Iredell and Vivian Holeyfield of Stephenville.

John Mitchell Anderson was born April 7 at Denton Regional Hospital to Andy and Jamie Anderson of Denton. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are John and Donna Anderson of Lake Dallas and maternal grandparents are Jim Bob and Jerry Bowers of Haskell. Also of Haskell is John Mitchell's great grandmother Oleta Bowers, uncle and aunt Randy and Janet Bowers and cousins, Matt, Laura, James and Elizabeth.



JOHN ADAM ABILA - JANNA LEE ENRIQUEZ

Enriquez, Abila plan July 8th ceremony

Janna Lee Enriquez of Hamlin, and John Adam Abila of Lubbock have announced their engagement to be married July 8, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland.

Parents of the bride-elect are Frank Enriquez of Seguin, and Sara Enriquez of Hamlin.

The prospective bridegroom is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Abila of Haskell.

The bride-elect will be a May graduate of Hamlin High School and will be attending the fall term at Texas Tech University.

Abila is a graduate of Haskell High School. He is employed by Southwestern Bell in Lubbock.

McFadden, Casillas wed

Cassie McFadden and Jeremy Casillas were united in marriage April 15 at the Haskell City Park gazebo with the bride's uncle, Ronnie Timms, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ricky McFadden of Haskell and Jackie McFadden of Canada.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casillas of Decatur.

Maid of honor was Candice McFadden, sister of the bride. Flower girl was the niece of the groom. Best man was the groom's brother.

The bride wore a floor-length dress trimmed with embroidered eyellet. Her headpiece was adorned with pearls. She carried a bouquet of fresh spring flowers. She was

escorted by her father.

As the bride walked in, she presented her grandmother with a long stemmed rose and a kiss. After the ceremony, she presented her new mother-in-law with a rose.

The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with spring flowers. The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake with chocolate frosting. The cake was served by the bride's aunt, Faye Rich, and cousin, Debbie Dewald. The punch was served by the groom's sister, Crystal.

After a short trip, the couple is making their home in Decatur. The bride is employed by Wal-Mart. The groom works in air conditioning construction.



STATE UIL BOUND—Paint Creek student, Candace Everhart, left, won first place in Ready Writing at the Regional Academic Meet at Hardin-Simmons University, qualifying her for the State University Interscholastic League Meet in Austin. Pictured with her is Coach Launa Medford.

Everhart to compete in state ready-writing

Paint Creek High School has qualified one student for the 1999-2000 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet, to be held May 4-6 at The University of Texas at Austin.

Qualifiers include: Candace Everhart, 1st place in Ready Writing.

The student qualified for the state meet by placing first, second or third individually or placing first on a team at the UIL Academic Regional Meet, held April 14-16 at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

"Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL Academic Director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

The purpose of these contests, Hawthorne said, is to teach thinking and problem-solving

skills.

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$13.2 million to approximately 11,600 Texas high school students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 630 new and renewed grants, valued at over \$1 million. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

Students in the news

Matt Blanks, Misty Denise McMeans, Sherry Renee Mueller and Philip Dale Huff, all of Haskell, and Eric Shay Robinson and Cory Wade Robinson, both of Rule, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1999 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

First American Bank announces scholarship

First American Bank Texas, SSB will award a \$250.00 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior from each of the four Haskell County schools.

Applications are available in the offices of Christye Gannaway at Haskell High School; Lizette Hasty at Rochester High School; Leslie Kupatt at Rule High School; and Debbie Hobgood at Paint Creek High School. They are

also available at First American Bank Texas, SSB, located at 518 S. 2nd, Haskell. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 5.

Entries will be evaluated by three local community leaders on academic scores, activities, financial need and a short essay.

The scholarship winners will be announced at the graduation exercises of each high school.

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said a change in investment strategy for the Permanent School Fund could earn up to \$400 million in additional funds for Texas public schools and help reduce pressure on Texas taxpayers.

Dewhurst recommended the State Board of Education increase money to public schools without reducing the basic level of funding for public education, by:

- Changing state law to permit additional earnings from the Available School Fund to be distributed to school districts without a reduction in the basic level of funding to public education; and

- Passing a constitutional amendment to permit a certain percentage of the total earnings of the Permanent School Fund to be distributed to schools through the Available School Fund each year.

"During the last eight years, the stock market has maintained the longest running expansion in U.S. history, but the Permanent School Fund's investments returned only 3.26 percent to Texas schoolchildren in the 1999 fiscal year and only 3.98 percent in fiscal year 1998," Dewhurst said.

"While this was an intentional strategy on the part of the [State Board of Education] to grow the fund, it is now time to help our schools."

The Permanent School Fund is the largest trust fund for public education in the United States, with more than \$21 billion in assets.

AG Sues Direct Mail Firm

Attorney General John Cornyn sued Dallas-area direct mail company owners Cecil Gaskamp and Christopher Etheridge whose businesses, The Lead Connection and Seniors Security Services, mail notices to senior citizens.

The notices appear to be official government correspondence and urge seniors to contact SSS for information on how to protect themselves.

SSS is paid to solicit leads for insurance salesmen who then attempt to sell seniors long term care and burial or "final expense" insurance, Cornyn said.

"I will not tolerate a sales pitch that begins by frightening seniors into thinking they're about to lose their Social Security or health-care benefits," Cornyn said.

SSS envelopes are designed to mislead recipients into thinking that they contain official communications from the federal government, Cornyn said.

The mailings bear the return address of Seniors Security Services and display an emblem that closely resembles a federal seal next to the address and the words "Important Update" printed in large, bold letters.

The lawsuit asks the court for an injunction prohibiting the misleading mailers, civil penalties to be paid to the state of up to \$10,000 per violation, attorneys fees and investigative costs.

Shrimp Fishery in Danger

Texas' \$500 million shrimp industry is in danger of collapse unless actions are taken to reduce commercial harvest, according to an 18-month-long Texas Parks and Wildlife study.

"The population of adult spawning shrimp has been steadily declining because of excessive fishing pressure both in the bays and the Gulf," said Parks and Wildlife Director Andrew Sansom.

Since the early 1970s, shrimp activity in Texas bays has increased more than 300 percent, according to the research.

With technological advances in equipment during the same period, the number of bay shrimp harvested has climbed more than 400 percent.

Group Protests Inequities

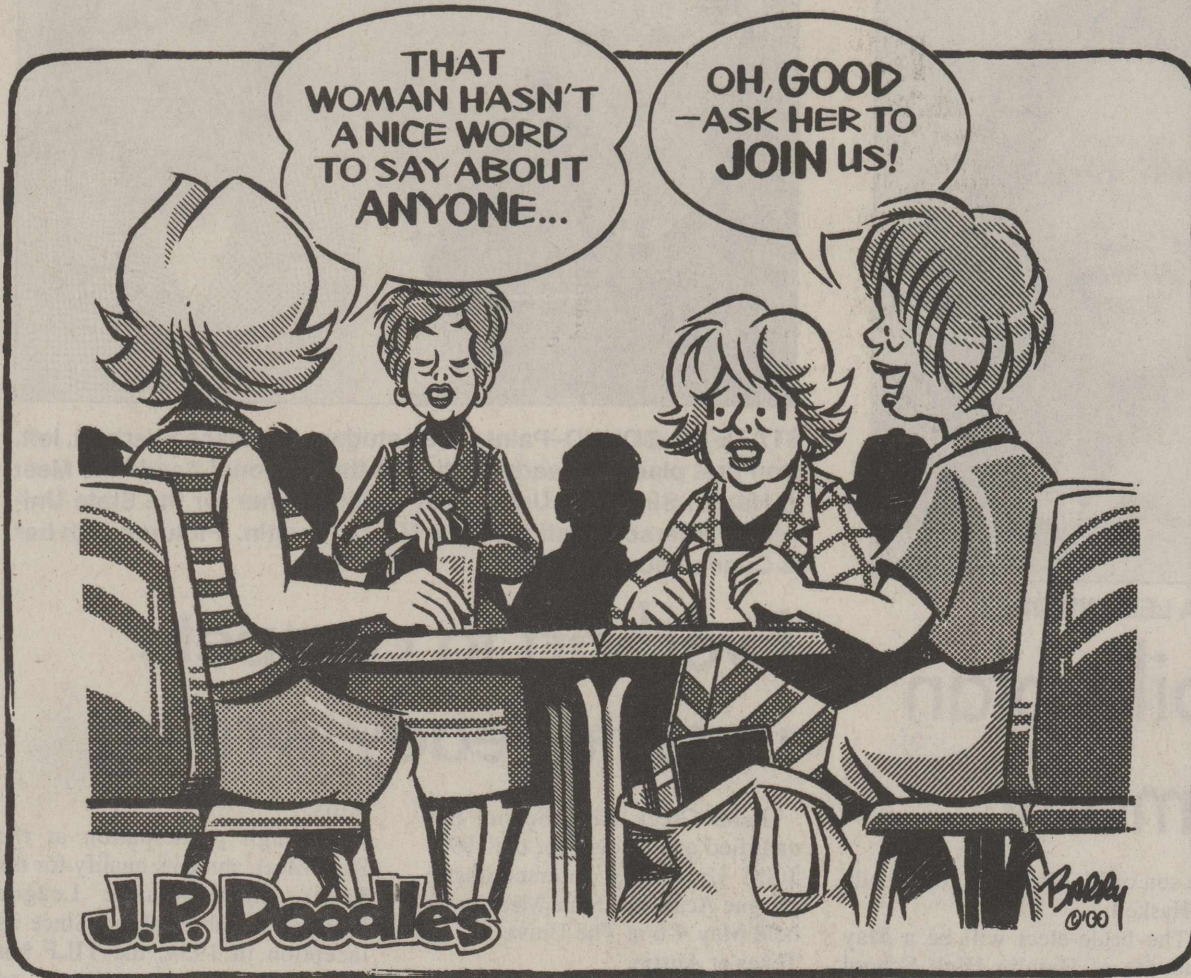
Reimbursements for female-specific surgeries are 37 percent to 50 percent lower than reimbursements for male-specific surgeries, The Equal Health Care Alliance of Austin said last week.

The alliance, which formed this month and has 3,000 members, is encouraging companies to renegotiate contracts with insurers in an attempt to remedy what they see as gender-based disparities.

Susan Dell, wife of Dell Computer Corp. founder Michael Dell, is a co-chairwoman of the alliance.

Other Highlights

- Yvette Saenz, an Alice fourth-grader, won the statewide contest to name the mascot of the Texas Tomorrow Fund. She named the 6-foot-tall, walking, talking diploma "Ima Scholar." Texas Tomorrow Fund is an investment plan that helps Texas parents plan and save for their children to attend college.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree," wrote Joyce Kilmer, in the little poem we learned and loved as a child.

Friday, April 28, has been set aside as Arbor Day in Texas.

Since the first Arbor Day in 1872, thousands of trees have been planted in celebration of the day and in awareness of the need to replenish diminishing supply and to enhance the beauty of our world.

There seems to be something about trees that we humans relate to. Even in their earliest recorded writings and literature humans recognized and wrote about the nature and majesty and presence of trees.

If we are perceptive to our world and all that is in it, we feel a certain kinship to these magnificent manifestations of the Creator's handiwork. Not unlike our human selves, with roots held captive by the mothering, nurturing earth, trees in their seasons of growth and changes spread their limbs upward, ever drawn toward and reaching to their life-giving sun.

There is no part of creation that does not go through a cycle of growing, falling away, disappearance and re-emergence. Think of a tree. Perhaps there is nothing else in nature that teaches us the lesson of dying away and renewal more than trees, as they mark the seasons and the days of their lives on this earth.

"Out of the ground the Lord made all sorts of trees grow that

were pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge, of good and evil."

As Thomas Moore points out in *The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life*, these lines from Genesis follow immediately after the story of the creation of the first human beings, and so they place human life and trees in the closest proximity, in an intimacy we can feel.

"Every patch of ground that has a tree growing in it echoes Eden, and is a reminder of our origins in an enchanted garden," he writes.

Once we stop taking trees literally, we begin to see how they frame the world we look at every minute of our outdoor life, how they set a limit to the upward reach of the land, and how, tall and branching, they stand like nature's double of ourselves.

But, even if we only take trees literally, they stand at the top of our lists of nature's wonders and contributors to our welfare. Used and valued for their commercial qualities in so many ways, they, like our own human ecological balance, are vulnerable to being exploited for greed.

We need real trees in our world; trees in the city and in the countryside. We don't have to study the symbolism of trees to be affected by them emotionally and intellectually, but we may have to

be aware of them and give them daily honest regard. Trees tell us what gives them pleasure. They respond to care and they are so good at offering us benefits beyond measure, that we have no good or valid reason to abuse and deplete them in our economy-driven world.

"We can sit on a tree's limb, rest against its trunk, enjoy its fruits and nuts, sit under its shade and watch it dance in the winds," Moore says. "The lessons we can learn from a tree are infinite, and its pleasures indescribable. There are moments in anyone's life when to be like a tree, tall, straight, fertile, rooted, branching, expressive, and solid, would be the most effective therapy."

As we consider the conservation and the ecology of the trees in our world this Arbor Day, we are again brought in awe to the same conclusion about them, as that of poet Joyce Kilmer. "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Consciously trying to recapture some of that childlike wonder, mystery and joy of life we once felt as we played in the trees of our childhood, might help us to find a re-enchantment of our everyday life as we grow older.

Perhaps an appropriate way to celebrate Arbor Day would be to walk outside, experience again the fresh greening of our trees and thank the Ultimate Gardener for this gift of creation.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
April 26, 1990

Walter Hargrove will be football coach and athletic director at Haskell High School next year. Hargrove has been an assistant football coach at Haskell for the past three years.

The mile relay team of Jana Payne, Holly Hobgood, Shelia Unger and Regina Dever finished second in the district and will compete at the regional track meet held at Elmer Gray Stadium at Abilene Christian University.

20 Years Ago
April 24, 1980

Recently members of the Haskell County Jaycees elected officers for next year. Elected as president was Jim Pace; Mike St. John internal vice president; Earl Proctor secretary; James Davis treasurer and Bo Owens state director.

Recent medal winners in Regional UIL are Sharla Drinnon, third, typing; Kim Griffith, third, poetry interpretation; Cindy Everett, first, shorthand; Richard Vincent, first, persuasive speaking; and Sonja Tidrow, first, slide rule.

30 Years Ago
April 23, 1970

Haskell's Roy Pitman took first place in the 330 intermediate hurdles with a 41.9 in the 28 school Redskin Relays held at Comanche. The Haskell Mile Relay team of Lawrence Kilgore, Eric Whitaker, Jackie Young and Randy O'Neal placed fifth.

Rule placed first with "A Poems' Youth and Spring" at the UIL District 6-B one-act play contest held in Rule. Best actress and actor awards went to Marilyn Moore and Bill Jones, both of Rule.

40 Years Ago
April 28, 1960

Donald Mapez flew his own plane from Venezuela where he is employed by Gulf Oil Company. He visited his mother Mrs. Tom Mapez for three weeks.

50 Years Ago
April 27, 1950

Three members of the Haskell High School Indian Band and director, James M. Hobbs, have been selected to represent District 2-E Lions Clubs at the State convention of Lions to be held in Mineral Wells. The band members selected were Sue Busby, Doris Nell Camp and Rose Ann Johnson.

90 Years Ago
April 23, 1910

The rails have arrived for the Haskell Street Railway and the ties have been shipped, according to Ross Hemphill, promoter of the project. The rails are being distributed along the right of way, which extends from the Wichita Valley depot to the square then north through the residential section and eastward to Hemphill Lake.

Veterans side of nuclear nightmare

by Alan G. Lance, Sr.
National Commander,
American Legion

President Clinton says he wants to "right the wrongs of the past" committed against factory workers who built America's nuclear arsenal. To each civilian bomb maker suffering from cancers related to radioactive exposure, the administration offers either a lump sum payment of \$100,000 or a medical treatment and job retraining package.

If medical records are lost, the sick worker gets compensated. If there is uncertainty about the origin of the cancer, the sick worker gets the benefit of the doubt.

The government should have taken this approach years ago, with respect to "atomic veterans" deliberately exposed to ionizing radiation in nuclear tests conducted in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. "Atomic veterans" wore badges that recorded their exposures so that the government could determine the impact of radiation on the human body. They fought two wars: one for freedom; the other for treatment and compensation from the U. S. government, which for years denied a relationship between these veterans' cancers and their radiation

exposure. As long as the government denied the illnesses were service-connected, the government did not have to provide health care and benefits to the sick veterans, thus prolonging agony and hastening death.

The American Legion fought alongside these veterans and successfully represented a major claimant. Orville E. Kelly in 1979 was awarded disability compensation by the VA for his radiation-linked cancer, a landmark case that set the stage for the awarding of benefits to thousands of "atomic veterans."

The American Legion also fought hard to persuade the government to provide health care and compensation for "atomic veterans" suffering from numerous cancers, including: thyroid, breast, lung, bone, liver, skin, esophageal, stomach, colon, ovarian, rectal, prostate, pancreatic, kidney, urinary bladder, salivary gland, multiple myeloma, posterior subcapsular cataracts, non-malignant thyroid nodular disease, parathyroid adenoma, tumors of the brain and central nervous system and lymphomas other than Hodgkin's disease.

However, many sick veterans do not get the benefit of the doubt that their conditions are service-

connected and therefore rely on American Legion service officers to help them travel an arduous road to compensation. Some sick veterans are awarded health care and benefits. Some are not.

Many veterans whose claims slipped through the government's cavernous cracks are now frail, elderly and overwhelmed as much by betrayal as illness. Further, there are conditions that Congress has yet to make compensable for health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, including chronic lymphatic (lymphocytic) leukemia.

A White House panel poured over scientific studies of accelerated cancer rates among civilian nuclear bomb makers. The case for compensating civilian nuclear workers was compelling; no less compelling than the recent cancer figures on patriots who in their young adulthood followed orders and paid the price.

An Institute of Medicine study released in October found a 50 percent higher leukemia-death rate among land-based military personnel in the Nevada desert who participated in atomic experiments, compared to land-based troops who did not. Death rates for prostate and nasal cancers were upwards of 20

percent higher for atomic-test participants, according to the IOM study.

Science, once again, proved that The American Legion contended for two generations, unfortunately through decades of government denials: Ionizing radiation, contributed to cancer in certain veterans.

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, is a long-standing advocate of compensation and health care for "atomic veterans." As its national commander, I would stand proudly with any administration that would announce a new position. That ailing veterans henceforth exposed to radiation - in any form - will receive the benefit of the doubt that their illnesses are service-connected. They will be provided, hassle-free medical care and just compensation in the Department of Veterans Affairs medical and benefits systems.

No denial. No compensatory shell games. Just the same treatment the administration today extends to civilian victims of a nuclear nightmare. That is what the men and women of The American Legion want, and that is what our nation's veterans have earned.

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District 4-H Fashion Show held in Jayton

The District 3 4-H Fashion Show was held Sat., April 15 at the Jayton-Girard School in Jayton. Eight Haskell County 4-H members were among the 150 contestants in this year's annual event. The theme for this year's show was "Enchanted Kingdom of Fashion." West Texas Utilities Company and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored the day's events.

Ross Bullinger of Haskell won first place honors in the Senior Buying Division. He will represent Haskell County in the State 4-H Fashion show to be held June 13-14 during State 4-H Roundup on the campus of A&M University in College Station. He also received a 3rd place cotton award donated by the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Molly Dudensing from Rule also received first place honors. This was her first year to be involved in a clothing project. She entered her pop-over skirt in the beginner construction category of the Junior Division.

Second place recognition went to Robbyn Tribbey from Haskell who competed in the Junior Casual Buying category.

Placing 3rd with shorty pajamas that she constructed for the Junior Speciality Construction category was Shana Nicholson from Rochester.

Two Haskell County 4-H'ers

were recognized with 4th place awards. Candace Brister from Haskell in the Junior Dressy Buying category and Kerri Newton from Rochester in the Junior Dressy Construction category. Candace also received a 1st place cotton award.

Miranda Robertson from Rule placed 5th in the Intermediate Casual Buying category.

Also participating in the District 4-H Fashion Show was Mykel McGhee from Rochester.

Three Haskell County 4-H Clothing Project leaders served as judges for this year's clothing project competition. They were Renee Dudensing from Rule and Sharon McGhee and Fonda Newton from Rochester.

Prior to the District 4-H Fashion Show, 4-H'ers from the 25 counties in the Rolling Plains Extension District were involved in clothing project learning activities and County Fashion shows. Haskell had 19 eager 4-H'ers involved in clothing projects during this 4-H year.

For more information about 4-H clothing project participation or about any other phase of the Haskell County 4-H program, contact local County Extension Agents - Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 864-2546 or Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag at (940) 864-2658.



DOUBLE WINNERS—Candace Brister and her lamb Lucky, successfully won two events at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Brister's Lucky lamb is double winner

Finding success through hard work and dedication, Candace Brister, nine-year-old Haskell County 4-H'er recently had a very good day at the San Antonio Livestock Show, when she and her lamb, Lucky, were named class winners at the very tough major stockshow held there annually.

From among about 1500 head of lambs in competition, and in the 14 classes of medium wools, Brister

won Class 2, putting her and Lucky in the championship drive with a very elite group of lambs.

Placing first in that event gave Brister the chance to compete in the Quality Lamb Carcass Competition, in which her lamb placed 4th overall, winning her some extra prize money.

The young student is the daughter of Greg and Debbie Brister.

Local Study Club hears book review

The Haskell Progressive Club met Thurs., April 13 for a program on "Women of Substance—the Heritage Continues."

Roll call was answered by each member telling of a memory from their youth.

Introduced by Linda Lane Bloise, guest speaker Carolyn Pippen gave program on "Texas Heritage."

Reviewing the book, *Haskell County History*, written by her grandfather, R. E. Sherrill, she recounted the colorful stories of events and people as they were carefully researched and recorded by Mr. Sherrill.

Comprehensive in its coverage, the book was written in response to a request by Professor C. C. Minatra, superintendent of the Haskell Public Schools, for his history class, so they would

know of the struggle to settle this part of Texas. "History is a true account of past conditions and events. Frontier history gradually fades and dies with the death of the pioneers unless it has been committed to writing," he wrote. The book is on file at the Haskell County Library, in the Genealogy section.

An appreciation gift was presented to the speaker by Evelyn Cobb.

Following a short business session, refreshments were served to twenty-eight members and guests, by hostesses, Evelyn Cobb, Mary Kaigler, Bettie Wainscott and Erma Liles.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

WHAT DO TAXES HAVE TO DO WITH INVESTING?

The bad news is that you have to pay tax on your investment income. The good news is that you can exercise some control over the amount of tax you pay. Here's what you should know.

- Hold your investments longer than 12 months. Gains on most long-term investments are taxed at favorable rates: 10% if you are in the 15% tax bracket on ordinary income, and 20% if you are in the 28% bracket.
- Offset gains with losses. If you want to get rid of an underperforming investment, the best time to take the loss is when you have other capital gains. Losses can also offset the capital gain distributions that you receive from mutual funds. In addition, unused losses can be carried forward to future years.
- Use the best method for determining your tax basis. The gain on any investment is the difference between its tax basis and its selling price. But did you know that the tax basis of a stock or mutual fund can be computed in different ways—each of which can affect your gain? Get details before you decide to sell.
- Put stocks that pay dividends in your tax-deferred accounts. Dividends earned in taxable accounts are taxed at ordinary income rates, which can be as high as 39.6%. But you pay no tax on income earned in your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) until you start making withdrawals (no tax if in a Roth IRA).
- If you are in one of the higher tax brackets, consider adding municipal bonds to your portfolio. While yields are usually lower than corporate bonds, interest earned is free from federal tax, so you will often come out ahead, and it may increase your tax bill if you are receiving social security retirement benefits.

Most investors seek to maximize their returns. While taxes should not be your main investment concern, reducing their impact can help boost your net worth.

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Ag Credit of Texas, PCA holds meeting

Lance D. Morris of Crosbyton, Ted Rankin of Miami, Thomas R. Helton of Wheeler, Nolan Niehues of San Angelo and Dr. Paul Weyerts of Alpine were chosen by stockholders as Directors of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA April 15. The meeting was held in six sessions beginning April 3 in El Paso and concluding April 15 in Stamford. Marathon was the gathering site for Marfa Branch Office members and guests. San Angelo, Canadian and Childress also hosted meetings.

Other Board members are Chairman Garon Tidwell of Munday, Bob Beagle of Perryton, Keith Corzine of Stamford, Dan Henard, Jr. of Wellington, Don A. Jones of Fluvanna, Jack Reese of Abilene, Robert Rieck of Menard, Garner Schoenhals of Canadian, Dean Turner of Matador, Arlie Weatherman of Ft. Stockton and Jim Wright of Menard.

Dr. Paul Weyerts gave the Board Report at the El Paso and Marathon sessions. Chairman Tidwell handled this duty at the San Angelo, Canadian and Childress meetings. Director Corzine presented the report in the Stamford session. The Association's Board of Directors declared a \$1,050,000 patronage distribution to members. Paid 100% in cash, this dividend effectively reduced the interest rate by one percent.

CEO Terry D. Dane offered the Report of Management in all six sessions. Stockholders were updated on the progress of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA's joint management ventures with Wichita Falls and El Campo PCAs and First Ag Credit, FCS and the anticipated formation of the umbrella "First Ag Credit, FCS, ACA Holding Company," pending

stockholders' approval. If granted, the entity will maintain 44 offices, serve 121 counties and offer both mortgage and operating credit at all locations. The resulting entity will have a diversified territory and be the largest association in the five-state district with an anticipated loan volume of \$670-700 million and a strong capital base of \$135-140 million.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented as follows: El Paso - Craigie Miller of Ft. Hancock; Marathon - John S. Rike III, Association President and Chief Operating Officer; San Angelo - Carl Kothmann of Menard; Canadian - Warren Rivers of Canadian; Childress - Bruce Inman of Childress; and Stamford - Ronnie Richmond of Anson.

Receiving special recognition as 50-year members were: Marathon - Ben and Mary Martha Gearhart; San Angelo - Buster and Mildred Haggard; and Stamford - Allen Overton, Windell and Mary Jo Egger, A. J. and Joyce Cook, Lura Hardy, Don and Nelva Jones and Johnnie Wheeler Wickham.

Employee tenure awards were presented to Linda Jurado of Marfa, Gene Bruce of Childress, Suzie Anderson of Canadian and Fred Goad of Wheeler. Directors receiving service awards were Dean Turner of Matador, Nolan Niehues of San Angelo, Dan Henard of Wellington and Garon Tidwell of Munday.

Cash prizes were awarded at each session in a drawing from PCA stockholders in attendance. "Just Friends" of Snyder provided entertainment for the evening sessions in San Angelo and Canadian. "The Cooper Fiddlers" of Abilene brought the program in Childress and Stamford.

Paint Creek FHA members to attend state conference

Representatives for the Paint Creek Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will be attending the 2000 State Leadership Conference along with 4,000 members and advisors from Texas. "Constructing a Better Tomorrow!" is the theme of the 2000 meeting which will be held in the Fort Worth Convention Center, Fort Worth, April 27-29.

Competing in STAR Events from Paint Creek will be Delinda Strickland, Selina Salinas and Renee Thomas (Focus on Children, Senior); Hattie Walton, Lesli Isbell and Cassie Lamb (Focus on Children, Junior); Heather Hobbs (Job Interview Skills, Senior). Bridgett Silvas and Brandy Gardner will also attend as STAR Events helpers. Members will be challenged to go beyond their boundaries by creative and critical thinking skills, family communication skills, practical knowledge and vocational preparation. Inspirational, dynamic keynote speakers and presentations by members will highlight the two day conference. Interest sessions concerning teen issues and programs that FHA/HERO provides will be held for members to attend.

The business of the Texas Association, Future Homemakers of America, will be conducted during the House of Delegates session, Fri., April 27, where final business prior to a name change of the organization will take place. Recognition of the competitive events participants and installation of the 2000-2001 state officers will

climax Saturday afternoon's session. These officers, elected through chapter participation throughout the state, will be placed in office by a nominating committee. A newly elected president will receive the gavel from Laura Crenwelge, outgoing president from Fredericksburg High School in Fredericksburg. The organization will change names at the conclusion of the conference. The new name will be Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Activity is good for osteoarthritis

Activity is the best remedy for those suffering from osteoarthritis.

"Osteoarthritis is a chronic disease that affects about 10 percent of the population over age 60," said Dr. Robert Luchi, a professor of medicine-geriatrics at the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Most suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee."

Recent research has shown aerobic exercise and strength training can reduce the pain and save joint function better than rest. Luchi said walking, bicycling, weight training and swimming are all healthy exercises that can be performed three to four times a week.

To Haskell County Voters

What a political race for Haskell County Sheriff!

Two distinctly different candidates;

A record number of voters for a run off;

A lot of passion and emotion displayed; and

A narrow vote.

This is the Democratic process and is how it should be.

To David Halliburton, I give my congratulations.

To our friends and everyone who voted for me, I thank you!

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BOBCAT TRACK TEAM—Rule 2000 track team District Champions are, back l-r, Brian Lehmann, Jeffrey Murray, Kyle Falkner, Trey Kitley, Justin Coker, Jason Custer and Allen Pueblo. Front, Mike Casey, Grant Hisey, Joe Sotelo, Jody Harvey and Josh Smith. Also qualifying for state events by winning Area Championships in Graham, were Sotelo, 3rd place winner in 110m hurdles; Harvey, 1st place winner in 300m hurdles; Lehmann, 1st place winner in 400m run; Hisey, 1st place winner in 3200m run and 2nd place winner in 1600m run.

Lutherans to elect new bishop in Addison April 28-30

Representatives of two Haskell County Lutheran Churches will be attending, as voting members, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in America (ELCA) in Addison, April 28-30, to elect a new Bishop.

The Haskell area will be represented by Rev. Gary O. Bruns, pastor, and members Sam and JoAnn Watson from the Trinity Lutheran Church, Haskell, and Rev. Stan Leaf and members Kenneth and Margie Hertel of Faith Lutheran Church of Sagerton.

During the Assembly, Rev. Bruns will be recognized with a certificate for 35 years of pastoral service.

The NT-NL Synod includes 37,000 members in 117 congregations across the northern parts of Texas and Louisiana, plus Clovis, New Mexico and Durant, Oklahoma.

Serving as bishop of the synod since its formation in 1987, Reverend Bishop Mark B. Herbener of Dallas has announced that he

will retire at the end of the current term.

In addition to serving as pastor to the pastors and as chief administrative officer for the Synod, the Bishop is also the principal liaison with other Protestant churches and other religions. In this role, Herbener has been a regional leader in inter-faith communications between various religious bodies. The Texas Conference of Churches recently honored him with its Ecumenical Leadership 2000 award. Active in the TCC, he served as its president from 1995-97.

In addition to his religious activities, Herbener has served as president of the Dallas Bach Society since 1998.

After being elected, the new bishop will serve a six-year term beginning July 1.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Like any good neighbors, our two adjoining nations of Canada and the United States have always enjoyed a friendly relationship, despite some minor differences. This has been evident from our 3,000-mile unguarded boundary line that spans the continent, and in recent years, by our joint participation in sports. Moreover, another ingredient was added during last year, with all its turmoil and startling developments on the world scene. It is in times of crisis that people and countries show what they are made of, and the similarity of our responses to these events has brought us even closer together. At our House of Worship, let us thank God for this wonderful relationship, and pray that it will continue forever, as an example to the rest of the world.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

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

Church in the Park

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

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

WEINERT

First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

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

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Haskell School Menu

May 1-5 Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

Monday: Cheese toast

Tuesday: Pop tart, buttered toast

Wednesday: Blueberry muffins

Thursday: Biscuit/gravy, sausage

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

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at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Beef & vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce, cookies

Wednesday: Stromboli, tater tots, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, tossed salad, Texas toast, apple crisp
Friday: Hamburger, asst. chips, hamburger trimmings, sliced peaches

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May 1-5 Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily

Monday: Sausage, eggs, toast

Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy

Wednesday: Cinnamon toast

Thursday: Cereal, peach cups

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

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Wednesday: Chicken patties,

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Thursday: Hoagie sandwiches,

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Friday: Hamburgers

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, May 1

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Wednesday, May 3

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch-Meat loaf, Spanish cabbage, potatoes, English peas, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, May 5

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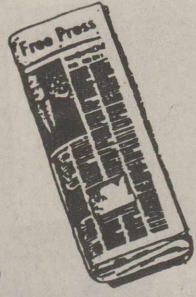
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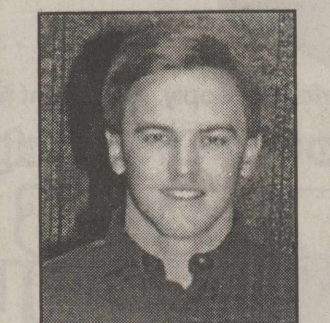
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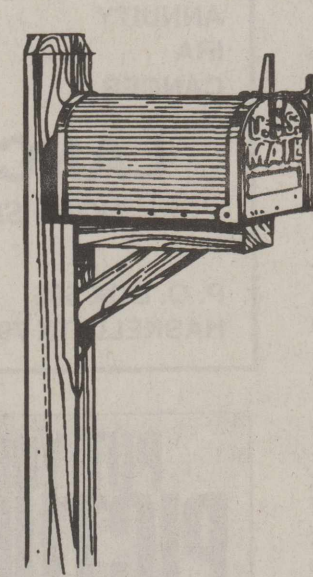
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Bees causing trouble in Haskell and surrounding counties

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Recent bee attacks and the addition of Jones County as a quarantined county for Africanized bees has certainly increased the awareness level of bees in Haskell County. "Warmer than usual winters and an early spring has seemed to increase bee activity this year," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist in San Angelo. "We are also seeing more and earlier spring swarming of bees than in the past. I've received reports of bees attacking dogs and people. When that happens, folks immediately think the bees are Africanized bees or the so-called 'killer bees' and must be destroyed immediately. However, the bees may not be Africanized and their destruction may not always be the best idea.

"No bee will attack unless it feels threatened. The most common attacks occur when a person or animal gets too close to a hidden hive and the bees react. Africanized bees respond quicker and in larger numbers when provoked. But, European or domestic bees will attack for the same reason. If bees do attack, cover your face and run. Don't try to fight them because the bees always win. If possible, pets should be allowed to escape attack. Remember, bees only attack when they feel threatened. Check your yard carefully for bees before using mowers or weed-eaters. Many attacks occur when people are doing yard work and the machinery vibrations agitate the bees. Outdoorsmen should be cautious around infrequently used deer stands, boats and cabins."

Sansone said the sting of an Africanized bee is no worse than that of a European bee. He said a recent medical study indicated that it takes an average of ten stings per pound of body weight to kill a person unless the victim is allergic to bee stings. A single bee sting is seldom fatal unless the person suffers a severe allergic reaction. Early symptoms of an allergic reaction include: a tingling sensation of the palms, bottoms of the feet, tongue and lips; tightening of the throat, dizziness and nausea.

"Because it's very hard to tell if a bee is Africanized or European, all bees should be treated with respect," said Sansone. "Since Africanized bees have been in this area since 1993, some you encounter are bound to be Africanized. The only way to be sure is to send a 30 or 40-bee sample to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station."

Sometimes a colony must be destroyed because of its location.

Sansone said bees is a wall can usually be found by feel, because the hive location is often warmer than the surrounding area. The actual hive may be several feet from the bees' entry and exit point, so several insecticide applications are usually needed to kill all the bees. Be sure to read and follow all label instructions when using an insecticide. Remove all the comb and honey once the bees are dead. If left inside the wall, after the bees are gone, pests like cockroaches and mice will find the honey and may soon be more of a problem than the bees.

"Our domestic or European bee, *Apis mellifera*, came from the African tropics," said Sansone. "From there it migrated to Asia and Europe. Early settlers brought the first bees to North America. Indians called it the 'white man's fly' and used it as an early warning sign of encroaching European settlers. Since then, the honey bee has become an invaluable agricultural crop pollinator. In Texas alone, 90 commercial food and fiber plants worth about a half billion dollars annually, depend on bees for pollination. The Texas beekeeping industry also generates substantial annual revenues from honey, wax, queen bees for propagation, package bees for establishing hives, royal jelly and

pollen for health food stores and several other by-products."

Sansone said there are four recognized European bee races and 12 African races. All have been introduced into North American bee breeding programs. The European strains are preferred because of their winter hardiness, a tendency not to swarm (search for a new hive), gentleness and other desirable traits. African bees came on the scene in the 1950's when researchers in Brazil went to Africa in search of new bee breeding genetics. European bees are not well adapted to Brazil, thus research was initiated to develop a more productive bee. The Africanized bees were accidentally released and started to spread throughout South America. The bees hitched rides on ships and trucks moving through their area and finally hit Texas in 1990.

Control of bees around the home is the responsibility of the homeowner. A number of wasp and hornet sprays are available that do an adequate job of killing bees. If bees set up in an area where it is difficult to control the hive, the best solution for the homeowners is to contact a qualified pest control company. More information about bees and Africanized bees can be found on the web at <http://agnnews.tamu.edu/bees/>.

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CLASS VISITS THROUGH BOOKLET—Haskell Elementary second grade students of teacher Earlene Griffith recently learned about life in another state through a booklet written by a second grader in Pennsylvania. The booklet was been circulated among students of several schools in the country, with each adding information and pictures about their own town before sending it back.

Class visits through student's shared booklet

Through the sharing of a paper lamb and a booklet made by a Waynesburg, Pennsylvania second-grader, Earlene Griffith's second grade students at Haskell Elementary recently enjoyed a visit with the other second grader, Brin.

Brought to the school by Yuvi Cadenhead, the booklet explained that lambs are a primary source of income where Brin lives. The booklet had already been sent to schools in Oregon, Hawaii and Las Vegas, New Mexico before being sent to Haskell.

Joining with the other schools, the Haskell class members wrote in the journal. Sherry Adams took a picture of the class to send back to Pennsylvania with the booklet and the paper lamb.

Before sending the booklet back to Pennsylvania, Yuvi Cadenhead took pictures around Haskell to share with Brin a look at the local students' town.

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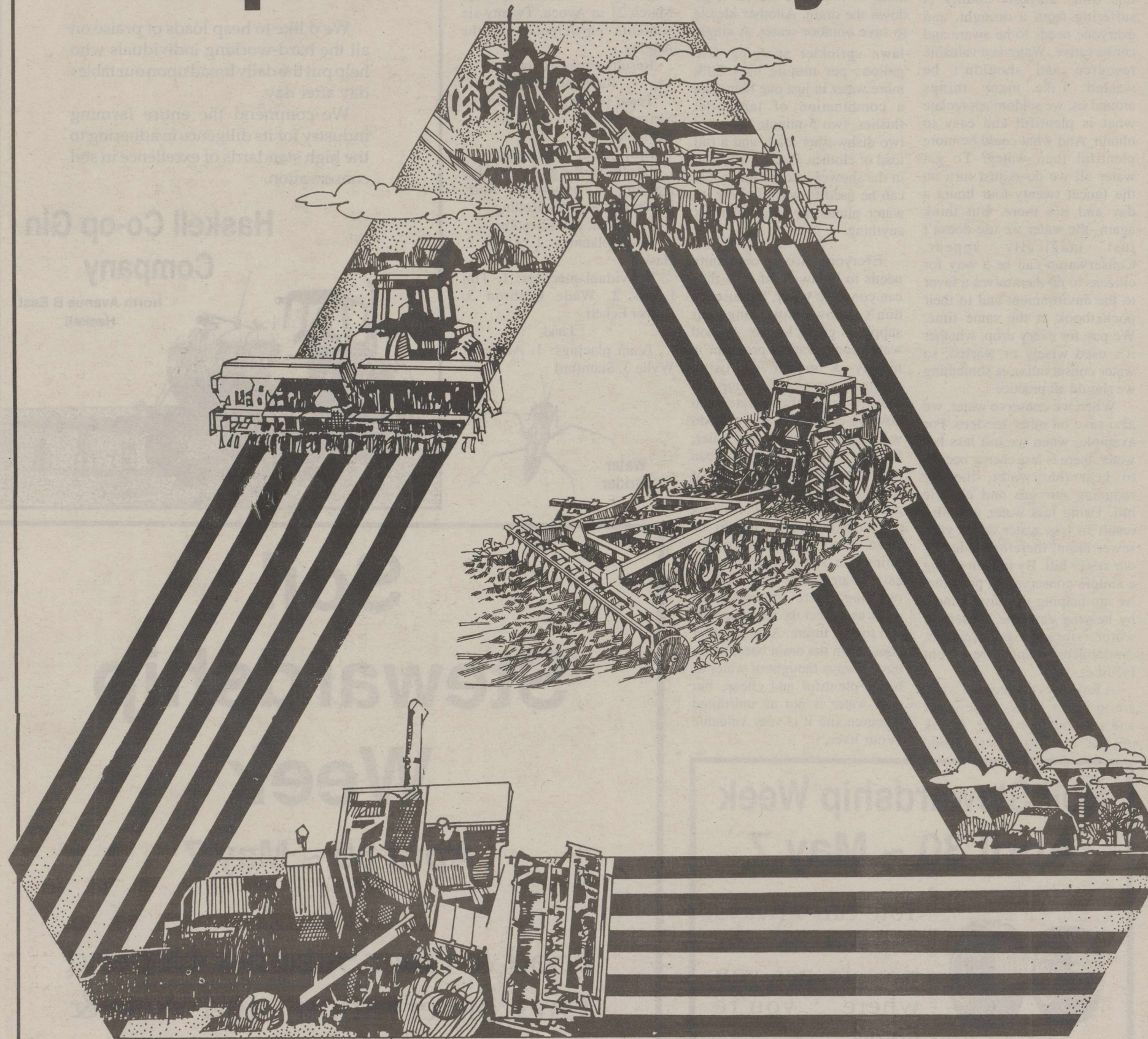
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Soil Stewardship Week declared April 30 through May 7; 'Community Waters' is the 2000 national theme

Keeping community waters clean and plentiful is a common goal all Americans should embrace, according to organizers of the 2000 Soil and Water Stewardship Week, set for April 30 through May 7. The focus of this year's national observance is on the total watershed management approach to natural resource conservation.

A watershed is defined as an area of land that sheds water into

a common water body, such as a river or lake. There are thousands of identified watersheds in America. Since we all live in a watershed, what we do in our own backyard has important consequences to everyone else who lives downstream from us.

"Developing a positive attitude is important as we work together to maintain an adequate supply of clean water," said F.

A. Ulmer, chairman of the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District, local sponsor of this year's Soil and Water Stewardship Week. "Our local conservation district would like to help take the leadership to bring all interested groups and individuals together to discuss how to improve the health of our own watershed," Ulmer added.

The abundance of good, clean water in our communities is not guaranteed as some kind of right. Rather, it is a resource that must be earned and re-earned as time passes and conditions change. While overall per capita consumption of water has decreased in the last decade, water conservation efforts should never be abandoned. Modern conservation efforts are now focused on ways to keep our natural water supply system clean, helping to keep down costs in water treatment facilities. For example, farmers are now installing grassed waterways and filter strips along the edges of their fields and streams to prevent soil and nutrients from being washed into major streams. Similar good management practices are being installed around construction sites and large building and parking lots in suburban and urban areas.

The technology is available to ensure a clean water supply. The real challenge, according to Ulmer, is to develop the collective community and political will to get the job done.

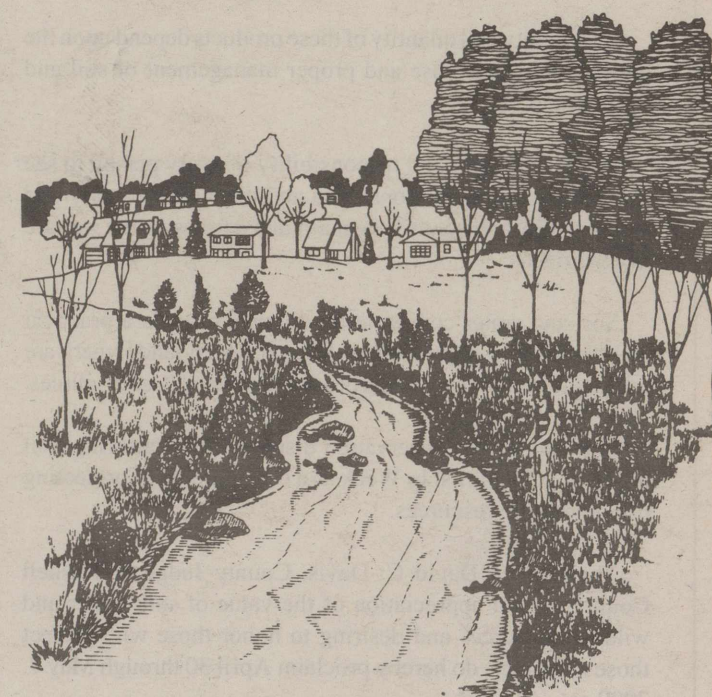
The Haskell SWCD was organized in 1977 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and

request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has

sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme each year is distributed through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.



COMMUNITY WATERS

SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP 2000

Governor Bush proclaims April 30-May 7 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Texans' health and well being are closely related to that of the land. Rich, fertile soil and clean water are vital to produce ample supplies of food, fiber and native plants. To protect the earth's bounty, everyone must play a part in conserving, managing and properly using soil and water resources.

Conservation efforts in the Lone Star State involve both government and private citizens. Working at the local level, 216 soil and water conservation districts serve as practical and democratic organizations through which landowners can take the initiative in protecting resources. Under the direction of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, these districts promote the stewardship of our natural resources. Their leadership helps ensure that communities wisely manage soil use and maintain sufficient water quality and quantity, strengthening the foundation of nature's food chain for the benefit of all living things in the Lone Star State.

The conservation districts in Texas have joined with other groups and government organizations to sponsor Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 30-May 7. In honor of this year's theme, "Community Waters," they are working to coordinate local activities throughout the state in recognition of the importance of soil and water conservation.

I urge all Texans to take personal responsibility for safeguarding our soil and water so that future generations can also enjoy the Lone Star State's natural resources and beauty.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 7, 2000,

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereon, I hereby affix my signature this 5th day of March, 2000.

Essay scholarship contest offered by local SWCD

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. Co-sponsors of the contest are Rule Banking Center, Home State Bank of Rochester, Ag Credit of Texas, PCA of Stamford, Federal Land Bank, First National Bank and Haskell National Bank of Haskell. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Winners are: 1. Josh Stocks 2. Dusty Yates.

The judging was held April 3; twenty-two students from Haskell participated.

Included in this supplement are some of those essays.

Water Limitation Among Haskell

North Central Texas is known for its overwhelming dry spells and lack of rain. Among the North Texas region is the county of Haskell, which is one of the many counties that

desperately need water. Water sources across the Big Country have also been subject to these harsh conditions. Due to the severity of the dry spells and lack of rain, the North Central Texas Municipal Authority has devised a plan appropriate for the water conservation of this area. The authority will promote water conservation by informing the public of ways to conserve water. Many activities will be established to inform the citizens of the water conservation program during the initial two years of the water conservation plan. In succeeding years, the authority customers should receive water conservation material declaring any updates or changes made by the water plan.

Hydrologists acquired water rate structures which have resulted in prices that are not extremely high, yet high enough to persuade users to reduce the excessive use of water. Along

with the price increase, water officials will be testing and replacing water meters that meter the flow of all water delivered to authority customers, non-member cities and member-cities. Meters with abnormally high or low water usage will be replaced. During the meter inspections, detection of leaks and repairs will be made. The authority will perform visual inspections ascertain abnormal conditions indicating leaks in the system and will make necessary corrective repairs on authority owned appurtenances and pipelines. On any pipelines or appurtenances owned by the customer, the authority will notify the customer of the problem.

The water authority will educate the public on tips and techniques on how to conserve water when landscaping. The authority will also monitor the water usage in landscaping. The authority will encourage its customers to plant only minimal water-using plants as well as grasses. Grasses and plants that require little water would reduce the usage of water greatly. Information on irrigation and landscaping practices will be available from the Education and Information program.

A wholesale water supply contract has been issued to include the requirements that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement

a water conservation plan or water conservation measures in accordance with the applicable requirements of the State of Texas. Each wholesale customer who intends to resell the water must provide a contract for the resale of the water and have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer will be required to implement water conservation measures.

As a result of the growing drought in West Texas, the water authority has devised plans to secure the community's future. Be informing the public of the previous procedures to conserve water, the public will be capable of circumventing a future crisis of the magnitude of the 1930's Dust Bowl.

Water: An essential element

Water: An Essential Element
by Jason Trammell
Water is the liquid that falls as rain and forms our rivers, lakes and ponds. In its pure form water has no color, smell, or



taste. Fresh, clean water is essential for residential use, agriculture and industry, but the water quality in many lakes and rivers has been destroyed by pollution. In our area the problem is not so much pollution, as it is the threat of water shortages. Limited amounts of rainfall in our area mean that we must conserve and use our water wisely.

We can all conserve water in several different ways. The most water is wasted in our homes. A few good ideas to save water at home are turning the water off while brushing teeth or while shaving. This could save six gallons a day. Fixing leaky faucets and plumbing joints could also save another twenty

gallons a day for every leak stopped. Lots of people like to water their lawns especially in the summer months. Be sure to only water the lawn when it is needed. Step on the grass and if it springs back, then it doesn't need any water. Also, be sure not to water the sidewalks, driveways, or gutter. Adjust sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn or garden where it belongs. If there is a flowerbed or garden, put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss, or gravel slows down evaporation. By only watering the grass when it needs it, adjusting sprinklers and putting down a layer of mulch could save at least twenty-five hundred gallons a month.

Another problem we are faced with around our area is lack of water, often called a drought. We have been experiencing drought-like conditions the past seven years. Water is becoming scarce and many farmers' and ranchers' tanks are becoming nothing but mud holes. With very little rain, grazing also becomes a problem. A big issue around our area is Lake Stamford. Since we have been lacking any runoff the past seven years, the lake has become the lowest it has ever been. Efforts like pumping water from the California Creek to help put some water back in the lake might work if WTU can come up with the money to fund all the expenses. Our power plant is on Lake Stamford and many people would be without a job if the plant shuts down. Haskell and other surrounding communities would have to get our electricity from some where else.

There is not a lot we can do about a drought, but we can all conserve water. If we will all do our part we could save millions of gallons of water.

Water is life

Water is Life
by Jodi Thigpen

I believe that soil and water conservation is very important, especially in our community at this time. Haskell County is suffering from a drought, and everyone needs to be aware and conservative. Water is a valuable resource and shouldn't be wasted. Like many things around us, we seldom appreciate what is plentiful and easy to obtain. And what could be more plentiful than water? To get water all we do is just turn on the faucet twenty-four hours a day and it's there. But think again--the water we use doesn't just magically appear. Conservation can be a way for citizens to do themselves a favor to the environment and to their pocketbook at the same time. We pay for every drop, whether it's used wisely or wasted, so water conservation is something we should all practice.

When we conserve water, we also save on other services. For example, when we use less hot water, there is less energy needed to heat that water, thereby reducing our gas and electric bill. Using less water will also result in less water down your sewer drain, therefore reducing our sewer bill. By implementing a simple conservation program, we are helping the environment by helping ease the burden on water storage, purification, distribution and treatment facilities.

A few ways to conserve water are to repair leaks, reuse water and save outdoor water. A leak of just one drop per second

wastes 2,400 gallons of water a year. Also since we are going through a drought it would be helpful if people would reuse water. We need to make the most of it before we let it go down the drain. Another idea is to save outdoor water. A single lawn sprinkler spraying five gallons per minute uses 50% more water in just one hour than a combination of ten toilet flushes, two 5-minute showers, two dishwasher loads and a full load of clothes. Placing a bucket in the shower catches water that can be used to wash the car, to water plants, or to clean most anything.

Everyone in our community needs to be aware of how they can conserve water, because we don't know how long our supply is going to last. A good water conservation program is mostly a matter of using common sense and taking the time to think about water and how we can use it. Not only do we need to conserve our water, but also we need to keep it clean and not polluted. Everyone needs to think about our animals that need the water and we don't want our drinking water not to be clean. Water conservation means doing the same with less, by using water more efficiently or reducing where appropriate in order to protect the resource now and for the future. A lot of water goes down the drain because we have always thought of water as being plentiful and cheap, but now water is not an unlimited resource and it is very valuable in our lives.

Teams compete in judging contest

Each year the Haskell SWCD along with the California Creek SWCD conduct a judging contest to help area high school judging teams prepare for district contests. The contest was held March 21 in Avoca. Twenty-six students participated in the judging.

Results are as follows:
Range and Pasture

Team placings: 1. Anson 2. Stamford 3. Haskell 4. Rochester

Individual placings: 1. Crystal Rolling 2. Ashley Nehring 3. tie between Andy Sandbothe and Jack Rolling Plant Identification

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Individual placings: 1. Tim Lewis 2. Wade Cothron 3. Amber Eckert

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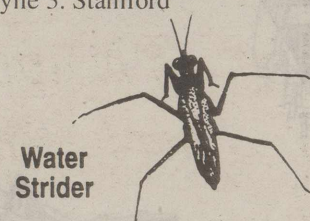
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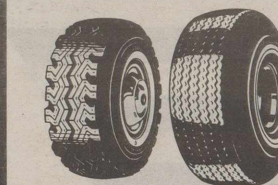
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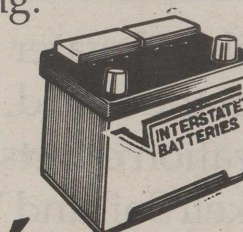
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Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

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

Therefore, I David C. Davis, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of soil, water and wildlife resources and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 30 through May 7, 2000 as

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Haskell County, Texas.

In Official Recognition Whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 11th day of April, 2000

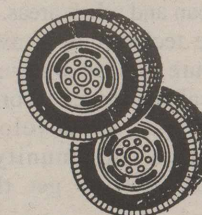
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Water is a limited resource

Water for the Future
by Craig Cunningham
Water in our community is becoming a limited resource. Places such as Lake Stamford and Miller Creek are beginning to dry out due to the drought. As the drought continues, the available supply of fresh water is being depleted.

To meet the needs of future populations and ensure that habitats and the environment are protected, our nation's water must be sustainable and

renewable. Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. This stretches our water supply further and helps protect places like Lake Stamford and Miller Creek.

Water suppliers and consumers can choose from a wide variety of effective water conservation practices in and around the home. One way to conserve water would be to

water the lawn only when it needs it and with drought conditions, water with a soaker hose.

Next, don't let the hose continually while washing one's car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Also when cleaning driveways and sidewalks, use a broom instead of a water hose. Another way to conserve water is to fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Every little drop of water

counts. Furthermore, run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.

Finally, shorten the time of showers and install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. These are just a few of the many ways that we as a community can help conserve our most important natural resource, water. By practicing water conservation in our homes and in our daily lives, we will help the planet, our community and our finances.

Poster winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest. A total of 221 students participated. The District winners are: First Place - Abel Cisneros, Paint Creek; Second Place - Callie Thomasson, Paint Creek; and Third Place - Tyler Manske, Rochester. These winning posters will be sent to Temple for further judging. This year's theme is Community Waters.

Local winners are from Haskell: Second Grade, Mrs. Griffith: 1. Brooke Bullinger 2. Brennan Medford 3. Judith Isbell
These contestants also won in the same order best overall in the whole 2nd grade.

Third Grade, Mrs. Christian: 1. Laura Garcia 2. Paige Adams 3. Megan Bailey

Third Grade, Mrs. Huff: 1. Faith Silvas 2. Brittany Martinez 3. Meghan Rabb

Third Grade, Mrs. Waggoner: 1. Samantha Rodriguez 2. Hannah Wallace 3. Shayla Session

Third Grade Overall: 1. Faith Silvas 2. Samantha Rodriguez 3. Hannah Wallace

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Cypert: 1. Robbyn Tribbey 2. Miguel Chavez 3. Shannon Harlan

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Earles: 1. Caleb Hudgens 2. Shannon Bird 3. Cody Kretschmer

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Newton: 1. Nancy Ruiz 2. Jeremy Sorrells 3. Noe Rivera

Sixth Grade Overall: 1. Caleb Hudgens 2. Nancy Ruiz 3. Robbyn Tribbey

From Paint Creek: Kindergarten: 1. Caleb McCord 2. Kelli Pittcock 3. Dalton Barnett

First Grade: 1. Kailey Jones 2. Kelsey Ansley 3. Shanda Pelton

Second Grade: 1. K. C. Files 2. Adan Rivera 3. Zach Trussell

Third Grade: 1. Marty Hall 2. Jeffery Wade 3. Steven Fillmon

Fourth Grade: 1. Kailey McCord 2. Barrett Thomasson 3. Bryson Trussell

Fifth Grade: 1. Abel Cisneros 2. Kristen Barr 3. D. J. Hall

Sixth Grade: 1. Justin Hannsz 2. Callie Thomasson 3. Todd Emert

From Rochester: Kindergarten: 1. Stewart Ulrich 2. Jo Angel Martinez 3. Paige Glover

First Grade: 1. Mariassa McGhee 2. Michael Wilburn 3. Leah Tibbets

Second Grade: 1. Amy Muniz 2. Chloe Strickland 3. Lisa Rodgers

Third Grade: 1. Tyler Manske 2. John English 3. Lauren Newton

Fifth Grade: 1. Shana Nicholson 2. Teddye Sue Harris 3. Paden Brown

Water: Creating a never ending supply

Water: Creating a Never Ending Supply

by Dusty Yates
There is an old saying in economics, "that which is free or too cheap is wasted." When settlers arrived in Haskell County over a century ago, water was certainly not cheap. It was either diligently waited for as a much appreciated gift or rain, or worked hard for by digging a well or perhaps building a dam. Fortunately, due to our forebearers hard work, abundant clean drinking water has become cheap. Unlike death and taxes, the citizens of Haskell County aren't necessarily assured a never ending supply of water. The three-year-old drought that much of the state is enduring has proven to the younger generation what older generations have already experienced; shortage of water can be a harsh reality. Unfortunately, water is often a resource that is not missed until it is no longer there. Although only God and Mother Nature can control the supply of rainwater bestowed upon our area, it is our responsibility as consumers to assure that this water is not squandered. This can only be accomplished through public involvement, through education of residents and through careful planning of future use.

Public involvement and education are key in any community affair and water conservation is no exception. Protecting the county's water supply requires full effort and cooperation from the entire community. Every individual must be willing to do his part while abiding by regulations that are aimed at conserving water. Citizens must take care to use water sparingly and discriminate between necessary and unnecessary usage. This is the point in which education pertaining to conservation, becomes increasingly important. Although the Soil and Water Conservation District of Haskell has succeeded in informing a significant percentage of

residents of the seriousness of the current drought, many citizens are misinformed or confused on the proper action required for water conservation.

The first step in deciding conservation actions is to determine the best method of water conservation and then devise a plan based on that method. The plan should fit the

severity of the drought and must include steps and solutions that are attainable. For example, a plan that prohibits ranchers from hauling water to livestock would, of course, be inapplicable. However, a plan that limits lawn watering could be readily accomplished.

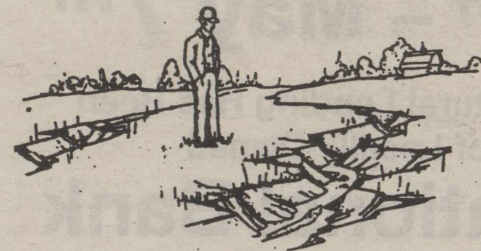
Once a specific plan for conservation is drafted, actions

must be taken to make it public knowledge. Methods such as radio and television advertising, periodic town meetings informing residents and posting of regulations will provide answers to questions that arise. This would help citizens understand their responsibilities concerning conservation.

While we must still wait

patiently for rain to fall, as did our forefathers, the residents of this area must also focus on preserving the existing supply of water. Although the drought has been long and costly, the cooperation of the community and willingness of residents to take action will outlast the drought, as it has many times before.

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Conserving Water
by Mitchel Payne

What would we do without water? Water is needed everyday all over the world. Water is an abundant resource that needs to be used wisely. Misusing water can result in a shortage of water in some areas. The Earth's surface is 70% water and 30% land, but only 1% of this water is available for human use. This one percent of water comes from lakes, streams and rivers and from deep underground aquifers. Nearly forty states in the U. S.

today have some type of water-conservation program. Water conservation means doing the same with less, by using water more efficiently for the sake of the future. Using water wisely will reduce pollution; lower water costs and extends the useful life of water itself. Water conservation is the most cost effective and environmental sound way to reduce our demand for water. Water is not an unlimited resource. As the population increases, pressure on the

resource increases as well. When the water supplies are gradually used up, the public then sees the limits of how much water they can count on. Household water as well as water for all other living things are threatened. Drought, though not the source of our water scarcity problems, has placed an additional stress on human lives. Today, all people have a choice to make about water. Most people want life's modern conveniences, which include hot showers, fresh tap water, beautiful lawns, etc. We

face a global challenge to balance water usage with water scarcity. Luckily a painless, easy solution exists: Water Conservation!
An engineering practice for individual residential water users is the installation of indoor plumbing fixtures that save water or the replacement of existing plumbing equipment that uses less water. Low-flow plumbing fixtures and retrofit programs are permanent, one-time conservation measures that can be implemented

automatically with little or no additional cost over their life times. Billing customers based on their actual water use has been found to contribute directly to water conservation. Meters also aid in detecting leaks throughout a water system. In some cases, they can even save the resident money over the long term.
Homeowners can reduce the water pressure in a home by installing pressure-reducing valves. For homes served by wells, reducing the system pressure can save both water and energy. A reduction in water pressure can save water in other ways; it can reduce the likelihood of leaking water pipes, leaking water heaters and dripping faucets.

Water reuse is the use of wastewater or reclaimed water from one application for another application. Water recycling is the reuse of water for the same application for which it was originally used. Recycled water might require treatment before it can be used again.

Our society has learned how water is essential to all living things. No one has to stand by and watch environments wither, as the plant becomes dry. Our society can now achieve the balance between the fresh water available to us and the water they use. By practicing water conservation every day, will reduce water needs, preserve the health of our natural environment and keep fresh water running at our taps. Remember that you can help with your water wise ways.

Water conservation: small efforts reap big benefits

Community Water Conservation: Small Group Can Make Big Difference
by Emily Wheat

Today all members of local communities have choices to make regarding water. Like many resources, water is very limited. As the population increases, the need for more water increases as well. Community members have learned that their lives depend on valuable resources such as water.

Water is life and as the readily available supplies diminish, the community begins to recognize the limits on the amount of water in which they can accurately depend. In order to meet the constantly changing needs of present and future populations and ensure that animal and plant life is protected, the nation's water must be used efficiently. Water conservation is the most logical and environmentally safe way to reduce our community's demand for water.

Water conservation projects within a community involves local people sharing concerns for their natural resources, while also taking into account their economical and social considerations and needs. People living in West Texas have become accustomed to the term water rationing. Many communities have faced serious droughts which have put limits on such aspects as what time of the day and how often a person is allowed to water his own

lawn.
A drought is not the only essential for conserving water. Community members should practice water conservation in and around their homes despite the amount of water available at the time. There are many effective ways to do this. For example, homeowners should only water their lawns when needed and resort to a hose instead of sprinklers in times of drought. This can easily save seven hundred fifty to one thousand five hundred gallons of water per month. Simply fixing leaky faucets and plumbing joints around a home can save twenty gallons per day. Furthermore, turning off water while one brushes his teeth saves as much as three gallons of water each day.

In addition, prohibiting children from playing with a garden hose for entertainment can save as much as ten gallons per minute. Practicing water conservation does not necessarily mean that community members must put a stop to daily activities. It simply means to use less water more efficiently when doing those same things. The availability of worldwide water usage starts in the community. Using water wisely within a community will ensure a strong economy and family life throughout the nation.

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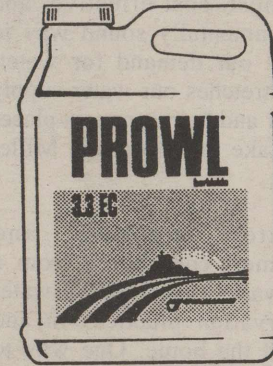
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