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PITCHING A WIN—Haskell Maiden Samantha Steele pitched for a 25 to 2 win over City View in the Bi-district game Apr. 24.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Rehab Trail Drive proves eventful

For some of those joining the Spring 2001 Trail Drive for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, April 21-22, hosted by Jacky and Sandra Sanders, owners of the Circle S Ranch, southeast of Haskell, the ride became for a time more like something out of the old West than they perhaps bargained for, while adding to the flavor of adventure.

Located on the California Creek, among mesquites, cactus and wild flowers, the 6,534 acre ranch, purchased by the Sanders in 1999, teems with turkey, whitetails, quail and wild hogs.

Some of the 178 riders registered for the event began arriving Friday evening, and set up headquarters just east of the rock ranch house, lodge and pavilion.

After registration, beginning at 7:30 Saturday morning, the twelve mile trail ride began at 9:30 with lunch eaten along the trail. The evening meal was followed by an auction benefitting the Rehab Center, and a time for visiting and entertainment around the camp fire.

Randy Strickland and a group of from Cross Plains played and sang country and western music while several of the guests danced. Among visitors that evening were Sam Pace of Haskell, Bobby and Betty Raynes, daughter Michelle Johnson, and Thelma Edwards of Weinert.

The trail ride started with several riders on horses and a few wagons. One group, Jacky, Sandra and Shana Sanders, Roy Alvin Isbell and his two daughters of Cross Plains, Charlie, a couple who attend church in Joshua, and a driver

from the Rehab Center, were in a wagon close to the back of the line of wagons. On a steep hill the horses pulling the wagon began acting up. With the driver trying to check the horses, one was obeying, the other wasn't. Trying to slow the horse and keep the wagon under control, the driver pulled out of the line of wagons.

The wagon did not turn over, but it was reported to be a frightening ride that each of those in the wagon will always remember. Jacky Sanders said that if the driver had not been experienced, it could have been disastrous. After walking the horses back to the barn the ten people got out of the wagon and rode to the lunch site in Jacky's Suburban, to eat with the other trail riders.

After Sunday breakfast, early morning worship was held on the pavilion with the minister remarking that appropriately, most of the songs were about the wind, curtains on both sides having been lowered to block it during services.

Following church some of the riders went for another hour and a half ride over the ranch before starting home.

Special guests of the Sanders on Friday evening before the ride included Bobby Isbell and wife of Austin, Rocky and Marsha Sanders of Abilene, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell and Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell, Charles Davis of Cross Plains, Butch Nelson of Abilene.

Despite the extra excitement for some of the participants, all reported to have had fun and the Rehabilitation Center reported the auction a success.

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## Prekindergarten to register May 4

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for 1/2 day prekindergarten classes for the 2001-2002 school year Friday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the elementary conference room.

To attend prekindergarten, a child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2001, qualify for free or reduced lunches and/or be of limited English-speaking ability.

Haskell Elementary is hoping to offer prekindergarten for all four year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, be sure to register Friday, May 4.

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

## City Council report

At the Monday morning meeting of the Haskell City Council, Apr. 23, Randy Randolph of Abilene made a presentation concerning the grant he has prepared and applied for on behalf of the City to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

for improvements to local parks and recreation areas. If received the grant will be available to fund improvements to the baseball parks, Little League park, better lighting of areas, creation of bike trails, etc.

A grant application has also been made with the Texas Community Development Corp. for help with the gas lines to the regional prison.

Permission was given for closing of the unused alley at North 2nd and Ave. B East, located east of Bill Steele Precision Machine Shop.

The Council voted to amend the Resolution of Order of General Election and appoint alternate election judge, Lupe Rivera, as presiding judge for the May 5 election.

In other business, all bids received for the purchase of police cars were rejected. The process of taking bids for police cars will be repeated by the City.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 899 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Apr. 28, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle steady to 2 lower. Stocker cattle 1-3 lower; feeders steady to lower.

Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, knots, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .40-.45; cutters, .42-.48; canners, .25-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.60; feeder, .70-.79; utility .45-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70;

300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.30; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.10; 600-700 lbs., .84-.95; 700-800 lbs., .80-.92; 800-up lbs., .74-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .98-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.98; 600-up lbs., .62-.88.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-800.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-1050; aged or small, 675-775.

## Hospital

**Admissions**  
Vivian Roberson, Haskell  
Delma Matthews, Haskell  
Willie Castillo, Haskell

**Dismissals**  
Bertha Griffith, Viola Nelson,  
Grace Skipworth

## Obituaries

### R. V. 'Bob' Furrh

Funeral services for R. V. 'Bob' Furrh, 63, of Grand Prairie were held Tues., May 1 at Bean-Massey-Burge Chapel in Grand Prairie.

Mr. Furrh died Sun., April 29.

Born Oct. 7, 1937 in Stamford, he worked for Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control in Grand Prairie for 43 years.

He was preceded in death by one brother, T. N. Furrh.

Survivors include one daughter, LeeAnn Hall and husband, Jacky, of Grand Prairie; his life partner, Linda Her-ring of Grand Prairie; and grandchildren Nathan, Jordan and Ty.

Memorials may be made to Justin Cowboy Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80919.

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Midwestern State University's new president, Dr. Henry Moon, is committed to strengthening the ties between MSU and the communities that support it. He and several key members of the university will spend the day in Haskell on Friday, May 4. They will meet with many individuals and learn as much as possible about the community.

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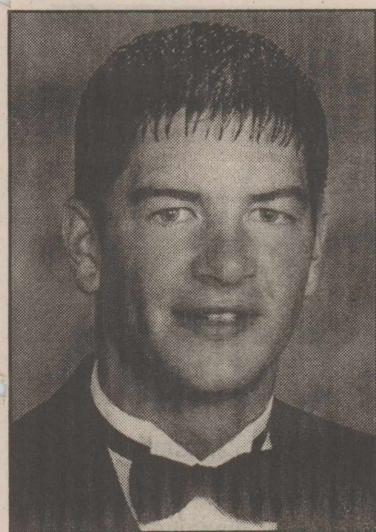
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DAWSON DRUESEDOW

## Druesedow finalist for MSU award

Dawson Druesedow was selected as one of three finalists for Outstanding Freshman at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The award is based on leadership, service and academics. Finalists attended the Honors Recognition Banquet.

Druesedow is vice president of the underclassmen dorm, Pierce Hall, and a board member of the Residence Hall Association. He is vice president and social chairman of Phi Sigma Kappa, a Greek fraternity. He also plays intramural sports and volunteers with the Wichita Falls Special Olympic program.

Druesedow is a kinesiology major and computer science minor. He graduated from Haskell High School in 2000 with a distinguished diploma.

## Quilt show set in Throckmorton

Throckmorton County Quilt and Needlework Show will be Saturday, May 19, at the Throckmorton Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds for the event will benefit the Depot Public Library building renovation fund.

For entry information, contact Carolyn Redden at 940-849-6761; Evalynne Dunlap at 940-849-3671 or The Depot Public Library at 940-849-3076.



**FIRST IN SHARE-THE-FUN-The Haskell County Senior 4-H team won 1st place in the Junior category for their drama presentation at the Rolling Plains District Roundup in Vernon. From the left are: Kerri Newton, Robbyn Tribbey, Caleb Hudgens, Shannon Bird and Jacklyn Drinnon.**

## Share-the-fun group wins first place

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Approximately 225 youth from the 25 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed at Vernon Sat., Apr. 21, for the right to represent the District in the State 4-H Roundup June 11-15 in College Station.

Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the State competition. Only first and second place teams or individuals qualify for the State event. Winners were honored at an Awards assembly at the Vernon Regional Junior College Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition. Awards were sponsored by AEP/WTU and Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Participating in District Roundup from Haskell County were Haskell Senior 4-H Club members: Shannon Bird, Jacklyn Drinnon, Caleb Hudgens, Kerri Newton and Robbyn Tribbey. The team took home first place honors in the Junior category of Share-the-Fun Drama. Accompanying the

4-H'ers to Vernon were 4-H leaders Fonda Newton and Lynette Tribbey. County Extension Agents, Brandon Anderson and Lou Gilly, also attended Roundup with job assignments in other events.

Prior to April 21, three other rounds of District competition had been held. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl was held earlier this spring. The 4-H Food Show and Livestock, Horse and Consumer

Decision Making judging events were held last winter. The District 4-H Fashion Show was held April 28.

Twelve Extension Districts will send their winners to State 4-H Roundup for the purpose of determining state champions. Approximately 2,300 4-H members, adult leaders and county Extension agents will invade Texas A&M for the different contests.

## McFadden celebrates birthday

The children of Lorene McFadden had a family get-together and celebrated Lorene's 81st birthday at the community center in Loving.

Attending were Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of Haskell, Robert and Carlene Wright of Spur, Sonny

and Betty Tatum of Grand Prairie, Jimmie and Wanda Mills of Arlington, C. W. and Linda McFadden of Bryson, Junior and Jeanette Ootton and Ray and Linda Mowrey, all of Graham.

Several of the grandchildren and great grandchildren also attended.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

## —it's Mother's Week

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# OPINION



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — The stakes are enormous to politicians and special interests and really to all Texans, but no one's paying a lot of attention to redistricting except those whose ox is most likely to get gored.

"We've had only one telephone call from a constituent about it," said one House member's staffer.

New census data will change the makeup of Texas' House and Senate districts, not to mention the states' Congressional districts. But those who are the most intensely interested in the process are those who could lose their seats over it.

From now until the end of the session, it's going to be Dodge City in Austin. A lot of shooting is going to be going on, at least in the figurative sense.

If a redistricting plan does not get out of the Legislature, the matter falls into the lap of the Legislative Redistricting Board.

The board has five members, four of them Republicans. It has to convene within 90 days after the close of the session and must come up with a plan inside of 60 days.

But legislators still have a month to get everything sauced and blowed.

The plan released by the House has 18 incumbents paired to face each other in elections to fill nine redrawn districts.

### Gambling bill comes up 7s in the House

The House has approved a bill that amounts to a good roll of the dice for Indian gambling interests in Texas.

McAllen Democrat Juan Hinojosa's House Bill 514 would legalize casinos operated by the Kickapoo in Eagle Pass and the Tiguas in El Paso. It also would load the dice in favor of the Alabama Coushatta's aspirations to open a casino in East Texas.

Hinojosa says the casinos are good for tourism and have created jobs for Indians. Prior to the opening of the Tigua casino in 1993, he said, the tribe's suicide rate was three times higher than the national average.

Opponents maintain that the bill is a first step toward legalized gambling statewide.

While the 82-60 vote moving this bill out of the House amounts to a nice cut of the cards for those supporting Indian gaming, the jackpot remains up for grabs.

Similar legislation still has to make it through the Senate. And still pending is a lawsuit filed by the Attorney General's Office that would shut down the Tigua casino.

### Dallas needs the water

Years ago, the story goes, the men's room in the old *Fort Worth Press* had a chain pull toilet with an overhead tank.

Written on the tank was this slam: "Pull the chain. Dallas needs the water."

The Trinity River, of course, flows through Fort Worth before it gets to Big D.

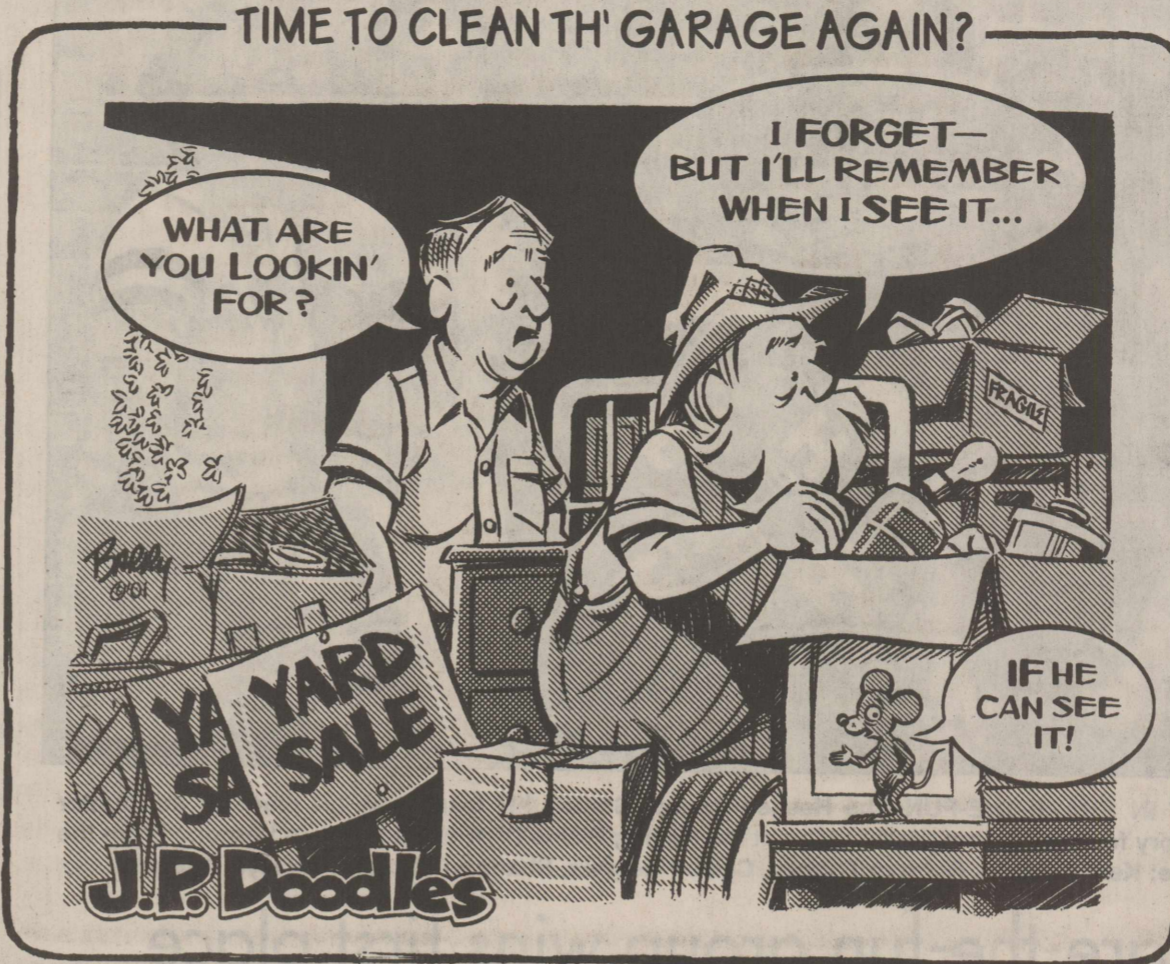
Maybe the late Tom Landry can help ease the long-standing rivalry between the two cities.

The House has passed a bill that would name a portion of Interstate 30 between Fort Worth and Dallas in honor of the former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Speaking in favor of the bill, Fort Worth Rep. Anna Mowery said it was "one of the very few things Dallas and Fort Worth agree completely about."

Rep. Tony Goolsby of Dallas, the bill's sponsor, put the measure in even sharper perspective: "It is my hope the long feud between Dallas and Fort Worth can be mended and brought together by this great gentleman."

A companion bill is still pending in the Senate.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

May 2, 1991

Kim Gilly, Brooke Baker, Shanna McKenzie and Tommy Isbell left for the state FFA livestock judging contest in College Station. They were accompanied by James Bevel.

Jenna Lea Byrd of Rochester High School won fifth place in a field of 45 at the A. B. Dick typing contest held in the Mall of Abilene.

Rule students who won honors in the Math and Science State Championship meet in San Antonio were Justin Sanders, Allison Pike, Denise Wilson, Michael Murray, Kacy Baitz and Cory Robinson.

### 20 Years Ago

April 30, 1981

Bill Steele and his wife Pam officially cut the ribbon during the open house at Steele Precision Machine. Participating in the ceremony was John Wayne McDermott, County Judge and Jerry Jennings, manager of Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Jill LeFevre of Sagerton was named Outstanding Senior in Mathematics by the science faculty at McMurry College.

Rochester business students winning top honors in the UIL District meet were Lisa Flores, Connie Scheets and Michelle Silba.

### 30 Years Ago

May 6, 1971

National Honor Society officers for 1971-72 are Denise Roberson,

secretary-treasurer; Jim Bob Mickler, president; Pam Colbert, vice president; and Pat Harris, reporter.

Jerry Larned, defensive secondary coach at Sul Ross State University, has been named head football coach and athletic director at Monahans High School. Larned is a graduate of Haskell High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larned of Haskell.

The Rule Garden Club toured the yard and flower garden of Mrs. Newton Cole of Rochester.

### 40 Years Ago

May 4, 1961

Mrs. O. B. Smith of Haskell was installed as State Secretary of the Texas Dental Assistants Association at a ceremony in the Lamar Hotel in Houston. Smith is a dental assistant in the clinic of Dr. Wm. J. Kemp.

Tommy Hester, junior in Haskell High School, has been selected to participate in a program of Astronomy and Astronautics at A&M College of Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester.

Patrick M. Henry of Haskell has been designated a Distinguished Student at Texas A&M College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Henry of Haskell.

### 50 Years Ago

May 3, 1951

Charles E. Smith, tractor, implement and auto parts dealer in this city for a number of years, has been appointed distributor for Nash automobiles in Haskell.

Eldon Amonett, HHS Indians track star, will represent Haskell High School at the State Interscholastic League Meet in Austin. Coach Ray Overton, Jr. will accompany Amonett to Austin.

The Haskell Indian Band, directed by Bill Dean, tied with Mason High School Band for top honors at the Interscholastic League's regional music festival held at Brownwood.

The seventh and eighth grades of Sagerton School accompanied by their teacher, Miss Irene Stewart, and Mrs. O. K. Oelke, enjoyed a field trip to Abilene. They enjoyed many points of interest.

### 90 Years Ago

May 6, 1911

J. N. McFatter closed a contract with the West Texas Supply Co. to build them a large brick store building at Goree. He will start the job next week.

E. E. Marvin has installed a Bowser gasoline pump in front of his garage where it will be convenient to serve auto owners. The pump has an underground tank which has a capacity of five barrels. This is a very handy way of supplying an auto with gasoline, as it is thoroughly strained before it gets in the auto and all water or trash particles is removed.

G. R. Couch and son Emmett and Ben Clifton left Tuesday for Fort Worth, where the young men will enroll in a business college.

## Buying Luggage

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
When buying luggage — as when buying anything else — it pays to compare!

Much of the luggage sold in the United States is made overseas. Since overseas manufacturers do not provide replacement parts for their products, if something breaks, you have little — if any — chance of having it repaired.

Even if you purchase luggage that can be repaired, replacing those parts or repairing the damage may be as expensive as buying a new set.

That's why the initial purchase of luggage is very important, said Lou Gilly, family and consumer science agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell County, who encourages potential luggage buyers to carefully examine the product before making a final decision. "It's better to base your purchase on the quality of the product rather than the color," she said.

Consider the frame of the bag. "You can look inside the luggage to determine the kind of frame it has," she said. "Some of the best-constructed cases use a full honeycomb frame, which makes it more flexible and durable. While they are lightweight, they give good protection to your personal belongings inside."

Choosing soft-sided versus hard-sided luggage is a personal choice. Most people tend to prefer the soft-sided because it is lighter, Gilly said, but both can be durable and long-lasting if the quality is good.

"Hard-sided shells tend to offer more protection for fragile items, but may also be heavier to carry around and they have a tendency to crack or dent in the corners if they receive a severe blow," she said. "Many of the soft-sided cases are lined with urethane to make them water-resistant and treated with a stain-repellent to help maintain their appearance. As a general rule, a high quality nylon fabric is the best of the soft-sided."

Gilly also recommended careful examination of the stitching, handles, hardware, wheel system and zippers. "You'd be amazed at the differences these make," she said. "After all, it's the stitching, zippers and hardware that hold it together and keep your clothes inside. And the handles and wheels are what make it portable."

"Sometimes we think we'll save money by buying inexpensive luggage. But if it's going to get hard use, then it pays to buy something that will last. And that saves money in the long run."

## Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

**Q:** Recently, my mother received a large check in the mail with a letter informing her that she had won a lottery in Canada. She enters lots of sweepstakes and lotteries, but she doesn't remember entering this one. I keep telling her it is a scam. Is it?

**A:** Unfortunately, it probably is. The Consumer Protection Division of my office is receiving an increasing number of complaints about foreign lottery scams, many of them originating in Canada.

### Correction

Also in attendance at the 85th birthday party held for Lois Redwine on April 14 was her grandson, Brady Henshaw of Rio Rancho, N.M.

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The scams take many forms, including sweepstakes and prize promotions.

One Canadian consumer protection agency reports that Texas has one of the highest rates of consumer victims in the United States. In 2000, there were 249 reported incidents of consumers sending an average of \$5,300 to Canada because of scams. Canadian authorities estimate that on any given day, 200 to 600 telemarketing rooms that specialize in these scams are in operation.

Sadly, the number of victims who file reports is probably a fraction of those who are scammed. Many are elderly and are embarrassed to have been taken advantage of. They don't want their family and friends to know that they have lost money.

Scams The types of scams reported fall into several categories, including foreign lottery winnings and money recovery programs.

In one version of the foreign lottery scam, the victim receives a phone call from an enthusiastic telemarketer saying that he or she has won the Canadian lottery. The victim is then told to wire money

to cover taxes to an account and that as soon as the wire is received, he or she will receive a prize. Unfortunately, there is no lottery and the money is never seen again.

In another version of the scam, the victim receives a letter announcing that he or she has won the Canadian lottery and a check for a large amount. After the victim deposits the check, he or she is immediately contacted and informed that taxes are owed for the winnings and told to send a check or wire transfer to a location outside the United States. The prize check is eventually returned as counterfeit, and the victim is out the amount that he or she has sent in "taxes."

Sadly, many victims of these scams are revictimized by recovery schemes. The victim is contacted by a "recovery center," usually operated by the same con artists who run the lottery scams, and informed that, for a fee, the company can recover the lost money. The victim sends off \$500 in hopes of recovering his or her money, only to never hear from the recovery center again.

In a variation on this theme, the telemarketer asks the victim for his or her bank account numbers so that

the winnings can be deposited directly. Instead, the victim ends up with an empty bank account.

Victims of these scams report that one of the reasons they fell for the con was the professionalism of the caller. The scam artists are so enthusiastic and friendly that victims let their guard down.

### Prevention

If someone calls you asking for your bank account numbers to deposit a prize, HANG UP. If you have received a lottery check from Canada, or from any lottery you don't remember entering, be very suspicious.

Canadian law enforcement agencies are working together to combat these scams. Project PhoneBusters accepts complaints about these scams. For more information, visit the Project PhoneBusters Web site at [www.phonebusters.com](http://www.phonebusters.com). You can call PhoneBusters at (888) 495-8501. If you have received one of these offers, or lost money, you can report it to PhoneBusters by sending an e-mail to [info@phonebusters.com](mailto:info@phonebusters.com).

Remember, anything that sounds too good to be true, including foreign lotteries, probably is.

Go Indians!  
Go Maidens!

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## Youngsters visit ranch



**RIDING KEYSTONE**—One of the Haskell Elementary students enjoying activities of Ranch Day at the Brown and Bellah Ranch, Apr. 19, rode the horse while having his picture made.

Ride 'em cowboys and cowgirls! These were the words echoing down the halls at Haskell Elementary Thurs., Apr. 19, as students in Head Start, Early Childhood and Pre-kindergarten made their grand entry riding their stick horses with the tune of Cotton Eye Joe ringing in the background. The occasion was the annual Ranch Day for these youngsters and along with their teachers, Missy Burson, Kristi Gibson and Loutina White, they galloped on their "horses" around the campus waving and smiling at everyone they passed.

At the conclusion of the ride around the school, children and "horses" were bused to the Brown and Bellah Ranch south of Haskell where the students got a taste of authentic ranch life.

While at the ranch, students had stick horse races, roped "dummies," panned for gold (pennies) and met a couple of "real, live cowboys." Ranch cowboys Chad Gibson and Leland Terry brought Keystone, a horse on which the children sat and had their picture taken. No visit to a ranch would be complete without animals, so four working dogs and a goat also visited with the students. Lunch was a picnic of hotdogs out under the trees and several children shared it with the dogs that were glad to make new friends with the kids. In between ranch activities, students also had fun jumping on an air castle.

After fighting the wind of West Texas all day, the little cowpokes returned to school tired and exhausted, but full of new memories.



**FUN ON RANCH DAY**—Keystone the horse, joined Haskell Elementary Head Start, Early Childhood and Pre-Kindergarten students during a full day of riding the range and visiting a real ranch.

## Groundwater levels indicate water conservation needed

The Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District has completed its annual survey of water levels in observation wells in Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties. This survey along with data obtained from the Texas Water Development Board gives an indication of the status of the Seymour Aquifer in the three counties.

As a matter of public education, the well levels relative to this time last year are: Baylor County -1.61 feet; Haskell County -1.47 feet

except for an area 2.25 miles southeast of O'Brien where the water level is still down ten feet from April, 2000; and Knox County -0.3 feet.

This information is furnished to the citizens of Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties to help in planning water conservation practices during the coming summer months. The record rainfall that was received during the winter months has helped to alleviate some of the effects of the drought. This water

level information indicates that the drought is far from over. April rainfall will end up with a deficit of over 1.5 inches.

Another drought indicator is the level of water in Millers Creek Reservoir. The lake is at 47.5% of capacity and 9 feet below the spillway level.

Any questions can be answered at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, by phone at (940) 422-1095, or by fax at (940) 422-1094.

## Choosing a summer camp

Summer is a time when kids can appreciate being out of school while learning about the outdoors and exploring talents and interests. So why not consider sending your children to a summer camp?

If you think it's too early to consider, think again. Some camps, close their enrollment as early as January or February. Start your selection process early so you don't choose a camp that is no longer accepting reservations.

It's also a good idea to start planning early to make sure your child is ready for summer camp. The American Camping Association suggests ages 7 to 8 as a guideline for overnight camp. However, children mature at different rates. You don't want your child panicking at the sight of you driving away, so it's best to send your son or daughter on a weekend visit to the home of a relative or friend who has children of comparable ages first.

As a general rule, your child should be able to tie shoelaces, cut food, shower, dress, make a bed,

fold clothes and write a note or letter before attending summer camp. Keep in mind that camp counselors are not babysitters — they are intended to be friends, instructors and role models.

After you've determined your child is suited for camp, it's important to decide what kind of camp your child would be interested in attending. Most summer camps provide a range of activities such as swimming, hiking, archery and crafts. But some camps specialize in a particular hobby, sport or activity. Baseball, language studies, computers, bicycling, fencing and aviation are some of the topics covered at specialized summer camps.

Talk to friends who have children and talk to the parents of your children's friends. They may already have chosen a camp and could provide valuable advice.

Before deciding on a camp, get the answers to these questions: Does it provide structured activities in which everyone is required to

participate, or elective programs in which students pick activities that interest them — or is it a combination of both? Is it a day camp or overnight camp and same-sex or co-ed? How long is the summer's session? What's the distance from home? Are there special transportation arrangements? How much does it cost?

If you are afraid you can't afford a summer camp, don't give up on the idea right away. Some nonprofit agencies offer "camperships" while some religious, municipal and government agencies offer financial aid.

When you've narrowed your search to two or three camps, the ACA recommends scheduling an interview with the director. This will help you get information not addressed in brochures and videos.

To learn more about preparing your child for summer camp, order the free Life Advice brochure "Choosing a Summer Camp" by calling 1-800-638-5433.

## Beware sweepstakes claims

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Congratulations! You may have just won a European vacation, a trip to the Bahamas, a new sports car or a diamond ring. Your purchase today will automatically enter you in our Wild and Wonderful Sweepstakes.

Millions of Texas homes receive offers like this regularly. However, the money spent on the hopes of winning rarely pays off, according to Sue Lynn Sasser, Family Economics Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The odds of winning the sweepstakes are extremely slim and if you are truly a winner, there is no need to make a purchase or pay any fees to process the prize," Sasser said. "Federal laws state that you do not have to make a purchase or pay any fees to enter a sweepstakes. You would be much better off to take the money you are paying for the required purchase and put it in your savings account."

Sasser said by putting those dollars into a savings account, they will better benefit yourself rather than someone else.

"Instead of making those monthly payments for unnecessary purchases, you could be making payments to yourself," she said. "And, you also save the monthly postage, checking or money order expenses."

"Even if the offer requires no purchase, you should be careful because there may be additional costs to claim your prize. For example, you may have won a two-night stay in the Bahamas, but have to pay expensive airfare to get there."

Sasser notes that it is often difficult to determine if some offers are legitimate or fraudulent.

"If someone is pressuring you into an immediate decision or asking for cash payments in advance, be careful," Sasser said. "These are signs that they are wanting to take your money and run. It's still difficult to get something for nothing."

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I feel I am qualified for this position as I have been a resident of Haskell most of my life and am now retired and have the time to devote to this.

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# Haskell County 4-H Photography Show results

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
The Haskell County 4-H  
Photography Exhibition and  
Awards Ceremony was held Sat.,  
Apr. 7, at the First National Bank  
Meeting Room in Haskell.  
Twenty-eight Haskell County

4-H'ers entered seventy-seven  
photographs in the County Show.  
The 4-H'ers could enter both black  
and white or colored pictures and  
they could compete in eight  
different categories.

The results of the competition  
are as follows:

### Colored Photos

People category: 1. Paige  
Adams, Haskell; 2. Robbyn  
Tribbey, Haskell; 3. Amy Turner,  
Rochester.

Animal category: 1. Steven  
Fillmon, Haskell; 2. Steven  
Fillmon, Haskell; 3. Ryan  
Burgess, Haskell.

Landscape & Scenic category: 1.  
Steven Fillmon, Haskell; 2. Emery  
Dudensing, Sagerton; 3. Brittany  
Barnett, Rule.

Flora & Plants category: 1.  
Molly Dudensing, Sagerton; 2.  
Steven Fillmon, Haskell; 3. Erin  
Hise, Haskell.

Humor category: 1. Steven  
Fillmon, Haskell; 2. Brooke  
Bullinger, Haskell; 3. Teddye Sue  
Harris, Rochester.

Digital Photo category: 1. B. J.  
Opsahl, Haskell; 2. Derek Tribbey,  
Haskell; 3. B. J. Opsahl, Haskell.

Black & White Photos  
People category: 1. Paige  
Adams, Haskell; 2. Hayley Herode,  
Rochester.

Animal category: 1. Tabitha  
Coker, Haskell; 2. Aubrey Bassett,  
Haskell.

Landscape & Scenic category: 1.  
Paige Adams, Haskell; 2. Andrea  
Anderson, Haskell; 3. Robbyn  
Tribbey, Haskell.

Humor category: 1. Hayley  
Herode, Rochester.

Other participants in the 4-H  
Photography Project include: Laura  
Bowers, Matthew Bowers, Candace  
Brister, Will Brueggeman, Jacklyn  
Drinnon, Meredith Harvey and  
Alexa Roberts, all of Haskell;  
Chase Cockerell, Brittanie Olson  
and Jessica Welker, all of  
Rochester; and Zeb Petty of Rule.

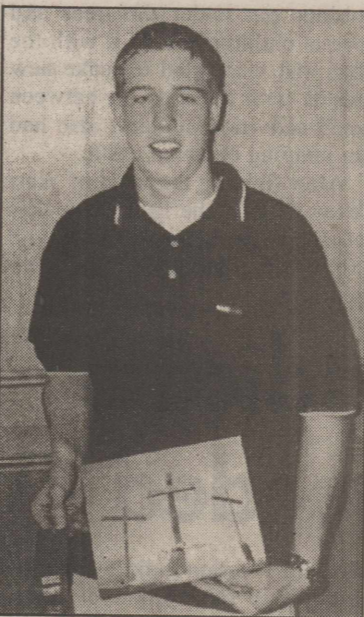
The photos were judged by  
Darlene Bellinghausen and Pam  
Thigpen. The awards were given  
out at an Award Ceremony after the  
public viewing. Refreshments were  
served by the Rochester 4-H Club.



**LANDSCAPES AND SCENERY**—Winners for colored photos in the category were: 1-r, 1st place, Steven Fillman, Haskell; 2nd, Emery Dudensing, Sagerton; 3rd, Brittany Barnett, Rule.



**ANIMALS IN COLOR**—Steven Fillman, Haskell, won 1st and 2nd place for his photos. Not pictured is Ryan Burgess, Haskell, who took 3rd place in the category.



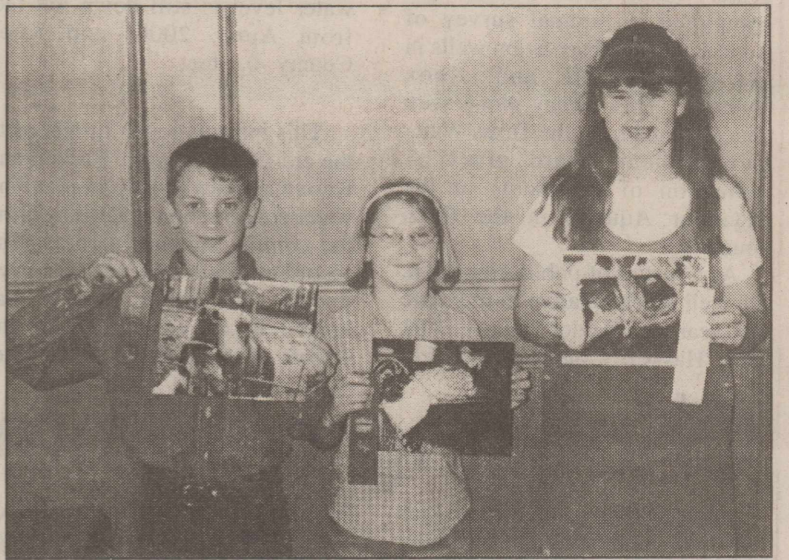
**DIGITAL PHOTO**—Derrick Tribbey, Haskell, won 2nd place for his colored photo. Not pictured is B. J. Opsahl, Haskell, who won 1st and 3rd places for his photos in the category.



**PEOPLE**—Winning in the black and white photo category were: 1st, Paige Adams, Haskell; 2nd, Hayley Herode, Rochester.



**ANIMALS IN BLACK AND WHITE**—Winners in the 4-H contest category were: 1-r, 1st place, Tabitha Coker, Haskell, and 2nd, Aubrey Bassett, Haskell.



**HUMOR CATEGORY**—Placing in the colored photo 4-H competition were: 1st, Steven Fillman, Haskell; 2nd, Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; and 3rd, Teddye Sue Harris, Rochester.



**PEOPLE CATEGORY**—Winning in the colored photo category in the 4-H photo contest were: 1-r, 1st, Paige Adams, Haskell; 2nd, Robbyn Tribbey, Haskell; and 3rd, Amy Turner, Rochester.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		National Land, Range & Pasture, Okla. City		UIL State Meet	Student Council Field Trip	Jr. Sr. Banquet 7:00 Civic Center
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Boys & Girls State Golf, Lions Municipal Golf Course—Austin		Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 7:30	Double Mountain District Spring Meet Hamlin 4:30	State Track - Austin	
					Bad Weather Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Awards Program JH 9:30 HS 10:30 Talent Show Auditorium 6 p.m.	Band Concert High School First Baptist Church 7 p.m.		7th Grade Career Breakfast Sr. Lunch at Lutheran Church	FFA Area Convention San Angelo State	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Sr. Supper—East Side Baptist 6:00	Band Concert 6-7-8 Grades First Baptist Church 7 p.m.				
27	28	29	30	31		
	Texas State Solo Ensemble Contest San Marcus					

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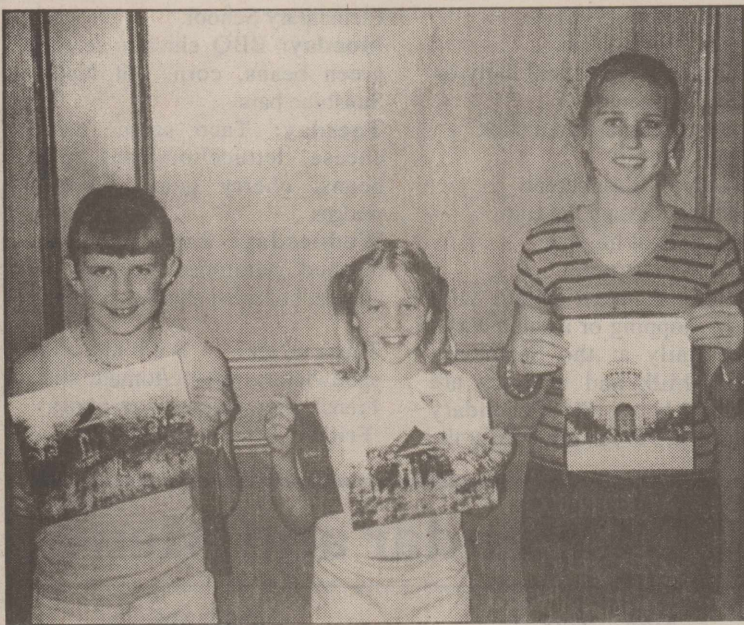
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## Photo contest winners



**FLORA AND PLANTS**—Winning in the colored photo category were: l-r, 1st place, Molly Dudensing, Sagerton, and 2nd place, Steven Fillman, Haskell. Not pictured is 3rd place winner, Erin Hise, Haskell.



**LANDSCAPE AND SCENERY**—Winning in the 4-H black and white photography contest category were, l-r, Paige Adams, 1st; Andrea Anderson, 2nd; and Robbyn Tribbey, 3rd.

## Rochester schools technology growing

Starting with four Apple Computers in 1990, technology at Rochester ISD has progressed rapidly during the last ten years.

At the present time, Rochester ISD has 53 work stations, two servers, and two scanners connected to the network and network printers, with all stations able to access the Internet. After receiving the PS9 grant this coming summer, they will have over 90 work stations connected to the NT network, multiple printers and the Internet.

The school's latest machines have Windows 2000 professional, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe PageMaker and Office 2000 professional programs. The teacher station in the computer lab, built in 1995, projects to two wall monitors.

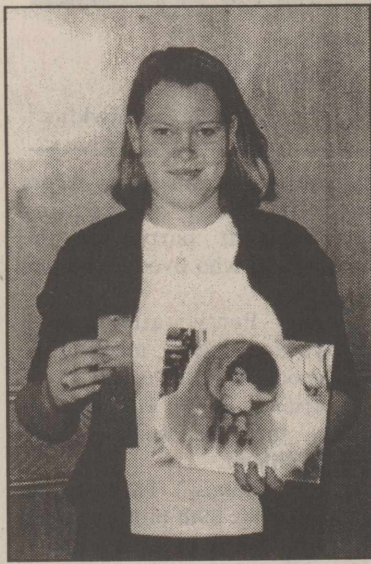
The fully equipped library, also

built in 1995, has the latest versions of Accelerated Reader and Athena, with Internet access to all libraries through the Texas Library Connection. It is also equipped with a large projector for viewing of computer programs by larger groups. Scanning technology is used for checking out books.

Sixty-three students are currently enrolled in computer classes, with grades two through six coming in for weekly computer labs.

The twenty-one classrooms on the Rochester K-12 campus all have at least one internet accessible computer available, with some rooms having multiple accessibility.

Rochester ISD operates its web site on its own domain. It can be accessed by going to <http://www.rochester.esc14.net>.



**HUMOR**—Hayley Herode of Rochester won 1st place for her black and white photograph in the Humor category.

## Light is cure for insomnia

If you have trouble sleeping at night, maybe you need to get out more during the day.

Older adults are more likely to suffer insomnia. They may have trouble getting to sleep at night, or they may wake up during the night. Now researchers in Japan may have found a reason for this. They believe that it's exposure to light that makes the difference.

The researchers compared nursing home residents with and without insomnia with a group of healthy college students. The group with insomnia had the worst sleeping patterns and the lowest levels of melatonin, a hormone that doctors believe has an effect on sleep.

The researchers exposed the study participants to bright artificial light during the day for four weeks. The light exposure was about the same as the younger group received normally as part of their daily activities. At the end of the study, the elderly patients had about the same level of melatonin as the college students and they were sleeping better.

The researchers believe that some of the insomnia suffered by older adults could be due to the fact that many older people get less exposure to the sun. They're more likely to stay indoors, where the number and placement of windows limit their sun exposure.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say exposure to daylight can make a big difference for some people. In addition to affecting sleep, lack of daylight can lead to depression. If you have trouble sleeping on an ongoing basis, talk to your doctor.

## Farm Safety Camp set May 30

A Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp for children in grades 3-8 is being planned for Wed., May 30, at the High School in Munday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The event is being conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Knox and Haskell Counties in conjunction with Progressive Farmer magazine. According to Jane Rowan, coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as an exciting playground - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms. This summer, Rowan said farm safety day camps, such as the one being hosted by the Knox and Haskell County Extension Services, are being held in 35 states across the U. S. to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm accidents. During the camps, children participate in interactive

activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Hands-on demonstrations teach participants life saving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Camp demonstrations focus on farm hazards associated with Fire Safety, Firearm Safety, Weather Safety, Tractor and Equipment Safety, Electrical Hazard Safety, Basic First Aid/911, Chemical Protection and Storage, Animal Safety, Shop Equipment and Eye Safety, Skin Cancer Prevention and Snake and Rabies Awareness.

National and local sponsors of the farm safety day camps hope

participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the numbers of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline.

The camp program allows community leaders to structure a camp that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each camp is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can obtain registration information by calling the Knox County Extension office at (940) 454-2651 or Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546. Registrations must be received by May 16.

## Ag. Dept extends deadline

The Department of Agriculture has extended the signup deadline to May 4 for the Wool and Mohair Loss Assistance Program.

The wool and mohair program provides \$20 million to eligible producers who suffered economic loss due to low wool and mohair prices for the 2000 marketing year. The payment rate is 40 cents per pound. Eligible wool or mohair must have been shorn in the U. S. and livestock must have been owned for 30 days or more prior to shearing. The wool or mohair must have been produced during the 2000 marketing year.

For more information on the Conservation Reserve Program, contact the Haskell County office at 940-864-2617.

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### TAX PLANNING

Written By James E. Rodgers, CPA

**IS THIS THE PERFECT TIME TO SWITCH TO A ROTH IRA?**

The stock market recently plunged. While that is disheartening to most investors, it could work to your tax advantage if you have an IRA.

•Let's review the IRA rules. Taxpayers generally have two types of IRA accounts to choose from: a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. A traditional IRA may give you a tax deduction now, but future withdrawals will be taxed as ordinary income. With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but when you withdraw money for retirement, you won't pay tax.

Now here is where market volatility comes into play. If you have a traditional IRA account, you may convert it to a Roth IRA if your 2001 adjusted gross income is less than \$100,000. (Special rules apply to married couples filing separate returns.) You'll pay tax on the amount you transfer to a Roth. If your IRA is invested in stocks, the tax bite will be smaller if you transfer your account when the market is low. You'll be taxed on the value of the account at the time you transfer it to a Roth. As the market recovers, any gain will be sitting in a tax-free Roth account.

•Here's an example. Tom's IRA is invested in a mutual fund that was worth \$10,000 on January 2, 2001. With the market decline, his IRA is now worth \$7,500. Tom is in the 28% income tax bracket. If he had converted to a Roth IRA on January 2, the tax bite would have been \$2,800. If he converts today, the tax bite will only be \$2,100.

What if the market declines even more, or you change your mind about the conversion? You can reconvert the amount you transferred, plus earnings, back into a traditional IRA account to avoid tax on the transfer. Under the current rules, you are allowed only one reconversion per year.

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## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Saturday were her brother and his wife Dolon and Karen Vaughn and his wife James and Shirley Hawkins of Wichita Falls and son and family Sammy, Peggy, Michael and Brittney of Aspermont.

John Conn of Austin visited his children over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and girls, Julie Cochran and daughter and Daniel Conn. He also visited with Joyce, Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead

have returned from Japan where they attended a wedding announcement party for the Japanese girl who lived with them for a year.

Thula Perry attended a Presbyterian ladies meeting in Abilene one day last week.

A friend, Polly Harrison of Odessa, spent the weekend with Bernice Hilliard.

C. E. (Chunky) Tidwell was honored on his 89th birthday April 27 at the home of Dan Burson. Cake, ice cream and punch was served for the special occasion. Those attending and wishing him birthday happiness were the host, Violet Allen, Lillian Hodgkin and Mike and Julia Harrell.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Sam Rike was his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Winstead of Groves.

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## Students visit Rotary Club

Stephanie Hodge is the granddaughter of Betty Hardman. She is a member of the Mission Revival Center.

School activities for her include track and softball, and being the High School mascot.

She has been recognized as State Runner-up in both 100 meter and 200 dash. She recently took first place in the 200 meter dash in Regional track competition. She has also received Honorable Mention in softball competition.

In school she was voted Most Friendly and Most Talented.

Some of her favorite pastime activities are shopping and talking on the phone.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech and become a teacher/coach.

April Villarreal is the daughter of Mary Villarreal and Felix Cassidy.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

One of her school activities is playing softball. She was named All District 1st Team Outfield in her Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years.

Her favorite leisure activities are shopping and talking on the phone.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Cisco Junior College before transferring to a University. Future plans for her also include attending a cosmetology school in Breckenridge.

## Haskell School Menu

### May 7-11

**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Tuesday:** Donut

**Wednesday:** Toast/cereal

**Thursday:** Sausage/biscuit

**Friday:** School holiday

### Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the

Elementary School.

**Monday:** BBQ chicken tenders, green beans, corn, hot biscuit, Sunshine bars

**Tuesday:** Taco salad, grated cheese, lettuce/tomatoes, pinto beans, cherry gelatin, orange wedges

**Wednesday:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, sliced peaches

**Thursday:** Submarine sandwiches, lettuce/tomato slices, French fries, pickle spear, apple

**Friday:** School holiday

## ECC Calendar and Menu

### Mon., May 7

Lunch-Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

### Wed., May 9

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check  
 Lunch-Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

### Fri., May 11

Lunch-German sausage, potato salad, English peas, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

## Piano recital to be held Sunday

The piano students of Sara Hodgkin will be presented in their Spring Recital Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church auditorium.

Students participating are Mason Bishop, Emily Richardson, Bryan Richardson, Ashlee Short, Kellye Tidrow, Paige Adams, Kelsie Adams, Hays Ottaway,

Meredith Harvey, Kayla Tidrow, Caleb Hudgens, Monica Buerger, Mollie McKnight, Katie McKnight, Hannah Page, Meghan Kloog, Lauren McCormick and Tucker McCormick.

A wide range of songs including classical, hymns and traditional selections will be played. The public is invited to attend.

## Student in the News

The Texas Tech Agricultural Education and Communications Departmental Banquet was held Friday, April 20. The Texas Tech

Collegiate 4-H, Collegiate FFA and ACT (Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow) Clubs made their yearly reports and recognized officers and advisors.

Mary Jane Short of Rochester was recognized as the ACT Fall 2000 treasurer and Spring 2001 secretary. She is an agricultural communications major.

Short is the daughter of Larry and Linda Short of Rochester. Grandparents are Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Thurren and Jane Short of Rochester.

All deadlines  
 5 p.m.  
 Monday

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### GOD IS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF POWER

We have been constantly hearing about the 'energy crisis,' which has resulted in the desperate search for new sources of power, both natural and artificial. Whatever the source, the goal is the continuation of our good life and the further achievements of progress in every aspect of it.

Human beings also need a continuing supply of power in order to accomplish their own personal goals, whatever they may be. God is a never-ending source of the power you need, so go to your Church and learn about this unlimited resource that is always available to you.

### 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.

##### Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Church of God

Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

##### Trinity Lutheran Church

Gary Bruns, pastor  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

##### Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

##### First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher  
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

##### Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

##### First Presbyterian Church

Henry Chisholm, temporary supply  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

##### Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

##### Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

##### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

##### First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Church in the Park

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

##### PAINT CREEK

##### Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

##### WEINERT

##### First Baptist Church

Chris Powell, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### ROCHESTER

##### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

##### First Baptist Church

Troy Culpepper, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

##### Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

##### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

##### First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

##### SAGERTON

##### Sagerton Methodist Church

Tommy Wilson, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

##### Faith Lutheran Church

Stan Leaf, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### RULE

##### First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

##### Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.

##### Primera Iglesia Bautista

Arturo Jr. Flores  
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

##### West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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program for your child, please be sure to register on Friday, May 4. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. Call 864-2654 for additional information. Haskell Elementary va a tener registracion para una media dia clase de prekinder pasa el año de 2001-2002. La registracion empieza viernes el cuatro de mayo a las 9:00 de la mañana hasta las once de la mañana. Va estar en la oficina de la escuela elemental. Si Ud esta interesado traiga el certificado de nacimiento de su niño al registracion. Haskell Elementary puede ofrecer prekindergarten para niños que tienen cuatro años en o antes del primero de septiembre 2001. Si Ud. está interesado en este programa, por favor venga a la oficina de la escuela o llame a la escuela 864-2654 para más informacion. 17-18c

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required by the County's official application form. Applications will include the Trust Funds held by the County and District Clerks of Haskell County. Each application must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$12,523.46, payable to the order of David C. Davis, County Judge, as required by law for a good-faith guarantee that a successful applicant will, within 15 days of selection, provide security for the funds to be deposited with the bank. Official application forms will be available in the County Judge's office. David C. Davis County Judge Haskell County, Texas 16-18c

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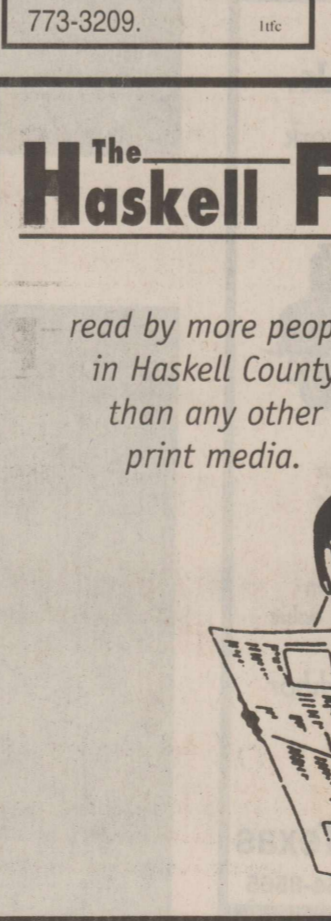
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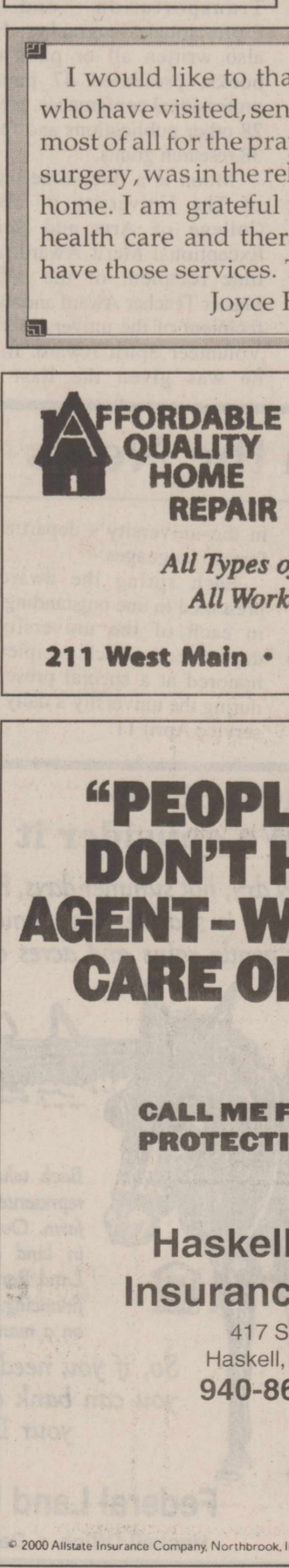
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# Hodge to run at state meet

Stephanie Hodge of Haskell was one only two area athletes to win an individual event in regional competition at the I-2A track meet at Elmer Gray Stadium at ACU in Abilene Saturday.

Finishing first in the 200 meter with a time of 25.60, she will advance to the state track meet in

Austin in two weeks.

In the 800 meter, Brittany Lindsey placed fifth with the time of 2:27.18.

The Haskell girls team consisting of Nikki Wallace, Leslie Grand, Tiffany Lindsey and Stephanie Hodge, placed third in the 400 relay with the time of 49.99.

The team of Wallace, Brittany Lindsey, Grand and Hodge took third place in the 800 relay with the time of 1:46.74, and the team of Wallace, Lynzie Harlan, Tiffany Lindsey and Brittany Lindsey took fourth place in the 1600 relay with the time of 4:10.81.

The Haskell girls tied with Wall for third place in the competition with 44 points.

Out of a total of 589 points awarded in the girl's meet, the District made up of Lockney with 49, Olney with 48, Haskell with 44, Wall with 44, Coahoma with 43, Hamlin with 38 and Sunray with 38, scored a total of 144 points. Coach Darrell Hunt said,

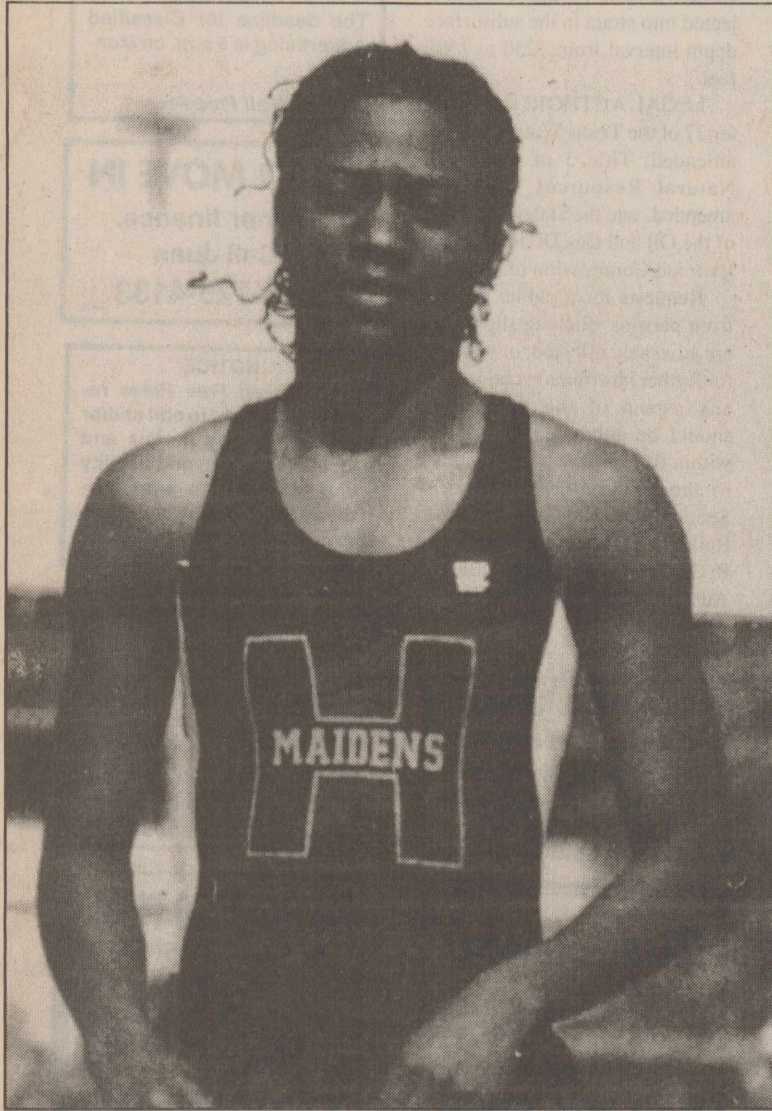
"This says something for the strength of our district."

In the Boys Regional Track competition Saturday, Haskell's Melvin Garcia finished 5th in the 3200m Run and 8th in the 800m Run. Eddie Loyd took 13th place in High Jump.

Tyrone Billington finished 8th in the 100m Dash, but did not run in the 200 Dash. Coach Hunt said, "Tyrone was very sore on Saturday. He ran well enough to qualify with the fifth on Friday; he was hurting after the 100m final, and I would not let him run the 200m final for fear that he would tear a muscle."

Jessie Martinez took 8th place in the 400m Dash. Coach Hunt said, "Jesse was second with about 4 meters to go when he overstrided, lost his balance and fell."

The Coach added, "Even though we were disappointed with the placing in some of our events, our kids deserve a pat on the back for the way they competed on Saturday. The girls finished in a tie with Wall for third in the meet, and Stephanie qualified for the state meet."



**MOVING ON TO STATE**—Stephanie Hodge of Haskell won first place in the 200 meter dash at the Regional track meet at ACU in Abilene, to advance to state. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**RUNNING THE 800M**—Haskell Maiden, Brittany Lindsey, center, runs to place 5th in the 800 meter Run at the Regional track meet in Abilene, Sat., Apr. 28. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Head Start to register May 9

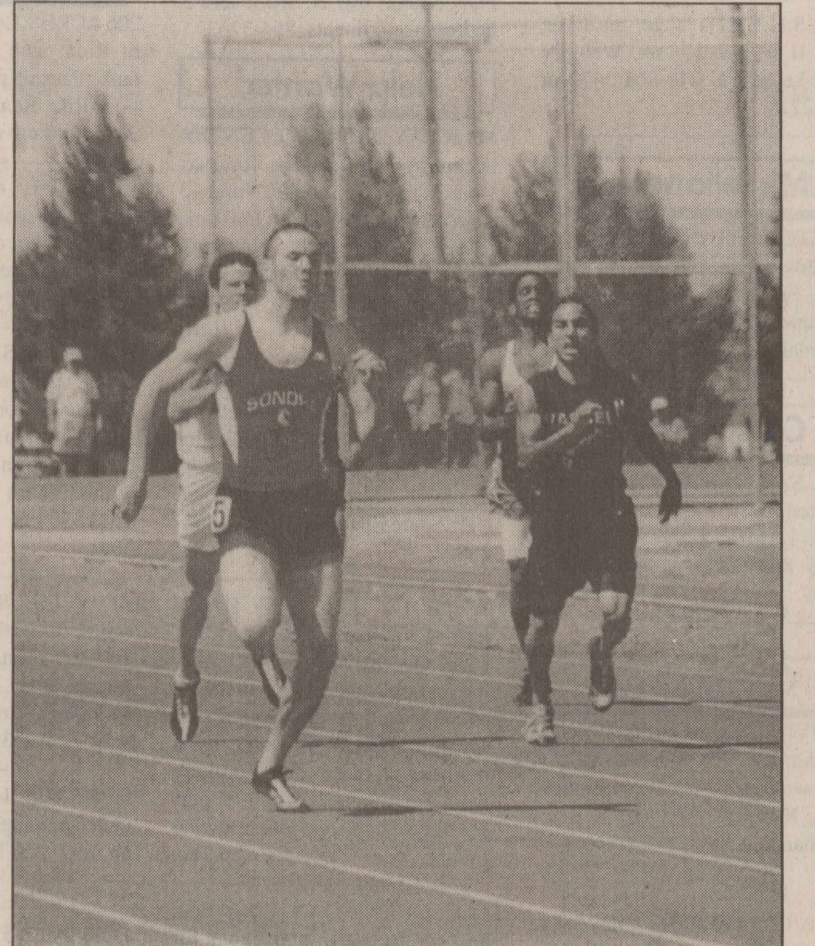
Haskell's pre-registration for Head Start will be on Wed., May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Haskell Elementary School.

Giving children a head start on life, Head Start offers educational opportunities, medical screening, dental screening, social services and parent involvement.

Will your child qualify for this child-development program for children who will be three years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year?

To apply, parents or guardians are asked to bring the child's birth certificate; Social Security card; immunization records; documentation of disability, if applicable; income verification such as check stub, tax form, etc.; and proof of any public assistance, such as WIC, Medicaid, etc.

For information about Head Start call Haskell Elementary, 864-5244.



**RUNNING AT THE REGIONAL**—Jesse Martinez of Haskell runs in the 400m dash at the Regional meet. Photo by Bill Blankenship

# MSU President to visit Haskell Fri., May 4

Dr. Henry Moon, president of Midwestern State University, will spend the day in Haskell May 4. He will visit the high school in the morning and meet with superintendent, Billie McKeever, before speaking to the City Council and Mayor Ken Lane at a noon luncheon. After lunch he will tour the new prison site and make a visit to Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Moon assumed the position of president effective Sept. 1. Prior to accepting the position, he was provost and vice president for undergraduate and graduate education at The University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

His research hand teaching interests include transportation,

land use and economic development.

He has published articles in Land Use Policy, Rural Development Perspectives, Transportation and The Professional Geographer. He has also written all or parts of ten books, presented 47 papers at professional conferences, presented 28 other publications and received 38 research grants.

Moon is a three-time recipient of The University of Toledo's College of Arts and Sciences Exceptional Merit Award, a two-time recipient of the college's Master Teacher Award and the 1995 recipient of the university's Buick Volunteer Spirit Award. In 1996, he was given the East Lakes

Division of the AAG Distinguished Lifetime Service Award.

While in Ohio, he served as a trustee and member of several boards. He is a fellow of the Ohio Academy of Science and National Councilor of the Association of American Geographers.

The Virginia native earned his bachelor of arts degree from Virginia Tech, his master of science degree from the University of Alabama and his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Kentucky.

He and his wife, Jodie, have four children, Bridget, Hank, Alex and Buddy.

## Student in the News

Sarah Cothron Mullican, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron of Haskell, received one of Harding University's academic awards for outstanding achievement in her area of study. A senior French and Spanish double major, Mullican was chosen for the academic award by faculty members

in the university's department of foreign languages.

Each spring the awards are presented to one outstanding senior in each of the university's 16 departments. Each recipient was honored at a special presentation during the university's daily chapel service April 11.

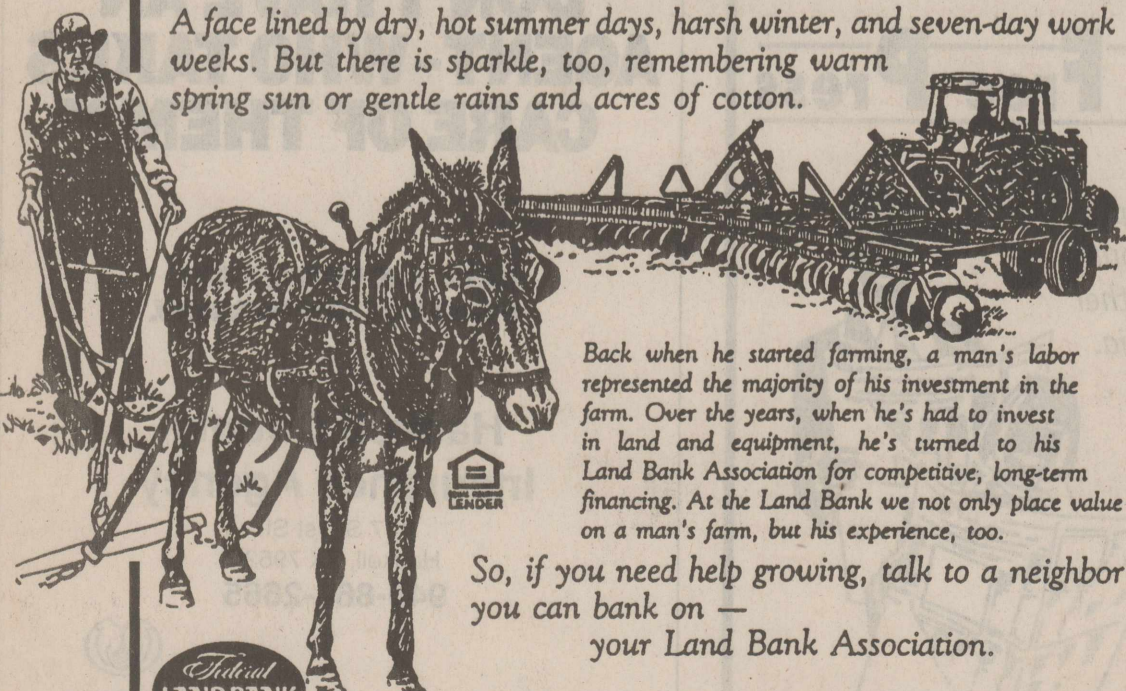


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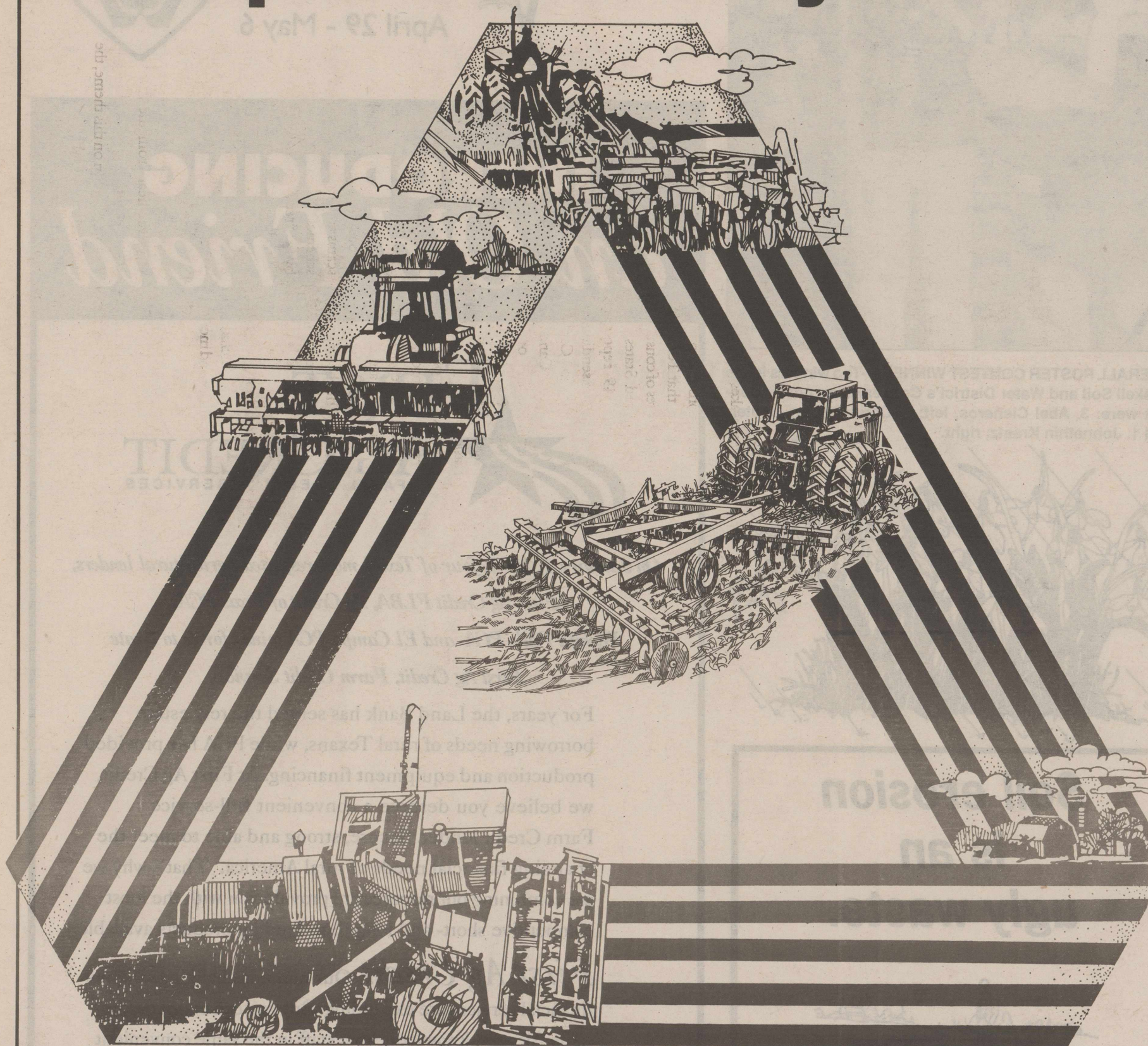
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# Soil Stewardship Week April 29<sup>TH</sup> – May 6<sup>TH</sup>



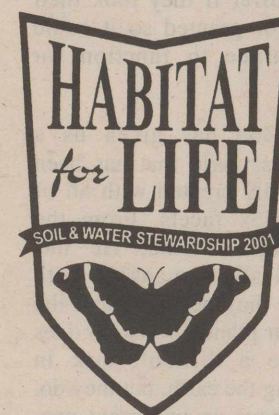
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## Soil Stewardship Week declared April 29 through May 6; This year's national theme is "Habitat for Life"

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and

Water Stewardship Week to take place April 29 through May 6 according to an announcement by F. A. Ulmer, chairman of the district.

reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management.

The theme of this year's observance is "Habitat for Life." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil, water and wildlife.

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,

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.

### Proclamation

The well-being of our people depends on the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of soil.

The quality and quantity of these products depend upon the conservation, wise use and proper management of soil and water resources.

It is the concern and responsibility of every person to see that soil resources be conserved and managed properly and water quality and quantity be maintained to assure the welfare of all citizens.

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 29 through May 6, 2001 as

### SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Haskell County, Texas.

In Official Recognition Whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of April, 2001

County Judge of Haskell County



Soil & Water Stewardship Week  
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# 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, First National Bank - Rochester, First Ag Credit and Federal Land Bank. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Included in this supplement are some of those essays. These essays do not reflect the results of the judging.

## Earth: Habitat to all

Earth: Habitat to All by Jimmy Huff

From the peak of one of the mountains in the Rocky Mountain range in Colorado,

one can gaze upon the expansive treasures offered by our dear planet Earth. Cultivated plains of reddish hue blend with the wild evergreens near the bottom of the foothills. Rushing rivers wildly rage to form larger bodies of water and provide essential drink for the abundant wildlife surrounding their banks. While viewing these picturesque scenes of nature, one often feel obligated to maintain the beauty of the scene. However, beyond providing external beauty for onlookers, the earth is more deeply significant for man by providing him with all his essential needs for survival.

The earth is not merely an aesthetic artistic work for its inhabitants to enjoy, but it is and has always been an invaluable resource providing man with the gift of life by providing him the gifts of food, water and air. In order for any creature to preserve its own life,

it must first preserve his surroundings it depends upon for its survival - its habitat. In the case of mankind, they must preserve their own planet Earth, their habitat that provides them with their vital necessities. If every man neglected to care for his habitat, then gradually, his habitat - the earth - would betray him; and life would cease to exist. In contrast, if every individual attempted to care for and keep his habitat, then his life, as well as the lives of future generations, would thrive.

All men and women of every culture, race, social class and ethnicity deeply depend on the world around them to provide them with vital essentials, such as food from wildlife and vegetation, land with fertile soil able to grown vegetation, fresh water from the streams flowing from mountain tops and emptying into the sea and air free of pollutants to breathe. If

inhabitants of the earth ignore the need to preserve it, the earth will not discriminate between mankind who it does not provide with necessities of survival. Just as all men and women from every area of the world depend upon their habitat for their survival, all men and women would suffer if they took their habitat for granted so it could not continue to function for them.

Our God has given us a marvelous world that has been wonderfully created with all of its complex facets. From the beginning of time, He has provided all of mankind with anything they need through the use of our planet. Mankind does not have a difficult task in preserving the earth, but they do, indeed, have an important one. Every man has an obligation to be a steward of the generous gifts our Creator has given us.

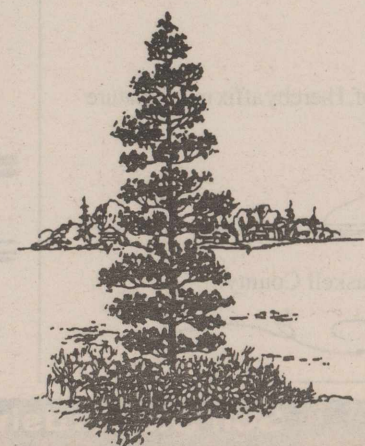
## Conserve our habitat

Conserve Our Habitat by Megan Bird

People do not realize how important soil and water conservation is to our environment. If the water supply continues to disintegrate, the development of our economy will be in great danger. Toilets are the biggest water user in a household. One way to prevent the loss of water is to invest in a high efficiency toilet. These toilets have been shown to

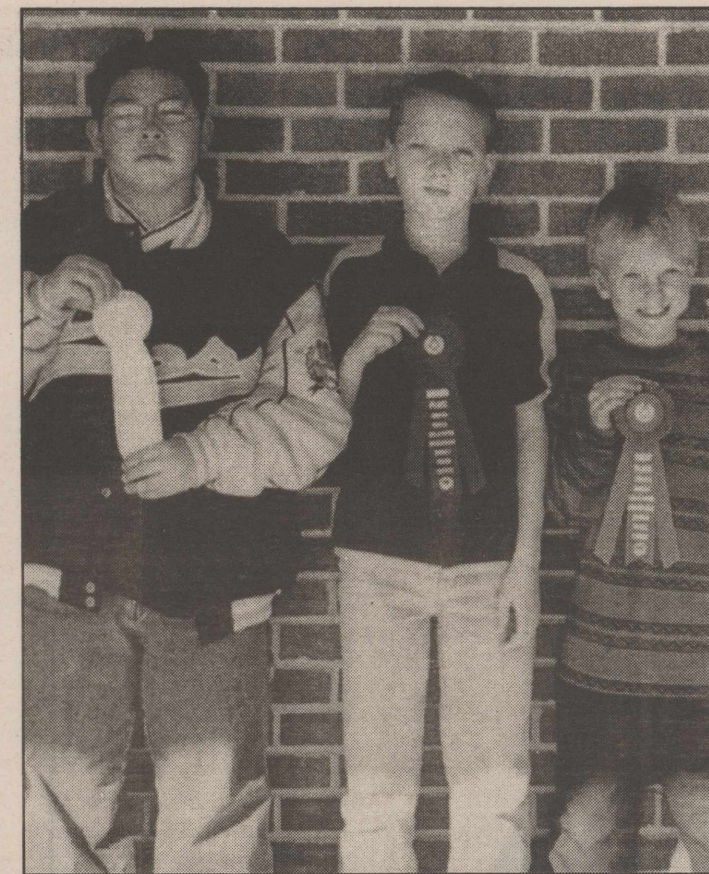
reduce toilet water use by 23% to 46%; this is 10.5 gallons of water per person daily.

Water recycling is another critical element for managing our water resources. Water recycling is reusing treated waste water. This is a beneficial purpose for agriculture and landscape irrigation, industrial processes, toilet flushing, and replenishing ground water basins. Most water demands can be satisfied by recycled water, as long as the water is appropriate for use. Plants, wildlife, and fish are dependent upon sufficient water flow to their habitats to live and reproduce. As a result of diversion for agricultural, urban and industrial purposes, this lack of water flow can cause deterioration of water quality and ecosystem health. Water users could help supplement their demands by using recycled water, which can free a considerable amount of water for the environment.



Recycling is one of the most successful programs in the late 20th century. Recycling diverted 57 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 1996, and up from 34 million tons in 1990. Curbside programs along with drop-off and buy-back centers resulted in a diversion of 27 percent of the nation's solid waste. Recycling turns waste materials into valuable resources and generates a host of environmental, financial, and social benefits.

If people would use one of these methods to protect our environment every day, we could live in a clean, safe and healthy world. By preserving our resources and environment we are improving the quality of life for all.



OVERALL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS-Top winners in the Haskell Soil and Water District's Conservation poster contest were: 3. Abel Cisneros, left; 2. Chris Peyton, center; and 1. Johnathin Kraatz, right.



### Soil erosion is an ugly waste.



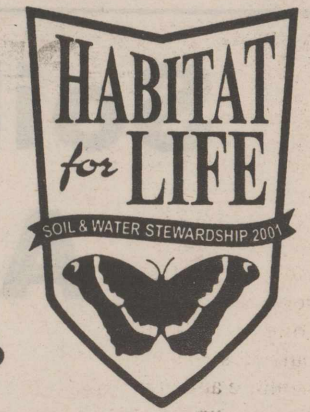
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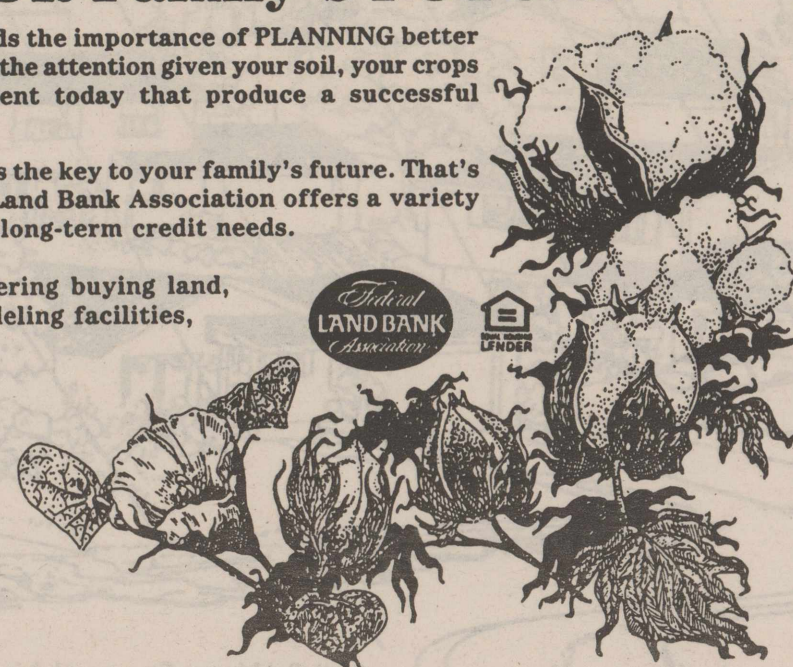
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# Preserving Texas' resources

## Preserving Texas' Resources

by Jennifer Bryan  
Many people are unaware of the long-term effects of soil and water pollution. Because Texas is one of the most heavily populated states with substantial agriculture and industry, keeping pollution under control is a serious matter. Products such as poultry, rice, oil, sheep and cotton can and will damage the land and water. With the

population rising steadily, land and water conservation is an issue for concern.

Last summer, the state of Texas realized the importance of water conservation when Throckmorton suffered a severe water shortage and had to install a new water line as a last resort. Often, people do not realize there are easy tactics to use when conserving Texas' water supply. For example, turn the water off while brushing teeth. This

simple act has been proven to save thousands of gallons of water. Another way to conserve water is by washing clothes only when there is enough for a full load. By using this method, both detergent and water are saved. One other way to save water is to repair all dripping faucets. By saving water, we can help prevent a water shortage.

The land, also, is an important natural resource. Soil conservation is a method used in

keeping the soil from washing and blowing away. Not only does soil support the growth of plants, but also plants hold soil together and help to keep rainwater from washing it into streams and rivers that carry it to the ocean. There are three main causes of soil erosion that include running water, wind and rapid changes in temperature. One way to help prevent erosion is by planting trees in barren areas. Adding terraces in the land

helps to reduce soil erosion and washouts. Each year, erosion costs the government and farmers millions of dollars by wearing away the rich topsoil that is needed to grow food. The soil can be saved with careful planning.

If we all do our part to conserve the soil and water, our state will have valuable natural resources for years to come. With our help, Texas will remain a place where people feel gracious raising their children.

# Xeriscape: A quality form of landscaping

## Xeriscape Landscaping by Amanda Perry

An adequate supply of quality water has become a critical issue for the future prosperity of Texas. The growing population has increased the demand on the state's already limited supply of high quality water. In addition, seasonal fluctuations in rainfall and periodic droughts have created a feast-to-famine cycle in Texas. In urban areas of Texas about 25 percent of the water supply is used for landscape and garden watering. Much of this

water is used to maintain high water demanding landscapes, or it is simply applied inefficiently.

In an attempt to reduce the excessive water use, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is educating Texans in Xeriscape landscaping. This is a quality form of landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment. This concept is a comprehensive approach to landscaping for water conservation. Traditional landscapes may incorporate a few principles of water conservation, but they do not utilize the entire

concept to reduce landscape water use effectively.

Xeriscape landscaping uses seven principles that lead to saving water: planning and design, soil analysis, practical turf areas, appropriate plan selection, efficient irrigation, use of mulches and appropriate maintenance. When using these seven principles, citizens can help preserve our most needed natural resource - water.

There are several other techniques used in Xeriscape that increases the conservation of water by a greater percentage. Increased plant health and conserved water can be achieved by adding organic matter to the soil of shrub and flowerbed areas. By doing this, one

increases the soil's ability to absorb and store water in a form available to the plant.

When considering a landscape's water requirement, it is vital to note that turfgrasses need more frequent watering and maintenance than most other plants. Planting the lowest water use turfgrass adapted to the area is an effective way to drop landscape irrigation requirements. Most amounts of water applied to lawns and gardens are never absorbed by plants and put to use. Most often it is lost to runoff or applied too much too often. It is a necessity to operate proper water techniques in an effort to conserve water. When using Xeriscape landscaping, it is

significant to mow lawns at the proper height because this also conserves water. The proper height differs upon the type of grass your lawn consists of.

For each individual in Texas, water is forever a vital concern. Many might think that water conservation in the landscape means planting cactus and rock gardens; however, it is truly common sense landscaping to protect water quality and quantity. It is our duty as Texans to follow the principles of water conservation to insure continued success for the future of our state. By doing our part to protect the world's water supply, we will have stepped forward towards a more prosperous "habitat for life."

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## Poster winners named

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest. A total of 115 students participated.

This year's theme is "Habitat for Life."

Paint Creek ISD winners are:  
Kindergarten: 1. Cannon Edwards 2. Senaida Jimenez 3. Samantha Barnett.

First Grade: 1. Yolanda Jimenez 2. Kelsey Smith 3. Matthew Pritchard

Second Grade: 1. Bailey Fillmon 2. Johnathan Kraatz 3. Blake Thomasson

Third Grade: 1. Brennan Medford 2. Jessica Pendergraft 3. K. C. Bogle

Fourth Grade: 1. Marty Hall 2. Steven Fillmon 3. Tabitha Schonerstedt

Fifth Grade: 1. Kailey McCord 2. Vanessa Vasquez 3. Michael Fikes

Sixth Grade: 1. Kristen Barr 2. Abel Cisneros 3. Chris Peyton

Rochester ISD winners are:  
Kindergarten: 1. Lorenzo Estrada 2. Cassidy Rios 3. Kiefer McNelly

First Grade: 1. Paige Glover 2. Tanner Hernandez 3. Jo Angel Martinez

Second Grade: 1. Marissa McGhee 2. Cheslee Hearn 3. Sydney Saucedo

Third Grade: 1. Lisa Rodgers 2. Victoria Carrasco 3. Maria Torres

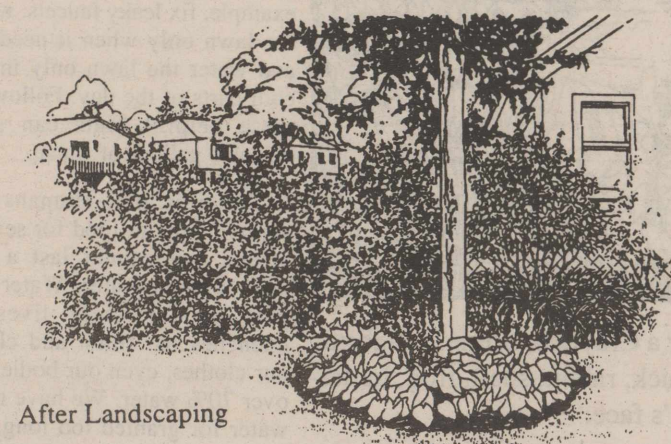
Fourth Grade: 1. Erin Easterling 2. Shane Strickland 3. Samantha Lopez

Fifth Grade: 1. Conrad Saucedo 2. Amy Hamilton 3. Jonathan Rincon

Sixth Grade: 1. Mykel McGhee 2. Teddye Sue Harris 3. Shana Nicolson



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# Living water: Water conservation is important

**Living Water**  
by Kristi Christian  
The earth's surface is over 70% water. Water seems to be our largest resource, but only 1% of the water can be used for



human use. The majority of fresh water is frozen at the polar ice caps. The little water that we can use comes from lakes, streams, rivers, and aquifers. Water is life. Without water nothing can grow and live; the fields would be bare and human life could not exist. Water resources are not unlimited. They are affected everyday by precipitation, population growth, and economic development.

Recently Haskell County has been in a drought; we have come

to appreciate just how precious water is. Our lakes became so low that people were forced to ration water, and the county was in a state of distress. Luckily, the rain came and poured its living water over our dry, thirsty land. However, the water problem is not just in our part of the country, but all over the United States.

Recreation and aquatic life habitat are issues that are dramatically affected by the amount of water. Fish need adequate water depths for sufficient living space. The water needs to support a diverse fish community and provide areas for spawning, nursery areas for young fish, adequate feeding and resting areas, and protective cover for adults. The amount of fish affects the recreational value of the lake. Without normal flow of fresh water, the lake's ecosystem will be forced to adapt, or it will simply cease to exist.



**HIDDEN HABITAT:** Look for a Crayfish, beetle, songbird, snake, fish, turtle, dragonfly, duck, rabbit, snail, frog, butterfly, racoon's head and a person's face.

Water is life. Humans can survive without food for several weeks, but cannot last a few days without water. Water is a part of our daily lives; it quenches our thirst and cleans our clothes, even our bodies are over 70% water. We have taken water for granted too long. We need to conserve this precious resource for future generations. Water is the center of the circle of life.

"Perhaps nature is our best assurance of immortality."  
Eleanor Roosevelt, 1945



# 53 students compete in local judging contests

Each year the Haskell SWCD and California Creek SWCD sponsors a judging contest to help area teams prepare for district contests. The contest was held at Paint Creek. Fifty-three students participated in the judging.

In the Land Contest, eleven teams were entered: Haskell #1, Haskell #2, Paint Creek, Seymour, Quanah, Munday, Stamford, Wylie #1, Wylie #2, Anson #1 and Anson #2.

Winning first place in the Land Judging Contest was Anson #1 team consisting of Trussell Davis, Michael Moreno, Dustin McEwen and Sam Jackson.

Taking second place was the Stamford team of Cody Ott, Josh Stephens and Casey Spraberry.

The Wylie #1 team of Justin Hardin, Anna Hooper and A. J. Jennings won third place.

Winners in the Land Judging Contest High Individual category were: 1. Sam Jackson, Anson #1 team; 2. Trussell Davis, Anson #1 team; 3. Casey Spraberry of the Stamford team.

Members of the Haskell #1 team were Angel Pena, Omar Payan, Justin Trussell and Andy Martinez. Haskell #2 team members were Shawn Jeans and Phillip Collins.

Paint Creek team members were Bronc Davis, Coy Hise,

Clay Ender and Arron Duniven.

Teams competing in the Range Contest were Haskell, Wylie, Stamford, Anson #1 and #2.

The Stamford team of Marissa Hager, Brent Lundgren and James Decker took first place in the Range Judging Contest.

The Haskell team of Ross Bullinger, Kristi Christian, Wendy Proctor and Ryan Burgess took second place.

Third place went to the Anson #2 team of Amber Eckert, Amanda Hooten and Coy Sanchez.

The Range Judging High Individual first place went to James Decker of Stamford. Winning second was Marissa Hager of Stamford. Third place went to Kristi Christian of Haskell.

Members of the Wylie team were Matt Santos and Eric Renfro.

The Anson #1 team included Adam Carnes, Kori Barr, Cassie Moore and Al Sandbothe.

Don Walker of Stamford, Director of the California Creek SWCD Board, presented each of the winners with a plaque.



**RANGE JUDGING CONTEST**—Student team members demonstrated their skills during the Soil and Water Conservation District Range Judging Contest held in Paint Creek. Teams from Haskell, Wylie, Stamford and Anson schools participated.

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We commend the entire farming industry for its diligence in adhering to the high standards of excellence in soil conservation.

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