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Fri., Feb. 1, 4 p.m. at Haskell

7th-8th-9th G-B vs Hamlin
Mon., Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m.
Boys Here, Girls

JVG-B, VG-B vs Stamford
Tues., Feb. 5, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek JH vs Rochester
Thurs., Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.
at Rochester

Paint Creek vs Rochester
Fri. Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs Rule
Tues., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Chicken Spaghetti

A chicken spaghetti dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to benefit Jessica Rieger and Katie Thompson who will attend the Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. in March. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by calling 864-3957 or 915-733-2046, at Sport-About or at the door.

Basketball tryouts

Tryouts for Haskell Youth Basketball will be held in the Little Gym at Haskell High School on Thurs., Jan. 31 at 5:45 p.m. for 3rd and 4th grade girls and at 7:45 p.m. for 3rd and 4th grade boys and Mon., Feb. 4 at 5:45 p.m. for 5th and 6th grade girls and at 7:45 p.m. for 5th and 6th grade boys. All players need to come to tryouts.

Fish fry dinner

The Paint Creek Senior Class of 2002 will hold a catfish dinner Sun., Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Paint Creek Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and \$3 for children. Proceeds will benefit the senior trip to Disney World.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Feb. 4 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Richard Trueblood will present a program on Lakota Indians.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Jan. 26 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Barbecue dinner

The Knox Co. Historical Commission and Friends of KCHC will hold a barbecue fundraiser Sun., Feb. 3 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Benjamin Memorial Building. The meal of beef, sausage, baked turkey, homemade bread, cole slaw, potato salad, pinto beans, deviled eggs, pies and cakes will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years and under. Carry outs are available. For information call 940-454-2229 or 940-459-2205.

Ag producers meeting

Haskell County ag producers will meet Mon., Feb. 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

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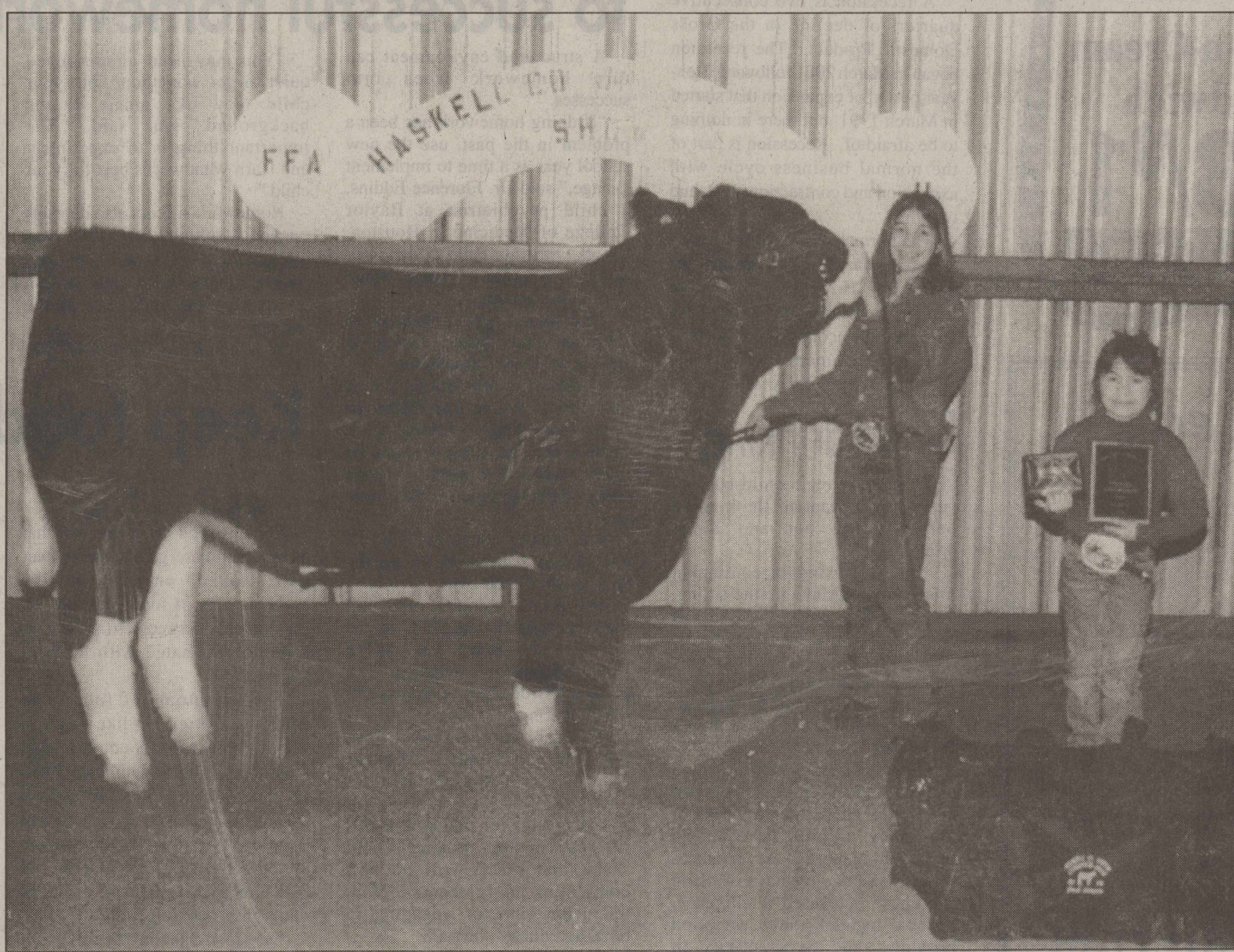
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WINNING GRAND CHAMPION—Amber Bingham poses with her Grand Champion European steer at the Haskell County Junior

Livestock Show, Jan. 24-26. This marked the second year in a row for the 4-H'er to show a Grand Champion. Photo by Kis

Commissioners purchase new Sheriff's truck

At the Jan. 22 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, bids were opened and a bid of \$19,065.90 was accepted from Medford Buick-Pontiac in purchase of a 2002 GMC Sierra truck for the County Sheriff's Department. The purchase price included a trade-in allowance of \$3,000.00 for the 1998 Ford Sheriff's car. One other bid was received for the new vehicle.

In the matter of county personnel, upon the recommendation of Sheriff David Halliburton, the court approved a motion to hire Ashley Hearn to replace Amy Stewart as dispatcher, jailer, at the regular probationary salary, effective Jan. 21. Also, Steve Hawkins was taken off probationary salary and put on regular salary status. Upon the recommendation of ECC Director, Jennabeth Kimbrough, the court approved the hiring of Joann Dulaney as receptionist at the Experienced Citizens' Center, effective Jan. 18, at the rate of \$5.15 per hour.

Appointed as members of the Historical Commission Board were: Grace Bishop, Wanda Ham, Ernestine Herren, Johnny Scoggins, Jim Hollingsworth, Veeta Reid and Joyce Turner.

Dr. Tom Hairgrove named top veterinarian

By Mary Kaigler

Haskell Veterinarian, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, has been honored with a special award by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories, and selected as the Veterinary Diagnostician of the Year (2002).

The award is presented each year to one veterinary practitioner in the state of Texas who has, over time, exemplified knowledge and diagnostic skills in the practice of veterinary medicine.

"Dr. Hairgrove is one of the most respected veterinarians in the state of Texas and the nation. His knowledge, integrity, dedication and service to the animal industries, exemplifies the spirit of veterinary professionalism which this award represents," said Dr. Lelve G. Gayle, Associate Agency Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory System, which is administered by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System.

Serving as Haskell's veterinarian since 1976, Dr. Hairgrove operates the Haskell Veterinary Clinic and

Hospital located on Stamford Highway, and the Knox County Veterinary Clinic in Munday. He employs six people at the two locations. Well known and appreciated in the community for his care and work with domestic pets, the major part of his work is with large agricultural animals.

With the main focus of his studies being in beef cattle certification, Dr. Hairgrove said that through the years, 60 percent of his practice has been with large animals. However, due to the last four or five years of drought for farming and ranching, that percentage has fallen about 25 or 26 percent.

Hairgrove's educational degrees include three from Texas A&M; a B. S. in Animal Science in 1967, a B. S. in Veterinary Science in 1972, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, (DVM), in 1974.

In 1997 he became a Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Certified in Beef Cattle Practice. In 1999 he completed a Beef Cattle Certification Program at Great Plains Veterinary Education

Center, Clay Center, Nebraska.

Active in local affairs, he is president of the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees and is a lay leader and chairman of the Administrative Council of Haskell First United Methodist Church. He is a member and past president of Haskell Rotary Club; member and past president of Haskell Chamber of Commerce; member and past president of Haskell County Farm Bureau.

In his professional activities, he is on the Beef Cattle Practice Committee of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association; a member of the Texas Johne's Advisory Committee and a member of the

National Johne's Working Group.

His professional memberships include Abilene Area Veterinary Medical Association; Texas Veterinary Medical Association; Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice; American Veterinary Medical Association; American Association of Bovine Practitioners; Society for Theriogenology; Academy of Veterinary Consultants; National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Dr. Hairgrove is married to Peggy Hairgrove, a teacher with Haskell CISD, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thigpen of Haskell. The couple's

son, Ross, is a sophomore at Haskell High School.

Although he said he was surprised by the award, Dr. Hairgrove said he feels extremely honored by receiving it.

Not only is this local veterinarian dedicated to his work of looking after the needs and welfare of "all creatures great and small," but also, in an unassuming manner, as a responsible citizen, he demonstrates a dedication to giving his time to being a positive part of this community.

Such a combination as this worthy of an award in any year. Congratulations, Dr. Tom.

Noah Project sets annual variety show

The annual Noah Project - North variety show will be held Fri., Feb. 22 at the new Rolling Plains Regional Jail beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and are available from any advisory committee member, the Noah project office, 3rd floor of the courthouse, or at the door.

A barbecue meal and all the trimmings will be served. Please come out and enjoy a great meal, terrific entertainment and bid on our silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.



TOP DOCTOR AND DOGGY PATIENT—Dr. Tom Hairgrove, who was recently named Texas' Veterinary Diagnostician of the Year, examines a family pet, Meg, at the Haskell Veterinary Clinic.

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Economy in recession

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 left most Americans wondering about the economy and how it will effect them. The word "recession" is being used to describe our current economy. On Nov. 26, the National Bureau of Economic Research said the economy peaked in March 2001. A peak marks the end of an expansion and the beginning of a recession.

A recession is two consecutive quarters of decline in the Gross Domestic Product. The recession began in March 2001 following a ten-year period of expansion that started in March 1991, but there in nothing to be afraid of. Recession is part of the normal business cycle with expansion and contraction, peak and trough.

The normal state of the economy is expansion. Most recessions are fairly brief. However, experts agree that the events of Sept. 11 may have deepened the economic contraction. And if consumers cut back on spending, the economy will falter.

Binge drinking

Women in their child-bearing years might want to think twice before going out and binge drinking.

"Binge drinking, or consuming four or more drinks in one sitting, during the early weeks of pregnancy can be damaging to the unborn child," said Dr. Sherry Sellers, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Sellers says brain cell formation and multiplication occurs between the eighth and sixteenth weeks of pregnancy. Studies have shown that drinking more than two ounces of alcohol a day or binge drinking can cause decreased intelligence, unusual facial features, attention problems and hyperactivity in some children.

In addition, drinking too much alcohol during pregnancy can cause Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, one of the leading causes of mental retardation in newborns.

Obituaries

R. C. Pool

Funeral services for R. C. Pool, 80, of Rule were held Tues., Jan. 29 at First Baptist Church of Rule with Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pool died Sat., Jan. 26 at a Ballinger care home. Born April 22, 1921 in Haskell County, he was the son of George B. and Annie Grace Culberth Pool. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He

married Geraldine Barbee Feb. 25, 1949 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Jan. 18, 1996. He was a farmer, a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Survivors include one brother, Billy R. Pool of San Angelo; one sister, Geraldine Emerson of Abilene and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Bill Matysiak, Joe Harrel Cloud, Larry Barbee, R. C. Langford, Dennis Barbee and Ray Penman.
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Structured environment is key to successful homework habits

A structured environment can turn homework woes into successes.

"If doing homework has been a problem in the past, use the new school year as a time to implement change," said Dr. Florence Eddins, a child psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Work with your child to settle key homework issues of where, when and the surroundings."

One homework essential is adequate study space with good lighting and few distractions.

"Desks in rooms can be fine if they aren't covered with clothes or other belongings," Eddins said. "However, the dining room or kitchen table often works well and makes parental supervision a little easier."

For young children, Eddins encourages parents to sit nearby with work of their own.

However, parents should pull back as soon as possible, so the child can learn to work independently. Check in periodically on older children rather than hovering over them.

To establish a homework time, talk with your children about the time of day that works best for them.

"Many children prefer 'time off' for play or for an after-school snack, but others will do best completing assignments before television time or engaging in other activities," she said.

Flexibility is another key ingredient to creating the right homework environment. Eddins cautions parents to remember that what works for them may not be right for their child.

"You may need uninterrupted quiet to get work done, but your child may like music in the background," she said. "The important thing is to experiment and learn what works best for your child."

Homework success also depends on good communication between the parents and teacher. Parents should learn what the school expects of the child and of the parents.

If remembering homework has

been a problem in the past, ask the teacher to send home written notices of homework assignments. This system allows parents to monitor assignments and reward their child for completing assigned work.

"A minimal reward for remembering assignments four nights out of five puts the focus on the positive, not the negative," Eddins said. "Taking time to notice your child's efforts can make a big difference."

Keep food safe

By Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Keeping food safe is one way that parents and care givers can protect their loved ones from the consequences of foodborne illness. Foodborne illness comes from eating food contaminated with harmful bacteria.

The symptoms of foodborne illness are often flu-like and can occur within a few hours to several days after eating contaminated food. Food poisoning, as it is often called, can make babies, young children, and older adults very sick. The immune systems of these groups of people are less effective in protecting against and fighting off infections.

Safe food handling begins at the grocery and follows through storage, preparation, service and storing leftovers. Following four key safe food handling behaviors can go a long way to protect your family from foodborne illness.

CLEAN: Keep everything clean. Wash hands with hot soapy water before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets. Teach children to wash their hands for 20

seconds. Bacteria that cause foodborne illness can be present throughout the kitchen. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food. To sanitize food preparation surfaces, use a simple sanitizing solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach in 1 quart of water.

Clean fresh raw produce under running water, but don't use soap or other detergents. For hard skinned produce, a small vegetable brush can help remove surface dirt.

SEPARATE: Don't cross contaminate. Cross contamination is the word used to describe how bacteria can spread from one food product to another. Cross-contamination can easily occur when handling raw meat, poultry and seafood. Place raw meats in a plastic bag at the grocery to keep the juices from dripping on other foods. At home, store these items on a tray or pan on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to keep juices from dripping on other foods.

COOK: Always cook foods to adequate internal temperatures to kill any bacteria that may be present. A food thermometer is the most accurate way to make sure food has reached safe internal temperatures. If a thermometer is not available, visual signs can help determine doneness. Red meat should be brown inside, juices of cooked chicken should be clear and not pink, fish should be flaky, the whites and yolks of eggs should be firm, and reheated leftover foods should be boiling or steaming hot.

CHILL: Keep cold foods cold. Never leave perishable foods in danger zone temperatures of 40 to 140 degrees F for more than two hours. Refrigerate leftover foods quickly in shallow covered containers to promote quick cooling. Keep refrigerator temperatures at 40 degrees F or below and freezer temperatures at 0 degrees F or below.

Keeping your family healthy is a gift that will last a lifetime. For more information on safe food handling, contact your local county Extension office at (940) 864-2546.

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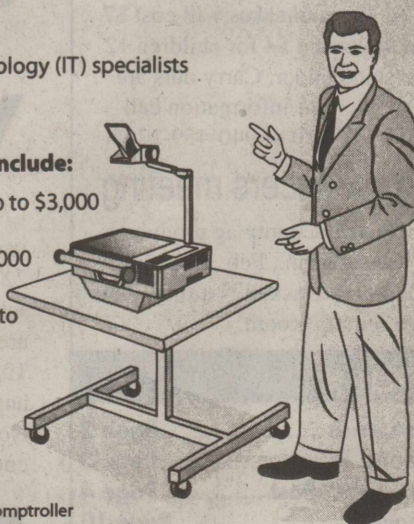
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

John and Carol Holland of Grants Pass, Oregon, friends of Hyrum and Jean Richards, drove down for a visit. The two couples then went to Galveston for a week. They fished, played golf and went to dog races. While there, the Richards drove to Rockport, where they had formerly lived, to visit friends.

John and Monica Childs and sons, Alan, Richard, Joshua and Matthew of Midland came to Haskell last Thursday. John continued on to Oklahoma City for an Assembly of God Royal Rangers Leadership seminar.

Monica and sons stayed in Haskell and visited with Monica's grandmother, Lois Redwine, her father, Joel Nanny, her brother, Flint Nanny and her uncle and aunt, Hyrum and Jean Richards. They joined John in Oklahoma City Friday night, from there they went to Seminole to visit John's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Childs.

They then went to Breckenridge to visit John's father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Childs before returning to Midland.

Sabrina and Amber Conn spent Saturday with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carroll of Weinert.

Visiting with Kay Croft over the weekend was her son and grandson Tommy and Cody of the Metroplex.

Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls visited her mother Delma Matthews in a Haskell Healthcare Center on Sunday.

Little Miss Tyler King, daughter of Cam and Wade King of Stephenville spent a few days with

grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Klose while her parents went to Las Vegas.

Tamera Hearn and son Dakota of Irving, spent some time with her mother Charlene Hawkins and helped her move to a new location.

Visiting with Faye Gray Sun, night and Mon. of last week were her sister Pauline Gruborne, her son Gary and daughter Paula James of Weatherford.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church hosted the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial service Mon., Jan. 21. Haskell Mayor Protem Ruby Turner gave the welcome. David Paige of East Side Baptist Church and Dusty Garrison of First Christian Church were occasional speakers. Elder Jean Ward of Liberty Church of God in Christ provided the morning sermon. The evening sermon was by Rev. John Lewis of Hopewell Baptist Church.

Other guest churches included Mission Revival of Haskell, West Bethel Baptist Church of Rule, Liberty Church of God in Christ of Knox City, West Beulah Baptist Church of Munday, Weeping Mary of Anson and Whirlwind Church of God in Christ of Aspermont.

Susie Mae Jackson celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday with her church family and some of her Hopewell Baptist Church friends. After church dinner was served with birthday cake and ice cream. Pictures were taken with her great great twin nieces, Faith and Blessing. Mrs. Jackson is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis Sr.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS CROSSON

Wolsch, Crosson wed in Haskell

Sheena DeAnn Wolsch and Christopher James Crosson were married Nov. 24, at the First Assembly of God in Haskell, with Pastor J. C. Amburn officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Judy Wolsch of Haskell. The bridegroom is the son of Mark and Tammy Crosson of Haskell.

Maid of honor was Taylor Seelke. Bridesmaids were Keli Jo McCarty, Erica Chavez and Roxanna Rivera, all of Haskell. Leslie Crosson was the flower girl.

Best man was Nicolas Crosson. Groomsmen were Matt Miller of Hamlin, Wayne Briggs of Haskell

and Martin Silvas of Bridgeport. The ring bearer was Chris Wolsch of Stamford.

Ushers were Jack Martin III and Jesse Jones, both of Breckenridge.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Haskell High School, and will be attending college.

The bridegroom graduated from Haskell High School and Texas State Technical College as a Diesel Technician. He is employed by R. L. Anderson International in Abilene.

After a trip to the Crown Paradise Resort in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is residing in Abilene.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Henshaw of Albuquerque, N.M. announce the birth of a son, Phillip Scott. He was born Jan. 18 and weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Phillip Scott has a big sister, Savannah Jean.

Grandparents are Hyrum and Jean Richards Haskell, the late Bob Henshaw, Barbara St. Georges, Albuquerque and Joseph St. Georges, Downingtown, Penn.

Great grandparents are Iola Henshaw, Haskell, the late Chick Henshaw, Lois Redwine, Haskell and the late Charley Redwine.

Jordan Lee Westerman was born Tues., Jan. 22 at 9:48 p.m. at Hendrick Health Systems Birthplace. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Proud parents are Greg and

Kendra Westerman of Haskell. Maternal grandparents are David and Judy Wolsch of Haskell. Paternal grandparents are Leroy and Janene Westerman of Haskell.

Great grandparents are Neda Threeth of Haskell, Ken and Claudette Wolsch of Rochester and Wayne and Mary Pierce of Abilene. Great-great grandmother is Helen Wright of Garland.

Angela Jordan of Stamford announces the birth of twin daughters, Faith Ann Jordan and Blessing Nicole Jordan born Dec. 24 in Abilene.

Grandfather is Frank Jordan of Lancaster. Mac Lou Yeldell and the late Robert Yeldell are great grandparents. Great great grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis Sr.

Noah Project group meets

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee met in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Jan. 11. Members present were Jeri Burke, Bill Markunas, Debbie Maines, Pat McNabb, Ben McGee, Bill Baker, Brett Anderson, Louetta Davis, Sharon Lusk, Joan Strickland, Donna Sue Anders, and Sherry Abee from Abilene. Monetary donations were received from: Debbie Maines, Mr. and Mrs. Tiffen Mayfield, Mrs. Burnell Gilleland, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins, Kay's Cleaners, and Mrs. Venice Elmore. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker of Knox City gave a memorial donation honoring Judge Ben Charlie Chapman.

Donna Sue Anders reported that 18 nonresidents had been served for 28 days, three residents were sheltered for three days, four hotline

calls were received and nine volunteers worked fifty-two hours. Christmas was provided for a number of client families. Jury duty donations were also received from Haskell jurors.

The annual Noah Project variety show and silent auction to be held at the new Rolling Plains Regional Jail was discussed. It will be Fri., Feb. 22, starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the door.

Entertainment for the variety show will include: Danny "Elvis" Langford, Yvonne Swofford, Larry Lefevre and friends, Dr. Bill McSmith and friends, Philip Martin and family, and other talent. Many silent auction items will be available for bidding from such notables as artist Tom Ryan and Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight.

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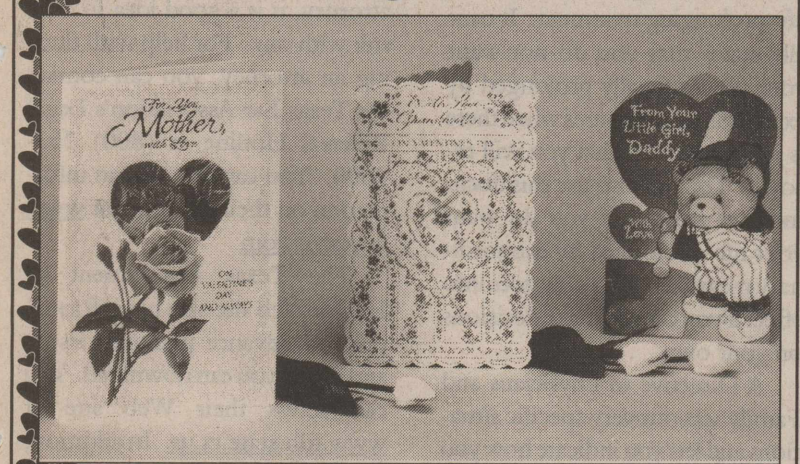
Gather personal records early to save time organizing. Be sure to use the right forms, which can be found at local libraries or at the Internal Revenue Service Web site, www.irs.gov.

Double check calculations and

Social Security numbers. Getting the numbers right is important because the IRS processes returns faster when the numbers are correct and refunds come quicker when everything adds up.

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OPINION

Tips on buying, handling, storing beef

By Derrick Tribbey, 4-H member
When comparing costs of beef, always compare similar products and qualities, such as grade, weight, bone-in or boneless, etc. Cuts from the round and chuck are naturally less tender than from the loin and ribs. Beef top (inside) round can be used as steaks, cubed, roasts or strips. It is fairly inexpensive and its fat content ranges from 5-8%. Beef tenderloins can be cut into steaks and tips. Beef ribs are usually made into rib roast.

Top sirloin butt is a good grade of meat and is fairly affordable. Diced beef is prepared from many different parts of the carcass. Pieces range from .75 inches to 1.5 inches. This beef is used in stews and kabobs. Ground beef is made from any portion of the carcass that is free of bone. Fat should not exceed 22%. Ground sirloin is less than 15% fat.

Beef is available in eight different grades. The most commonly sold in stores are US Prime, US Choice and US Select. Some lower grades of beef are perfectly acceptable, especially if they are marinated or used in dishes where tenderness is not a primary requirement. Beef should have a bright cherry-red color and be firm and elastic to the touch.

Never choose beef that has a brown or greenish hue, black or green spots. Beef should never have a shiny or dry texture. Also, do not buy packages that have damage. Vacuum-packed beef should be dark red and slightly purple in color with no package leaks. It may also have an unusual odor due to lack of oxygen, but this is not a sign of spoilage. The odor disappears about 30 minutes after the package is opened.

Fresh beef should always be stored in a cooler or freezer. Refrigerated beef should be stored between 28 and 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Frozen beef should be stored at 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Vacuum packed beef has a shelf life of 21 days, ground beef 14 days.

Once a package is open it should be used within three days. Beef picks up odor from other foods in your refrigerator. Always keep beef covered or wrapped. Store beef on lower shelves or put a pan under it so it does not drip on other foods.

Editor's note: This list of tips was prepared by Haskell High School sophomore, Derrick Tribbey, who will represent Haskell County 4-H at the State Food Show at Texas A & M in June.



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - His mug shot appeared in the newspaper and on television along with word that he had been booked into jail on a criminal charge.

Another accused killer behind bars?

No. Fifty-two-year-old Everett Conner had not been charged with any traditional crime. He went to jail as a paid city official of Buda, in Hays County, charged with the misdemeanor offense of improper disposal and discharge of raw sewage.

If convicted, he could spend up to a year in jail and be fined up to \$100,000.

Conner was arrested Jan. 23 at his city office by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and officers with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The Manchaca man is accused of having knowingly

Other than their debate over debates, the only issues that have surfaced so far in their campaigns are differences of opinion on minority recruitment at the University of Texas and on the issue of gambling at the Tigua Indian reservation in El Paso.

That will soon change as the campaign begins to thaw out along with the weather.

Education commissioner resigns

Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson is leaving the state agency he headed for two years to go to work for a private company in Dallas.

Nelson, 51, announced his resignation on January 22, effective March 31. His new job will be as a senior executive with the higher education division of Voyager Expanded Learning, a company that sells reading program training materials nationwide.

At the Texas Education Agency, which is responsible for

overseeing the state's education laws and policies, he had been earning \$164,000 a year.

Gov. Rick Perry will appoint Nelson's successor.

During Nelson's time as Texas' top education official, TEA changed the state's landmark student and school evaluation system, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. The new program, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, starts next year.

dumping raw sewage into a treatment lake on private property. From there, the effluent entered tributaries of the San Marcos River.

This is believed to be the first time a Texas city official has ever faced a criminal charge in connection with a pollution violation.

Conner was quickly released from jail on his own recognizance.

The investigation into the dumping is continuing and a felony charge is possible if it is determined that any dumping occurred after June 2001, when a new law went into effect making it a more serious crime.

The debate debate

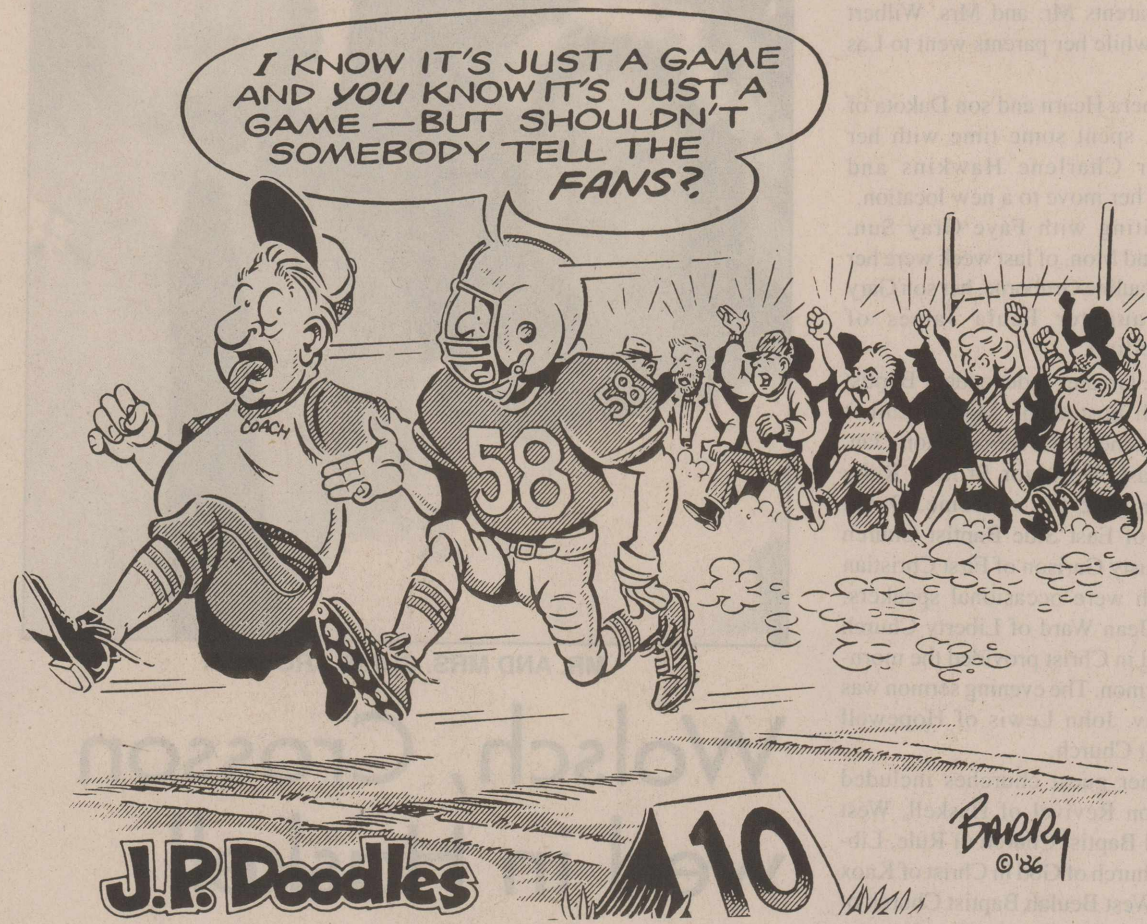
No, that's not a typographical error.

Texas' two contenders for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination are debating how they will debate.

Former Attorney General Dan Morales, the latecomer to the race, has said he will not debate opponent Tony Sanchez at all unless Sanchez agrees to conduct one debate in Spanish and have more than one English language debate.

Sanchez has proposed having only two debates, one in English and one in Spanish. Morales wants six debates between now and the March 12 primary.

Until the Sanchez-Morales contest is decided, Republican incumbent Rick Perry has no one to debate debates with.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 30, 1992

Mindy Ballard of Rochester showed the grand champion steer at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. The grand champion barrow was a Hampshire owned by Shawn Barbour of Paint Creek. Kaki Stapleton of Haskell took grand champion honors in the lamb division.

Haskell scout leader Marvin McFadden received the coveted Founders' Award at the annual Order of the Arrow banquet.

The Haskell Indians defeated Anson 66-50. Tommie Isbell scored 15 points. Chris Tanner and Jonathan Tatum had 12 each and Mart Guess scored 11.

20 Years Ago February 4, 1982

Mikeanna Wilcox showed the Grand Champion Steer of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilcox of Rule.

Grand Champion Lamb was shown by Mike Fouts of Rule and Reserve Champion was exhibited by Scott Fields of Haskell.

Inez Carreon of Rule and Jeanett Randle and Edith Schmidt of Haskell graduated from the Stamford Memorial Hospital School of Vocational Nursing.

Kyle Darden came in first and

Craig Hanson second in the Cub Scout Pack #136 annual Pinewood Derby race.

30 Years Ago February 3, 1972

Cindy Thomas, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas, showed her Shorthorn to win top honors and receive the "Champion Shorthorn of the Show" award at the Fort Worth Livestock Show.

New officers for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce are George Fouts, president; Doyle High, first vice president; Edith Wheatley, second vice president; and Odell Bynum, treasurer.

The Football Sweetheart of Rule High School is Deborah Denson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Denson. Selected as Football Hero is Don Hisey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hisey.

40 Years Ago February 1, 1962

The Josselet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. T. M. Howeth. The president, Mrs. Paul Cothron, presided.

Billy B. Howeth, radioman first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howeth of Haskell, is serving aboard the amphibious force flagship, USS Tacoco, which departed Norfolk, Virginia for a five month cruise with the Sixth Fleet in the

Mediterranean.

Starting Sat., Feb. 3, the Haskell National Bank will operate on a five-day week and will be open Monday through Friday each week.

50 Years Ago January 31, 1952

Anna Mae Adams, junior student at McMurry College from Weinert, has been elected treasurer of Delta Beta Epsilon, a women's social club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adams of Weinert.

Three Haskell High School students, Nanette Weaver, Diane Clare and David Duncan, were presented in a piano recital of pupils of Billie Lou Mayes in Stamford.

Edward Ammons, Billy Davis and Bobby Price, all of Haskell, have enrolled as new students at McMurry College in Abilene for the spring semester.

90 Years Ago February 3, 1912

John D. Hughes of Georgetown was here last week. Hughes has a large ranch on Paint Creek southeast of town.

T. C. Cahill is having a concrete sidewalk put down in front of his office.

R. L. Jackson has moved back to his farm southeast of town.

Jud Robertson of Jud was in Haskell the first of the week. He is a pioneer of Haskell County.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: My father recently passed away. While we were in the hospital with him, the doctor asked if he had a living will. Unfortunately, my father didn't. My wife and I now want to do some advance planning in case something happens to either of us. Can you give me some guidance?

A: First, please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. Although I am prohibited as Attorney General from providing legal advice to private individuals, I can give you some general information on advance planning issues so that you can be prepared.

No one likes to think or talk about dying. And all too often people think their family knows what they want in the case of a terminal illness or accident. This is not always the case. Everyone dies eventually, and some advance planning will save you and your loved ones a great deal of worry and stress when the time comes. The time to make decisions about

care is not when you have to make these decisions.

Before you make any plans, you should talk with your family members. This may include your spouse, your parents, if they are still alive, your siblings and your children. You may also want to include a close friend. Sometimes the best person to handle a difficult situation is someone who isn't a family member. If you have a trusted family doctor, you might also want to seek his or her counsel on the different medical options that are available.

When you talk to your family, tell them that you are making plans in case you have a terminal illness or accident and are unable to make decisions about your care. Take their feelings into account, but remember that how you wish to be taken care of is ultimately your decision.

After you make your plans and draw up legal documents, make sure your family knows where to find them. Written instructions for your care will do you no good if they are locked in a desk or safe deposit box out of reach of those who need them. Consider giving seal copies to several people so that people will have access to your instructions if and when they are

needed.

There are several legal instruments that can help you make sure your wishes are followed if you become unable to make decisions about your care.

Directive to Physicians and Family: This used to be called a living will. It is a written statement of your wishes regarding the use, withholding or withdrawal of life-prolonging treatment. It usually states that you do not want your life artificially prolonged by extraordinary measures when there is no expectation that you will recover. You can also use this document to state that you do want your life prolonged by extraordinary measures. This only goes into effect if you cannot make decisions on your own.

A Directive to Physicians and Family sets out very specific situations and lets you indicate how you wish to be cared for in those situations. However, as any doctor will tell you, medical situations are rarely that cut and dried. If you are considering this option, make sure you discuss the situations listed with a trusted doctor.

Medical Power of Attorney: This used to be called a durable power of attorney for health care. It allows you to designate a person

who would make health care decisions for you if you become incapacitated. The document also allows you to leave instructions for the kind of treatments that you wish to be given. This only goes into effect when a physician certifies that you are unable to make decisions.

While these documents can be filled out without the help of an attorney, it is a good idea to consult with one. For help with finding an attorney, you can contact the Texas Bar Association's Legal Referral Hotline at (800) 252-9600. You can also obtain information on their Web site at www.texasbar.com.

The Texas Department of Health Web site also has information on advance planning issues and forms you can download. You can access their Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us. In addition, the Texas Legal Service Center provides information on their Web site at www.tlsc.org. They also operate a legal hotline for older Texans at (800) 622-2520.

The Office of the Attorney General Web site also has information on this subject, as well as links to sites that can provide further information. You can access our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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Go Maidens!

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Safety tips for tailgate parties

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

With winter weather and football games, tailgate parties become popular activities. "Tailgating" can be full of good food, friends and happy memories. Don't let your tailgate party be spoiled by foodborne illness.

Lou Gilly, CEA-FCS, of Texas Cooperative Extension, Haskell County, says that foodborne illness causes stomach cramps, diarrhea, nausea, headaches, fever, and even vomiting. It results from improper handling and cooking of foods and can occur as soon as a few hours or as long as a few days after eating contaminated food.

The bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses grow most rapidly at temperatures between 40° F and 140° F. This is known as the temperature "danger zone." Foods prepared for tailgate parties or any outdoor eating event can reach danger zone temperatures even when the weather is cool.

Almost any food can carry harmful bacteria, but foods that are moist and contain protein such as meat, fish, seafood, poultry, eggs and dairy products are most perishable. Other foods such as cooked vegetable dishes can also be suspect. They should not be left in the danger zone for more than 2 hours or 1 hour in hot weather.

Dishes containing these perishable foods should be kept either hot (above 140° F) or cold (below 40° F). Try to prepare just enough food to serve your guests. It may be safest to discard any leftovers.

Popular items such as chili, stew, soup, and dips can be kept hot in a thermos if it has no cracks or leaks. Keep the thermos clean and check for a tight seal. Rinse it with boiling water just before filling it with the steaming hot food.

Hot casseroles can be wrapped in several layers of aluminum foil followed by newspapers and a towel to keep them hot. Plan to serve immediately after arriving. Do not let the casserole fall into the temperature danger zone for more than 2 hours.

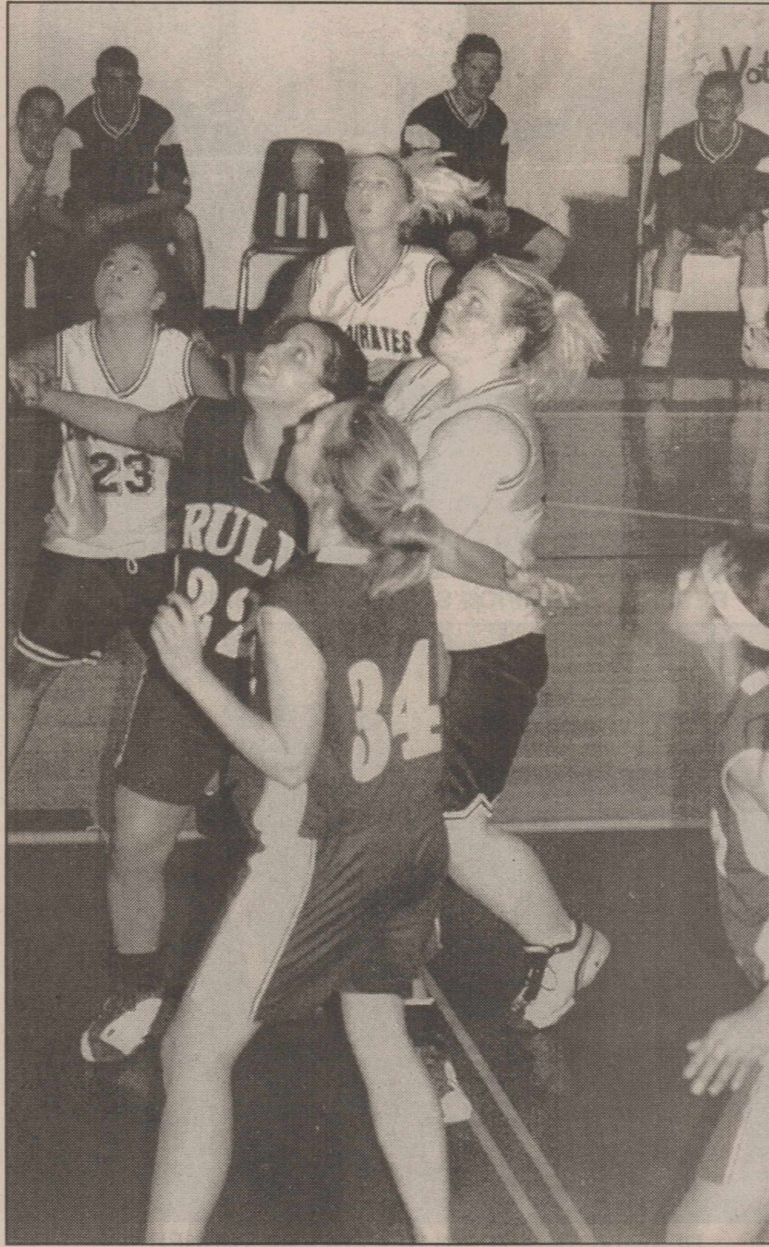
Cold food can be transported in a cooler filled with ice or cold packs to keep it below 40° F. Pack the food in shallow containers and pre-chill before placing in the cooler. Keep sandwiches, deviled eggs, dips made from dairy products, or other perishable foods cold or eat them within 2 hours.

Watch the clock on fast food or deli purchases. Whatever you select, pick it up immediately before the event and eat within 2 hours. If you purchase them in advance, refrigerate and then reheat the foods.

When the party begins, use safe food handling practices. If you don't have hot or cold storage, plan on non-perishable foods such as canned or dried meats, fruits and vegetables, breads, cereal mixes, nuts, popcorn, or peanut butter.

Keep hands, utensils and dinnerware clean. Disposable dinnerware and utensils make it easier. Spread a clean tablecloth on the tailgate and enjoy.

For more information about keeping food safe to eat, please contact Lou Gilly, CEA-FCS at the Texas Cooperative Extension, Haskell County at (940) 864-2546.



RULE VS PAINT CREEK—Rule Girls' team members, #22 Kristen Hertel, #34 M'Lynn Lehrmann and #15 Lisa Caddell, right, and Paint Creek team members, #23 Diana Gonzales, back left, #10 Leslie Isbell, back, #33 Hattie Walton, center, watch the basket in the game which ended, Rule 72, Paint Creek 25. Photo by Kis

Groundwater District Board holds meeting

At the regular monthly meeting in Munday of the Board of Directors of Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Jan. 17, with president Ed Murphy presiding, Mike McGuire reported that laboratory equipment has arrived and he will begin to set it up next week. He also

reported that T.W.D.B. is in the process of loading a large software program for mapping onto a hard-drive that he will pick up and install on his computer in the district office.

The next meeting of the board will be Feb. 12 in Munday.

Cozy fireplaces can cause carbon monoxide poisoning

If everyone in your house develops a headache at the same time. UT Southwestern physicians say you'd better check your fireplace or other possible sources of carbon monoxide right away.

"Carbon monoxide can come from anything that burns inefficiently," says Dr. Greene Shepherd, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern and director of the North Texas Poison Center. "That includes any improperly working wood or gas-burning fireplaces, water heaters and heating systems. Pets and children are often the first to show signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, so watch them closely."

Shepherd says people who use fireplaces or have gas heat in their homes should make sure they have a working carbon monoxide detector in the house.

"Installing a carbon monoxide detector is as easy as installing a smoke detector, and it could save your life," he says.

For more information, call the North Texas Poison Center at 800-222-1222.

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Karla Rogers, Haskell
Jewell Worley, Knox City
Zora Medford, Haskell

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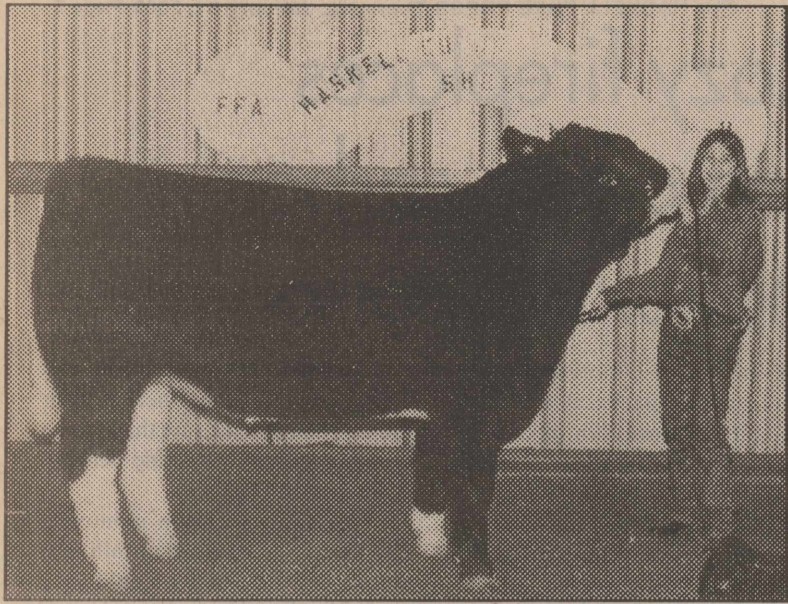
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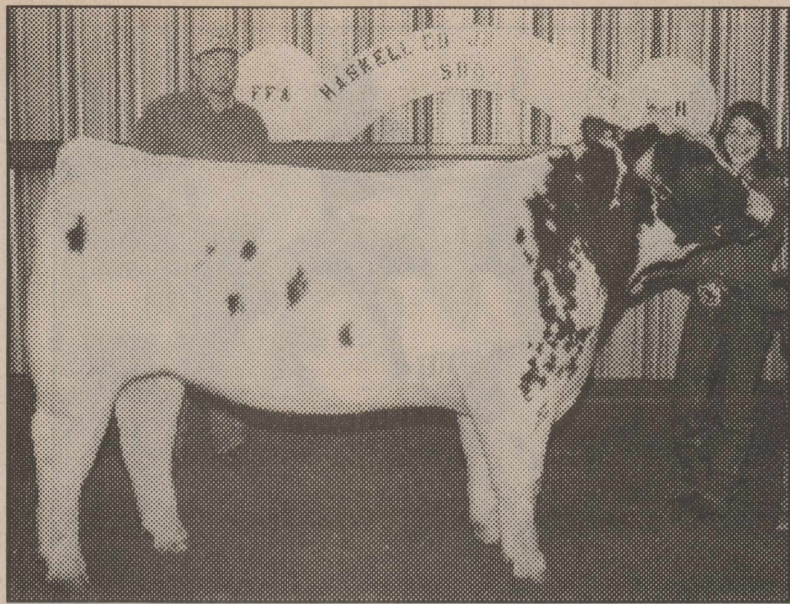
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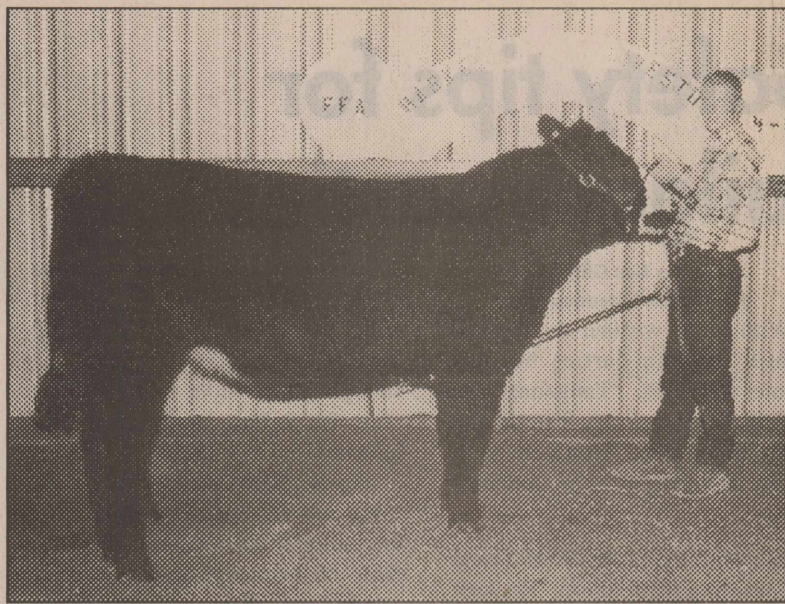




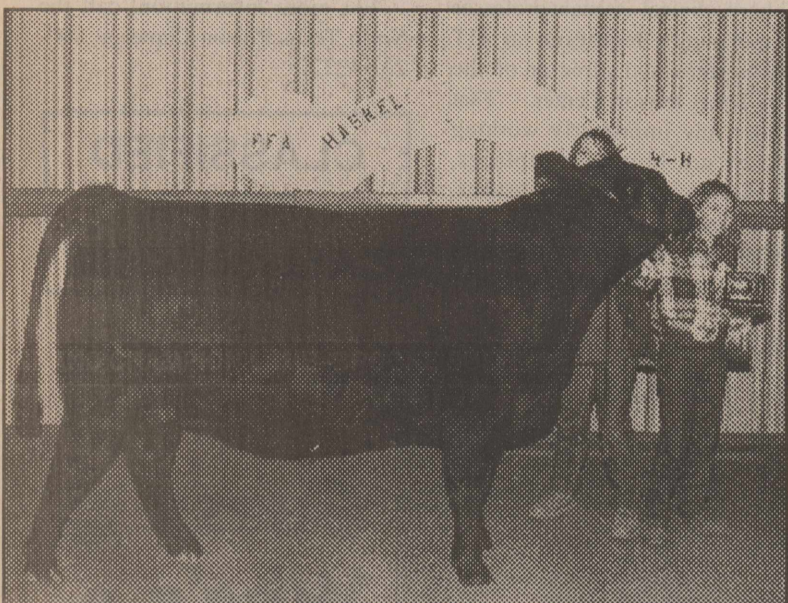
GRAND CHAMPION STEER-AMBER BINGHAM



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER-AMBER BINGHAM



SENIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP-RUSTY HOWARD



GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER-MAGGIE TEAGUE



RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER-AMY TURNER



JUNIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP-CHAMBRAY BARTLEY



GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS-RYAN BURGESS (left)
RESERVE CHAMPION BROILERS-EDEN THOMAS

2002 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show



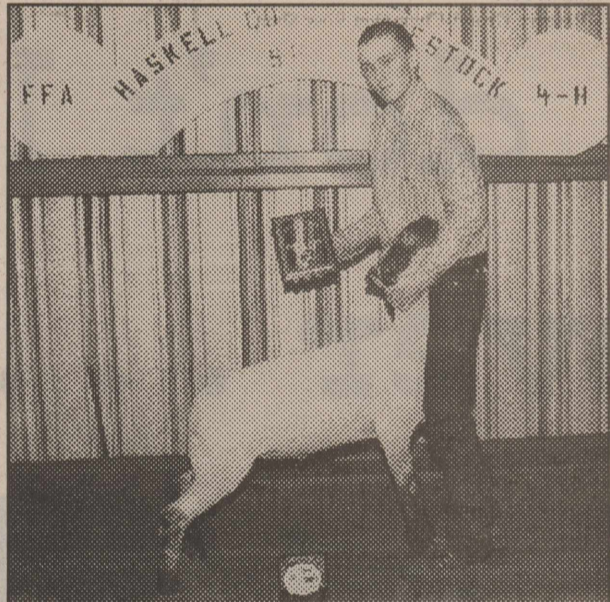
RES. CHAMPION FRYERS-HALEY BROWN (left)
GRAND CHAMPION FRYERS-MACKENZIE MILLER



GRAND CHAMPION BUCK-MACKENZIE MILLER (left)
RESERVE CHAMPION DOE-KELSIE MILLER

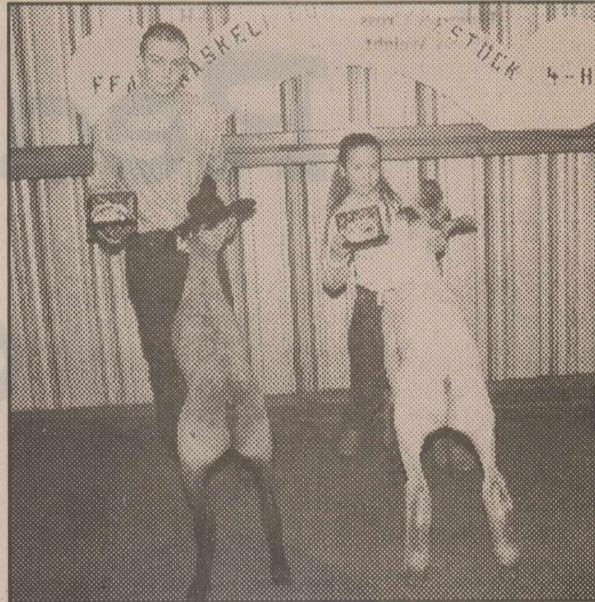


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RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB-B. J. OPSAHL

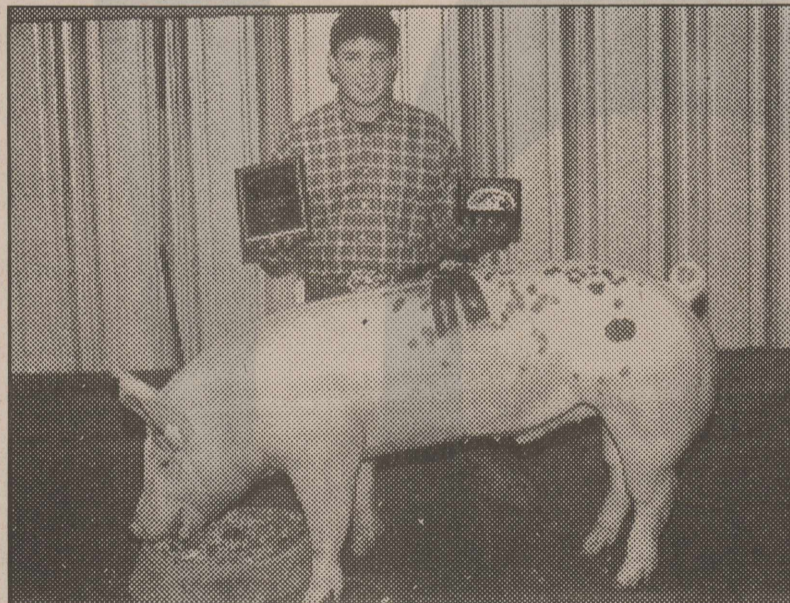
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LAMB SHOWMANSHIP: SR.-B. J. OPSAHL, JR.-CANDACE BRISTER



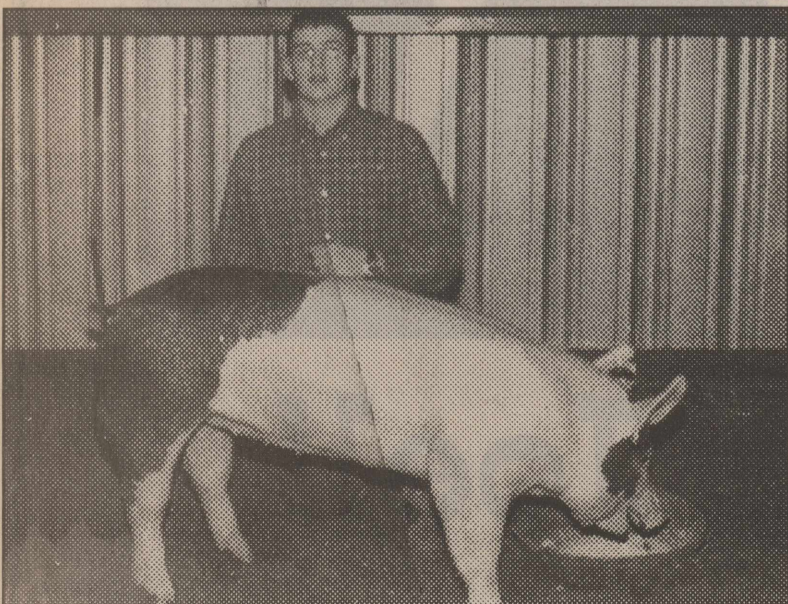
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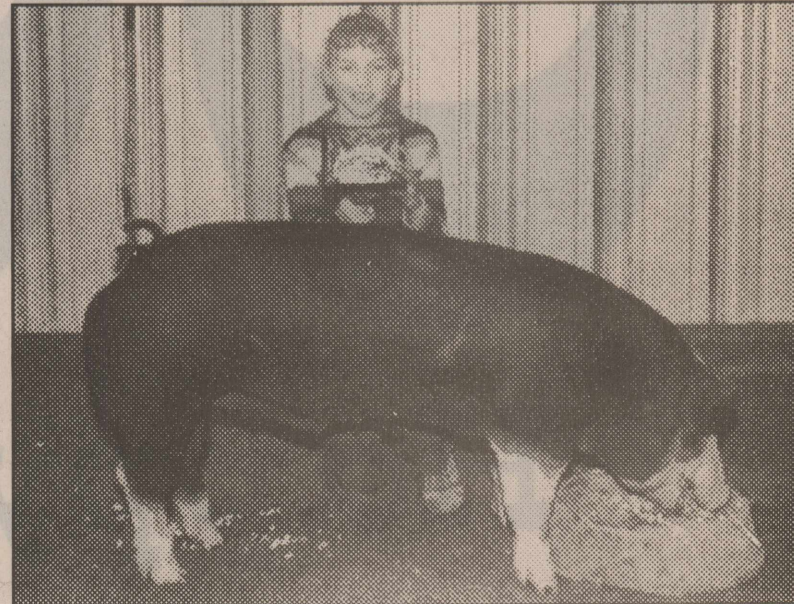
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RESERVE CHAMPION GILT-ROSS SHORT



JUNIOR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP-KATE ROWAN

Haskell County Junior Livestock Show results

This year's total sales of \$66,000.00 at the close of the sale following the successful Haskell County Livestock Show, Sat., Jan. 26, far exceeded last year's total of \$60,000.00. With more expected to come in, bringing the total to around \$70,000.00, it will be a record sale. Of the 126 young exhibitors entering the show and sale, 123 sold their animals.

Pleased with the good results and the interest and dedication of all who contributed to the show, Dale Bullinger said the total sales figure far exceeded expectations, considering the on-going state of the economy and agricultural conditions in this area.

Rabbit Division Market Division Fryer Rabbits

Grand Champion-MacKenzie Miller, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion- Haley Brown, Rochester FFA
1. MacKenzie Miller, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Haley Brown, Rochester FFA; 3. Micheal Wilburn, Rochester FFA; 4. Clint Hamilton, Rochester FFA; 5. Hayley Herode, Rochester FFA; 6. Kelsie Miller, Haskell Co. 4-H; 7. Paden Brown, Rochester FFA; 8. Mykel McGhee, Rochester FFA; 9. Cassidy Brown, Rochester FFA; 10. Thomas Tidrow, Haskell FFA; 11. Thomas Tidrow, Haskell FFA

Breeding Rabbits

Grand Champion-MacKenzie Miller, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion-Kelsie Miller, Haskell Co. 4-H

Poultry Division Broilers

Grand Champion-Eden Thomas, Haskell FFA
Reserve Grand Champion-Ryan Burgess, Haskell FFA
1. Eden Thomas, Haskell FFA; 2. Ryan Burgess, Haskell FFA; 3. Gay Lynn Gary, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Gay Lynn Gary, Haskell Co. 4-H; 5. Albert Palacios, Haskell FFA; 6. Jimmy Rincker, Haskell FFA

Market Sheep

Grand Champion-Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion-B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA
Jr. Showmanship-Candace Brister, Haskell Co. 4-H
Senior Showmanship-B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA

Finewool Cross Light Weight

1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA; 3. Ross Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Co. 4-H

Finewool Cross Heavy Weight

1. Ross Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Candace Brister, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA

Medium Wool Light Weight

1. B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA; 2. Candace Brister, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Alexa Roberts, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Candace Brister, Haskell Co. 4-H

Medium Wool Medium Light Weight

1. Ross Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2.

Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Co. 4-H

Medium Wool Medium Heavy Weight

1. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Bradlee Harris, Haskell FFA; 3. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H

Medium Wool Heavy Weight

1. Bradlee Harris, Haskell FFA; 2. Jordan Burson, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Brittany Barnett, Haskell Co. 4-H

Champion-B.J. Opsahl, Haskell FFA Reserve Champion-Bradlee Harris, Haskell FFA

Southdown

1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Jordan Burson, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Brooke Bullinger, Haskell Co. 4-H

Reserve Champion-Jordan Burson, Haskell Co. 4-H

Steers

Grand Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H

Junior Showmanship-Chambray Bartley, Haskell Co. 4-H

Senior Showmanship-Rusty Howard, Haskell Co. 4-H

American

1. Chambray Bartley, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Quent Berry, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Clyde Frierson, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Chambray Bartley, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-Quent Berry, Haskell Co. 4-H

English Light Weight

1. Stephen Pace, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Gary Frierson, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Mindy Price, Haskell Co. 4-H

English Heavy Weight

1. Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Heath McCulloch, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Chambray Bartley, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Courtney Buerger, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-Heath McCulloch, Haskell Co. 4-H

European Light Weight

1. Kellye Tidrow, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Gary Frierson, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Jeremy Hager, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Angela Hager, Haskell Co. 4-H

European Middle Weight

1. Rusty Howard, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Colin Dunnam, Haskell FFA; 3. Mindy Price, Haskell Co. 4-H

European Heavy Weight

1. Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Quent Berry, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Rusty Howard, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Colin Dunnam, Haskell FFA
Champion-Amber Bingham, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-Rusty Howard, Haskell Co. 4-H

Heifers

Grand Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion-Amy Turner, Haskell Co. 4-H

Angus

1. Maggie Teague, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Maggie Teague, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-Maggie Teague, Haskell Co. 4-H

Hereford

1. Amy Turner, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Teddye

Sue Harris, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Teddye Sue Harris, Haskell Co. 4-H

Champion-Amy Turner, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-Teddye Sue Harris, Haskell Co. 4-H

Shorthorn

1. J.J. McDuff, Rule FFA; 2. J.J. McDuff, Rule FFA
Champion-J.J. McDuff, Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-J.J. McDuff, Rule FFA

Swine Market Swine

Grand Champion-Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA
Reserve Grand Champion-Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA

Junior Showmanship-Kate Rowan, Rule FFA

Senior Showmanship-M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule FFA

Overall Swine Showmanship-M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule FFA

Duroc Light Weight

1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Audrey Daniel, Paint Creek FFA; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 5. Kyle Bryan, Haskell FFA; 6. Josh Hearn, Rochester FFA; 7. Jon Dulaney, Haskell FFA; 8. Conrad Saucedo, Rochester FFA; 9. Lindsey Reel, Paint Creek FFA; 10. Samantha Saucedo, Rochester FFA

Middle Weight

1. Kale Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Kerrie Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Tye Clark, Rule FFA; 5. Weston Rutkowski, Haskell Co. 4-H; 6. Chelsea Bullard, Haskell Co. 4-H; 7. Josh Tidrow, Haskell FFA; 8. Colin Dunnam, Haskell FFA; 9. James Markey, Haskell FFA; 10. Maggie Brzozowski, Haskell Co. 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Mathew Turner, Rule FFA; 2. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 3. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Kami Baitz, Rule FFA; 5. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 6. Chloe Baty, Haskell Co. 4-H; 7. Joanna Lehmann, Rule FFA; 8. Will Brueggeman, Haskell Co. 4-H; 9. Joseph Felty, Haskell FFA
Champion-Mathew Turner-Heavy Wt., Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-Kate Rowan-Med. Weight, Rule FFA

Hampshire Light Weight

1. Chloe Baty, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Kami Baitz, Rule FFA; 3. Lauren Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 5. Samuel Turner, Rule FFA; 6. Paul Griffin, Rule FFA; 7. Lindsey Reel, Paint Creek FFA; 8. Bryce Hudgens, Haskell FFA; 9. Jaclyn Drinnon, Haskell FFA

Middle Weight

1. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 2. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 3. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 4. Marcie Stoddard, Rochester FFA; 5. Jennifer Murray, Rule FFA; 6. Angela Pena, Haskell FFA; 7. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 8. Joanna Lehmann, Rule FFA; 9. Morgan Lisle, Rule FFA; 10. Brandon Early, Haskell FFA; 11. Samantha Griffin, Rule FFA; 12. Casey Moeller, Haskell FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Daniel Earle, Rochester FFA; 4. M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule FFA; 5. Laci Standefer, Rule FFA; 6. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 7. Colton Young, Haskell Co. 4-H; 8. Kerri Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 9. Luke Terry, Haskell Co. 4-H; 10. Maggie Brzozowski, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Kourtney Kupatt-Med. Wt., Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-Kate Rowan-Heavy Wt., Rule FFA

OPB Light Weight

1. Jody Smith, Paint Creek; 2. Kate Rowan, Rule FFA; 3. Justin Tidrow, Haskell FFA; 4. Wade Ivy, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Trey Kittley, Rule FFA; 6. Wade Ivy, Paint Creek FFA; 7. Tye Clark, Rule FFA

Middle Weight

1. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 2. Tony Wharry, Paint Creek FFA; 3. M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule FFA; 4. Keli Smith, Rule FFA; 5. Alecia Bailey, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 7. Daniel Earle, Rochester FFA; 8. Casey Moeller, Haskell FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Tyler Reese, Haskell Co. 4-H; 3. Kourtney Kupatt, Rule FFA; 4. Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Colton Young, Haskell Co. 4-H; 6. Tammy Daniel, Paint Creek FFA; 7. Angela Pena, Haskell FFA
Champion-Kiel Rowan-Heavy Wt., Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-Tyler Reese, Haskell Co. 4-H

York Light Weight

1. Brady Standefer, Rule FFA; 2. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 3. Cheslee Hearn, Rochester FFA; 4. Tara Lisle, Rule FFA; 5. Kandis Daniel, Paint Creek FFA

Middle Weight

1. Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA; 2. Samuel Turner, Rule FFA; 3. Grady Vasquez, Haskell FFA; 4. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Lesli Isbell-Heavy Wt., Paint Creek FFA
Reserve Champion-Brady Standefer, Rule FFA

Crosses Light Weight

1. Lauren Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. Brittany Griffin, Rule FFA; 3. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 4. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 5. Ashley Lisle, Rule FFA; 6. Wade Ivy, Paint Creek FFA; 7. Kris Isbell, Haskell FFA; 8. Justin Tagle, Haskell Co. 4-H; 9. Caleb Hudgens, Haskell Co. 4-H; 10. Justin Tidrow, Haskell FFA; 11. Tara Lisle, Rule FFA

Medium Weight

1. Kiel Rowan, Rule FFA; 2. Daniel Earle, Rochester FFA; 3. Kerri Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Mathew Turner, Rule FFA; 5. Kandis Daniel, Paint Creek FFA; 6. Kerri Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H; 7. Cassie Lamb, Paint Creek FFA; 8. Jonathan Hisey, Rule FFA; 9. Joseph Felty, Haskell FFA; 10. Joseph Serasio, Paint Creek FFA; 11. M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule FFA; 12. Kandall Mitchell, Haskell FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Tyler Maske, Rochester FFA; 2. Cliff McGuire, Haskell FFA; 3. Luke Terry, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Kami Baitz, Rule FFA; 5. James Markey, Haskell FFA; 6. Joanna Lehmann, Rule FFA; 7. Charlie Smith, Haskell FFA; 8. Andrew Silvas, Haskell FFA
Champion-Kiel Rowan-Med. Wt., Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-Lauren Newton, Haskell Co. 4-H

Breeding Gilts

Grand Champion-Daniel Earle, Rochester FFA
Reserve Grand Champion-Ross Short, Rochester FFA

Duroc

1. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 2. Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA; 3. Taylor Williams, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Samantha Saucedo, Rochester FFA
Champion-Ross Short, Rochester FFA
Reserve Champion-Chase Cockerell, Haskell FFA

Hampshire

1. Will Brueggeman, Haskell Co. 4-H; 2. James Williams, Haskell Co. 4-H
Champion-Will Brueggeman, Haskell Co. 4-H
Reserve Champion-James Williams, Haskell Co. 4-H

OPB

1. Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA; 2. Ross Short, Rochester FFA; 3. Ashley Bullard, Haskell Co. 4-H; 4. Chelsea Bullard, Haskell Co. 4-H; 5. Charlie Smith, Haskell FFA; 6. Alexis Reed, Haskell FFA; 7. Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA; 8. Tiffany Campbell, Haskell FFA

Champion-Jody Smith, Paint Creek FFA
Reserve Champion-Ross Short, Rochester FFA

York

1. Joseph Turner, Rule FFA; 2. Sydney Saucedo, Rochester FFA; 3. Kris Isbell,

Haskell FFA; 4. Jeffrey Caldwell, Rochester FFA; 5. Cliff McGuire, Haskell FFA

Champion-Joseph Turner, Rule FFA
Reserve Champion-Sydney Saucedo, Rochester FFA

Cross

1. Daniel Earle, Rochester FFA; 2. Jeffrey Caldwell, Rochester FFA; 3. Marcie Stoddard, Rochester FFA; 4. Cassie Lamb, Paint Creek FFA; 5. Vanessa Vasquez, Haskell Co. 4-H; 6. Tyler Manske, Rochester FFA
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Reserve Champion-Jeffrey Caldwell, Rochester FFA



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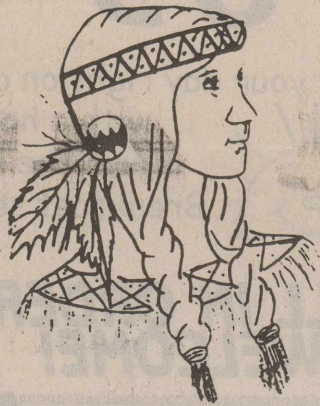
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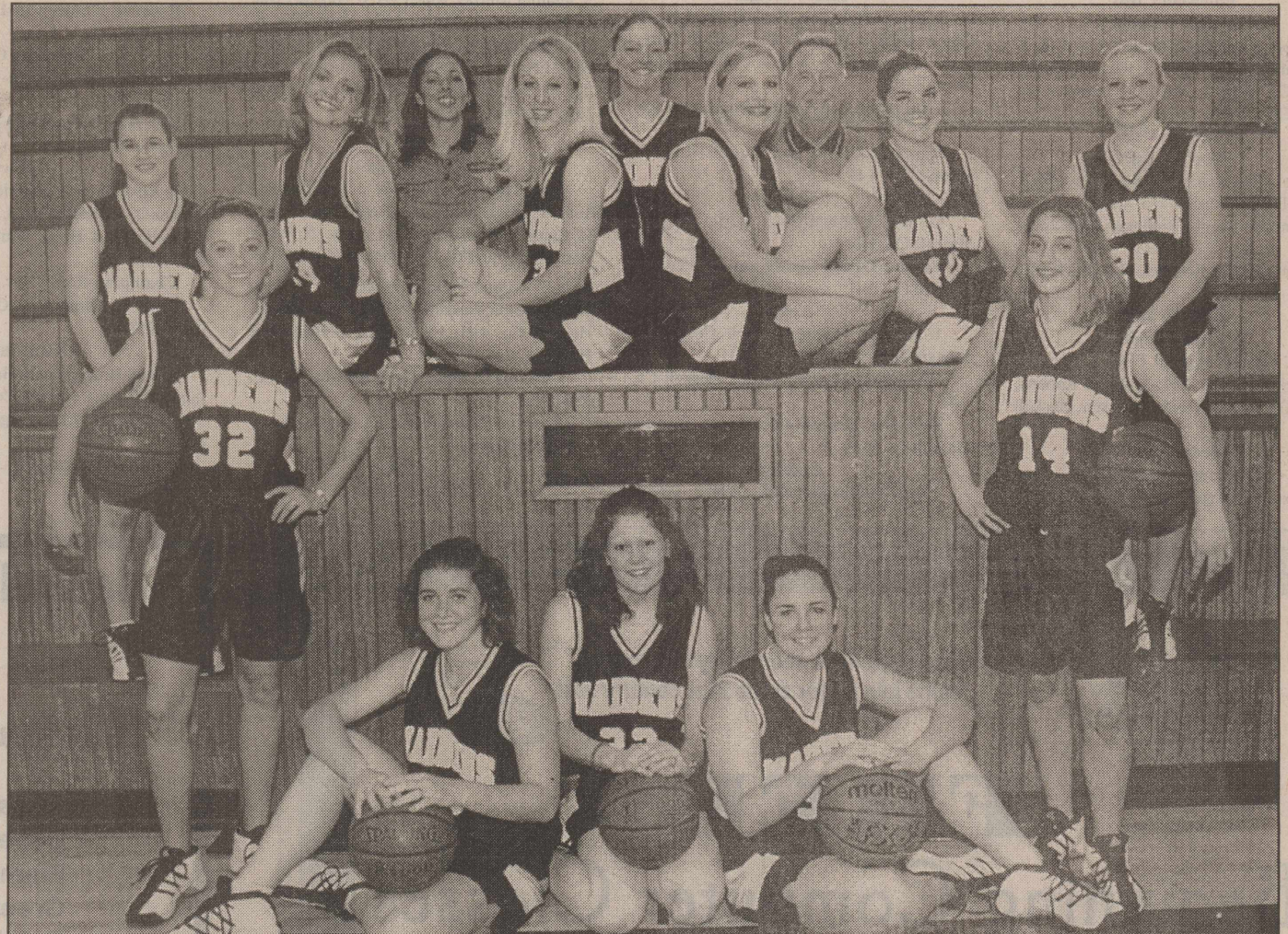
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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front row from left: Katie McKnight, Brittany Lindsey and Whitney Hise. Standing: Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Back row: Morgan Cox, Tiffany Lindsey, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Nikki Wallace, Melissa Buerger, Mindy Price, Coach David Middleton, Katie Thompson and Mandy Adams.

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Muscling of stocker cattle affects price

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Muscling of Stocker/Feeder Does matter

If you think muscling of stocker/feeder cattle doesn't affect price, consider the most recent USDA, calculated Weighted Average Summary for 16 Texas auctions. Medium and large frame 500-500 lb #1 Muscle steers averaged \$94.21/

cwt. For the same frame and weight, #2 Muscle averaged \$86.02 and #3 Muscle (and there are some of these around) averaged \$78.04. For 550 lb. cattle that's a discount of around \$45/hd for #2 and \$89/hd for #3. For the same gross dollars as #1, the #2 and #3 must weigh more, but heavier cattle bring less per pound. So, #2 would have to weigh almost 120 pounds more (because they would bring about \$8/cwt less than #2 550

pounders), and #3 would have to weigh about 210 pounds more (because they would bring about \$10/cwt less than #3 550-pounders). Even just slightly lighter-muscled cattle (#1 - #2) would have to weigh almost 50 pounds more. Another way to get the same total dollars as #1 would be having more calves to sell. But it would take almost 10 or more #2 and almost 21 more #3. That would

require proportionately higher reproduction or lower death loss. Say the #1 were from a herd with 82% weaned calf crop (the Texas average). For 550 pounds cattle, to get the same total dollars as #1, weaned calf crop percent would have to be 90% for #2 and 99% for #3. So, muscling is a real price factor, but according to the USDA Grades they don't have to be bubble butts to be #1, just at least moderately thick. Stay away from excessive muscle, but have enough.

What Cattle do Feeders want?

At the recent Blackland Income Growth Conference, a major feeder said his company wanted cattle to be 50-100% British, 0-50% Continental, and 0-3/16 Brahman genetics. But, in cattle of unknown origin, how is his company determining genetic type? Buyers visually estimate genetics, the old "eyeball" method. Research and observation show that eyeballing genetics is not accurate. More often than not, cattle have more Brahman than buyers eyeball. Pay attention to the visual appearance buyers want and don't want, but their breed formulas are just rough guides.

Number of animals slaughtered in outbreak is higher than reported

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The number of animals slaughtered in the foot and mouth outbreak could be as high as 10 million, more than twice as high as official government figures.

The government said that 4,068,000 animals were culled between the first case on Feb. 20 and the 2,030th and last case detected on Sept. 30. But the commission says that the true total is 10,849,000.

The official figures do not include two million animals slaughtered for welfare reasons such as dwindling

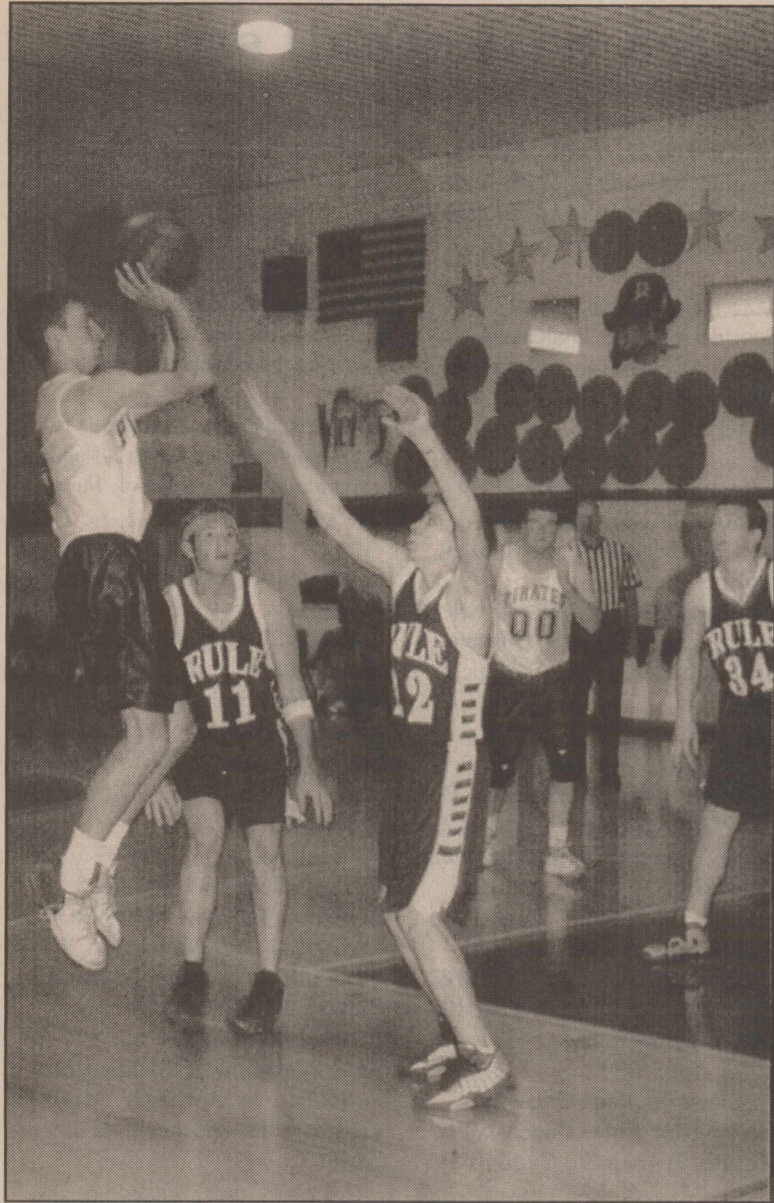
feed and space. The National Farmer's Union included these in its estimates.

But according to Jane Connor, economic forecaster at the Meat and Livestock Commission, many more animals were overlooked because they were either killed with their mothers, and counted as only one, or because they were killed after foot and mouth had closed the market for them, in which case they were not counted at all.

According to her calculations, at least 1.2 lambs "at foot" were killed

with each breeding sheep, amounting to four million lambs slaughtered but not counted.

And the official toll of 595,000 cattle did not include 100,000 calves and 50,000 calves close to birth that were killed with them, the commission said. About 500,000 lambs were killed in the light lamb disposal plan because they were considered unsellable.



PIRATES AND BOBCATS—Paint Creek Pirate, Chad Sageser jumps to score, guarded by Rule Bobcats, #11 Will Smith, #22 Winston Stephens and #34 Brady Standfer. In the back is Paint Creek's #00 Eric Hobbs. Photo by Kis

Packing a safe school lunch

Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The school lunch that children take to school may not be the reason they come home with stomach cramps, diarrhea, or even vomiting. Their illness might actually be caused by a "food bug" instead of a "flu bug."

Lou Gilly, CEA-FCS, of Texas Cooperative Extension, Haskell County says that packing a lunch that will be stored at room temperature and eaten many hours later requires special precautions. Harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow best at room temperature. Temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, also known as the "danger zone," can cause these harmful bacteria to multiply and cause illness.

Bacteria that cause foodborne illness need moisture, the right temperature, a food source like protein, and time. Any moist protein food is especially susceptible. Foods that are handled a lot during preparation pose an extra risk, because bacteria from hands can spread to them. These foods include protein salads such as ham, chicken, or egg.

To avoid spreading harmful bacteria to food, maintain a clean area when preparing sack lunches. Make sure utensils, hands, work areas and food containers are clean. Remember to wash the lunch box or thermos after each use. If using a paper bag, use a bag made for food. Do not use grocery bags because they may be contaminated from insects or food leakage.

Keep cold lunch foods cold. Store lunches in a refrigerator. If one is not available, insulated lunch boxes keep foods colder than paper bags. A freezing gel, ice, or frozen drink placed in an insulated lunch box will keep food chilled. Advise children to place their lunch in cool place out of direct sunlight.

Keep hot lunches hot. Use a thermos for hot foods such as chili, soups, and stews. Use a clean thermos with a tight fitting lid. Rinse the thermos with boiling water and pour steaming hot food into the thermos. The food should still be hot at lunchtime.

If you choose to pack lunch meat sandwiches, make sure to keep them cold. When purchasing lunch meat, pay close attention to "use-by" dates.

These products can harbor bacteria that can grow slowly, even at refrigerator temperatures.

Plan a meal of properly prepared and healthy foods. Foods that look or smell sour may be contaminated with bacteria that cause foodborne illness. Don't pack leftovers that have been in the refrigerator for an extended time and don't repack perishable lunch items that have not been eaten. Throw them away.

Foods that don't need to be kept hot or cold are a safe choice when there is no cold storage to keep foods chilled. These foods include peanut butter, dried products such as beef jerky, non-perishable cheese and cheese spreads; canned products, that can be opened and eaten immediately such as meat, poultry, and seafood; fresh fruits and vegetables; and breads, cereals, and nuts. Ready-to-eat foods in individual servings such as puddings or canned fruits make a nice addition to sack lunches.

For more information about packing a safe sack lunch, contact Lou Gilly at the Texas Extension Office, Haskell County at (940) 864-2546.

Genetic markers linked to higher feed efficiency

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Feedlots and consumers may save billions in feed and beef costs due to recent Texas A&M studies. Every steer is different in how it converts feed into pounds of weight gained. This research is looking for genetic variation in how this process occurs.

Residual feed intake compares actual and predicted feed consumption. Beef researcher Gordon Carstens says researchers hope to learn whether steers that eat less than predicted do so because they have lower maintenance requirements.

Researchers will be able to look for genetic markers unique to animals identified as having a higher feed

efficiency that is independent of size and growth. Such genetic markers include an animal's metabolism and how it reacts to stress.

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CASH WINNER—Christy Lemmond of Munday accepts a \$500.00 check as a winner in Modern Way Food Store's Holiday Cash Promotion. Store owner, Sam Bitner, makes the presentation.

Area basketball scores

Girls
 Haskell 47, Stamford 26
 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 20, B. Lindsey 7, T. Lindsey 4, Price 8, Thompson 6, McKnight 2.

 Rule 78, Benjamin 47
 Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 12, Lisle 35, Brown 4, Johnson 2, Lehrmann 13, Marquis 8, Standefer 2, Hertel 2.

 Rochester 55, Paint Creek 49
 Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 31, Garcia 20, Turner 9, Martinez 3, Nicholson 2.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Brzozowski 17, Walton 9, Gonzales 7, Isbell 5, Lopez 4, Wade 3, Hope 2, Woodall 2.

 Anson 47, Haskell 44
 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 7, B. Lindsey 8, T. Lindsey 5, Harlan 2, Price 10, Thompson 6, McKnight 2, Buerger 4.

 Rochester 65, Benjamin 56
 Scoring for Rochester: Garcia 16, Nicholson 2, Byrd 22, Martinez 12, Ramos 5, Turner 8.

 Rule 72, Paint Creek 25
 Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 6, Lisle 22, Brown 9, Caddell 9, Lehrmann 13, Marquis 10, Hertel 3.
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Lamb 3, Daniel 6, Gonzales 12, Lopez 4.

Boys
 Haskell 45, Stamford 40
 Scoring for Haskell: Loyd 13, Hunt 10, Z. McGuire 9, C. McGuire 6, M. Garcia 3, Webb 2, Goudeau 2.

 Benjamin 63, Rule 30
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 7, Falkner 6, Standefer 5, Stephens 4, Fuentes 3, Flores 3, Turner 2.

 Rochester 53, Paint Creek 84
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Lowrance 27, C. Hobbs 20, Sageser 12, Medford 9, E. Hobbs 8, Barr 3, Hope 4, Serasio 1.
 Scoring for Rochester: Hearn 28, McGhee 11, Sanchez 9, Williams 3, Self 2.

 Haskell 49, Anson 45
 Scoring for Haskell: Z. McGuire 15, C. McGuire 9, M. Garcia 8, Webb 6, Goudeau 5, Hunt 2, Loyd 2, Burgess 2.

 Benjamin 75, Rochester 62
 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 22, Hearn 18, Sanchez 8, Williams 7, Self 7.

This Week's Devotional Message:



WE LEARN THAT THE RIGHT KIND OF PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED
 Throughout the Bible and in the teachings at our House of Worship we are continually told to put our trust in the Lord, but that is just what we fail to do when we say our prayers as though we were giving God a shopping list. Some of our requests are indeed genuine needs, but all too many of them tend to be frivolous and unnecessary, and occasionally even harmful. Therefore, we should not feel any disappointment when these trivial wishes are not granted. We should remember that the Lord knows what we really need without our having to tell Him, and our prayers to Him should simply acknowledge that fact and reaffirm our trust in His superior judgment, which enables Him to grant the right things. He knows far better than we do what is best for us and so whenever we pray, let us tell Him so. That's what prayer is all about.

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**
 James Rinker, 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**
 Steve Beatty, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
 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**
 Samuel Blackwell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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
 Chris Powell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
 Troy Culpepper, 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
- O'BRIEN**
O'Brien Baptist Church
 Kyle Gulledege, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
 O'Brien
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester
- SAGERTON**
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Tommy Wilson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton
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 Scott Hensley, pastor
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- Church of Christ**
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
 Shane Brue, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
 Arturo Jr. Flores
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
 Bill Trice, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

February 4-8
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Breakfast mini-pockets
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Toaster pastries

Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Corn dogs, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, secondary: choice stew/tortilla soup, grilled cheese sandwich, garden salad, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, fruit cocktail
Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle slices, tator tots, orange wedges

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Feb. 4
 Lunch-Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Feb. 6
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lou Gilly-Extension Agent-FCS Lunch-King Ranch Chicken, Peas and carrot, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Feb. 8
 Lunch-Ham and beans, hominy casserole, turnip greens, onions, dessert, 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.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 586 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Jan. 21, according to Gary Tate, reporter.
 Packer cattle 1-2 higher. Stockers 1-3 lower. Feeders 1-2 lower. Demand good for all cattle.
 Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30 less than figures quoted!
 Cows: fat, .34-.40; cutters, .36-.42; canners, .20-.32.
 Bulls: bologna, .45-.53; feeder: 65-77; utility: 38-45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200 - 300 lbs., 1.10-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .82-.95; 600-700 lbs., .78-.86; 700-800 lbs., .70-.78; 800-up lbs., .65-.75.
 Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .84-.95; 500-600 lbs., .75-.85; 600-up lbs., .62-.83.
 Bred Heifers: medium frame, 575-650.
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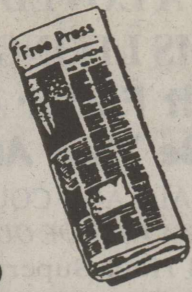
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USDA extends CRP contracts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that Conservation Reserve Program contracts expiring this year may be extended for another year.

Fort Worth stock show winner

Teddy Sue Harris, a 4-H member from Rochester, exhibited the Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer in the Junior Hereford Heifer Show at the 2002 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Jan. 20. This outstanding event was judged by Jim Williams of Boling.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year is hosting 9,130 entries by young people of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums will exceed \$62,465.

Participants with contracts expiring on September 30, 2002 have from January 14 to May 31 to apply for the one-year extension. Some 30,000 contracts are affected.

"The expiration affects 1.8 million rural acres now protected by the CRP. This action will help ensure the continued safeguarding of this sensitive land as a new farm bill is developed," said Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

Local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency are currently notifying eligible CRP participants with contracts scheduled to expire on September 30, 2002. The original contract with extension must not exceed 15 years.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations and responsibilities under the original contract continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

USDA is not planning to offer a general CRP signup in fiscal year 2002. However, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable acreage, such as filter strips and riparian buffers, in the continuous CRP at any time at their local FSA office.

Producers enrolled in CRP will receive rental payments and other financial incentives to remove lands from agricultural production for a period of 10 to 15 years. CRP participants plant native grasses, trees, and other vegetation to improve water quality, soil, and wildlife habitat. About 34 million acres are currently enrolled in CRP.

For more information on the CRP program, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>



HONORED IN RETIREMENT—Duane Gilly, left, Ag Science teacher at Haskell High School, who is retiring in June, receives a plaque and a rocking chair in appreciation of his many years of teaching and guiding Haskell students. With him is Kraig Kupatt, making the presentation during the Livestock Show. Photo by Kis

Students in the News

Hannibal-LaGrange College has released the names of students who qualified for the Academic Dean's List for the Fall 2001 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, the student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a minimum class load of 12 hours.

On the list from Haskell are Kevin and Chris McSmith, sons of Dr. Bill and Carol McSmith of Haskell.

Two Haskell students were among 550 students graduating in December from Tarleton State University in Stephenville. At the commencement exercises, Nicole LeAnn McCulloch, was awarded an Honors Bachelor of Science-Interdisciplinary Studies degree, and Vanessa K. Miller

received a Bachelor of Science-Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

Daisy R. Cothron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cothron, Haskell, is among the 940 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at the university.

The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.65 minimum.

Cothron, a junior majoring in advertising, attended Haskell High School before entering Harding.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 28, 2002

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Haskell County Gin	4,505
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