

City, school elections Saturday ~ Vote your choice

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Calendar

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated Fri., May 2 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell beginning at 11 a.m. with a Mexican dinner. Sunday events will begin at 11 a.m. and will include bingo, a horseshoe tournament and cake walk. Sunday's events conclude at 5 p.m.

Head Start to register

Haskell Head Start will register Tues., May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary School.

Social Security

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

Prekindergarten to register

Haskell Elementary School will register 1/2 day pre-kindergarten classes for the 2003-04 school year Fri., May 2 from 9 until 11 a.m. in the elementary conference room. Call 864-2654 for information.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., May 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

3-on-3 tournament

The Paint Creek Senior Class of 2003 will host a 3-on-3 tournament Sat., May 3 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Paint Creek Gym. Teams will be 4 person teams. Mens and womens divisions will be available. Cost is \$40 per team. Call Joe Thomasson at 940-864-2471 or 864-6158 for information.

Sagerton homecoming

Sagerton Homecoming is set May 24-25 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning at 1 p.m. on Sat. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark 940-864-2680 for more information.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., May 4 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. for dominos. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meat will be furnished and those attending should bring vegetables and desserts.

Sister-to-sister summit

The sister-to-sister summit for middle school and high school aged girls will be held Sat., May 3 in the Haskell High School auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Helen Wilson at 256-0537 or Leslie Kupatt 997-2783 for more information.

Christmas decorations

Funds are still being sought for the purchase of new Christmas decorations for the citizens of Haskell to enjoy. To donate, send donations to City of Haskell Decorations Fund, P. O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521 or drop by City Hall.

Rehabilitation fee

The City of Haskell will collect \$1 on a Haskell citizen's water bill to help defray the cost of city beautification projects. Drop by City Hall or call 864-2333 to be added to the list.

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INDIANS IN REGION PLAYOFF—The Haskell baseball team will play Olney in Albany, Sat., May 3. Top row, l-r, Coach Kent Colley, Kendall Mitchell, Brad Blanks, Jon Dulaney, Eddie Loyd, Chase

Seelke, Josh Webb, Coach Mark Adams. Kneeling, Cameron Short, Alfred Ozuna, Ronald Chapman, bat boy, Kade Colley, Austin Coker, Heath McCulloch, James Jeanes. Photo by Kis

Area elections set Saturday

Saturday is election day, and several area school boards and the City of Haskell have open seat positions to be decided.

On the ballot for three at-large seats on the Haskell City Council, are: Dale Bullinger (I), Sue Medford (I), Leiza Morales, W. L. Wolf, Sam

Rodriguez, Ronnie Frierson. Voting will be at the City Hall.

Haskell School Board: In Dist. 7, Steve McGuire, Jim McTasney and Robert Tribbey. Voting place at Haskell National Bank.

Paint Creek School Board: For three at-large positions are D.

Whitfield, Wallar Overton, Brenda Reel, Roland Cisneros, Rodney Medford (I), Vern Howard (I), Randy Emeri (I). Voting at the school.

Rochester School Board: For two at-large seats, are Chad Glover (I), Greg Hearn, Scott Brown, Conrad Saucedo, Richard Trueblood. Voting at the school.

Rule School Board: For two one-year terms are Norma Smith, Lana Culpepper (I), Rob Kittley (I). For two three-year terms are Patrick Pace, Rod Petty (I), Larry LeFevre (I). Voting at the school.

No Weinert city election will be held, due to the same number of candidates filing as positions open.

Paint Creek ISD to register kindergarten

Paint Creek School will hold registration for kindergarten classes for the 2003-2004 school year Tues., May 6, from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. in the conference room.

To attend kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2003. Parents should bring their driver's license and their

child's immunization record, birth certificate and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a kindergarten student, please call the school at 864-2471 and make arrangements to come at another time.

Fund set up for Coker

A medical expense fund has been set up at the First National Bank in Haskell for Tabitha Coker of Salado who is undergoing treatment for a collapsed lung at Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

Donations can be made to the fund

Adams is Asst. Coach of the Year

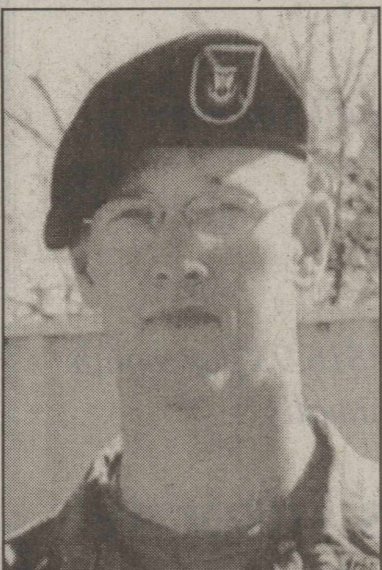
Haskell CISD basketball coach, Mark Adams, has been selected as Assistant Coach of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Coach Adams was nominated for the honor by fellow Haskell coach,

through any teller at the bank. Coker is the daughter of Tammy Parham of Haskell and the late Jackie Coker and the granddaughter of Opal Langford of Haskell and Jack and Charlotte Coker of Rule.

Toby Villa, because of his contribution and hard work for the Indian Basketball program. Adams will be presented an award at the TABC Coaches Clinic in San Antonio, Fri., May 2.

Waters serving in Iraq



SGT. SHANNON WATERS

Sgt. Shannon Waters, Army Reserve 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, is serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad.

A teacher and coach in Decatur Independent School District, Waters is a 1996 graduate of Paint Creek High School. He is the son of Bud and Carol Moorefield and Don Waters of Albany.

He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Brenley and Bergen. He is the son-in-law of Hal and Cindy Guess of Weinert.

His grandparents are Jack and Joyce Hill of Stamford, Martha Nixon of Albany, Lindo and Sarah Guess of Weinert, Gene and Dorothy Brown of Munday and Jim Moorefield of Stamford.

Tractor show popular

Richardson's Antique Tractor Show held Sat., April 26, featured forty-seven pieces of equipment entered by twenty-two individual exhibitors from a wide area.

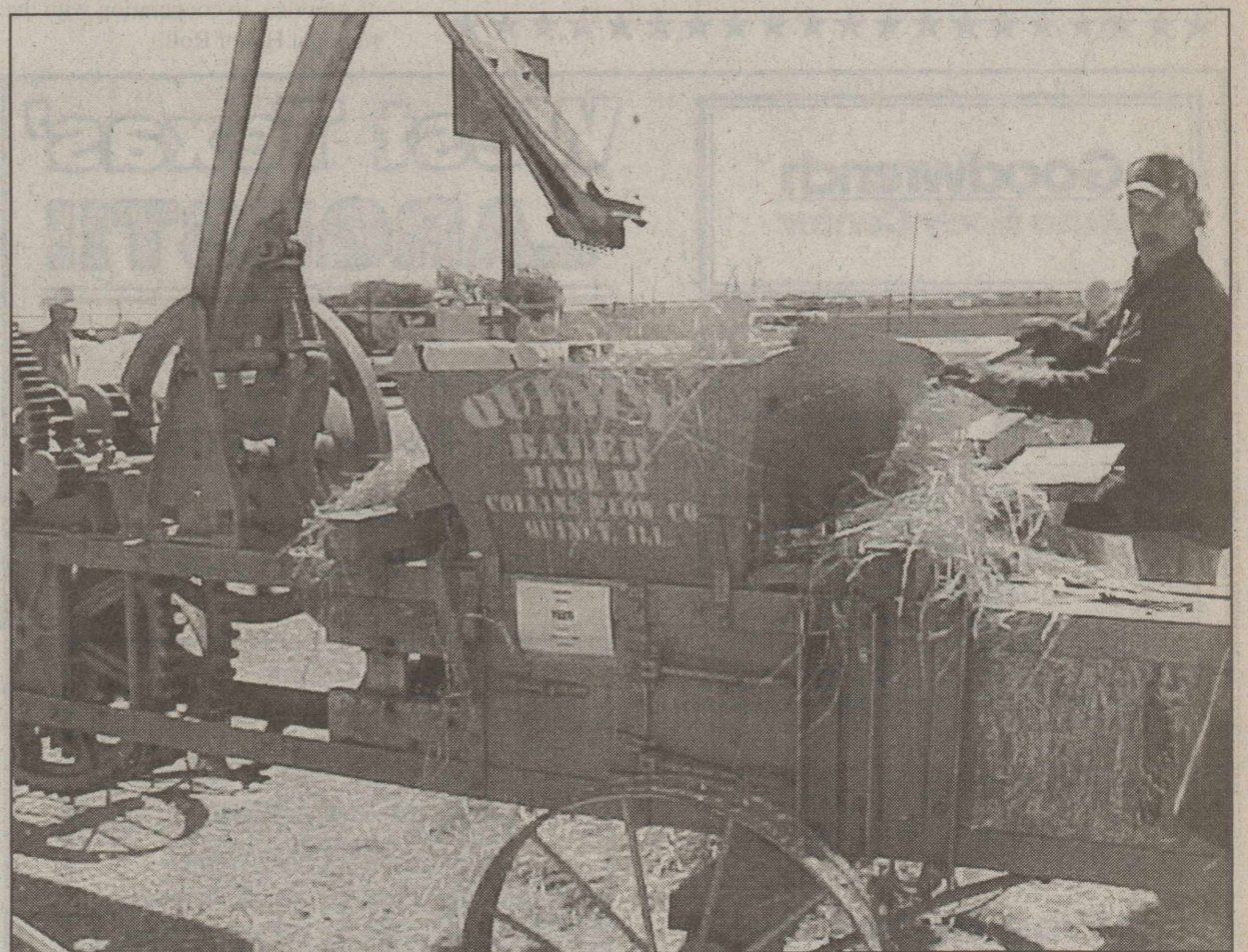
Traveling the farthest was Chester Harth of Rogers, New Mexico. Others came from as far east as Coppel.

The oldest of the antique exhibits was a 1900 Collins Plow Co., Eli Jr. baler, shown and demonstrated by Jim Stout of Seymour. The used baler was bought secondhand in 1928 by his grandfather, who

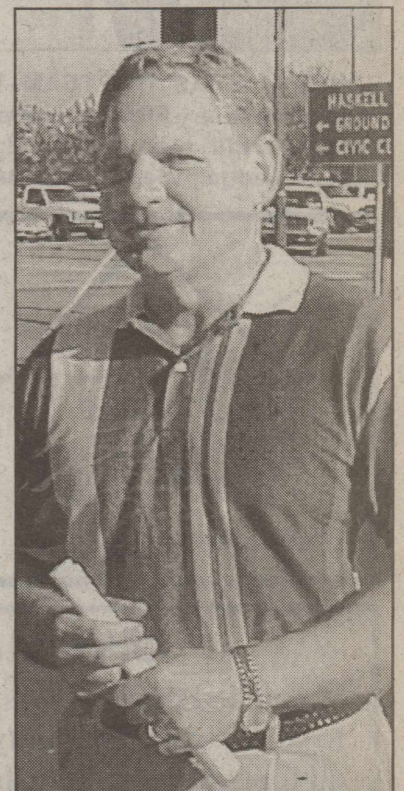
repaired it to run on his ranch. Stout's demonstration of the baler was a favorite with those attending the local show.

The winner of the Slow Tractor Race at Richardson's on Saturday morning, was James Cunningham of Friona, driving a 1957 John Deere 620.

Saturday afternoon, local residents along the route, and shoppers in town for the Haskell merchants' Spring Fling events, enjoyed the colorful parade of vintage farm and ranch vehicles.



BALING THE OLD WAY—Jim Stout of Seymour, feeds his 1900 Collins Plow Co. Eli Jr. Baler Sat. during the Antique Tractor show held at Richardson's in Haskell. His granddad bought the used baler for \$35.00 in 1928 and repaired it to run on his ranch. Jim rescued it from the ranch's barn and enjoys demonstrating this dinosaur from the past at tractor shows around the country. The demonstration was a favorite attraction among those attending the local show.



RANDY HISE

Hise named Citizen of the Year

Randy Hise, Executive Vice President of Haskell National Bank, was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, at an informal ceremony during the Chamber's open house and hamburger supper, held following the Spring Fling events in Haskell Saturday.

Hise, who has been employed with the Haskell National Bank since 1985, is in charge of agriculture lending, and is Advisory Director of the bank.

As president of the Development Corporation of Haskell, Hise is instrumental in easing the recent transition of contract for the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center. His community activities include membership in the Kiwanis Club and in the music ministry at East Side Baptist Church.

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RANGE AND PASTURE TEAM—The Range and Pasture judging team from Haskell High School, placed third in the Area II FFA Career Development Event at Tarleton State University. From the left are: Chase Cockerell, fifth high individual; Sydney Brueggeman, eighth high individual; Ross Bullinger, ninth high individual; Wendy Proctor. Not pictured is Ryan Burgess, seventh high individual.

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Obituaries

Edna Mae Grubbs

Graveside services for Edna Mae Grubbs, 80, of Haskell were held Sat., April 26 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Luella and Doctor Ihsan Arduwrumly officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Grubbs died Tues., April 22 in Haskell.

Born Dec. 1, 1922 in Los Angeles, California, she was the daughter of Raymond and Lillian Reeves Banks. She was a retired beautician.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Grubbs; and grandson.

Gary Mark Miers.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Christine Lindsey of Maui, Hawaii; three sisters, Doris Roberts and Virginia Daniels, both of Haskell and Melba Jean Mower of Jacksboro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Joseph Phemister Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the donor's favorite charity.

PD, NOTICE



EDNA MAE GRUBBS

Herschel Alexander

Funeral services for Herschel Alexander, 77, of Weinert were held Mon., April 28 at Weinert Foursquare Church with Paul Chambers and Rob Harrison officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Alexander died Sat., April 26 in Weinert. Born Jan. 12, 1926 in Weinert, he was the son of George Washington and Bertie Ann Sanders Alexander. Before enlisting in the Army, he married Myrtle Wanda Griffith on Dec. 6, 1944 in Weinert. He was a retired truck driver, custom harvester and a transportation supervisor for Munday Schools. He was a lifelong resident of Haskell and Knox counties and was a member of the Foursquare Church for 55 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William Henry Alexander and George Jackson

Alexander.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Wanda Alexander of Weinert; son, Terry Elvin Alexander of Baird; daughter, Patricia Myrtle Owens of Wichita Falls; brothers, Thomas Alexander of San Antonio, J. C. Alexander of Veneta, Oregon and Roy Alexander of Lubbock; sisters, Dorothy Finn of Clovis, New Mexico, Audrey Schindler of Abilene, Evelyn Ellington of Muleshoe and Faye Crawford of San Antonio; grandsons, David Wayne Owens of Wichita Falls and Eddie Neal Gunter of Baird; granddaughters, Tricia Danette Vernon of Lubbock, Tara Kay Cottingham, Briana Lee Alexander and Brittany Diane Alexander, all of Munday; great grandchildren, Alexis Riley Vernon of Lubbock, Emily Ryan Cottingham of Munday and Jaxon Alexander Owens of Wichita Falls.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1389 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., April 28, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 70 sellers and 55 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$3 higher, feeders and stockers steady. Stocker cows and pairs higher.

Cows: fat, .35-.41; cutters, .37-.45; canners, .25-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .49-.56; feeders, .66-.74; utility, .44-.52.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-700 lbs., .76-.86; 700-800 lbs., .74-.80; 800-up lbs., .65-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .80-.95; 500-600 lbs., .74-.85; 600-up lbs., .62-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 525-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-790; aged or small, 475-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-985; aged or small, 575-750.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, cripples, knots and goons \$5-\$20/100# less than figures quoted!

Sullivan named to honor roll

Cynthia Sullivan, graduating senior at Lee High School in Midland, has been selected for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievement.

Sullivan is the granddaughter of Catherine Whitaker and niece of Susie Kenan, both of Haskell.

Her parents are Stephanie and Earl Sullivan of Midland.

Cynthia's achievement also earns her an invitation to apply for one of the 25 scholarships awarded annually by the Educational Research Center of America, in cooperation with the National Honor Roll.

4-H'ers compete in Vernon

Almost 225 youth from the 25 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Wed., April 16 for the right to represent the District in the State 4-H Roundup June 9-13 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.

Competing from Haskell County in this year's Roundup were Abby Dudensing, first place, Senior Food and Nutrition Division; Aubrey Bassett and Brook Bullinger, first

place, Junior Food and Nutrition Demonstration; Molly Dudensing, second place, Junior Horticulture Demonstration; Jenny Dudensing, first place, Junior Promote 4-H Demonstration; Kaysi Adams, Courtney Bueger, Jaclyn Drinnon, Whitney Hise, Caleb Hudgens, Derrick Tribbey and Robbyn Tribbey, second place, Share-the-Fun Senior Celebrate 4-H skit; Emery Dudensing, second place, Share-the-Fun Senior Musical.

Winners were honored at an Awards assembly at the Wilberger Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition. Awards were sponsored by AEP/West Texas Utilities Company and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to Wednesday, three other rounds of District competition had been held. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl, 4-H Food Show and Livestock and Horse Judging events were held last winter. Consumer Decision Making will take place after District Roundup. The District 4-H Fashion Show contest will be held in early May.

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.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development education program, a component of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System, creates supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential.

Students in the News

The College of Education and Social Sciences at West Texas A&M University in Canyon recognized outstanding students and faculty during its seventh annual honor banquet April 12.

Johanna Payne, of Haskell, a senior criminal justice major, received an academic award from Brent Lynch.

Shayne LeAnn McKenzie, daughter of Doy and Rod Jeter of Haskell, will graduate May 3 from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Health Exercise Science with a Concentration in Exercise Specialist.

She is the granddaughter of Marsha Whittemore of Rule and sister of Shana (McKenzie) Rosenquist of Anson.

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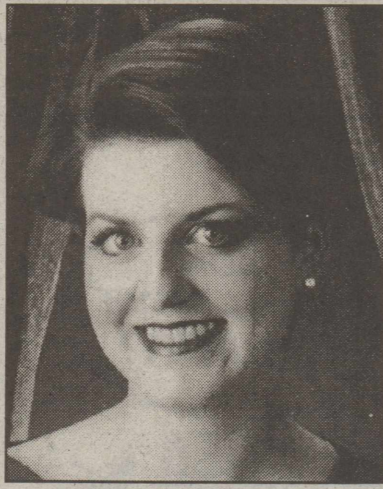
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ANGELA AYCOCK



AMY AYCOCK

Aycocks named award recipients

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Amy and Angela Aycock of Haskell have been named as United States National Collegiate Award winners in education.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain, in fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American college students.

Amy and Angela Aycock who attend Hardin-Simmons University were nominated for this national award by Dr. Diana Higgins, a professor at the college.

Amy and Angela will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States

Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by professors, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

Amy and Angela are the daughters of Bob and Pam Aycock of Haskell. Their grandmother is Ima Jean Aycock of Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. J. C. TIDROW

Tidrows to celebrate 55th anniversary

J. C. and Doris Tidrow of Haskell were married in Stamford, May 5, 1948. In celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary, they will be honored on Sat., May 3, with a reception at 706 N. Ave. G. in Haskell, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The party will be hosted by their children, Linda Martinez, of Haskell, Denny Tidrow of Navasota, J. T. Tidrow of Haskell and Melanie Baugh of Alabama.

Joel Christopher Tidrow, son of the late B. C. and Delia Tidrow, was born in 1925 in Center Point. He is a retired roofing contractor. Anne Doris Tidrow was born in Haskell in 1928, daughter of the late George and Ola Brown.

The couple has 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The Tidrow's friends and family are invited to attend their celebration

Births

Bobby and Rhonda Howard of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Tyler Dean Howard, born April 12 at 8:50 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center weighing 7 lbs., 10 1/2 oz. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Linda St. John of Haskell and Sherry McCommas of Albany.

Great grandparents are Alvin and Margie Dorner of Haskell.

Josselet family reunion

One hundred seventy-three descendants of the Victor Joseph Josselet families, reunited at the Haskell Civic Center, April 19 for a great day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for registration and visiting.

J. L. Toliver gave the prayer at the noon meal. After lunch an Easter egg hunt was enjoyed by the children, followed by the children's auction, conducted by Julia Harrell and Debbie Brister.

The meeting began with a welcome by Ricky Drinnon, thanking everyone for attending. Minutes of last year's meeting were read by Robbie Harris.

Special recognitions were as follows: Oldest female attending attending, Mapel Thomas, 86; oldest

male, John Thomas, 91; youngest child, Calie Everett, 5 months old daughter of Mik and Stacie Everett; farthest traveled, Kimberly Hunt from Seattle, Washington. The family with the most members present was the Paul Josselet family.

New officers elected for 2005 were: Joey Thomas, president; Cody Josselet, vice president; Robbie Harris, secretary/treasurer; Sandy Sanford, reporter; Doris Reeves and Julia Harrell, historians.

An auction of many beautiful items was enjoyed, conducted by Danny Josselet as auctioneer.

The next Josselet reunion will be held in 2005 on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

C. E. (Chunky) Tidwell of Haskell celebrated his 91st birthday Sun., April 27 at the home of Dan Burson. Those attending were Dan Burson, Violet Allen, Mike and Julia Harrell.


Ken Hilliard of Waco and Pat Shaw of Nash spent Easter weekend visiting their mother, Bernice Hilliard.

Jean Blair is home after spending the week in Megargel with grandson, Cody Blair and Abbie. She enjoyed keeping Abbie while Cody taught school.

Visiting Fannie Mae Barton was her sister Rosemary of New Haven, Kentucky. Rosemary came to Fort

Worth by bus and Fannie Mae met her there. They stopped by the cemetery in Brownwood and then to Haskell where they visited for Easter. Rosemary will return to Weatherford and meet Kip Derrick for the return trip to Kentucky.

A surprise 50th birthday party was held April 12 for Kenneth Hilliard of Waco. Hosting the party were his daughters, Nicole and Chessa of Lubbock. A buffet supper was served followed by serving a large birthday cake. About 50 attended including his mother Bernice; Linda and Mary Jane Short, Ellen Hilliard, Jean Ballard, and lots of close friends.



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Baby Shower
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Graduation
Many area seniors have made selections. Please call or come by to purchase graduation gifts. We will be happy to contact each senior to pick up his or her gifts.

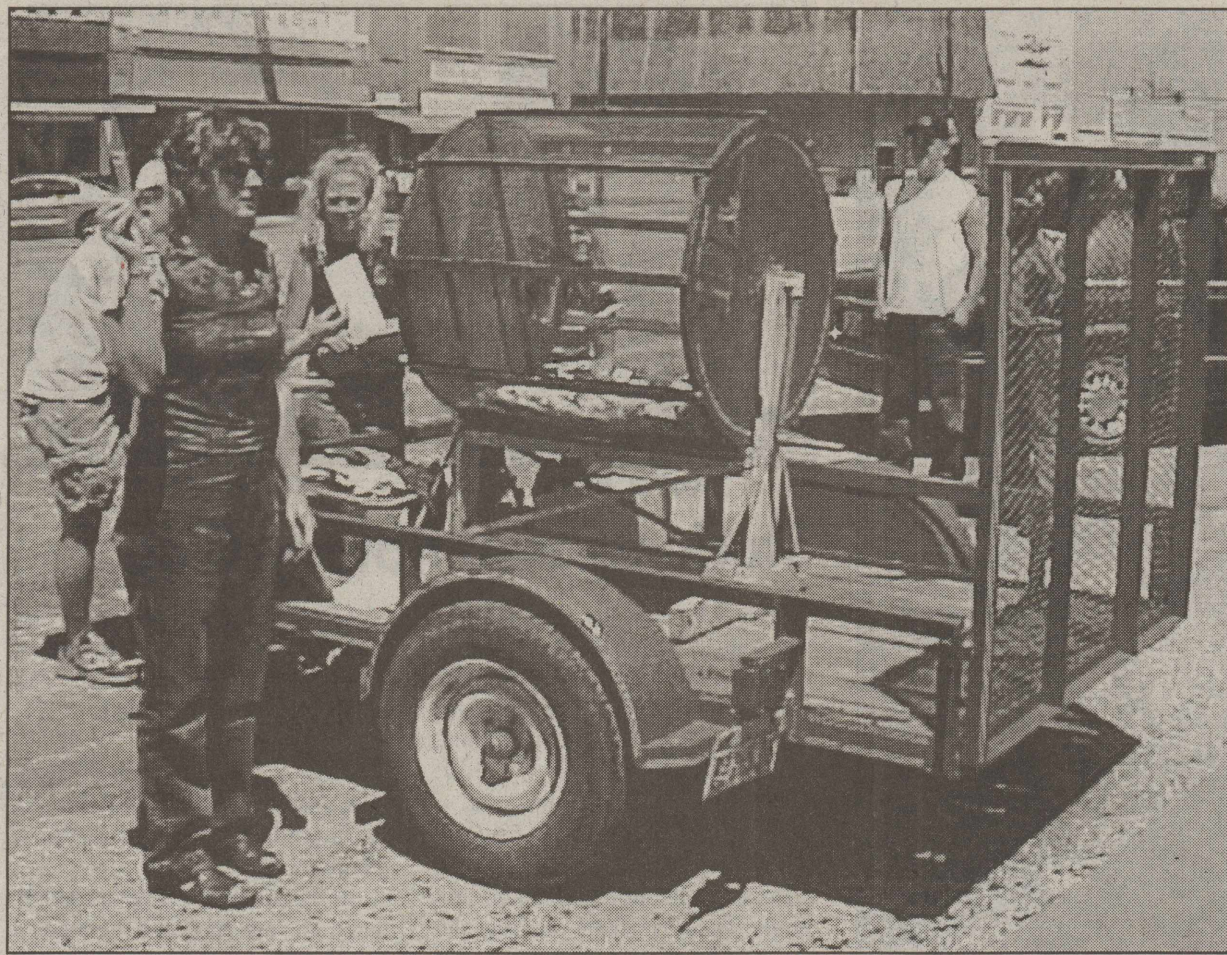
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AND THE WINNER IS!—Teri Bland, owner of Flatlands in Haskell, calls out the names of winners in the drawings, held on the square Saturday, during the Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling and merchants' Shopping Extravaganza held in conjunction with Richardson's Antique Tractor Show.



RACING TRICYCLES—Haskell children enjoy racing on Richardson's tricycles on the square Saturday afternoon, in one of several varied events held during the Spring Fling and Antique Tractor Show.

Kids enjoy tricycle races

A tractor/tricycle race was held on the square Saturday afternoon in conjunction with Richardson's Antique Tractor Show.

Winners and participants were: 5 years old and under: 1. Seth McCormick 2. Abby McCormick 3.

Richard Rodriguez and 4. Manuel Rodriguez

6, 7 and 8 year olds: 1. Emily McCormick 2. Crissy Bassett 3. River McTasney 4. Kayley Calhoun 5. Mathew Smith 9 and 10 year olds: 1. Casey

Calhoun 2. Tucker McCormick 3. Carley Calhoun 4. J. J. Aguilar 5. Jordan Burson

11 and 12 year olds: 1. Kayce Wilcox 2. Brooke Bullinger 3. Aubrey Bassett

Tips for employers and teens

Every summer, Texas' employers hire thousands of teenage workers for a variety of part and full-time positions. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) wants employers, workers and parents to be aware of the state and federal laws, and safety regulations affecting child labor issues.

Any individual under age 18 is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U. S. Department of Labor (DOL), for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours

on a school day, 18 hours in a school week, eight hours on a nonschool day or 40 hours in a nonschool week. They also may not begin work before 7 a.m., nor work after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended until 9 p.m.

Most working teens are employed in retail establishments, restaurants, supermarkets and stores. Others work on farms or in summer camps and amusement parks. Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain

conditions for youth age 17)

- Roofing operations*
- Excavating operations*
- Power-driven woodworking machines*
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Power-driven paper-products machines*
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines*
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears*
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and shipbreaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives

*Denotes limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards.

For more information on prohibited or restricted jobs, or to get other details on child labor laws:

•Call DOL at (800) 959-3652 or visit <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/welcome.html>.

•Call TWC's Labor Law Department at (800) 832-9243, or visit WWW.texasworkforce.org (employer or worker services).

Markunas bikes in Muenster Rally

Sat., April 26, Bill Markunas of Haskell, member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training (TNT), rode 62 miles with the cycling team in the Muenster Bicycle Rally.

This was the first team-training ride the local man has been able to attend with the 71 cyclists from the Dallas metroplex who are going to the Lake Tahoe 100 mile bicycle ride in June. He enjoyed riding with over 1600 other cyclists who rode through the countryside in what felt more like a day at Six Flags riding roller coasters.

At one point on the hilly course his bicycle reached a speed of 50 miles per hour, going downhill. He finished at four hours for the event, and said that seeing the other neon TNT jerseys was an inspiration to keep on pedaling. He said he learned of many personal stories of leukemia and lymphoma patients while riding with the team.

point of the Haskell TNT athlete's goal for fund-raising. He has reached \$2,000 of his \$4,000 goal, with time running short until the Lake Tahoe ride. Citing the fact that Leukemia is the number one disease killer of children between the ages of 1 and 14, Markunas said that he requests the local civic groups and those who care, to help in this worthwhile cause for which he is riding. He will also ride in honor of or memory of anyone who requests it.

One of the highlights of his weekend ride, was personally talking to his local honored heroes and their families. He said that they appreciate everything that the communities do to help with their battle, and he is confident that the Haskell community will help in this worthwhile endeavor.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				TAAS Exit Level Reading Retest TAAS 9th Math 8-10 & 11 Social Studies	1 TAKS 10 & 11 Grade Science State OAP & UIL	2 3 Sister to Sister Summit 8:30-4:00 HS Auditorium Catholic Family Services Texas State CDE ACR
4 National Land and Range, Oklahoma City	East Side Baptist Sr. Supper 6:30 Sr. Meeting Graduation 2nd period Auditorium	5 Awards Program 6:30-8:30	6 7 Boys & Girls State Golf Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin	AP Calculus (Colley) Sr. Safety Program 9:30 Auditorium Band Concert 6th Jr. Hi & HS 6:30	8 9 Double Mountain Spring Meet Hawley	10 Area II Degree Ck Andrews
11	12 Sr. Roast First Baptist Church	State Wildlife CDE* FFA Banquet 6:30 Cafeteria 6th Grade Orientation NHS	13 14 6th Grade Orientation NHS	15 Sr. Bike Day and Lunch at Lutheran Church	16 Area II Convention, ASU	17 All Sports banquet
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 State Softball Tournament	30	31

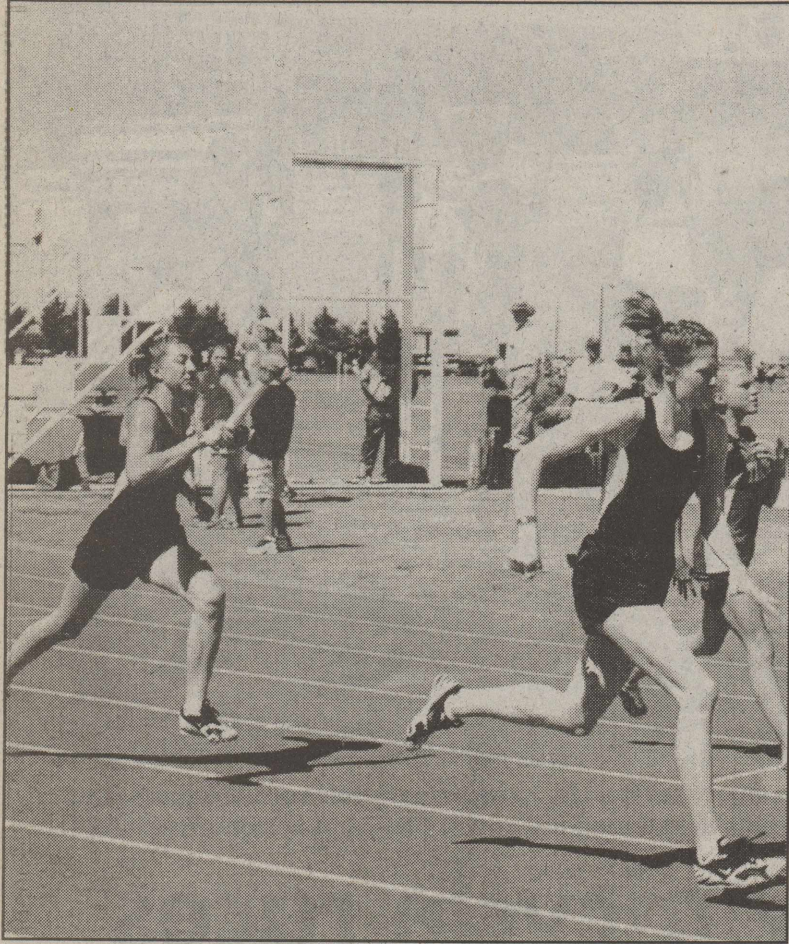


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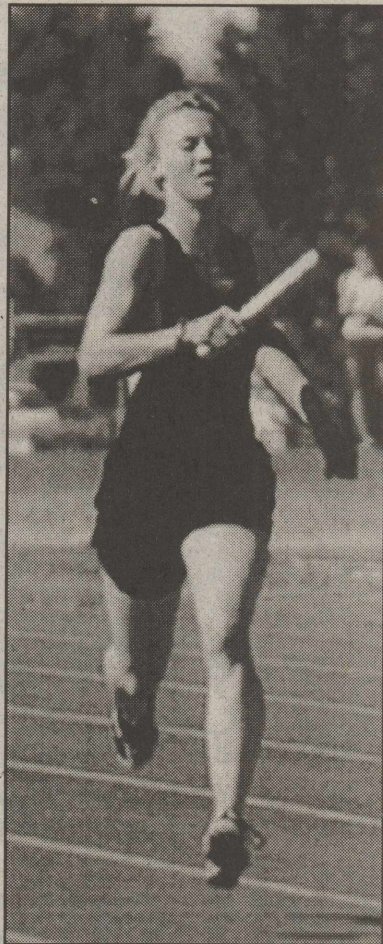
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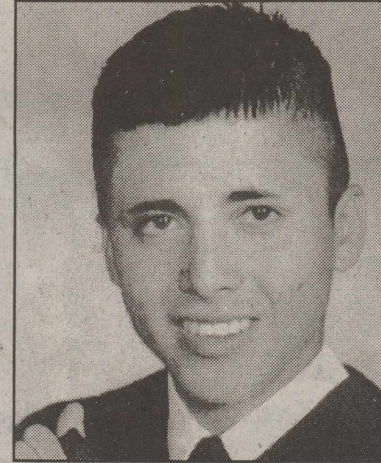
REGIONAL RELAYS—Haskell's Mollie McKnight, left, moves up for the baton exchange to Brittany Lindsey, during the Regional events at ACU Sat., April 26. Photo by Bill Blankenship



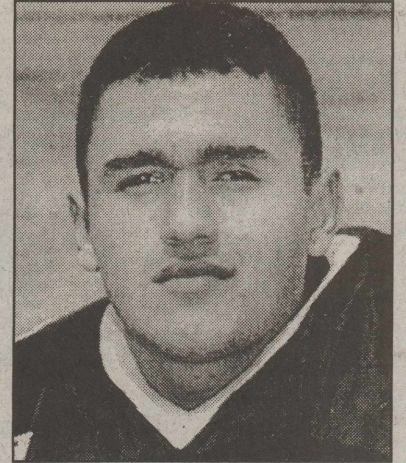
ON TRACK—Haskell's Whitney Wallace carries the baton at Regional events in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship



GRAND RUN—Haskell's Leslie Grand runs the relay at the Regional meet in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship



ANGEL PENA



OMAR PAYAN

Students visit Rotary Club

Angel Pena is the son of Angel and Angie Pena of Haskell. He attends the Church of Christ. In school he is active in cross country, track, basketball, tennis, band, FFA, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Students.

He received the Cross Country Award for the last two years as district champions in sophomore and junior years, regional qualifier the past four years, and state qualifier in his junior year. He was voted the Most Dependable, Band Beau, and was Homecoming escort. He received the FFA Greenhand Award, Chapter Farmer Award and Lone Star Farmer Award.

He enjoys fishing, listening to music, running and hanging out with friends.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Angelo State University, and study in the technology or medical field.

Omar Payan is the son of Elizabeth and Ramon Flores of Haskell. He attends St. George Catholic Church.

In school he is active in football and track, and has been the Student Council Reporter. He has received the Citizenship Award, Presidents Award and was named Friendliest Male Student.

Among his favorite pastimes are lifting weights and running.

After finishing high school he plans to attend San Angelo State University and join the United States Air Force.

This Week's Devotional Message:

THOSE SILVER-LINED CLOUDS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD



From early childhood we have all gazed at the clouds and formed mental pictures from their ever-changing patterns that traverse the sky in an endless array of moods; from the dark, ominous thunderheads to the white billowy cumulus, the graceful wind-swept cirrus and the fiery streaks of a magnificent sunset. Clouds can provide coolness on a hot day, a drought-ending rainstorm or a layer of

snow for the skiers; and at times they can portend some possible hazards for the airborne or the earthbound. In any case, clouds are a vital part of the atmosphere of our earthly home, spun for us by the good Lord. Let no clouds of doubt keep you from attending your house of worship, to thank God for His gift of those vapor forms that bring beauty and life-giving moisture to our skies.

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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.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.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
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.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
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**
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primeria Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- 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

- May 5-May 9**
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Sausage/biscuit
Friday: School holiday
- Lunch**
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/

- tomato/pickle, French fries, Sunshine bars
Tuesday: Beef and cheese nachos, pinto beans, garden salad, pineapple chunks
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce
Thursday: Secondary only: hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, French fries, orange wedges; elementary only: field day-sack lunches, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle spear, chips/ teddy grahams, fresh fruit
Friday: School holiday

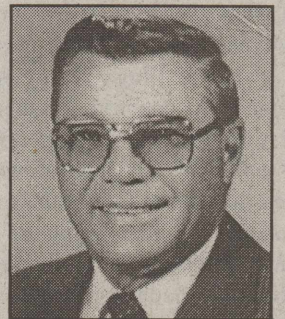
ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., May 5**
Lunch—Meat loaf, creamy mashed potatoes, buttered corn, green beans, Southern style greens, onion/tomato slices, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., May 7
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Spaghetti/meat sauce,

- garden salad, buttered carrots, blackeyed peas, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., May 9
Lunch—Beef stroganoff, cheese potatoes, savory coleslaw, green peas, cornbread, lemon refrigerated dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



HOW'S YOUR RECORDKEEPING?

Well-organized financial records will save you time and money—not only in accounting fees, but also in taxes. You need a system that will help you retain important paperwork and minimize the clutter. Here are some basic guidelines.

Tax records. You should keep tax records for at least as long as it is possible for the IRS or other tax authority to audit your return. Generally, the IRS has three years after the return is due or filed, whichever is later, to examine your return and assess additional tax. This is called the "statute of limitations." If you've made a major error on your return (defined as omitting more than 25% of your gross income), the IRS has six years to examine your return. To be on the safe side, keep your tax records for seven years after a return is filed. There is not statute of limitation for fraudulent filing or for returns that are not filed at all.

The IRS does not require that you keep your records in any particular way. The only requirement is that you keep your records in a manner that allows you and the IRS to determine your correct tax liability. Keep checks, receipts and other records that document the income and deductions you reported on your tax return. Copies of tax returns themselves should be retained permanently.

Investment records. Investment records generally should be kept until the investment is totally liquidated, plus a period of seven years. You can usually toss monthly or quarterly investment statements if you receive a comprehensive annual statement.

Other records. Important records, including vehicle titles, wills, trust documents, insurance policies, contracts, and birth and marriage certificates, should be kept in a safe place. An inventory of your valuable property, along with photographs or a video, should be made and kept current in the event your house is robbed, damaged or destroyed.

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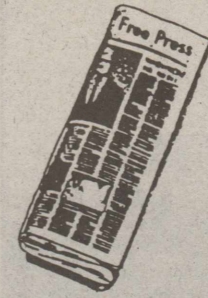
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THE CITY OF HASKELL is accepting bids on approximately 35 blocks to be sealcoated. Bids are to be opened May 12, 2003 at 7:00 a.m. Bid specifications and further information may be obtained by contacting the Haskell City Hall. The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept any or all bids.

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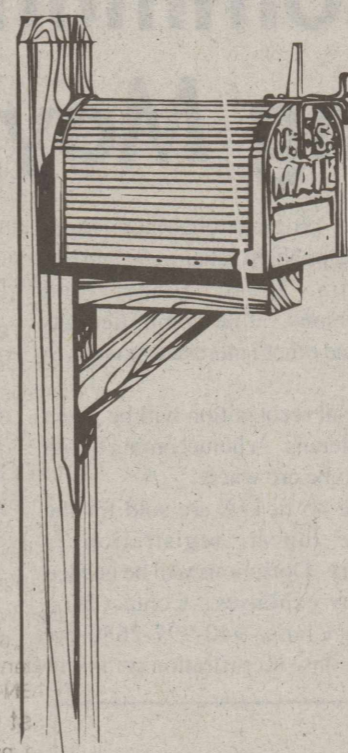
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YEA TEAM!—Haskell players cheer their team on in their come-from-behind victory over Hawley.



CATCHER—Haskell Indian, Heath McCulloch, throws to second, challenging a runner on a stolen base in the game with Hawley.



GEOFFREY PHEMISTER

Phemister to play golf at state

Haskell native, Geoffrey Phemister of Canyon, won 3rd place in the Class 3A, Region 1 golf tournament in Odessa, April 21-22, and will represent Canyon High School at the Class 3A State golf tournament in Austin, May 8-9. He is the son of Lisa and Carl Milburn of Haskell and Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon.

With a 2-day total of 149, Phemister led his team to a 6th place overall finish. On day one of the tournament, he shot a 77 and was tied for 8th place individually. He rallied on day two with a par score of 72 to secure his 3rd place medal.

The young golfer was cheered on in Midland by numerous family members including: Lisa Milburn and Doris McMeans, both of Haskell; Randy and Lori Phemister of Canyon; Deshea Phemister and Melissa, Jonah and Ethan Bulls of Abilene; and Wayne Phemister of Rowlett.

All of his family and friends are wishing him the very best of luck at State.

Kimbrough in Hall of Fame

John Kimbrough of Haskell will be inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame, at ceremonies at Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Also to be inducted are Beverly Ball, Bob Estes, Hollis Gainey, David Parks, and (posthumously) Clyde "Bulldog" Turner.

Tickets for the banquet will be available at the door.

Course offered by MSU

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USDA announces CRP signup period to be held May 5-30

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. FSA will hold the next CRP general sign-up, sign-up 26, for a four-week period from May 5 to May 30.

To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to close of the CRP sign-up period, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to previous owner's death.
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right or redemption in accordance with state law; or
- The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the

purpose of placing it in CRP.

Eligible land for placement into CRP must be either:

- Cropland (including field margins) that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the previous 6 crops years from 1996 to 2001, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or
- Certain marginal pastureland that is enrolled in the Water Bank Program (none in Texas).

In addition to the eligible land requirements, cropland must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a weighted average erosion index of 8 or higher;
- Be an expiring CRP acreage (must be capable of being cropped);
- Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area. (Haskell County is located in a conservation priority area).

Producers are requested to call the Haskell County FSA office located at 607 N. 1st, Haskell to schedule an appointment at 940-864-2617. Also, producers that plan on submitting an

offer by the May 30 deadline will be required to furnish a current copy of the deed for the land that is being offered for enrollment into CRP.

Rental payments are computed on the relative productivity of the soils and the average dryland cash rent or cash-rent equivalent. The rental rate is calculated in advance of the enrollment offer and there are methods to enhancing the offer by the selection of certain types of grasses and legumes in addition to planting wildlife food plots.

FSA provides cost-share assistance to participants who establish approved cover on eligible cropland. The cost-share assistance can be an amount not more than 50 percent of the participants' cost in establishing approved practices.

Annual rental payments for the 10 years program are paid the following October after the original contract approval. For contracts that are accepted in sign-up 26, October 2003 is the beginning of the contract period and the first annual rental payment will be authorized after October 1, 2004.

Sagerton community sets homecoming May 24-25

The Sagerton fourteenth Homecoming has been set for Sat., May 24 and Sun., May 25 at the Sagerton Community Center.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The first homecoming was held July 4, 1954 and the last homecoming was in 2000.

Clancy Lehrmann is chairman for this year's homecoming. Others on the steering committee are J. D. Kupatt, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles Clark, secretary-treasurer; Charles Clark, finance chairman; Delbert

LeFevre, program chairman; Joyce LeFevre, publicity chairman; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney, food chairpersons. The committee has appointed other interested persons to assist.

Special recognition will be given to all veterans. A homecoming queen will also be crowned.

Since no tickets are sold for the Sunday lunch, registration is necessary. Donations will be needed to defray expenses. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark, 940-997-2680 for reservations. Registration cards will

be sent to those who live outside a 50-mile radius of Sagerton.

Activities have been planned by the Homecoming Committee. For those who would like to see the "old" and "new" places in the Sagerton Community, bus tours will be held Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. a sandwich supper will be served.

Registration will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday and lunch will be served at noon. A short program will be held in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

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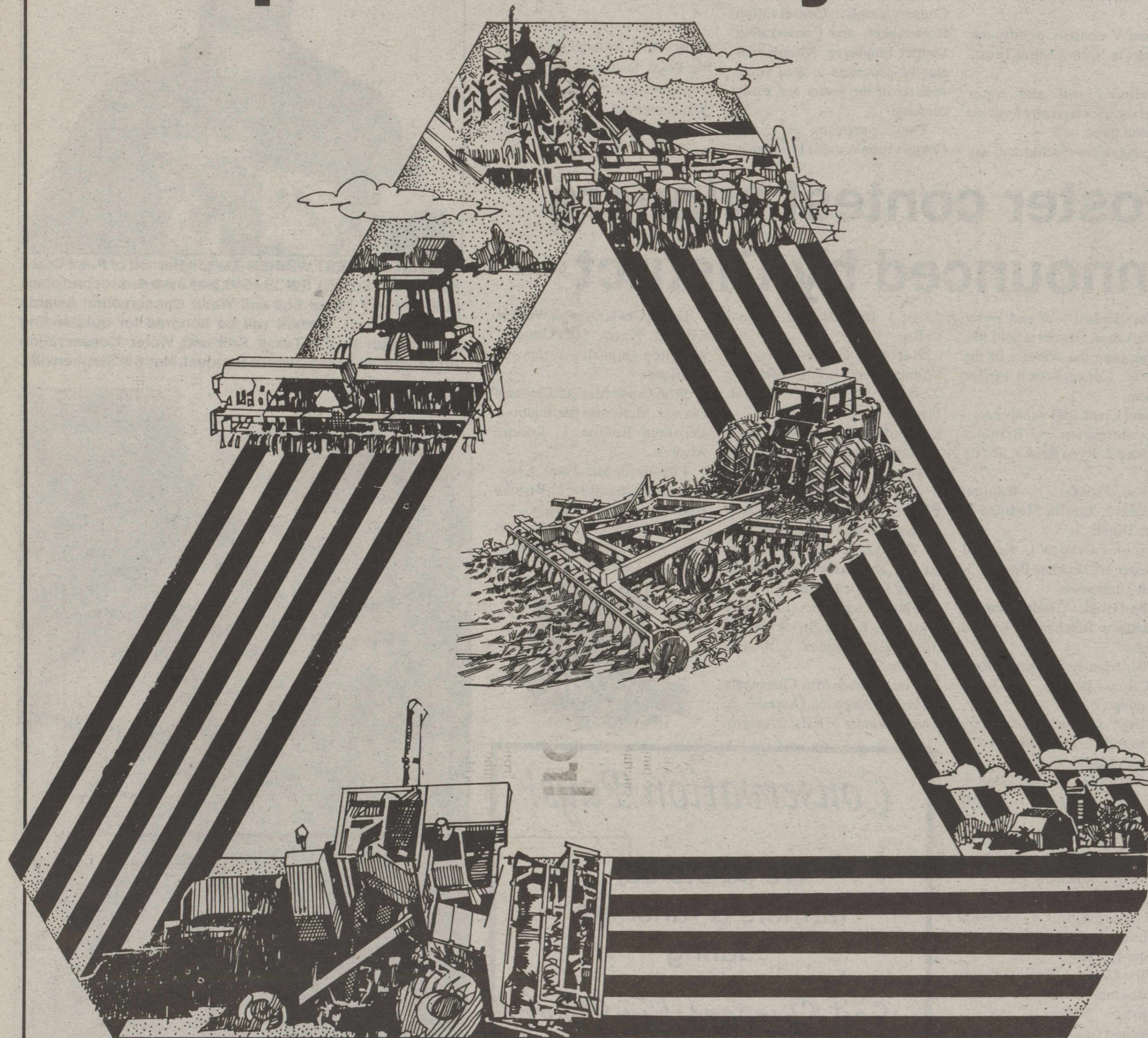
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"Food for the Future" is the national theme of this year's Soil Stewardship Week set April 27 through May 4

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 27 through May 4 according to an announcement by F. A. Ulmer, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Food for the Future." Assuring food for the future is the most basic issue any society faces, and one of the most complex. Food for the future will come from those people and nations fortunate enough to have the soil and water for agricultural

production, the ability to provide stewardship for the land, and the freedom to pursue their agriculture in peace.

The Haskell SWCD was organized in 1977 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range pastureland and wildlife management along with using trees and/or forest resources to assist in conservation.

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 is distributed each year through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and education organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Governor Perry proclaims April 27-May 4 Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Texans take great pride in our abundant natural resources. We have long recognized that responsible use and proper management of soil and water resources are essential to maintaining our quality of life today and in the future.

To coordinate conservation activities within the state, soil and water conservation districts provide information and assistance to landowners.

Moreover, to ensure sound stewardship for the future, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be sponsoring a weeklong awareness campaign to disseminate information, provide education, and raise overall awareness of this important issue.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to take this opportunity to learn more about this issue and the steps that we can all take to ensure proper management of the Lone Star State's soil and water resources. The strong steps we take today will make a difference for the Texas of tomorrow.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 27-May 4, 2003,

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 19th day of February, 2003.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

FOOD FOR THE FUTURE

Soil & Water Stewardship 2003



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.

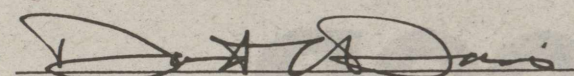
Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable resources.

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 27 through May 4, 2003 as

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Haskell County, Texas.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 4th day of April, 2003.



County Judge of Haskell County

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 Danny Lamberth. 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.

A call to action

A Call to Action By Wade Cothron

To assure food for future generations, each person must do his part to conserve and make wise use of the Earth's natural resources. A message that can be heard throughout the Bible, as well as the Koran, is the necessity of conservation of food. Today, most of the world's food depends on an adequate supply of productive farm land. Currently, much of the world's farmland is being destroyed by poor

agricultural practices, or converted to other uses. While new developments in manufacturing and economic growth can show positive forward movements, these changes also can lead to reduced farm land. Other damages stem from farmers practicing techniques not adapted to the type of soil they farm. Since the 1930's, the soil and water conservation organization has been assisting United States farmers with the adaptation of technology to produce higher yields and prevent soil damage and erosion.

In a world full of uncertainty and change, nothing is guaranteed, including food. In a post 9-11 America, the importance of storing food is clear. The ultimate goal of the people of the world should be to avoid conflicts that result in shortages of food, such as war. In times of crisis, when war is completely unavoidable and food production is at a halt, countries must have made the necessary preparations to take care of their people. This includes storing food. Even if war is avoided, natural disasters can have the same effect on food production. In the early 1990's California learned the importance of storing food when earthquakes erupted all over the state, breaking water lines and leaving thousands of Americans without water. To add to the complications during these disasters, roads and bridges

were destroyed, making it almost impossible to rescue supplies to be brought in to those in need. When events such as these occur, we must do our best to be prepared.

Natural disasters and war is not limited to the United States. When other countries are in need, we must hold ourselves accountable with strict morals to our obligation as merciful people to help those without food. More than once, this need is acknowledged in the Bible. Luke (14:13) states, "When you have food to spare, share it with those who have none." Matthew (25:35) reads, "When you see a hungry person, give them food." Hunger is not only an occasional factor in times of war, but also an everyday obstacle for those living in poverty. In the year 2000, reports show more than 800 million people were chronically undernourished. The world's population is expected to grow from today's population of six billion to about eight billion by 2030, creating a challenging task of providing food to these people. People all over the world must start saving food now to accommodate these growing populations. While natural disasters, war, and poverty are world wide problems, each person can make a difference by doing his part to conserve natural resources and encourage others to do so as well.

FOOD FOR THE FUTURE
Soil & Water Stewardship 2003

Dalton Barnett to be honored

Dalton Barnett of Paint Creek School will be honored for his outstanding contribution to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area V May 6 at 7 p.m. in Stephenville.

Area V consists of fifty-one counties in North Central Texas.

Dalton's soil and water conservation poster entry received a second place.

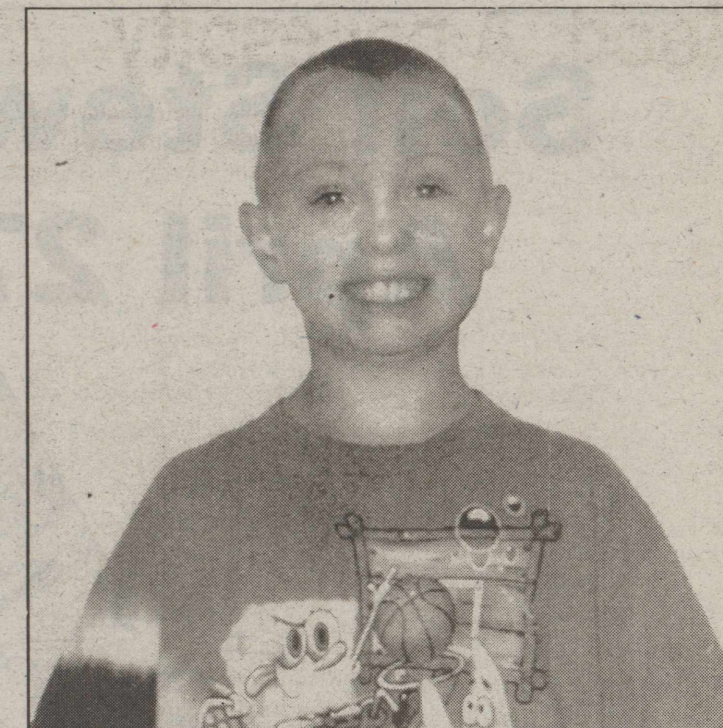
Categories in which awards will

be presented include Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Rancher; Resident Conservation Farmer; Absentee Rancher; Water Quality Management Plan; Business/Professional Individual; Wildlife Conservationist; Conservation Homemaker; and Conservation District Employee. Awards will also be presented to area youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is

to recognize and honor Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the 216 SWCDs in Texas.



POSTER CONTEST WINNER-Dalton Barnett of Paint Creek Elementary School, SWCD #546, was awarded second place in the Area V Texas Soil and Water Conservation Awards Poster Contest. Barnett will be honored for outstanding contribution to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program at an Area V Awards Banquet, May 6 in Stephenville.

Poster contest winners announced by District

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the winners of the District Conservation Poster Contest.

Paint Creek ISD winners are:
Kindergarten: 1. Brittany Pritchard 2. Ryan Reid 3. Shayla Hunt

First Grade: 1. Kannan Pittcock 2. Caitlin Medford 3. Tarah Trotter

Second Grade: 1. Krystal Deshazo 2. Cheyenne Buerger 3. Caleb Thomasson

Third Grade: 1. Dalton Barnett 2. Matthew Pritchard 3. Katrina Buerger

Fourth Grade: 1. Victoria Reid 2. Curtis Bishop 3. David Gonzales

Fifth Grade: 1. Jessie Pendergraft 2. Tracy Medford 3. Brennan Medford

Sixth Grade: 1. Marty Hall 2. Caleb Whitfield 3. Will Brueggeman

Overall winners were: 1. Dalton Barnett 2. Krystal Deshazo 3. Rocher Pritchard

Rochester winners are:
Kindergarten: 1. Jessica Wilburn 2. Colton Rogers 3. Joanna Trevino

First Grade: 1. Baleigh Lopez 2. Meghan Glover 3. Colton English

Second Grade: 1. Juan Lomeli 2. Cassidy Rios

Third Grade: 1. Hannah Carmichael 2. Bertha Carranza 3. Ashley Lomeli

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

Haskell CISD winners are:
Kindergarten: 1. Kade Colley
Kindergarten Over-all Winner was Kade Colley.

Second Grade Mrs. Dunnam's Class: 1. Tillie McGuire 2. Morgan Frierson 3. Ashley Adams
Second Grade Mrs. Hanson's

Class: 1. Brett Shelton 2. Maci Colley

Second Grade Over-all Winners were: 1. Tillie McGuire 2. Brett Shelton 3. Morgan Frierson

Third Grade Mrs. Waggoner's Class: 1. Ryan Anderson 2. Laycee Tullos 2. Carley Calhoun

Third Grade Mrs. Christian's Class: 1. Brady Leach 2. Casey Calhoun 3. Manuel Ramirez

Third Grade Over-all Winners were: 1. Ryan Anderson 2. Laycee Tullos 3. Carley Calhoun

Fourth Grade Mrs. LeFevre's Class: 1. Kacey Strickland 2. Jessica Rodriguez 3. Leslie Crosson

Fourth Grade Mrs. Chapman's Class: 1. Angelica Gonzales 2. Dawn Skinner 3. Kelson Aguero

Fourth Grade Over-all Winners were: 1. Kacey Strickland 2. Angelica Gonzales 3. Jessica Rodriguez

Fifth Grade Mrs. McClellan's Class: 1. McKenzie Barrington 2. Veronica Benton 3. Lonnie Alvarez

Fifth Grade Mrs. Fouts' Class: 1. Aubrey Bassett 2. Brooke Bullinger 3. Jordan Burson

Fifth Grade Over-all Winners were: 1. Aubrey Bassett 2. Brooke Bullinger 3. McKenzie Barrington



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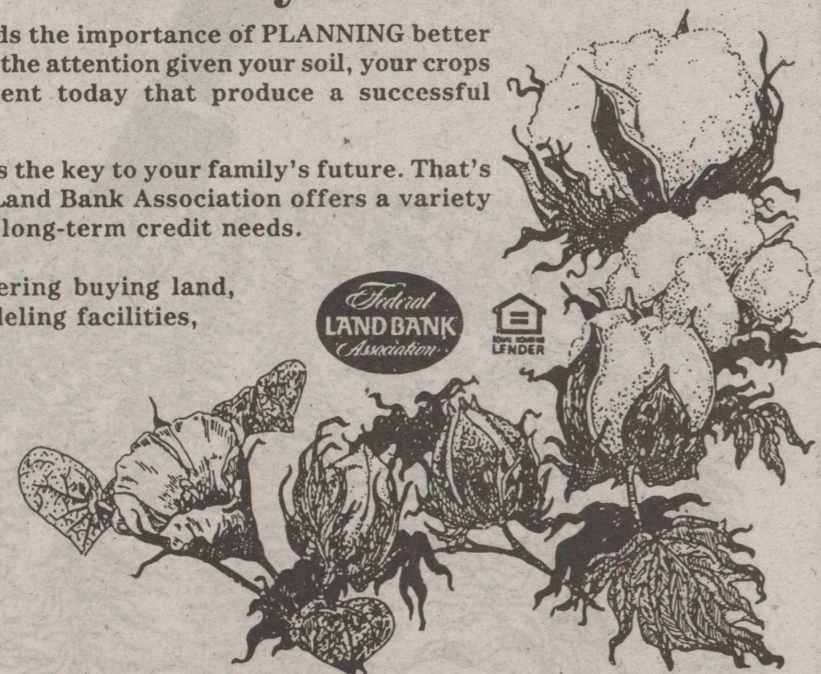
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Food: A necessity

Food: A Necessity
By Thomas Seelke

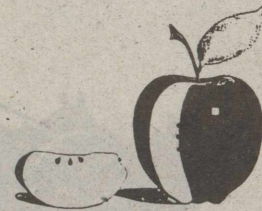
Food: material consisting essentially of protein, carbohydrate, and fat used in the body of an organism to sustain growth, repair, perform vital processes and to furnish energy. This may not be the definition that comes to our mind when we think of food. We probably would think about the double meat cheeseburger we order from Sonic, or a pepperoni pizza, or maybe even the finger licking good barbeque chicken that your uncle fixes as our ideal of food. Food is more than just that though, food is a necessity. We need to start viewing it that way, we need to understand where food comes from, and give more respect to those who provide us with it.

Despite what many kids believe, food does not come from a grocery store, at least not initially. Food is raised as crops by farmers. Many fields across the United States are used in providing meals for you and me, even fields in our own town. The same place where we litter the streets with trash, throw old junk in the rivers, dump out oil on the ground, and pollute the skies with smoke. How can this be good for our food, the food which is planted in the fields full of trash, with soil contaminated by the oil that leaked through the ground? The same food that grows with water from the river that we throw our junk in, or from the rain that is polluted with smoke. Doesn't sound like food that I would want

to eat. This means that we are going to have to be more cautious about the things we throw out and where we throw them or we will be eating that unsanitary food.

We also take those who provide our food for granted. In reality though, they have a very tough job. They never know when their going to have a good crop or whether the going price is going to be high or low. They have a job full of uncertainties, they can't depend on ideal weather conditions and that can cause their whole crop to fail. That means that they have no income for a year, which makes their lives difficult to say the least. They're hard working men who take risks to do what they love, but more importantly give us food. They deserve much credit, yet receive hardly any. In order to protect these people who feed us, we should make sure that they have a sense of security; we should allow them more slack with credit unions and banks and set a higher pay line for their crops.

We can enjoy food the same as before as long as we change our views on the way we get that food and do something about conserving that food. Remember it's not just about enjoying the food you have to eat; it's about making sure you have food to eat.



RANGE AND PASTURE TEAM—Haskell's Range and Pasture team placed third in the annual Pasture & Range and Plant ID Contest held March 18 at Haskell High School. Pictured are I-r, Chase Cockerell, F. A. Ulmer board chairman of Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District, Ross Bullinger, Sydney Brueggeman, Wendy Proctor and back row, Ryan Burgess, alternate.

Judging team places third in pasture and range contest

The annual Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District, California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District Land, Pasture & Range, and Plant ID

Contests were held March 18, at Haskell High School.

In the Land Judging Contest, the Jacksboro team placed 1st, Anson placed 2nd and Iowa Park placed 3rd. High point individual was Jake Vickers of Iowa Park.

In the Pasture and Range Judging Contest, the Anson team placed 1st, Jacksboro placed 2nd and Haskell placed 3rd. High point individual was Alan Sandbothe of Anson.

Members of the Haskell Pasture and Range Judging Team were: Ross Bullinger, Wendy Proctor, Sydney Brueggeman, Chase Cockerell and Ryan Burgess.

In the Plant ID Judging Contest, Anson placed 1st, Jacksboro placed 2nd and Ira placed 3rd. High point individual was Zach Klein of Anson.

Teams from Sweetwater, Irion, Benjamin, Stamford and Hamlin High Schools also participated in the contest. Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District board secretary Don Walker presented the awards at the contest.

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The Key to Prosperity: A systematic approach

The Key to Prosperity: A Systematic Approach
By Marcie Stoddard

In order to preserve a fruitful and resourceful future for generations to come, the world, as a whole, must work together to construct a working system that allows people of all kinds to benefit from food production. This system will not be simple, as it will involve many aspects such as land preservation, water purification, farmer aid, and world famine aid.

Erosion, pollution, and negligence have all contributed to the slow degradation of our land resources.

Conservation programs such as NACD have been working diligently to raise national awareness of this vital issue. However, unless the population as whole is informed of the extremity of the circumstances, and the vitality of

the need for action, the dilapidation of our land will inevitably continue. The public is informed of the dangers of smoking, disease, and political issues, yet falls short in the area of natural resources. Without natural resources, these issues would not even constitute themselves as issues, for no one would be left on Earth to discuss them. Natural resources are basis of food production for the whole world! Public awareness is a key factor in the preservation of land and the prevention of negligence.

In third-world countries especially, water purification is becoming an increasingly large problem mostly due to lack of funds needed to guarantee this crucial security. Large corporations and city drainage systems have often been at the root of water contamination. Heightened laws such city

ordinance could very possible decrease this problem in some areas while funds will most likely remain a problem in other areas. Non-profit organizations to raise funds for purification in these areas are one possibility for a better tomorrow. Everyone deserves to drink water of the utmost purity. Carelessness is no excuse for the harm being done. Without proper water systems bountiful food production is impossible. This problem could easily be solved with awareness as well as benevolence.

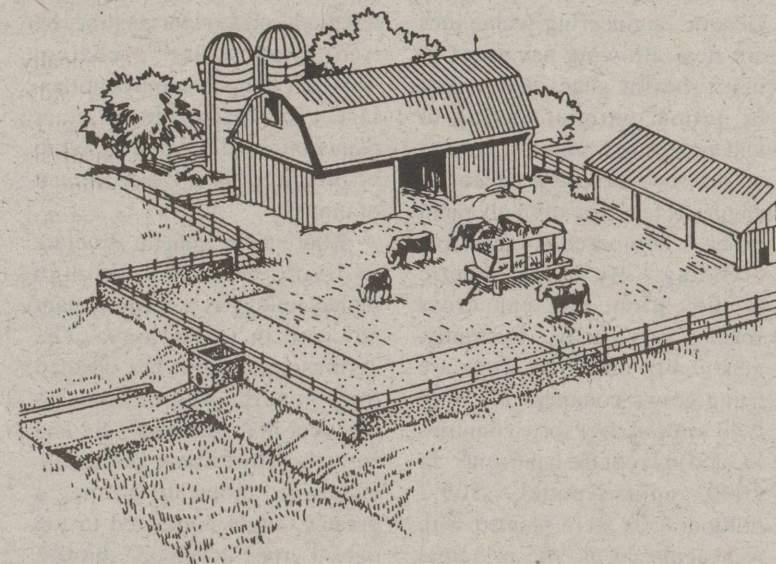
Farmers today are suffering. Everyone has recognized the problem yet no one has efficiently addressed it. Without our nation's hardworking farmers supplying

food and other necessities, the United States itself could suffer from food shortages. The Federal Government should allocate funds for the burdened farmers to assure the production of best-quality products. After all, no one would be able to survive without the farmer, so they should be the first in line when funds are distributed. These funds could come from a lowered welfare cut-off deadline, and further investigation on insurance fraud. If the farmer is awarded a more substantial yearly sum, and complies with certain set guidelines, our farm production market would reap and benefit immensely.

Earlier, the water purification problem was addressed when the

lack of public awareness and non-profit organizations was brought up. The same applies to world famine. With a small amount of money from each person, funds could be collected and distributed to famine-stricken countries. We should never underestimate the power of goodwill.

The world needs to ban together in order to secure our "food for the future." Where would be without the mother that gave birth to us all? Mother Earth needs us and we need her. Working together through a systematic approach cannot hinder us—it will only help to secure a better future for the next generation, and thus, many generations to come.



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Clipping off hunger: A source of supply for making food

Clipping Off Hunger
By Zack Coker

It is amazing to think of how much the population of the world that we live on has grown. At six billion, two hundred eighty five million, nine hundred twenty thousand, two hundred sixty three, the world's population is becoming outrageous. With the world's population growing at a rapid rate, experts are wondering if we are going to be able to produce enough food to feed the people of the world. How will

farmers be able to produce enough food to make sure the world has a sufficient amount of food? But should farmers be reliable for supplying all the necessities needed to supply us with nourishment? I believe it should be a joint effort by all, in assuring our future well being. For some it is easy looking in your front yard.

Sixty five percent of adult American citizens own homes. Most of these homes contain a lawn which, many may not know,

is a very good source of supplies for making food. Beef, one of the most popular foods of the American citizens, comes from cattle which farmers feed out, and then slaughter. To feed these large animals farmers must either buy feed or provide a field for them to graze in. Grass found in lawns is usually a high source of nutrients, due to it is usually watered regularly and fertilized to ensure it is healthy. When American citizens mow their lawn they usually take the clippings they gather and throw them away, or place them in a compost pile. Grass would be an excellent source of food to feed cattle.

Cities need to create stations where citizens can dump grass clippings and get paid a small amount. The station could then have the clippings put in to bales, and sell them to local farmers at a low cost. This action would cut down on the cost of feed paid by farmers, and also help boost our economy.

Another action that grass clippings would be useful for is a natural fertilizer. When grass is cut, the clippings left in the lawn die and naturally break down into nutrients which are returned to the ground. If you took the clippings to a local compost station, they

could bag the clippings and sell them to farmers as a fertilizer. Clippings can also be spread to prevent soil erosion caused by wind and rain. These actions can help ensure crops will grow strong and healthy at a very low cost to farmers.

The world's population is on the rise and it is every persons job to help make certain we will see another tomorrow. It is the contributions of all that help in feeding this great planet. Though some contributions can be as small as contributing grass clippings, it is all for the good of clipping off hunger.



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Futuristic foods: Using genetics

Futuristic Foods
By Wendy Proctor

Our environment's consumption of food has drastically risen in the past decades. New methods of producing food products have been discovered and introduced into the economy. One such method is genetically modified or genetically engineered foods.



Although this method has faced some scrutiny, it is a futuristic solution to a current problem. Genetic engineering techniques are now allowing scientists to insert specific genes into a plant or animal without having to undergo the trial and error process of selective breeding. Genetic engineering is an extremely rapid process compared to selective breeding. By using genetic modification, one can cross species very easily. Currently, genetically modified crops are being grown commercially or in field trials in over forty countries located in six of the continents. In 2000, approximately 109.2 million acres were planted with transgenic crops, the principal

ones being herbicide and insecticide-resistant soybeans, corn, cotton and canola. Mankind has produced food for centuries by traditional plant breeding. Through genetic modifications, insect and herbicide resistant plants might allow more food to be produced for a lesser amount of money.

Altering the genetic structure of living organisms through biotechnology is a revolutionary advance in technology. The agribusiness world has decided that genetic engineering is practical both economically and agriculturally. Some genetically engineered crops are yielding a greater output compared to top hybrid crops developed through traditional breeding. As of 1998, there were twenty corporations that were involved in commercializing genetically engineered products.

Numerous benefits are to be gained from the production of genetically engineered or modified foods. Some foods are offering a way to quickly improve crop characteristics. Furthermore, genetically modified crops can be manipulated to produce completely artificial substances, from the precursors of plastics to consumable vaccines. We are creating new products and using better growing techniques. When using genetic modification we are conserving soil, water, and energy. We are using better natural waste management and more efficient processing. Genetic engineering is creating increased food security for the growing population of the world. Through the scientific and agricultural advances of genetically modified foods, America is better prepared and more economically secure for the future.

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Hunger in the heart of home: An unsolved issue

Hunger in the Heart of Home
By Taylor Seelke

Over the years, our economy has vastly improved and technology has reached the fullest potential. However greatly improved our world has become, there is still one issue we can not solve: hunger.

Hunger, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, is defined as the uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food. Although hunger is often one of the least concerns of Americans, starvation is one of the deadliest killers in the world. Surveys from

the FRAC (Food Research and Action Center) show that about 24,000 people die daily from food deprivation. That total is more than automobile accidents and crime related deaths put together! Even though the government has established numerous amounts of programs for families facing poverty, many families still suffer from hunger. With the population growing and our nation expanding, there have become fewer acres of land on which we produce our food. Land has become valuable property in the United States as more

"necessities" are being built everyday. We, as Americans, have put more emphasis on building a world full of big malls or grand theaters that we have forgotten about the important problems we are facing. Never did most of us imagine how severe the problems were until war struck in the heart of our homeland. We were too blind to see that even before the war, one out of six families lived in poverty, or that over three million children alone died from hunger. Hunger doesn't have to remain a part of our nation, but only we can prevent the problem from rising.

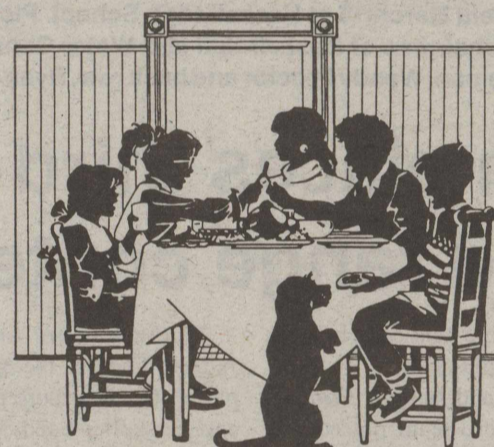
Dr. James D. Weill, President of the FRAC was quoted saying, "The best way right now to attack

this problem with both quick and long term effects, is to boost the Food Stamp Program participation for eligible poor families." Many people would agree with this, I, on the other hand, disagree with Dr. Weill's statement. Although government aid is helpful, in this case government aid is not necessary. Increasing food stamp participation will do no one any good if there is no land to produce food. The number of crops and farmers are decreasing greatly due to a lack of money, and a rise in better job opportunities. A downsizing of crops means a shortage in food supplies. Therefore if food supplies decrease, the number of deaths

caused by starvation will increase dramatically. A cut in food supplies will not only cause more deaths, but another depression could also erupt as a factor. Instead of helping out just those on food stamps, Americans need to help to increase the surplus of incoming food. Once we help save our land for harvesting, we can begin to save our world from hunger.

Hunger has already claimed millions of American lives, but we have the power to help change the statistics. We need to save our land and our crops, because without land there would be no crops, and without crops there would be no food, and without food there would be no life.

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