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Old Glory Days set July 3

The Stars and Stripes will wave on in all its glory on the eve of Independence Day in Old Glory.

Planned during events beginning with noon traditional parade of flags from every state followed by the Old Glory Belle Contest, an auction, bingo, kite flying, a motorcycle rally including bike games, horseshoes, fireworks, Western music by the Sidekicks and a dance.

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The original name of Old Glory was Brandenburg in honor of German immigrants who settled in the area. The town changed its name during World War I to prove allegiance to the Allies and the new homeland.

For more information call 940-989-3101.

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the July 8 edition will be Thurs., July 1 at 5 p.m. The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Mon., July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., June 26 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The concession stand will open at 5 p.m. and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays, weather permitting.

Summer food program

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. through Fri. until July 30. Those ages 1 through 18 years of age will eat for free. Adults may eat for \$2.50. All are welcome.

Learning center

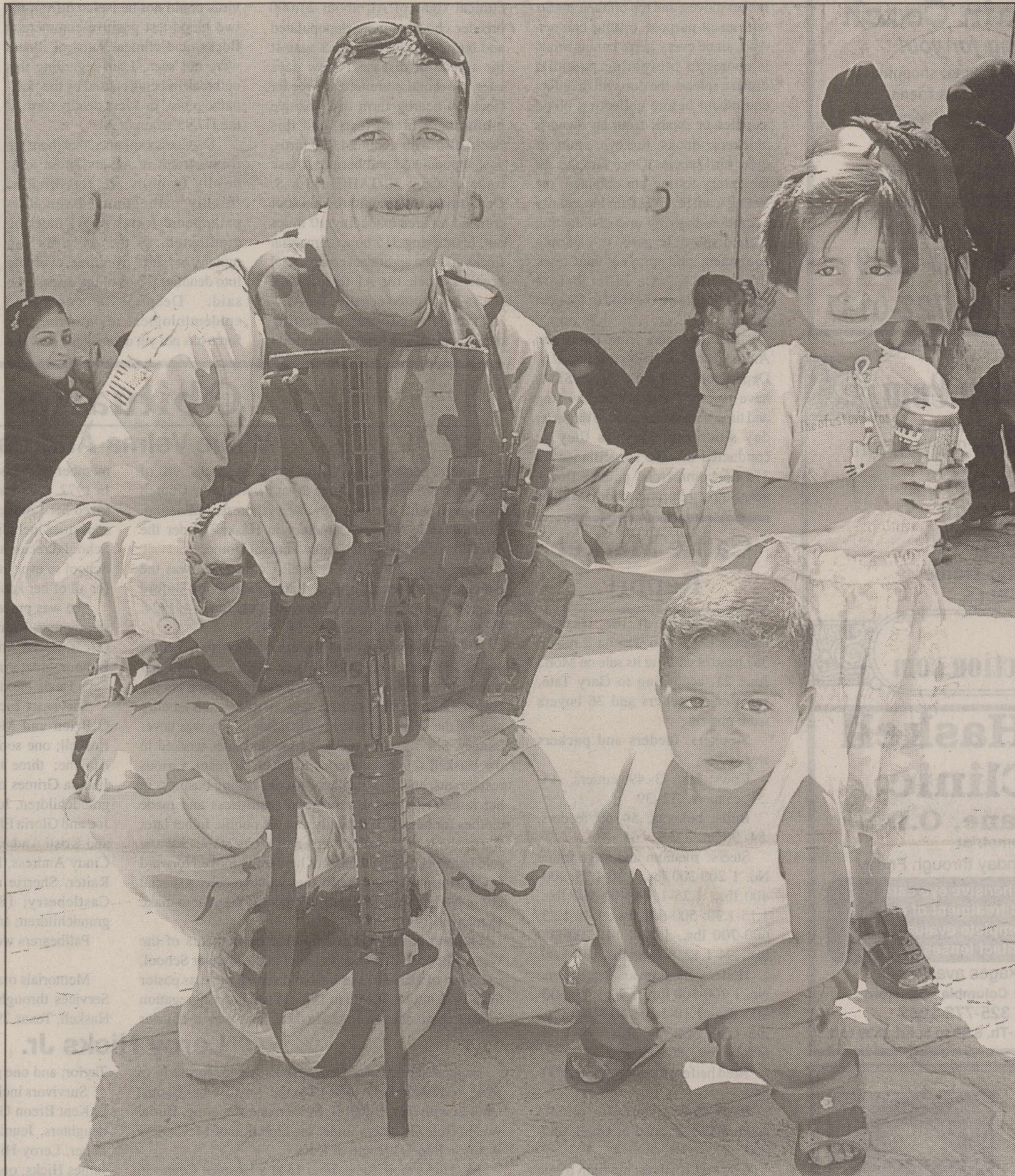
Registration for the new 21st Century Books and Beyond Learning Center will be Thurs., June 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students going into grades K-6 will register at the elementary school cafeteria; grades 7-12 will register in the high school lobby outside the principal's office. A parent or legal guardian must accompany each student for registration. For more information on the elementary program call Vickie Josselot at 864-2654 ext. 344 and for the junior high and high school program call Dusty Garrison at 864-8535 ext. 226.

Summer reading

The summer reading program schedule at the Haskell Co. Library will be as follows: 5-8 year olds, Tuesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 9-12 year olds, Wednesdays July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 2-4 year olds, Thursdays July 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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HELPING HANDS—Haskell County reservist, Master Sgt. Christopher Davis, who works as a prison advisor in Baghdad,

took a minute last week to visit with Iraqi children as his team checked over a courthouse in the Russafa District in Baghdad.

County resident is Baghdad prison advisor

Master Sergeant Christopher Davis, an activated Haskell County resident, says the recently exposed Iraqi abuse by coalition forces has damaged troop morale, and the responsibility for the abuse extends

beyond the personnel in the photographs and videos.

Davis works as a prison advisor in Baghdad as part of the Office of Coalition Provisional Authority-

Ministry of Justice. He relayed his comments via e-mail last week and is not speaking on behalf of the U. S. Army.

Davis, who as a civilian is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Institutional Parole Officer, said his team and the Ministry of Justice does not have authority over coalition forces or their detainees. Davis and his team work closely with the Iraqi Correction Service prison system by supervising new facility construction and the training of the Iraqi prison staff.

In view of the recent allegations of prisoner abuse made toward soldiers of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police, Davis stated, "It is a prevailing thought among troops in Baghdad that (prisoner abuse) actions have severely tarnished the image of the American soldier and American values. The old adage of 'You can do a hundred things perfectly, but screw-ups will never be forgotten' may hold true here."

Davis said that military recruits come from all upbringings and have all different types of personalities, and they will seldom develop into a desirable soldier without proper leadership. He added that the responsibility for the abuse extends to contract civilian interrogators and throughout the MP organization, including officers, for not providing that leadership.

Despite the prisoner abuse, Davis

said the locals welcome his presence.

"I've been impressed by the unique hospitality of the Iraqis whose warm generosity, friendship and sincerity is unmatched by most," he said. "There is that small percentage that strongly oppose our presence in this country. These mujahideen, commonly referred to as 'freedom fighters,' al-Qaeda, Wahhabi Muslims, members of the Arab Resistance Movement and other terrorist elements are conniving, ruthless murderers, targeting not only coalition personnel, but also new Iraq Government leadership and innocent civilians."

L. Paul Bremer III, the Officer of Coalition Provisional Authority Administrator in Iraq, recently awarded Master Sgt. Davis the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his role in a three thousand bed prison construction project in the southern city of Ad Diwaniyah. When completed, this facility will provide 1,500 correctional related jobs in an area that is currently experiencing 80% unemployment.

Davis lives in one of Saddam Hussein's main palaces in central Baghdad, where the U. S. Embassy will be located on June 30, when sovereignty is transferred to the Iraqi Governing Council.

Council accepts bid for creek cleanup

In a lengthy regular meeting Mon., June 14, a full agenda of items for consideration was brought before the Haskell City Council.

Approval was given to a request from the Appraisal District for permission to retain any excess funds as credit for use in future upkeep of equipment at the Appraisal District office.

The appointment of W. L. Wolf to

the Ambulance Board was approved by the council.

Dale Bullinger was appointed to the Regional Jail Board, replacing Ruby Turner.

A resolution was passed authorizing Mayor Ken Lane to sign documents necessary in connection with the city-owned farmlands and the ASCS office.

TCR to open July 1

The 74th Texas Cowboy Reunion will get underway Thurs., July 1 and continue through Sun., July 4, in Stamford.

The excitement kicks off on Thursday with the old fashioned grand parade through the streets of downtown Stamford at 4 p.m. The famed Six White Horses of Hardin Simmons University will be the

parade marshals. The horse team featuring the six flags which have flown over Texas have been performing at the Texas Cowboy Reunion's grand entry since 1935. Also returning this year to play at each rodeo performance is the Hardin Simmons Cowboy Band.

Cowboys and cowgirls of the continued on page 8

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Hilee Mulligan to compete for Miss Texas title

Hilee Mulligan, daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell, will compete as Miss Johnson County in the upcoming Miss Texas Pageant to be held July 4-10 in Fort Worth.

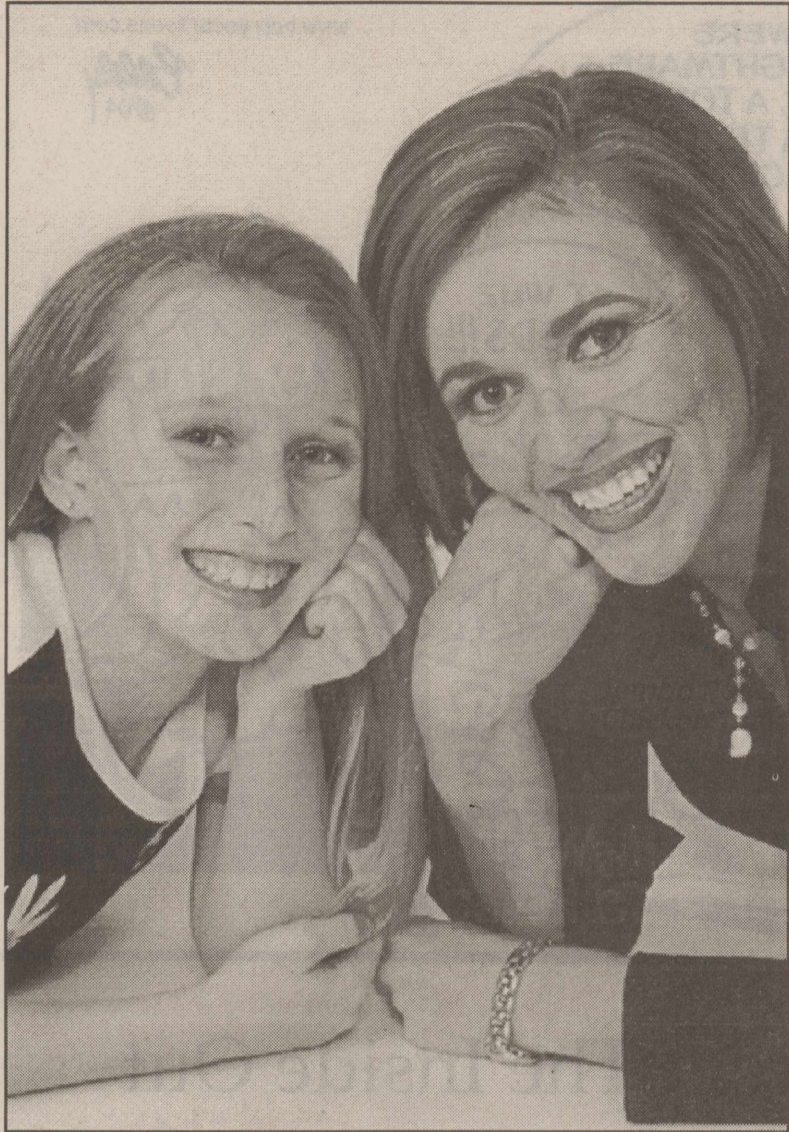
In a mentoring program known as the Lone Star Princess, which was implemented this year by the Miss Texas Organization, Mulligan will have two young ladies with her, from families in this area, to participate in the program as representatives for Johnson County.

**Pageant televised July 10
8 p.m. on KTXS**

Lone Star Princess, Mackenzie Larned is the daughter of Johnney and Derinda Larned of New Braunfels, and granddaughter of Florence Larned of Haskell and Donald and Gracie Griffis of Weinert.

Lone Star Princess, Megan Hawkins is the daughter of John and Brenda Beth Hawkins of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hawkins of Aspermont, Connie Rothell of Abilene and Clarence Rothell of Ada, Oklahoma. She is the great-granddaughter of Dene Hawkins of Aspermont and Mary Swinson of Stamford.

The Lone Star Princesses spent the weekend of June 12 in Fort Worth filming a video to be shown each night of the preliminaries and on the final night of the Miss Texas Pageant. Local coverage of the pageant will be shown on KTXS at 8:00 p.m. Sat., July 10.



BEAUTY CONTESTANTS—Young Megan Hawkins, left, will be mentored by Miss Texas contestant, Hilee Mulligan, right, in the Lone Star Princess program at the Miss Texas Pageant.



MISSES CONTESTANTS—Mackenzie Larned, right, will participate in the The Lone Star Princess program at the Miss Texas Pageant, mentored by Miss Texas contestant, Hilee Milligan.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Tammy Flanary and daughter, Ashley of Arkansas visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair and other family over the weekend.

Others visiting with the Blairs during Father's Day weekend were daughter, Michelle Pannell and her daughter Britney of Throckmorton; daughter, Vickie and Gary Hawkins, and son, Nathan Blair, all of Haskell; Levi Pannell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilliard of Minnesota spent several days with his mom, Bernice Hilliard.

Births

Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Renee Toliver, born Fri., June 18 at 11:10 a.m. at Shannon Memorial Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She had a sister, Chelsea; and two brothers, Marcus and Eric who welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Alvin and Janice Niehues of Norton and Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.

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Library Notes

By Joan Frazier

It is time to come in and register for the summer reading program at the Haskell County Library.

Our programs this year are divided into age groups. We think this will make the story times more interesting for all concerned. Our story-times will be held in the month of July, from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Five to eight-year-olds will meet on Tuesday mornings, July 6, 13, 20, 27.

Nine to twelve-year-olds will meet on Wednesday mornings, July 7, 14, 21, 28.

Two to four-year-olds will meet on Thursday mornings, July 8, 15, 22, 29.

The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the local library.

Attention Parents: If your child has overdue books from the library or lost items that need to be paid for, you need to know that your child will not be allowed to check out any more books or play on the computers until these books are returned, the fine is paid or the books are paid for.

We will dedicate some computers for games and some for the public to use, as we have patrons taking college classes, defensive driving courses, looking up medical information, filling out financial forms, etc., and we must not let all of the computers be taken up with games. The games will be timed, and the children will have to relinquish their computer to others who are waiting. In other words, no one can come in and spend the day playing games on the computers. Please know that parents are responsible for their children at the library; we are not a free day care or youth center.

We received some extra money this year and we have purchased

some new audio, video and book racks. We have been given some classic videos and they have a \$3.00 deposit that is refundable when the movie is returned. We have also purchased some classics on audiotape, and have had several new ones donated. A new shipment of books arrived last Friday, also.

We have a display of dolls from around the world. Nancy Toliver has graciously loaned us her dolls representing all of the countries she has visited. We have two locked glass display cases, and if any one has a collection they would like to share, we would be delighted to house it for a time.

Memorial donations to the Haskell County Library are as follows: Emma Bland, Bobbie Merchant Brewick, Lennie Williams, Annie Bess Cobb, Alta Faye Davis Field, Dorothy Halliburton, LaVaughn Meredith, Terry Milam Diggs and Edwin Roberson.

Memorial donations to the Friends of the Library are as follows: Emma Franklin, Ella Bell Burson, Louise McBeth, Raja Hassen, Fadwa Hassen and Nabeela Hassen David, Delma Matthews, Dorothy Halliburton, Alta Faye Davis Field, Marjorie Pace, Lennie Williams, Leon Stewart, Laverne Barnett, Calvin Frierson, Howard Hopkins, Hortense Lees, LaVaughn Meredith and Terry Diggs.

Cash donations have been received from David Petroleum, Progressive Study Club, Rotary Club, American Legion Auxiliary and Rattlesnake Racing.

If you would like to donate to our summer reading program with a prize, money or refreshments, please call the library at 940-864-2747.

See you at the library!

Paint Creek cheerleaders attend national camp

The Paint Creek cheerleaders, who recently attended the four day National Cheerleader Camp at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, brought back numerous excellent award ribbons and many superior award ribbons for their daily evaluations, as well as one of the coveted "Spirit Sticks" which are awarded for hard work and plenty of spirit.

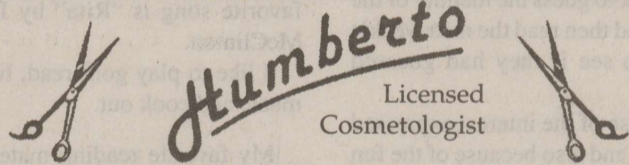
While at the camp they found new

friends, time to bond as a new squad and learning new cheers, chants and dances.

Junior High cheerleaders attending were Ariel Blair and Tabatha Schonerstedt. Varsity cheerleaders attending were Melanie Bishop, Alice Blair, Tammy Daniel, Kailey McCord, LaShell Walker and Hali Wolsch.

Susan Brooks is the cheerleader sponsor at Paint Creek School.

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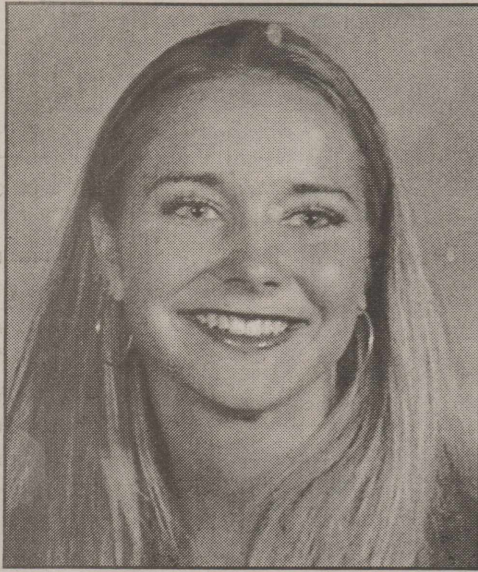
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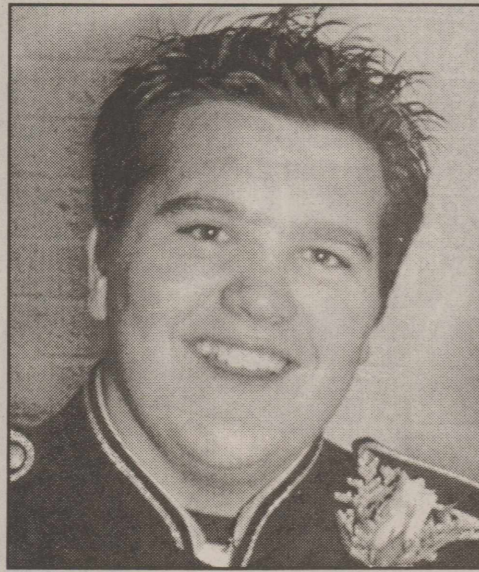
We will mail you a reminder the week before camp.

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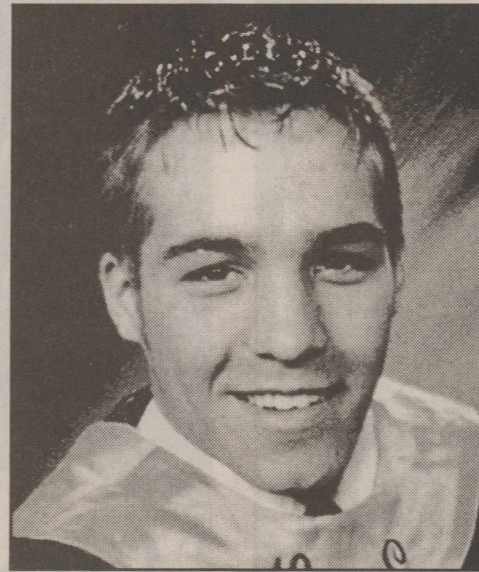
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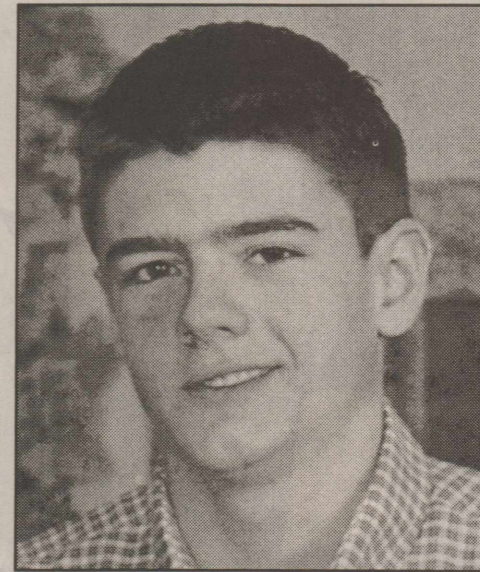
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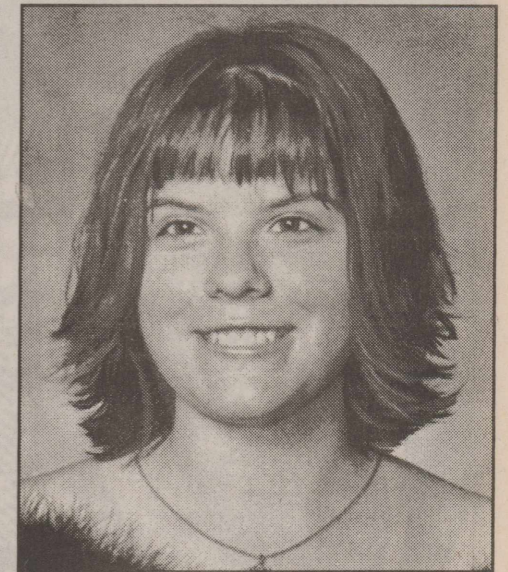
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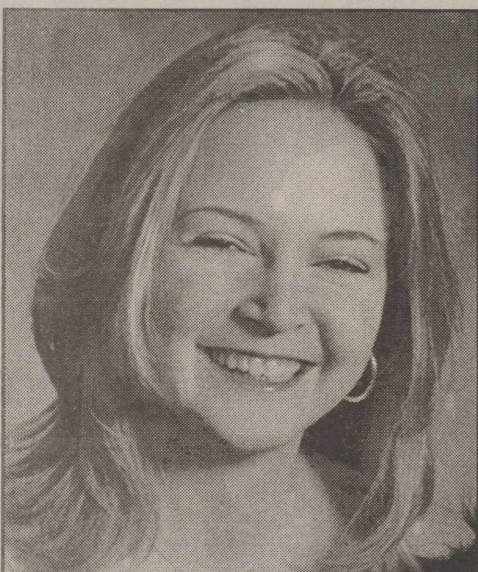
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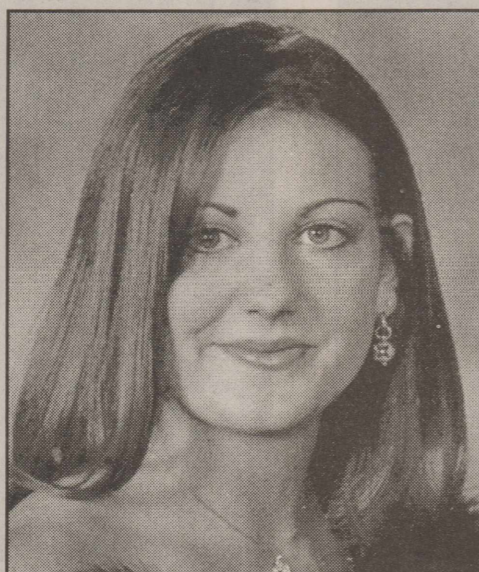
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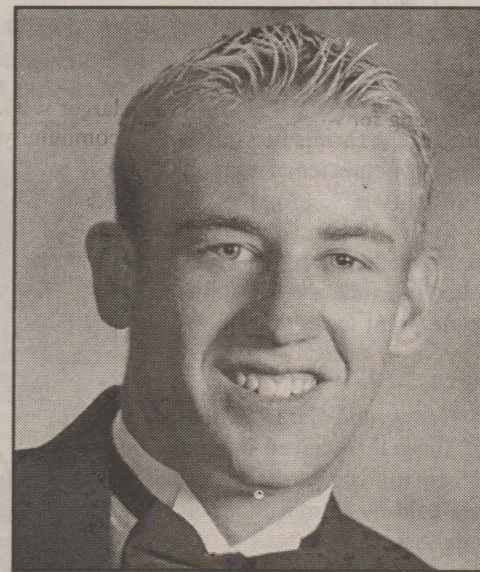
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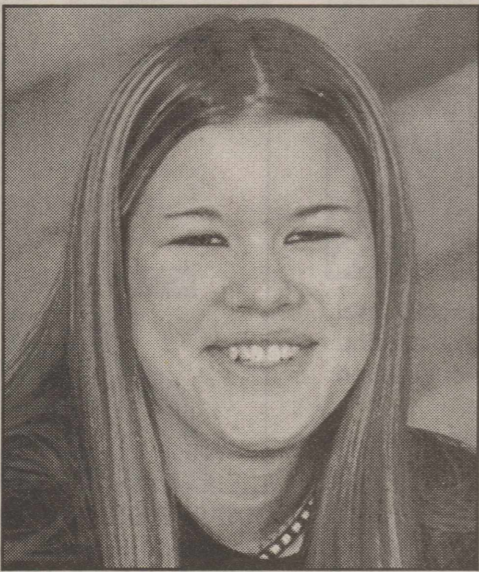
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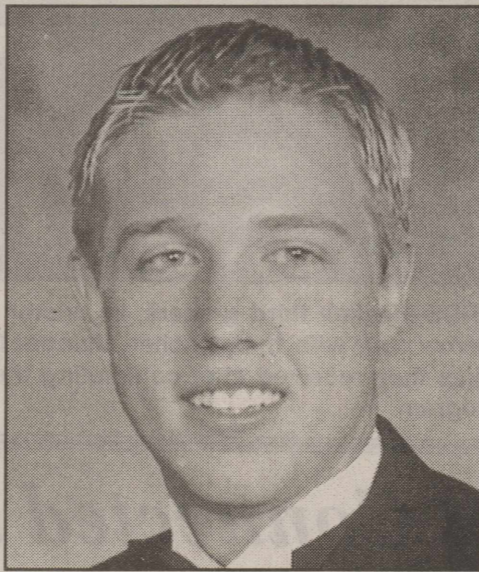
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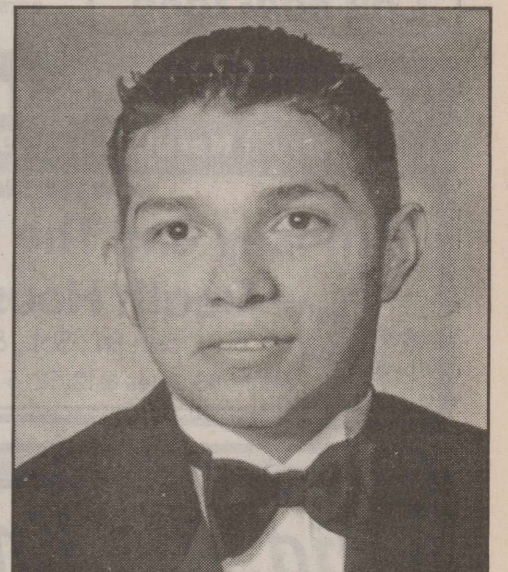
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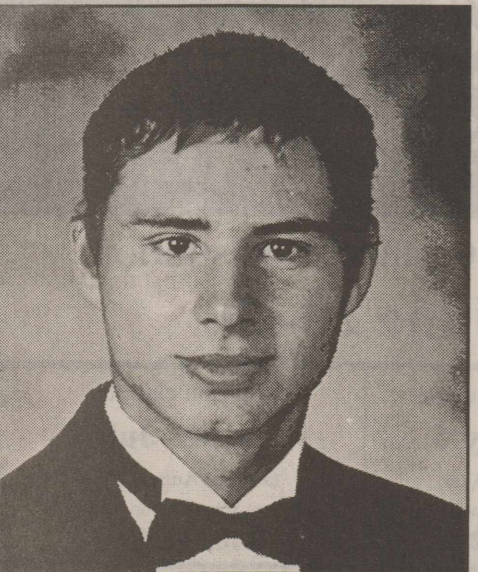
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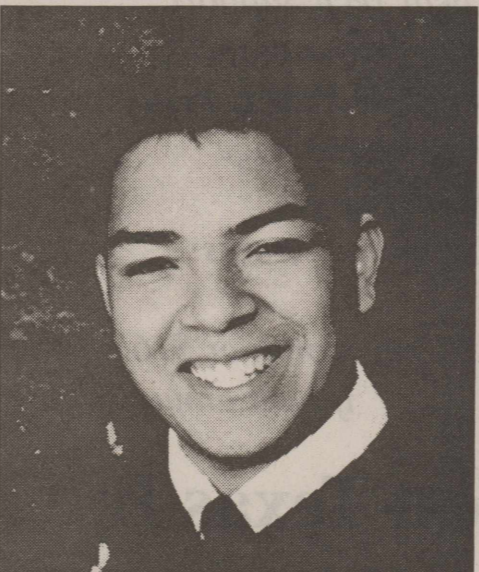
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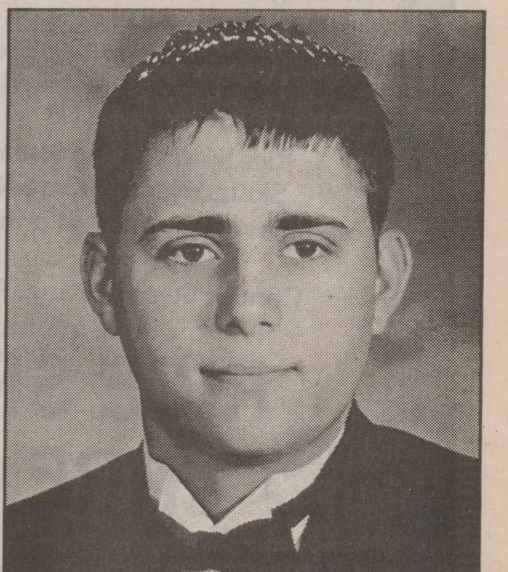
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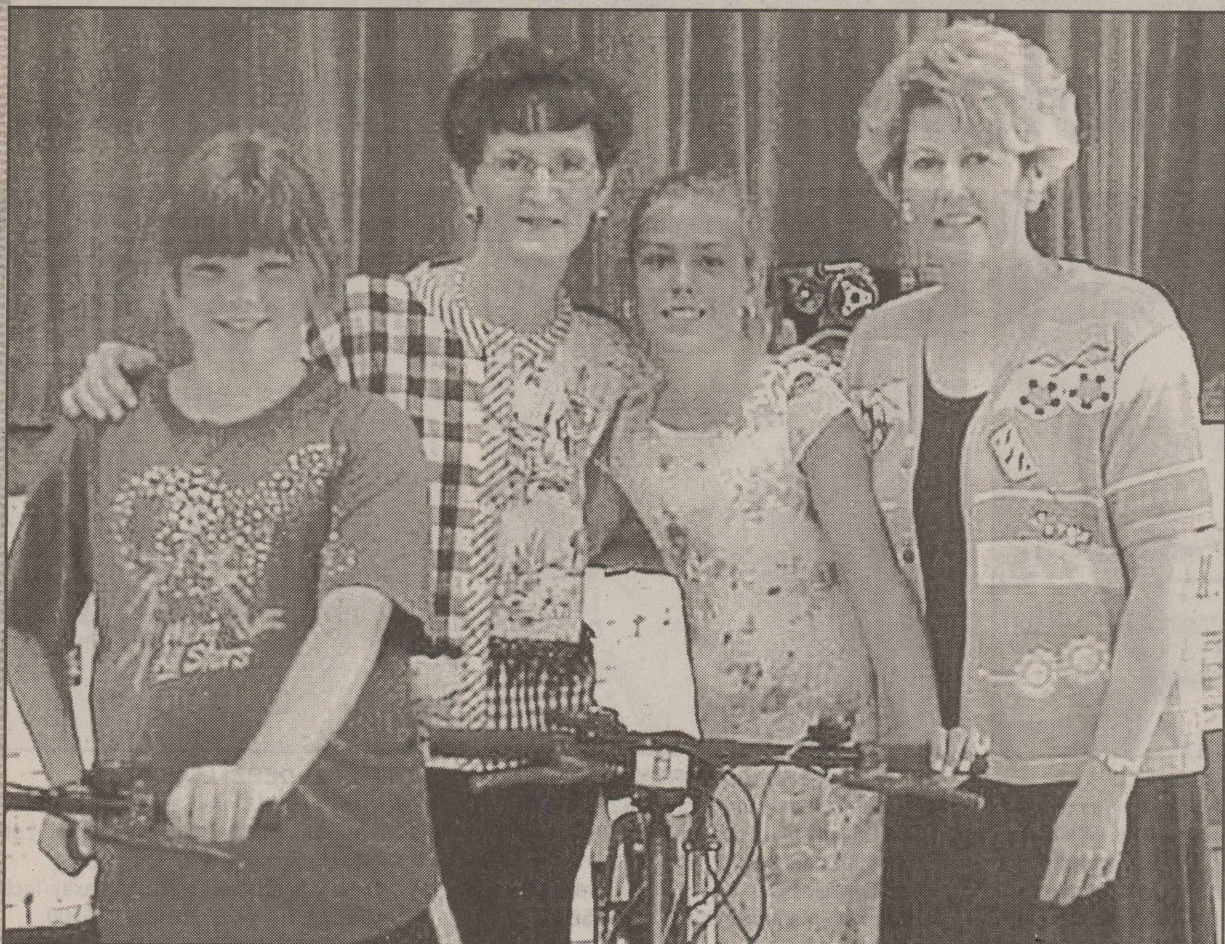
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READING AWARDS—Haskell fourth grade students, l-r, Jasmine Klose and Sara Duncan, received new bikes as readers making at least an 80% grade on the Accelerated Reading Program tests. With them are teachers Sherry Adams and Jonell Roberts.



STEREO AWARD—Haskell fifth grade student, Dawn Skinner, received new stereo equipment after successfully completing the Accelerated Reading Program. With her is teacher Trish Johnson.

Students to attend speech camp

Three Haskell students will be among more than 500 students from 110 schools representing seven states, attending the 30th annual Speech-Debate-Broadcast Camp, July 11-16 and July 18-23, held at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Attending from Haskell in Camp Session II, will be Caleb Hudgens, participating in the Advanced Team Cross Examination Debate division; Andrew Long and Kristen Martinez, participating in the Beginning Team Cross Examination Debate division.

"Most of the students come to the camp to prepare for next year's speech tournament competition and to learn new debate, public speaking and acting skills," said Tony Allison, Camp Coordinator.

Cross examination team debaters will work on next year's national high school debate topic, "Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of the United Nations peace keeping operations."

Students in the News

Three Haskell students were among 724 honor students recognized for the spring 2004 semester at Midwestern State University.

Kristin Cypert and Jonie Amanda Martinez were named to the President's Honor Roll, which requires completion of a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an A (4.0).

Ricky Anderson was named to the Provost's Honor Roll, which requires a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than a C.

Wade Cothron, undeclared major, was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 Spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Students on the Dean's List must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Joel Nanny and Sarah Wheat, both of Haskell, received degrees during spring commencement exercises held by Hardin-Simmons University Sat., May 8.

Nanny received a master of science degree in environmental management. Wheat received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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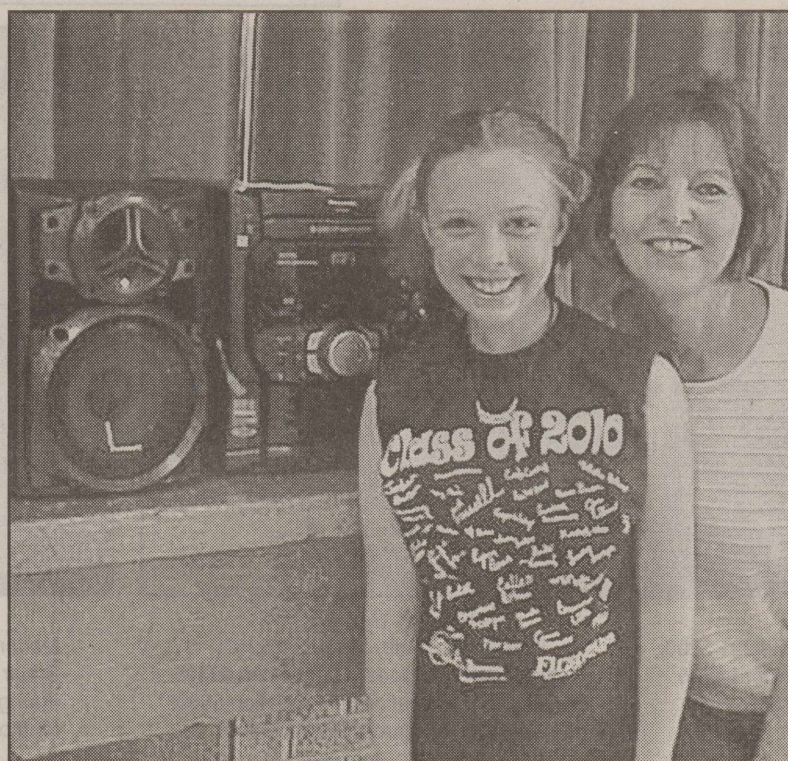
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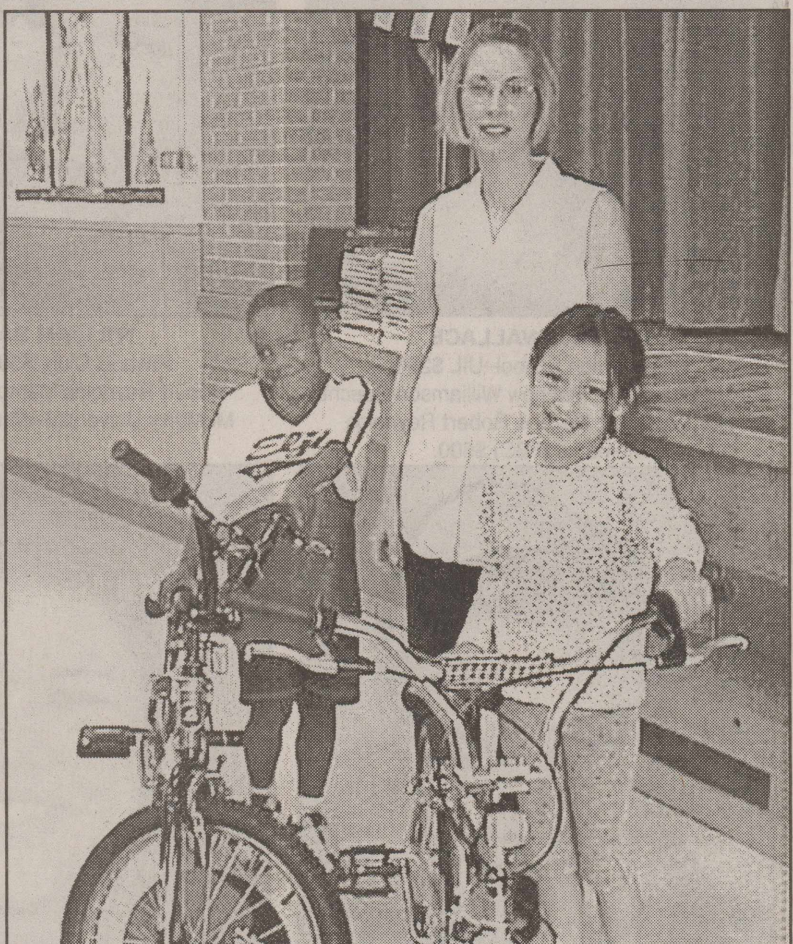
STEREO WINNER—Haskell sixth grade student, McKenzie Barrington, received a new stereo after completing the Accelerated Reading Program. With her is teacher Debbie Earles.



READER REWARDS—Haskell Elementary first graders, l-r, Mathew Frazier and Cierra Moore proudly hold the new bikes they were awarded at the end of the Accelerated Reading Program. With them are teachers, Marijane Cunningham and Susan LeFevre.



BIKE AWARDS—Haskell third graders, l-r, Victor Vasquez and Preston Morrow pose with their teacher, Melodee Christian, and the new bikes they received after completing the Accelerated Reading Program.



HAPPY READERS—Haskell second grade students, l-r, Nathaniel Dever and Gloria De Los Santos show off the bikes they received in the Accelerated Reader Program, making at least an 80% grade on the AR reading tests. With them is teacher Rhonda Hanson.

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Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July 1st - 31st, 2004
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Location: City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas
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Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. () _ _ _ _ _ par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Surface water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: MILLERS CREEK RESERVOIR. The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for all drinking water systems that own their source(s). This report describe the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system(s) from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. Contact our water system for more information about this report.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents.

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concerns. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/l - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Arsenic	3.1	3.1000-3.1000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2002	Barium	0.202	0.2020-0.2020	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Fluoride	0.4	0.4000-0.4000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2003	Nitrate	0.02	0.0200-0.0200	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Selenium	7.1	7.1000-7.1000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.


NA = MCL not applicable - not regulated. Special Monitoring Requirement.

NOTICE TO CITY OF HASKELL WATER CONSUMERS

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Our goal at the City of Haskell is to provide you with high-quality, safe drinking water that exceeds every federal and state standard. As mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), this "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR) details our water sources, the results of our water tests, and other information. For quality tap water, you can count on the City of Haskell to provide its citizens with only the best. Our records and tests results show that there were no violations of water quality regulations.

We are glad to report that the water provided by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (NCTMWA), water treatment plant meets or exceeds water quality standards.

The City of Haskell receives its water supply from the Miller Creek Reservoir located in Baylor and Throckmorton Counties on FM 1608 approximately 10 miles southeast of Goree.

This CCR report is based upon tests conducted in the year 2003 by the City of Haskell. The City of Haskell collects four samples a month, 48 per year. 1 random sample was taken in June 2003 for a business and results were good. This made a total of 49 samples. This is to ensure the safety and quality of our water. These samples are to ensure that the City of Haskell is providing a safe drinking water to our customers. We are checking for microbiological containment. Lead and copper tests are conducted every three years. These tests will be performed in the year 2004.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain containment in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some containment. The presence of containment does not necessarily indicate that hot water poses a health risk. More information about containment and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

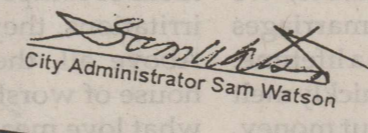
The City of Haskell along with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is proud to announce that we do have "A Safe Water for Drinking". This CCR was developed in accordance with 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Consumer Confidence Reports. This CCR document was prepared as requested by the City of Haskell.

Terms used in Water Quality Table and in other parts of this CCR are defined as follows.

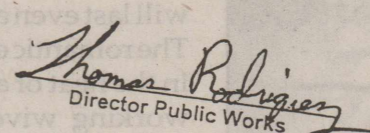
Maximum Containment Level or MCL: The highest level of a containment that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best-available treatment technology.

Maximum Containment Level Goal or MCLG: The level of containment in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of copper and/or lead which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.



City Administrator Sam Watson



Director Public Works

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection By-Products NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring
2003-2003	Chloroform	36	36.0000-36.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2003-2003	Bromoform	5.3	5.3000-5.3000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2003-2003	Bromodichloromethane	51	51.0000-51.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2003-2003	Dibromochloromethane	43	43.0000-43.0000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Constituent	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Turbidity	0.28	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

Lead and Copper

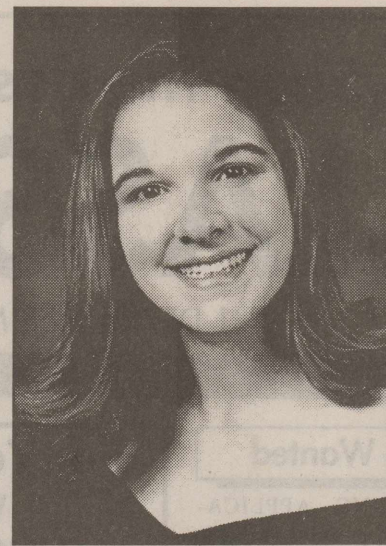
Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Copper	1.0300	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
2001	Lead	12.6000	1	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED



JUNIOR MARKET STEER WINNER—Haskell County 4-H member, Luke Terry, of Haskell took 3rd place at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Market Steers Maine-Anjou, Class 2 Light Medium Weight Steers. He is the son of Pam and Leland Terry of Haskell. Pictured with him are representatives of the Bluebonnet Belles buying group, Mr. and Mrs. Claybrook.



LEE McDONALD

McDonald is Andrews valedictorian

Lee McDonald, who attended kindergarten and first grade in Haskell, was named the 2004 valedictorian of Andrews High School.

She is the daughter of Barry and Pam McDonald of Andrews and the granddaughter of Golda Colbert of Haskell and the late Dr. Bob Colbert, and Nila McDonald of Andrews and the late Claude McDonald.

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More Vesicular Stomatitis found in Texas

Horses on a total of three sites in Texas and four premises in New Mexico are known to be infected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), a painful blistering disease of livestock, such as horses, sheep, swine and deer. The viral disease appears spontaneously and sporadically in the southwestern U.S. and is thought to be transmitted by sand flies and black flies. The VS cases this spring are the first to be confirmed since 1998.

"The most recent confirmed cases in Texas involve three horses on a ranch near Denver City, in Yoakum County, about 80 miles southwest of Lubbock, and one horse near Del Rio, in Val Verde County about 150 miles west of San Antonio," said Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The country's first VS cases this year were confirmed May 19, in three horses, which are confined to their ranch in Reeves County, in far west Texas.

To prevent animal-to-animal disease transmission, the TAHC requires that the VS-infected animals and the other livestock on the

premise remain quarantined until 30 days after all VS blisters or lesions heal, a process that usually takes two or three weeks. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

Dr. Steve England, state veterinarian for New Mexico, said a "handful" of horses on four small premises near Carlsbad, N.M. were found to be infected since June 4. The animals remain quarantined on their premises.

"During an active year for VS, it is not unusual for this unpredictable disease to be found scattered across several counties and states," said Dr. Hillman. "We urge owners and private veterinary practitioners to report clinical signs of the disease to their state veterinarians, offices. A disease investigation will be conducted, with laboratory tests run at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. There is no charge for these services."

Signs of VS—which include blisters, open sores or erosions in an animal's mouth, on the muzzle, teats or hooves—mimic those of foot-and-

mouth disease (FMD), an extremely dangerous and highly contagious foreign animal disease that can affect cattle, sheep, swine and deer, but not horses. Laboratory testing is needed to differentiate between VS and FMD, or to determine if the animals had contact with a toxic plant or poison.

During a VS outbreak, animal health officials across the country may place additional testing requirements or restrictions on livestock originating from states with infection. The TAHC has directed private veterinary practitioners to carefully inspect animals for VS, and document the exam on certificates of veterinary inspection (health papers) issued for livestock leaving Texas. A similar statement also is required on paperwork for livestock entering Texas from other states with VS infection. Dr. Hillman recommended producers or veterinarians check with each state of destination prior to shipping livestock.

"To help prevent VS, control biting flies," said Dr. England. "Keep horses and other equine animals under a roof at night and keep stalls clean to reduce exposure to flies. If

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