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JV Indians vs Jim Ned
Sat., April 2, 12 noon
at Haskell
V Indians vs Vernon NS
Mon., April 4, 4:30 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball games

JV-V Maidens vs Merkel
Fri., April 1, 4 p.m.
at Merkel
JV Maidens vs Snyder
Sat., April 2, 1 p.m.
at Haskell
V Maidens vs Seagraves
Tues., April 5, 4 p.m.
at Seagraves

Golf

Indians and Maidens at Munday
Invitational, Munday Golf Club
Mon., April 4, 9 a.m.

Calendar

Benefit walk

A walk for Autism research will be held in Abilene Sat., April 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at the ACHS track. Those wishing to make donations to 'Taylor's Team' should contact Melissa Burson. Proceeds benefit the National Alliance for Autism Research.

Hee-Haw

The annual Sagerton Community Hee-Haw is set for March 31, April 1 and 2 beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. Music and singing will begin at approximately 7 p.m. The Thursday night performance is for groups only. Tickets for the April 1 and 2 performances are available by calling 940-997-2688 for tickets. Tickets are \$5 each and are limited to 10 tickets per person. Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be available in the cafeteria nightly from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Chamber banquet

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet Thurs., March 31. Charlie Stenholm will speak. An appreciation day will be held in conjunction with the banquet.

Baseball tryouts

Haskell baseball tryouts will be held Sat., April 2 beginning at 10 a.m. for ages 7 through 12. Registration forms can be picked up at Toliver Chevrolet.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the Pit & Grill restaurant in Haskell Fri., April 1 at noon. All members are asked to attend. Final plans for 'Spring Fling' will be made.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., April 3 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. for dominoes followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. Everyone should bring a side dish for the meal.

Parenting session

Brenda Bird, an entertaining parenting specialist, will present a free one-hour session "Creative Consequences that Change Behavior" Thurs., March 31 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Haskell High School Auditorium. Lunch will be served. R.S.V.P. to Kathy Garison at 864-2654 ext. 344.

Jr. Sheriff's posse

The Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse will start the 2005 season with a hot dog supper at the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse arena Fri., April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

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HOME SCHOOL WEEK SET--Haskell County Judge, David Davis, signs a proclamation, making April 3-9, "Home Education Week." Local home-schooling parents and children on hand for the

event, were: clockwise, l-r, Elizabeth Bowers, Laura Bowers, Randy Bowers, Janet Bowers, Darlia Wright, holding baby Snow Wright, Lora Wright, James Bowers and Matthew Bowers.

Home Education Week set

In a proclamation signed Mon., Mar. 21, Haskell County Judge David Davis joined other officials across the state in setting the week of April 3-9, "Home Education Week."

The proclamation signed by Judge Davis points out that, "Education is our key to excellence today and in the future. Throughout the Lone Star State, our challenge is to ensure that children are in educational settings that will best empower them to excel at the challenges and opportunities that they will face in the future."

"Home schools offer an important option for many families, allowing parents the opportunity to develop and implement learning programs based on their children's individual needs. Conducted within the framework of a family's beliefs and values, home schooling provides students with individualized attention, and strengthens family bonds by involving children and adult family members in the learning process."

On hand for the signing of the proclamation by the County Judge, were several Haskell parents and children who choose the option of home schooling.

Friends of Faith fellowship to be held April 9

With "Hearts and Hands" as the theme, taken from Lamentations 3:41a, "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God," the Friends of Faith women's group will meet Sat., April 9 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

The day will begin with registration and a time for praise and worship from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., led by the Friends of Faith singers and musicians. "Hearts and Hands" fellowship will follow from 10:00 to 12:00.

During the morning, a covered dish brunch will be served, featuring favorite recipes prepared and brought by those attending.

Special guest speaker for the

meeting will be Lisa Cheatham of Irving, who through her ministry in multiple areas, including speaking engagements at conferences and retreats, has the desire to see women set free through a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. Her belief is that they will find freedom as they behold Him face to face through worship, and experience the revelation through His Word.

Born in Florida, Cheatham grew up in Corsicana, where her father was a worship leader for 15 years.

A 1986 graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Education degree, Cheatham is the worship leader at Hilltop Church in Irving, where her husband, Paul, is

the senior pastor. The couple has been married for 19 years and are parents of Courtney, 17, Zachary, 13, and Benjamin, 5.

Friends of Faith is an ecumenical group for women of all churches, offering a time to enjoy sharing their faith, friendship, good food, joys,

cares, concerns and prayers in an informal, beautifully decorated setting.

Since its beginning a few years ago, the group's seasonal fellowships have been attended by women from many other locations and

communities.

All women of the Big Country area are invited to attend the "Hearts and Hands" spring meeting in Haskell, Sat., April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is no charge to attend. An offering will be taken.

Spring Fling musical to benefit Noah Project

The musical entertainment at the "Spring Fling," major fund-raiser of the year for the Noah Project-North, will be the "Imitation Stars."

Set for Sat., April 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center, the evening will also feature a brisket dinner with homemade desserts.

A silent auction, with Mike Fouts as master of ceremonies, will include

items from Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties as well as items from outside the Project's service area. All proceeds will be used to help victims of domestic violence in this area.

Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5.00 for children twelve and under. They may be purchased from any Advisory member, at the Noah Project office, or at the door.

KVRP announces new ownership

Haskell's radio station KVRP, which began operations in 1981, under ownership of Ken and Nelda Lane, has a new name. Purchased last summer by Allied Broadcasting of San Antonio, after nearly a quarter-century of operation by the Lanes, on Mon., Mar. 14, KVRP became Big Country 97.1 KVRP.

After the sale of the station was finalized, officials decided to make a few adjustments, said program director Dave Harrison. "You don't try to change or replace the legacy of a radio station like KVRP. In this era of radio stations changing formats frequently, Big Country 97.1 KVRP can be proud of the fact that it has kept the same music of the past 24 years." He added that the station is committed to what has been accomplished during that period of time, but at the same time, is committed to making the station even better, and that the new name and new on-air elements are a step in that direction.

Harrison stated that although the on-air name of the station has changed, many familiar features of the radio station have not changed.

"We are not changing formats. We will continue to play country music, including the classics and artists that made country music what it is today."

With five full-time and three part-time employees, the station will continue to focus on entertainment and information to listeners in a 22-county area, with news coverage, agricultural programs and sports events.

McKnight named to All-Region TABC team

Mollie McKnight, daughter of Rob and Amy McKnight, was recently named to the Region I All Region Basketball Team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

McKnight is a 5' 9" guard and wing on the Haskell Maidens basketball team.



LISA CHEATHAM



COIN COLLECTORS--Fifth graders visit with Haskell National Bank tellers about coin collections given them by Haskell CISD and the Haskell National Bank. To finalize their study of the American Revolution, students and bank employees collected state quarters for the original thirteen colonies. Each student received a complete set of the quarters and a coin album that will eventually hold all fifty state quarters. Pictured l-r, are students Claire Carmichael, Jasmine Klose, Koby Foster, Sara Duncan and Manuel De Leon. Bank tellers are Miranda Grand, Molly Salazar and Paula Sammons.

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Texas slates first Wildfire Awareness week April 2-9

The memory of the summer of 2000, a time when Texas experienced one of its most serious wildfire seasons, is still vivid to many Texans. That year, Texas Forest Service responded to 2,700 fires that burned more than 215,000 acres and 48 structures.

Today, more and more people are moving into wooded rural settings, increasing the number of people and homes at risk for wildland fires. To help draw attention to this increased

threat, Texas Forest Service has designated April 2-9 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Texas.

Wildfire Awareness Week originated in Travis County last year when firefighters, county and city officials and Texas Forest Service made a commitment to implement public awareness strategies aimed at preventing tragedies like those that occurred in California in 2003.

The success of the Travis County event has led to more than a dozen

similar events in other communities around the state and the statewide recognition of Texas Wildfire Awareness Week.

This year's theme, "Wildfire Preparedness Starts at Home," emphasizes the fact that statewide, firefighters are increasingly challenged to protect the safety of homes and residents in the face of wildland fire. That's why Texas Wildfire Awareness Week focuses on what homeowners can do to protect themselves, their families and their property.

Most of the state's population growth over the past ten years has occurred in the urban/wildland interface, the area where homes meet undeveloped areas of grass, brush and trees. Homes built within or adjacent to this flammable vegetation makes them extremely vulnerable to wildfire. Should a wildland fire occur in an interface area, homes and other structures could simply be additional concentrated wildfire fuel.

"Texas Wildfire Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread the word about wildfires and how they can impact the public, especially in the urban wildland interface, which is a growing problem not only in Texas, but across the country as well," said Bobby Young, Associate Director and State Fire Chief for the Texas Forest Service. "There are many things that homeowners can do to protect their homes and themselves now, before the threat of a wildfire becomes reality."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 402 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 43 sellers and 40 buyers were present.

Packers steady. Stockers \$1 to \$3 higher. Feeders steady to higher.

Cows: fat, .52-.58; cutters, .47-.60; canners, .30-.47.
Bulls: bologna, .65-.81; feeders, .88-1.05; utility, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.50-2.00; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.70; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.55; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.24; 700-800 lbs., 1.01-1.14; 800-up lbs., .88-1.05.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.28; 600-up lbs., .85-1.15.

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Obituaries

Gladys Darnell



GLADYS DARNELL

Funeral services for Gladys Darnell, 86, of Haskell were held Sat., March 26 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Darnell died Wed., March 23 in Tyler.

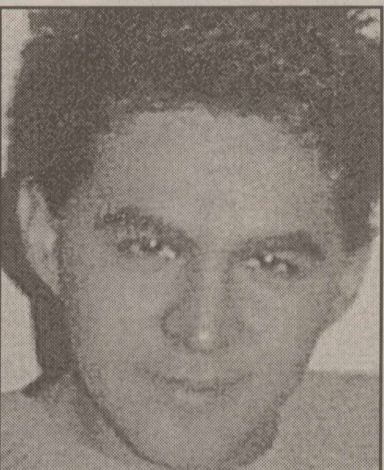
Born Dec. 10, 1918 in Knox City, she was the daughter of Rev. John F. and Martha F. Osborne Curry. She married Robert Darnell Oct. 5, 1940 in Oklahoma. She was a retail salesperson for a number of years and before retiring she owned her own dress shop in Azle. She loved people,

especially her family and always wanted them to be together. She was a very loving Mother and Grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors include her husband of the home; her children, Betty and husband, Sam Reedy of Tyler and Robert 'Bobby' and wife, Barbara Darnell Jr. of Lockhart; one brother, Rogers Curry of Lubbock; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Freddie Villa



FREDDIE VILLA

Rosary services for Freddie Villa, 39, of Dallas, formerly of Haskell,

were read Tues., March 29 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Funeral services were held Wed., March 30 at St. George Catholic Church with Deacon Julian Estrada officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Villa died Sat., March 26 in Dallas.

Born Dec. 15, 1965, he was the son of Domingo Villa Sr. and Delia Martinez Villa. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1984 and Western Texas College with an associate's degree. He later attended the University of North Texas. He

worked as a manager of a restaurant. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father; one nephew, Justin Villa; and a niece, Mychaela Lee Ann Marshall.

Survivors include his mother, Delia Villa of Haskell; two brothers, Domingo Villa Jr. and Toby Villa, both of Haskell; two sisters, Gloria Marshall of Haskell and Marie Carmack of Leander; two nephews, Brandon Villa of Stamford and Austin Marshall of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell Education Foundation, c/o Shane Hadaway, 410 N. First Street, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Agnes Oliphant



AGNES OLIPHANT

Funeral services for Agnes Oliphant, 89, of Pampa were held Fri., March 25 at Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa with Rev. Jim

Powell, pastor, and Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Oliphant died Tues., March 22 in Pampa.

Born June 5, 1915 in Hoenald, Tenn., she married Talmage Oliphant Nov. 4, 1933. He preceded her in death June 11, 1984. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1945, moving from Haskell. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church where she worked in the nursery for more than 30 years. She was a homemaker and child caregiver for many years.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Jowers in 2000;

four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Oliphant and wife, Melody of Pampa and Jerry Oliphant and wife, Dianne of Big Spring; two brothers, Tom Ammons of Pampa and Bill 'Junior' Ammons of Lake Brownwood; five grandchildren, Jasper Jowers of Brownfield, Bryan Oliphant of Lubbock, Brandon Oliphant of San Marcos and Cory Oliphant and Christy Heuston, both of Canyon; four great grandchildren, Joshua Jowers, Jonathan Jowers and Jarisa Jowers, all of Brownfield and Braeden Oliphant of Denton.

Memorials may be made to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Vashti Marr Benton



VASHTI MARR BENTON

Funeral services for Vashti Marr Benton, 102, of Sagerton were held Sat., March 12 at First Methodist Church in Sagerton with Philip Houston officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Benton died Wed., March 9 at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell.

Born Aug. 4, 1902 on Wild Horse Prairie in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Louis and Mattie Marr. She married Marvin Yater Benton May 14, 1921 in Haskell. He preceded her in death in 1976. She cooked in the lunchroom at both Sagerton and Rule Schools. She

always enjoyed marking things and enjoyed being with her family. After blowing out all the candles on her birthday cake on her 101st birthday, she proudly announced that she was 101.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Armitie Cook; and one grandson, Robbie LaPota.

Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Clark of Sagerton; one son, Yater Benton Jr. of Weatherford; one brother, Louis Eugene Marr Jr. of Weatherford; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Pauline Long

Graveside services for Pauline Long, 78, of Haskell were held Thurs., March 24 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Don Clevenger officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Long died Tues., March 22 in an Abilene hospital. Born June 23, 1926 in Wapanucka, Okla., she was the daughter of Claude and Lonie Boens Dennis. She married John J. Long May 5, 1945 in Brownfield. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 2001. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one sister, Hazel Corbett; and one brother, Narlon Dennis.

Survivors include her children, Carolyn Sue Beasley of Midland, Larry John and wife, Bette Long of Lufkin and Gary Don Long of Haskell; two sisters, Frances and J. T. Creech of Broken Bow, Okla., and Lona Mae Robertson; three brothers, Earl Dennis of Oklahoma, Avery and wife, Patsy Dennis of Wilberton, Okla. and Alfred Dennis; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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FLOWERING OF THE CROSS—Standing in symbolism of new life and hope through the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, was a cross covered with fresh flowers given to each person as they entered the sanctuary of Haskell First Methodist Church. The Flowering of the Cross ritual dates back to the 6th century.



BECKY TUBBS

Art show to honor Tubbs

Former Haskell resident, Becky Tubbs of Anson, will be honored with a reception at River Oaks Gallery in Abilene, Fri., April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Twenty-six of her paintings, along with ceramics by Brad Oliver will be featured.

During 2004, Tubbs received two national awards and one international award for her work. Earlier this year, Abilene's Center for Contemporary Arts named her as one of their Signature Members.

The artist invites her Haskell friends and anyone who is interested in art to stop by and view the showing which will continue through the month of April at River Oaks Gallery, located at River Oaks Shopping Village, South 14th St.



AT CLOTHING WORKSHOP—Participating in the Haskell 4-H County-Wide Workshop were: kneeling, l-r, Kate Rowan, Allison Petty and Jenny Dudensing. Standing, Andrea Anderson, Caleb Hudgens, Emily Fouts, Molly Dudensing, Brooke Bullinger and Candace Brister. Not pictured were: Meghan Glover and Lauren Lampe.

Clothing workshop attended by Haskell County 4-H'ers

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Eleven Haskell County 4-H youths participated in a countywide clothing workshop March 22 at the Haskell County Extension Office. As a part of their 4-H Clothing &

Textiles project. Participants learned several basic construction skills as they made fleece pillows.

Information on "Modeling Techniques" was also presented to the group by County Extension Agent, Jane Rowan.

Participating were Andrea Anderson, Caleb Hudgens, Brooke Bullinger, Candace Brister and Lauren Lampe, all of Haskell; Molly Dudensing, Emily Fouts and Jenny

Dudensing, all of Sagerton; Kate Rowan, O'Brien; Allison Petty, Rule; and Meghan Glover, Rochester.

4-H members are busy completing their 4-H clothing projects for the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show to be held Mon., April 4 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will host the 2005 show. The public is invited to attend the style show.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Healthy Marriage

Ask a child whether she wants to live with both parents or just one, and she will choose both most every time. Children are born yearning for a mother and father who love them and who love each other, and they suffer if that need isn't met.

That's not just a lofty ideal; it's the overwhelming finding of marriage research. "Why Marriage Matters," a report issued by a dozen nationally recognized experts in the field of marriage research, summarizes many of the ways marriage benefits children: Marriage increases the likelihood that children will stay out of poverty, do well in school, get a job, be healthy, have good relationships with their fathers, and wait to become parents. Children living with their married biological parents also are less likely to be abused, commit suicide, spend time in jail, and abuse drugs and alcohol.

Unfortunately, a growing number of Americans don't view marriage and parenting as a package deal. Births to unmarried parents nationally have skyrocketed from less than 6 percent of total births in 1960 to more than one-third today.

This isn't heartening for anyone concerned about the best interests of children. At the Office of Attorney General, we see the impact of out-of-wedlock births every day. More than half of the one million children we serve through our Child Support Division were born to unmarried parents. Establishing paternity and collecting child support are just a couple of the many ways we help give these young ones a future filled with hope. But is this enough?

One boy I met recently is a star student, despite being abandoned by his father. The boy and his mom were thrilled we were tracking down the thousands of dollars in child support his dad had refused to pay. Yet, there was an emptiness in his life that all the money in the world couldn't fill—a vacuum left by a father who

was no longer around.

As a compassionate state, Texas does everything it can to help these children, through child support and the array of other social services we provide. But when will we begin to focus more on a path of prevention, and not just a bridge to recovery?

The fact is, healthy, married families are the best child support there is. A child is loved there, supported there, protected there. We can encourage more healthy marriages by helping unmarried parents interested in building a healthy marriage acquire the skills and information they need to make informed decisions and to manage the challenges that arise in marriage. We also can arm them with information about relationship-building skills and cooperative parenting.

Do any unmarried parents want help building a healthy marriage? Yes, according to a major Princeton University study. When asked at the time of their child's birth, 53 percent of unmarried mothers and 63 percent of unmarried fathers reported being interested in a healthy marriage program.

For a healthy marriage initiative to work, it cannot be done through coercion or guilt, but only by appealing to couples already inclined toward marriage. We also must take seriously the issue of domestic violence, making safety our number one priority. And we will continue to support single parents, who face significant challenges in raising their children.

Of course, the path of prevention is never a quick fix. It took decades for us to get here, and turning things around for Texas families and children won't happen tomorrow. But we must start the journey.

Collaborations involving the public and the private, the religious and the secular, the liberal and the conservative are crucial to supporting healthy marriage. My office is sponsoring a series of six regional summits across Texas to bring these varied stakeholders together. Partnering with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Workforce Commission, we are convening community leaders to discuss how we can support healthy families and healthy marriages.

We owe it to our children to do this, because if we don't, it is they who will suffer the consequences.

Haskell School Menu

April 4-8 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Cereal, peanut butter nuggets
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Blueberry muffin

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 fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Soft tacos, cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato slices, chips, 2 fruit roll-ups
Thursday: Sliced turkey, gravy, garden salad, green beans, breadsticks, banana pudding

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

April 4-8 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwiches or cereal
Friday: Pancakes

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.
Monday: Hot dogs, chili, tator tots,

pickle relish, onions, jello

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake

Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, chocolate cake
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese with beef, broccoli, salad, rolls, fruit cups

Friday: Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, Spanish rice, chocolate chip cookies

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Around Town

John Richards and friend, Shannon Johnson of Dallas visited last week with John's parents, Hyrum and Jean Richards and grandmother, Lois Redwine. John and Shannon and to marry June 4 in Dallas.

Charles and Jean Blair had their annual Easter egg hunt Sunday evening with about 30 attending.

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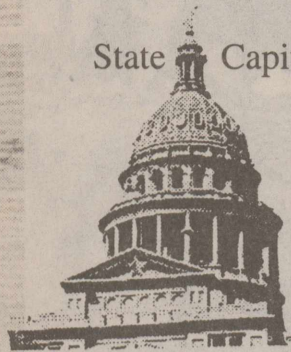
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Senate unanimously passes \$139 billion state budget bill
AUSTIN—The Senate has passed a \$139 billion state budget, but as the old saying goes, the devil is in the details.

With its unanimous approval on March 23, the Senate's bill goes to the House, where the numbers are not only different, the arithmetic has been called into question by Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. She says House Bill 3—the tax bill—lacks billions of dollars to create a balanced budget.

House leaders dismissed her comments as political and continued to put together a state revenue and spending plan.

Anti-bullying bill moves quickly...

The day after the March 21 school shooting in Minnesota the Senate passed Senate Bill 152, a measure intended to make Texas schools safer by directing school districts to do more to prevent bullying.

Sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), the bill got a 28-1 approval from lawmakers. The border senator said statistics show that 160,000 children skip school every day for fear of being bullied.

Preventing bullying is important because bullying has been shown to lead to more serious problems, she said.

She cited a study by the National Threat Assessment Center that found that of the 37 school shootings studied, more than two-thirds involved a perpetrator who felt he had been bullied or otherwise picked on or threatened at school.

Nine high...

A nine-high's not a bad low-ball poker hand, and that seems to be the winning number among the dozen or more gambling bills filed this session.

House Bill 9, filed by Rep. Kino

Flores (D-Palmview), recently gained some Republican co-authors, including Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Even if the bill passes, voters will get the final say on whether to expand legalized gambling in Texas.

GLO's Scrap File digitized...

The General Land Office's "Scrap File" doesn't sound particularly interesting, but the plain title belies its historic significance. The file, an early-day catch-all for land-related records, contains original surveys, survey field notes and various other land documents of high interest to a large but diverse group ranging from title companies to genealogists.

Some of the records go back to Spanish colonial times.

The documents in the Scrap File have now been scanned and made available on the Internet as part of the GLO's land grant database.

To search the newly-digitized Scrap File, go to www.glo.state.tx.us/archives.html.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has said his goal is to get all of the archival material in the GLO's possession online. To date, the GLO has 45,000 maps and documents digitized.

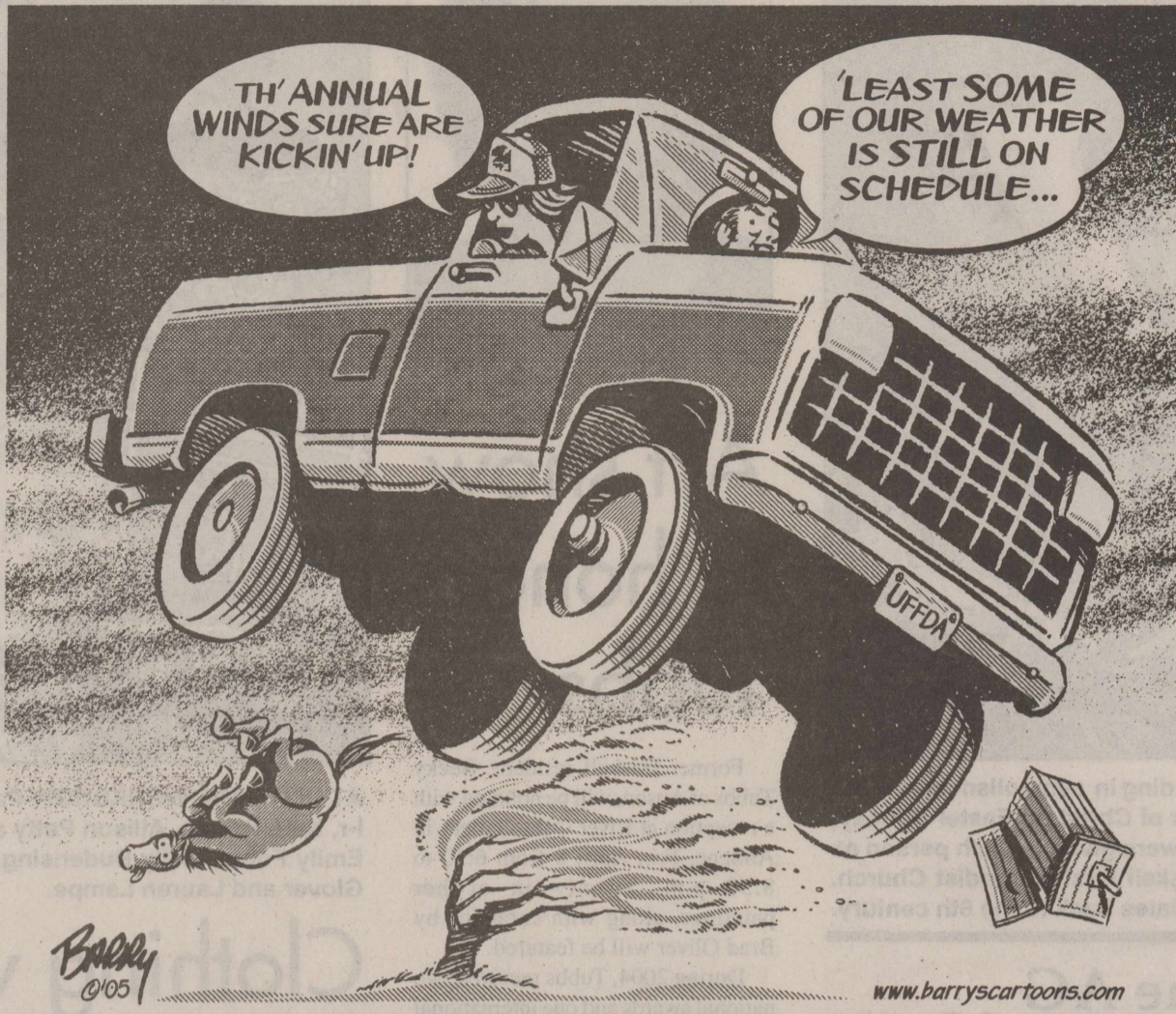
Shrimply delicious...

The Texas Department of Agriculture is dragging its nets for the best shrimp recipe in the state. Texans have until May 1 to submit their most flavorful shrimp recipe, be it salad, soup, stir-fried or whatever.

The only catch is that the recipe must have as its primary ingredient Texas-caught or Texas-produced shrimp.

According to TDA, Texas produces about a third of the annual Gulf shrimp catch and is the nation's top producer of farm-raised shrimp.

For details on the contest visit the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.



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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

March 30, 1995

Rule High School's one-act play, "Steele Magnolias" performed in Guthrie at the District 16A University Interscholastic League Contest and advanced to the Area Contest. Julie Saffel was named best actress and Amy Tibbets was named to the all-star cast.

Thomas Rodriguez, Ken Lane, James Billington, Greg Williams, Elicia Hogan, Cindy Barnes and Linda Haynes received certificates for participating or completing the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department's citizens training course.

The Haskell Free Press announced the association of Bart McDougal as Advertising Manager and a partner in the company.

Lisa, the baby elephant with King Royal Brothers Circus, was in town and made a stop at the elementary school to entertain the children.

20 Years Ago

March 28, 1985

Erica Hollingsworth of Rochester

was crowned Universal Beauty Miss La Petite in the "Big Country Universal Pageant System."

Jettone Bivins, Kathy Simmons, Keith Medford and Greg Rowland, members of the Paint Creek Range and Pasture Judging team, took second place at the district meet.

Velma Castillo and Cathy Rowan, Haskell seventh grade track girls, placed first in the track meet at Breckenridge.

At the San Angelo Stock Show the Reserve champion Hereford female award was shown by Faye Mullino of Rochester.

Douglas Lee Lanier, Don Wally Kretschmer, Alice Acosta, Albert Eugene Sherman, Cary Dean Hannsz and Casey William Hannsz, all from Haskell; and from Weinert, Deborah Ann Hutchison and Jeffrey Wayne Robertson were listed on the dean's honor roll at Angelo State University.

30 Years Ago

March 27, 1975

Mrs. Tim Everett was selected to judge the art, crafts and needlework

portions in the third annual Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi arts and crafts show.

W. E. Wooten of Haskell won the doubles event and was high-over-all in the Twin Seasons Handicap Championship trap shoot.

Mr. and Mrs. August Balzer accompanied their granddaughter, Kathy Cornelison of Wichita Falls, to Lewisville for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cornelison and a birthday party for Mr. Balzer.

Rochester's Debbie Quade, Kelly Kumlin, Michelle Silba and Debra Carver were first place winners in the Wichita-Brazos SWCD conservation poster contest.

40 Years Ago

March 25, 1965

Margie Earles of Paint Creek was voted one of the All-Tournament players by the coaches and referees at the West Texas State University's volleyball tournament. Earles was also one of the hostesses at the West Texas State University Regional Meet.

WTU President S. B. Phillips was presented an award for the fifth consecutive year West Texas Utilities Company has been awarded first place in the Bureau of Safety Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention contest.

Joy Bergstrom, Dianne Cadenhead, Gerre Colbert, Doris Pace and Diane Summers, girls from the Haskell Junior High, were selected by the high school faculty as eligible for candidates to Blue Bonnet Girls' State.

50 Years Ago

March 31, 1955

William Haynes, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haynes of Paint Creek, took the Ham radio test and passed to obtain his novice license.

Gary Ivy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ivy of Haskell, was the featured cornet soloist in the annual Spring Concert of the Haskell High School Band.

Alton Middleton of Haskell was appointed permanent caretaker and supervisor of the Scott Memorial Park.

John A. Couch of Haskell, retiring president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was named one of West Texas' four outstanding men by the chamber.

Dr. M. A. Chesney, Jr., co-owner of the Rule Clinic, received a commission as captain in the Air Force as a flight surgeon.

100 Years Ago

March 25, 1905

Mrs. J. W. Meadors went out to visit with the family of J. E. Irby over the weekend.

W. W. Kitley was in town and informed us that farm work was being vigorously prosecuted by the farmers around Sagerton.

The young men of Haskell have organized a baseball team and will soon be in shape to cross bats with teams from our neighboring towns.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas and across the nation. It is a time to focus on ways to not only protect children from abusive environments, but more importantly to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This year's theme is "Children First: Safe and Secure." The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is hoping to create an awareness of child abuse and to educate people in our community on how to prevent it. We believe that preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every caring community member.

During the month of April, Haskell County schools will participate in a different activity each week to promote awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. "Blue Ribbon Week" will open a month of activities, followed by poster contests during the second week, "Children First" bookmarks for all students during the third week, and pencils and activity sheets during the fourth and final week of Child Abuse Prevention Month. With these activities, we hope to make our students a part of preventing child abuse.

Unfortunately, child abuse and neglect exists in our state and will not go away by simply ignoring it. During 2004 in Haskell County, 36 investigations were completed by Child Protective Services, eleven children were in foster care, and six family-based safety services cases were worked. The Web site www.PreventChildAbuseTexas.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Contact your local Child Protective Services office for more information.

It's up to each of us to arm ourselves with the facts, learn the warning signs, and watch out for our most innocent Texans. It's up to all of us to prevent a child from becoming another heartbreaking statistic.

Sincerely,
Betsy McManamon
Haskell County Child Welfare Board

Dear editor,

I would like to thank all those who helped make the recent Scholastic book fair at Haskell Elementary such a success.

As always, we are very grateful to school personnel for their help in preparing for the book fair and their support throughout the event. We are indebted to some wonderful ladies from our community who volunteered their time during the days of the book fair and on Thursday night for the family event. Their assistance with the students and customers and with the many things that needed to be done kept the fair running smoothly.

Several students also helped before the book fair by lifting heavy boxes for us to unpack, and by being on hand for the family event to assist customers, register students for the drawing, and oversee refreshments.

We were happy to see the many parents, relatives, and community members who showed their interest by attending. It takes many people to make an event like this happen, so thanks again to everyone who had a part in making the book fair possible for our students again this year.

Sincerely,
Betsy McManamon
School Librarian
Haskell CISD

Gin Report

March 21, 2005
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	4,000
Haskell Co-op Gin	14,692
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op Gin	22,592
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	13,407
Sagerton Gin	2,700
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	9,455
Weinert Gin	11,730
Total Bales	78,576

'Taylor's Team' supports Autism research

By Jimmy and Melissa Burson
Parents of Taylor Burson

April is Autism Awareness Month, and we are helping to plan the first West Texas Walk F.A.R. for NAAR on Sat., April 2 at Abilene Christian High School. We hope to raise awareness and raise funds for the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR).

The mission of NAAR is to fund, promote and accelerate biomedical research and science-based approaches that seek to determine the causes, prevention and effective treatments and ultimately, a cure for autism spectrum disorders.

Our interest in NAAR is personal. Our beautiful, 10-year-old daughter, Taylor, was diagnosed at age 4, and we have since been learning all we can about it, and certainly, not enough money is allotted for its research.

Many people view autism as the "rain man" disorder, and think that if a person is not rocking, talking or banging their head, then they surely are not autistic. This is such a big misconception about this disorder. So often we have been told, "...but Taylor seems fine, she is so beautiful..."

Autism is a complex brain disorder that often inhibits a person's ability to communicate, respond to

surroundings and form relations with others. Autism is considered a spectrum disorder because symptoms and severity vary from individual to individual. It can affect people of all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, and occur in as many as one in every 166 births. Some are calling this an epidemic, and say the numbers for autism are even higher.

The term "autism spectrum disorder" is generally used by physicians to encompass a variety of symptomatic disorders that involve a fluctuation in the speed of processing of information through the brain.

Each named disorder is distinguished by the severity of clinical symptoms in a particular patient, and may include, Asperger Syndrome, Autistic Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), Rett Syndrome, ADHD, ADD, LD, and Dyslexia. There are no biological markers, medical treatments or cures for autism spectrum disorders to date.

This is why it is so important for more money to be raised to help with the biomedical research. It is no longer acceptable to just treat the symptoms and behaviors of autism.

We want to know what could have caused this to come into our family, and how we can get it to leave. Our goal is not unlike that of all parents; we want our children to have successful, productive and meaningful lives. If you have a child with a disability, she is going to have to work harder to achieve this goal, and will not be able to do it alone. The saying that "It takes a village to raise a child," is so true, when it comes to children with disabilities.

We believe that Haskell is the perfect village to help raise our Taylor. We strive for lots of money to be raised through this Walk, so that more research can be done to help unlock this disorder.

We pray that one day we'll be able to say, "Taylor, do you remember when you were younger and had trouble with your autism?" And she will smile, look us in the eyes and say, "Yeah, man, I'm glad that is over!"

Is this an obtainable goal? Yes, this "mama on a mission" and "determined daddy" know autism can be overcome.

Those wishing to donate to "Taylor's Team" at the Walk for Autism Research, may contact Melissa Burson at 864-8161 or 256-2509.

Student in the News

Michelle Raynes Johnson of Weinert was among 84 Vernon College students selected for the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

These are second year students

with a minimum 3.0 GPA. They were nominated for the list based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

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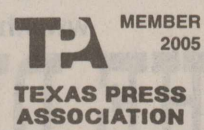
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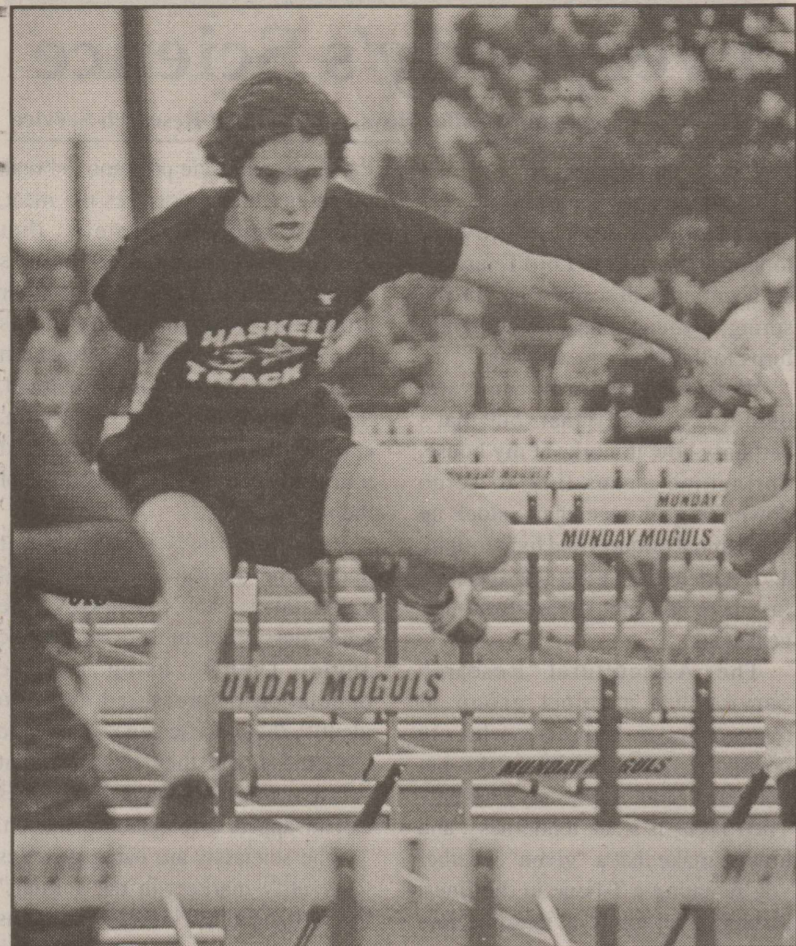
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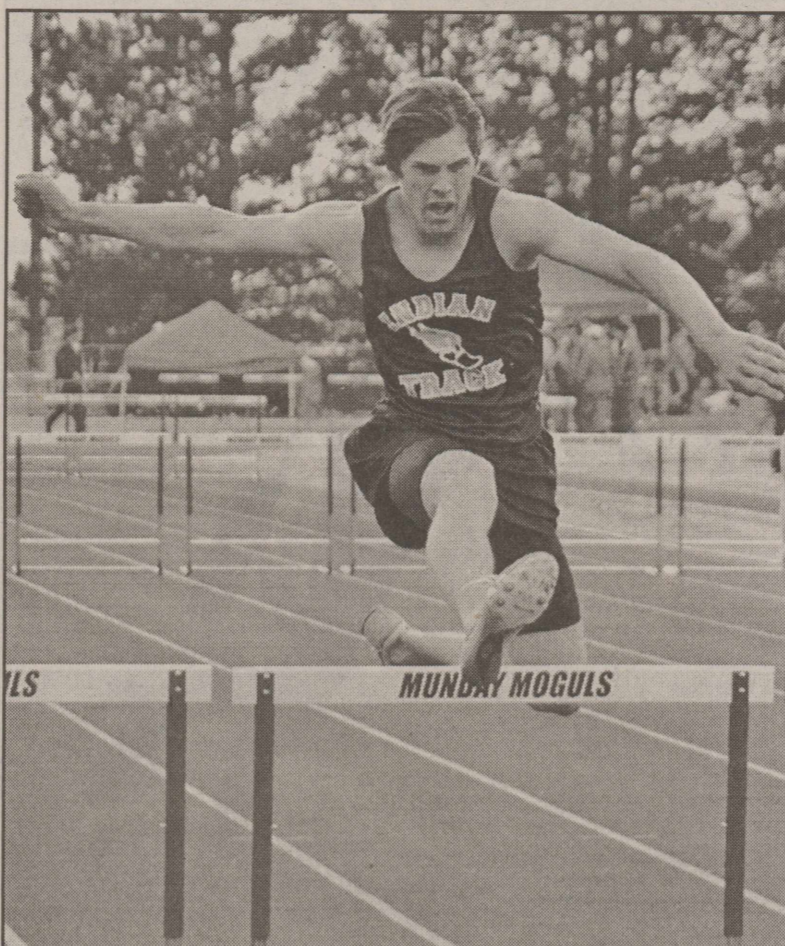
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SORRELLS SOARS—Haskell's Jeremy Sorrells flies across the 110 meter hurdles at the Munday track meet. Photo by Bill Blankenship



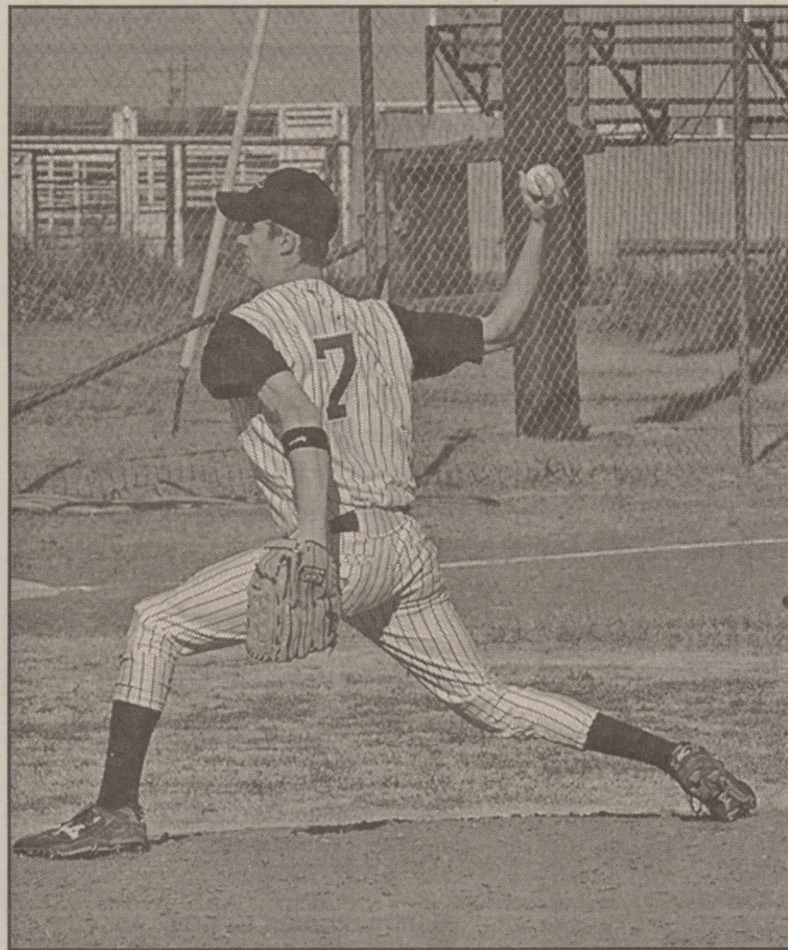
FLYING INDIAN—Haskell trackster, Matthew Brown, runs the 300 meter hurdles at the meet in Munday, Mar. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship



DASHING TO WIN—Haskell's Tamisha Dever runs the 200 meter dash to win the event at Munday, Mar. 25. Photo by Bill Blankenship



ON BASE—Haskell's Josh Tidrow plays third base in the Indian's 13-0 District shutout of Paducah, Mar., 24.



PITCHER AT WORK—Kendall Mitchell sends one in during the Indians' winning District game with Paducah, Mar. 24.

Diagnosis is first step in treating Alzheimer's disease

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

More than 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. However, few people can tell you much about it.

Alzheimer's is a chronic, degenerative disease which progressively gets worse. By 2050, more than 14 million Americans will be diagnosed. While there is no cure,

catching the disease early is important so medicine can help slow the progression.

Other conditions resemble Alzheimer's, so testing by a trained professional is very important. These similar conditions could be treatable or reversible.

For more information, the Alzheimer's Association Web site is www.alz.org.

Maidens golf team competes in Eastland, Baird tourneys

The Haskell Maiden golf team won Runner-up honors in the Eastland Tournament, Mon., Mar. 21.

The team of Candace Brister, Robbyn Tribbey, Mollie McKnight, Calin Kendall and Mali Torres shot a score of 408. Brister won 1st Medalist honors with a score of 86.

At the Baird Invitational played at

Shady Oaks Golf Club, Mar. 15, Candace Brister finished 4th with a score of 83.

David Middleton is the Haskell golf coach.

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PARTIAL LISTINGS: Restaurant equipment; frozen food freezer, knife display cabinet; new bolts of material; fleece lining; IBM typewriter, like new; upholstery cloth; canning jars; small refrigerator; black lacquered bedroom suite; 4x9 school rated sheetrock, vinyl coated; lumber; fire brick; regular brick; barn heaters; copper flashing; scooter; radial table saw; swimming pool filter system; pickup tool boxes; dog house and fence; portable pipe building 8'x8'. House and property at 12:00 noon. Lots of miscellaneous items.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Way too much to list.

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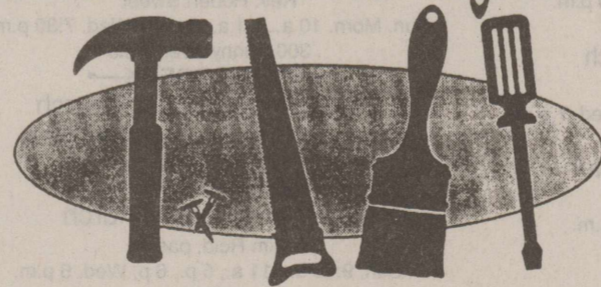
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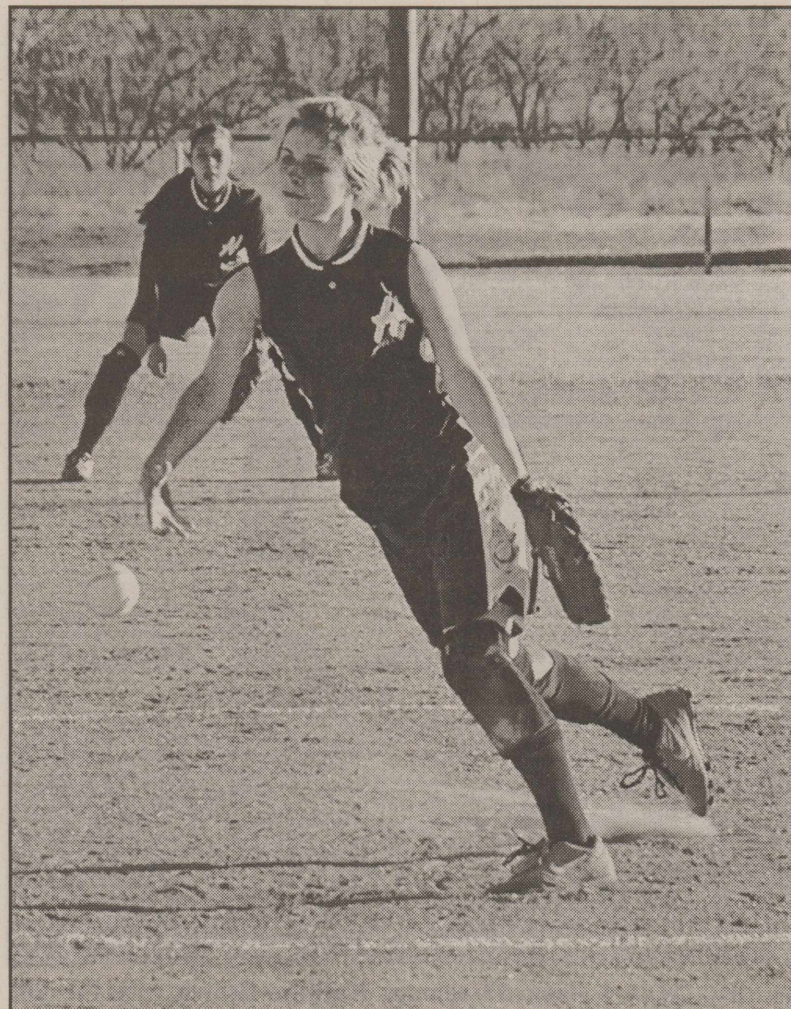
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CATCHING FOR HASKELL—Alexa Roberts works at the plate in the Maidens' game with Hamlin, Tues., Mar. 22. Photo by Bill Blankenship



PITCHING FOR HASKELL—Calina Kendall pitches for the Maidens at the girls softball game with Hamlin, Mar. 22. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

The Secrets of Tenderness—in Steaks

At last, the days are growing longer, and as Alfred Lord Tennyson so accurately described it, "In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of ...grilling."

Well, maybe Lord Tennyson didn't say exactly that, but that's certainly how it works at my house. Springtime means time to scrub down the grill once again, stock up on charcoal briquets and lighter fluid, and start anticipating the season's first incredible, juicy, fresh-from-the-grill steak.

The Agricultural Research Service has a select group of researchers in Nebraska who are positively fascinated by steaks—but not in the same way as my husband. Their focus is steak tenderness, and how to make that a "given" whether you're eating a T-bone in the finest restaurant in town or in some less elegant setting. To be precise, these particular scientists are trying to find out why the meat of certain cattle is more tender, and then breed bulls whose offspring are guaranteed to be tender.

The scientists started by observing nature—specifically, noting that meat is tender immediately after slaughter, then stiffens and becomes tougher, and eventually becomes tender again. The scientists found that this process is caused by the natural enzyme calpain, which breaks down muscle proteins in the meat. For this reason, the ARS researchers say that for meat to reach its optimal tenderness, it shouldn't be sold before it's been aged 14 days. That in itself could be a tough idea to sell to the meat industry, because the storage space and controlled temperatures needed for that aging process could add considerably to meat production costs.

Even with this information about calpain, the question remains: Why isn't all meat equally tender at the end of the "tenderization period"? To find the answer, the ARS researchers first took a closer look at what makes calpain work on the muscle proteins. Because the calpain enzyme needs calcium to really go into action, the ARS scientists developed a way of injecting calcium into meat to promote that tenderization process.

The ARS scientists also discovered that while it's the calpain

that causes muscle proteins to break down and thus tenderizes the meat, there's another protein that determines how much calpain is active in the first place. That other protein is called calpastatin, and its discovery is big news; if calpastatin controls the activity of the calpain, that means that it's the calpastatin, rather than the calpain, that ultimately controls the tenderness of the meat.

Now that the scientists better understand the roles of calpain and calpastatin, they're tackling the tenderness problem from the genetic angle. They're using a large population of crossbred cattle to identify the specific genes that cause tenderness, and they've found that variations in the gene that produces calpain appear to affect tenderness.

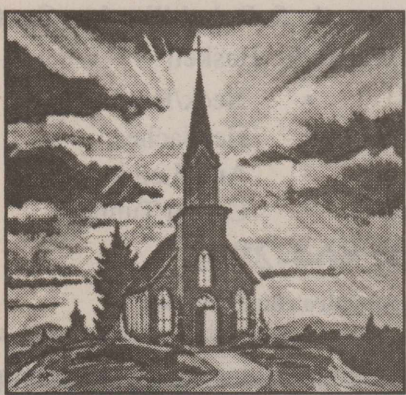
The scientists are using genetics to identify markers in the animals' DNA that can track these variations in the calpain gene. They're also looking for DNA tests that can predict the likelihood that a particular animal will yield tender meat. In the long run, this could make it possible for ranchers to breed animals that they know will consistently have more tender meat.

So far, the ARS scientists have been able to sequence the gene that produces calpain in both tender and tough cattle, and they've used that information to identify differences that can be used as DNA markers. They've also released a DNA test that was effective in identifying the "tough" animals among a large herd of beef cattle representing the most popular beef breeds in the United States.

Of course, nothing is ever simple when you're talking about genetics, so it shouldn't surprise anyone to learn that there may be genes other than those for calpain and calpastatin that play a role, albeit a small one, in meat tenderness. This means we'll ultimately need more genetic markers to be able to explain enough of the variation so that ranchers can pick just the right animals for breeding.

True, we don't yet have the entire "recipe" for producing a tender steak every time—but thanks to those ARS researchers, we're getting a much better idea of the "ingredients" involved!

This Week's Devotional Message:



During our childhood, we were often so carried away with April Fool jokes that we continued them the next day. Then, someone would admonish us with the little two-liner, 'April Fool is past; you're the biggest fool at last!' However, after we grew up, we learned that fools are not hard to find, and that we don't have to wait for a special occasion but can see them all the year

'round. They are the ones who consider attending their house of worship a waste of time, because things are going well for them at the moment. So don't be a fool, but start now—if you haven't already—to seek God's help and guidance. Then, when something does go wrong, you'll be better prepared to solve it or cope with it. It's the wise thing to do.

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Danny Manross, pastor
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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864-3465
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East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Rennegarbe, 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 George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 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., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 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.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. T. L. Griffin
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Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

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

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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Dealing with bats

Millions of Mexican free-tailed bats are returning to Texas from their winter homes in Mexico, and while research is revealing an increasing number of bat benefits, scientists say there are some common-sense steps schools, businesses and homeowners can take to coexist peacefully with bat visitors.

The bats return to the southwestern U.S. each year where they will spend the summer raising their young. Each mother gives birth to a single baby called a pup. At the first signs of cold weather in the fall, they will begin returning to warmer Mexico.

Research has shown Mexican free-tailed bats gobble up moths that lay eggs on crops, eggs that develop into larvae that eat cotton, corn, and other important agricultural plants. University researchers have documented that this can save farmers significant dollars in avoided crop losses and decrease the need for pesticides.

"While we are happy to see the bats arrive in Texas each year, they sometimes take up residence in places where they are unwelcome," said Barbara French, conservation officer with the nonprofit Bat Conservation International.

"A few bats in an attic are not likely to be a problem, but bats should not be allowed to enter interior living or working quarters. When necessary, bats can be safely evicted from buildings using proper bat exclusion methods. Openings used by bats to exit the building can be fitted with a valve, generally a simple smooth tube or netting through which bats are able to exit but not re-enter the building. Valves should be left in place for one week to make certain all bats have gotten out, and then openings can be permanently sealed shut," French said. Proper bat exclusion techniques

protect both people and the bats. For more information about proper bat exclusion techniques, see the Bat Conservation International Web site, click on "projects" and then "bats in buildings."

"If you want to keep these voracious insect predators around, you can install a bat house near the place they are living before evicting them," said Meg Goodman, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bat biologist. "When the bats are unable to get back into the building, they will have an alternative roost."

Building bat houses is a great project for schools and Scout troops. Goodman said. Wood shop classes can get involved and once the bat house is installed, classes can observe the bats and monitor their own bat colony. For more information about bat houses, visit BCI's Web site under "projects" then "bat houses."

While it is true that some animals, including bats, contract rabies, Goodman said people should keep this in perspective. She said less than one half of one percent of bats in natural populations get rabies.

"But always be safe," Goodman emphasized. "Do not handle bats, and educate children about the dangers of approaching any wild animal."

Mexican free-tailed bats form large colonies in bridges and caves throughout the southwest and make spectacular nightly emergences in the summer. Texans are proud of their unique bat colonies. For more information about when and where to see bat emergences, visit the BCI Web site under "Discover" then "Texas Viewing" or see the TPWD Web site Nature pages.

Property owners or managers, schoolteachers and others may contact Barbara French at french@batcon.org or (512) 327-9721 or Meg Goodman at meg.goodman@tpwd.state.tx.us or (512) 912-7042.

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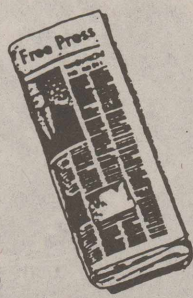
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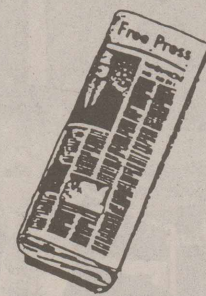
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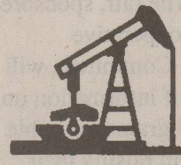
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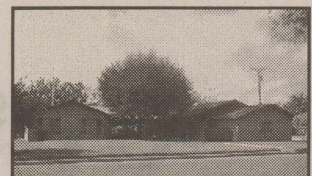
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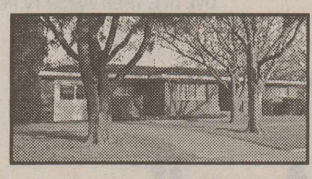
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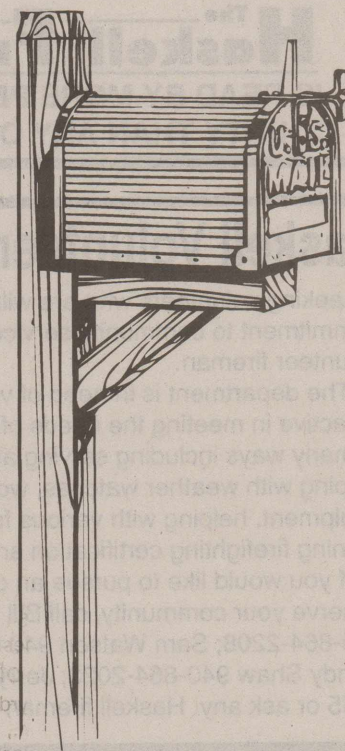


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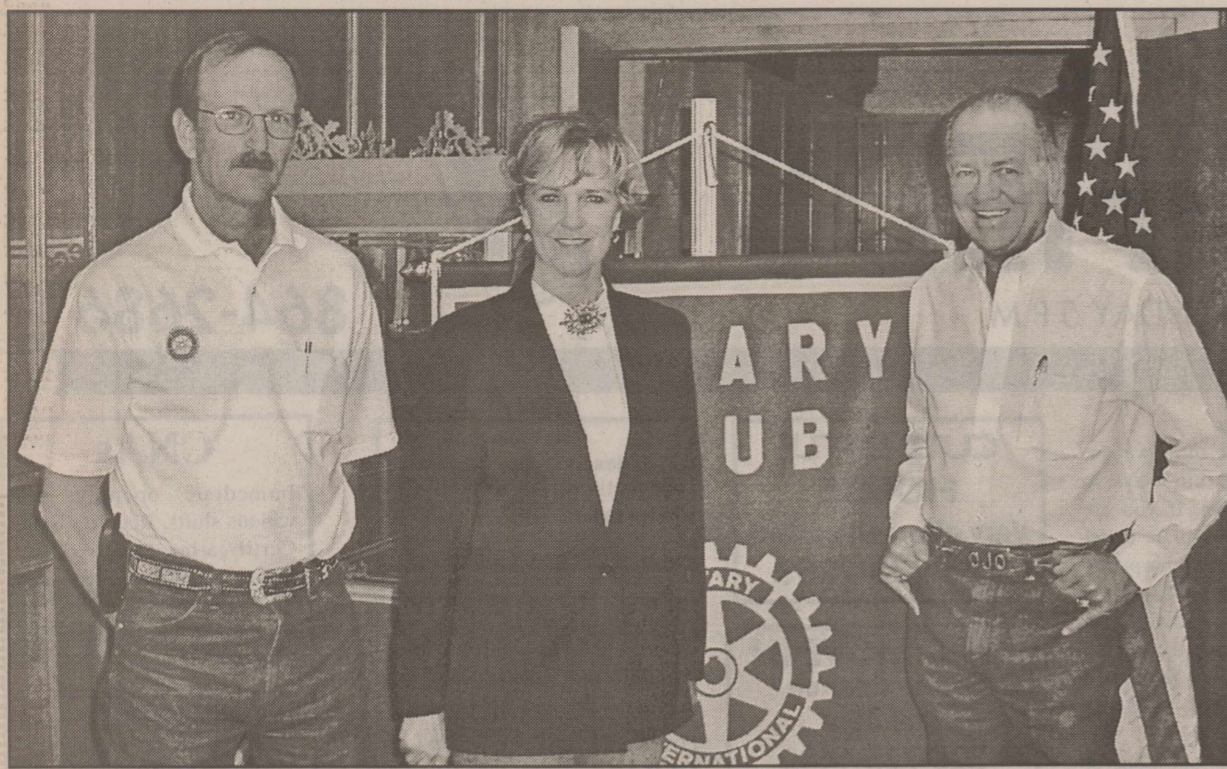
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Rowan wins calf scramble award

Kiel Rowan, a member of the Rule FFA Chapter, has received a \$500 academic award by the Calf Scramble Committee of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth.

Rowan, son of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien, was eligible based upon his participation in the Stock Show's Calf Scramble project during 2004. He is among 53 Texas high school students who share a record total of \$60,500 in awards.

The funds are made available as the result of the Calf Scramble Committee's fund-raising efforts and support from individuals and businesses in this area. The generosity of donations enabled the committee to award educational awards above its intended goal for the seventh year in a row.

Winners were selected on the basis of performance in their yearlong heifer project, which required management, correspondence with sponsors and a final essay. The Stock Show's Calf Scramble program involved over 240 young people from Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters who caught a calf at one of the 30 rodeo performances in 2004. Those students each received a \$500 certificate to purchase a heifer, care for it and return to the recent 2005 Stock Show, where they entered their animals in the Junior Heifer competition.

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The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will host 'Spring Fling' Sat., April 9 at the Civic Center. Entertainment will be the 'Imitation Stats.' A brisket dinner and trimmings will be served along with homemade desserts. The silent auction will begin when the doors open and continue until the program ends. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member, from the Noah Project office or at the door. Call 864-2551 for more information.

Auction items

The Noah Project-North is seeking auction items for the annual dinner and silent auction to be held Sat., April 9 at the Civic Center. To donate an item or cash, contact the Noah Project-North at 84-2551 or P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521. Proceeds of the auction help victims of family violence.

Recovery program

New Vision Worship Center, Hwy. 380 East in Haskell, will host a faith-based twelve step recovery program beginning Thurs., April 7 at 7 p.m. For more information call 864-3137.

Queen's contest

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Little Miss (ages Kindergarten to fifth grade), Junior Miss (sixth grade to eighth grade) and Queen Pageant (ninth grade to twelfth grade) will be held May 21. Entry deadline is April 15. Entry forms are available at county schools, The Personality-Slipper Shoppe and Dulaney Abstract. Watch next week's paper for more details.

Storm sirens

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

Parenting fair

A parenting fair will be held Tues., April 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Knox City High School Gym in Knox City. The fair, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension-FCS Committee, will offer a variety of information on services and programs available to help parents in raising their children. Booth space is available. For more information, call the Knox Co. Extension office at 940-459-2651.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., April 4 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

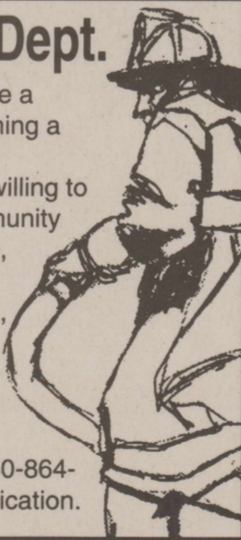
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Weather Whys

Moon rings

Q: What causes the large ring you can occasionally see around the moon?

A: The correct term for such a ring is a halo, says Dr. Ping Yang of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. They occur when there are layers of thin clouds high in the sky.

"Haloes are the results of ice crystals, and the light shining through them creates a ring or halo effect," he explains. "The light becomes refracted as it passes through the ice crystals. Haloes are fairly common, but how often you see them depends on several factors, including how much cloudiness there is in the sky. In some parts of the U.S., especially in the east and northeast, you can see them very often in winter and early spring when the air is cold. Haloes are usually formed by cirrostratus clouds, which are thin sheets of clouds that look like a veil or piece of gauze, and because cirrostratus clouds are made of ice, they tend to create haloes when light is refracted off them," Yang adds.

Q: Is there such a thing as a halo around the sun?

A: Yes, says Yang, and sun haloes occur about as frequently as moon haloes. "Haloes may look like a thin, white ring, but they are actually colored much like rainbows," he says.

"The icy air of the Arctic and Antarctic can produce haloes that are extremely brilliant. Haloes are just one of the many unusual atmospheric formations that can occur. There used to be some old wives tales that if you saw a halo, it meant rain would occur within 24 hours or so. But we know today that's not true.

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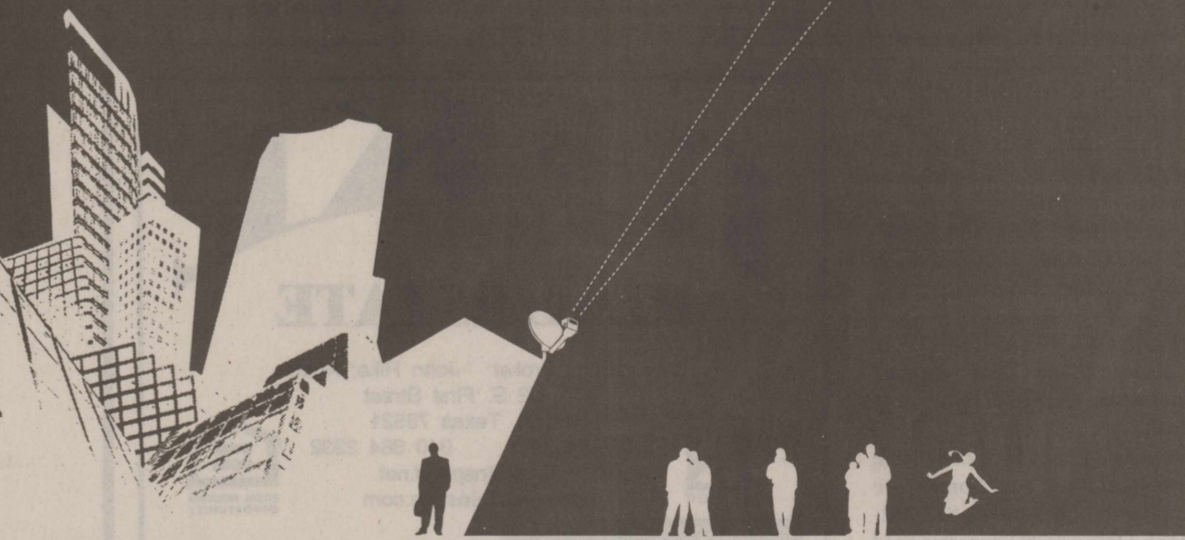
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Offer ends 7/31/05 and is available in the continental United States. Must be a new, first-time DISH Network residential customer. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Local and state sales taxes may apply. Where applicable, equipment rental fees and programming are billed separately. All DISH Network programming, and any other services that are provided, are subject to the terms and conditions of the promotional agreement and Residential Customer Agreement, available at www.dishnetwork.com or upon request. Local Channels packages by satellite are only available to customers who reside in the specified local Designated Market Area (DMA). Significant restrictions apply to DISH Network hardware and programming availability, and for all other Social Security Numbers are used to obtain credit scores and will not be released to third parties except for verification and collection purposes only or if required by governmental authorities. See your DISH Network Retailer, DISH Network product literature or the DISH Network website at www.dishnetwork.com for complete details and restrictions. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners.