

## Calendar

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 24 edition. Space is limited to the first twelve pictures received. Please bring your original picture on Wednesday evenings from 1 to 4 p.m. to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

### Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 5. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477.

### Burritos for sale

Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 will sell combination burritos for \$10 per dozen April 22 through May 9. Proceeds will benefit summer camp expenses. Call Kay Smith at 864-3344 or contact any Boy Scout to place an order.

### Prayer day

Local churches will host prayer on topics of concern to citizens as well as prayers for local and national authorities during the National Day of Prayer service Thurs., May 3 at noon at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Haskell, the program will last 30 minutes. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, call Paula Rennegarbe at 864-2193 or Richard Barr at 325-280-5549.

### Song service

A song service will be held Sun., May 6 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 107 N. Ave. F, in Haskell. Everyone is invited to come and participate in an old-fashioned community hymn service. For more information, call Richard Barr at 864-3550 or 864-2445.

### All night party

Volunteers are needed for the Haskell Co. All Night Party to be held Fri., May 25. A meeting will be held Wed., May 9 at 8 p.m. at City Hall, 301 S. First. All parents, teachers or persons interested in helping with the party for high school students are asked to attend.

### Cinco de Mayo

The Haskell St. George Catholic Church will celebrate Cinco de Mayo Sun., May 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the church grounds. Mexican food will be available. Lots of games, including a cake walk and bingo will be held.

### Send off

A gospel music send off for Africa missions to raise funds for this summer's Africa Mission trip will be held Sat., May 12 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The program will include praise and worship, old fashioned gospel music, and testimony of Jeff Caparoon. The mission reaches out to under privileged in the country Togo, West Africa.

### Luncheon

The First Baptist Church Youth group will host a stuffed baked potato luncheon including dessert and tea Sun., May 6 beginning at noon in the First Baptist Family Activity Center in Haskell. Proceeds and donations will help raise money for camp.

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## Early voting underway

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Three are State Academic meet alternates



**UIL STATE ALTERNATES**—Three Haskell High students receive Alternate for the 2007 State UIL Academic Meet which will be held in Austin May 3-5. John English, center, qualified in Prose Interpretation; Stephanie Grand, left, and Lacey Peiser, right, qualified in Calculator Applications.

Eleven Haskell High School students participated at the Regional UIL Academic Meet at ACU April 14. Three of those students placed individually, receiving Alternate for the State Academic Meet in Austin to be held this weekend. John English placed fourth in Prose Interpretation, Stephanie Grand placed fourth in Calculator Applications, and Lacey Peiser placed fifth in Calculator Applications.

Other participants were Douglas Moore, Jared Webb, Meredith Harvey, Veronica Session, Diana Mauricio, Shambrie Rodriguez (as a substitute), Kellye Tidrow and Maegan Baugh.

Once a competitor reaches the Regional competition, only 12 students in the entire state get to advance to the state level individually for each event.

Haskell High School received Second Place Overall in the 2007 District UIL Academic Meet with eighteen students winning 27 individual and four team awards at the District UIL Academic Meet in Stamford March 26. Students winning first, second, or third individually or first place team qualified for the Regional Academic Meet, held at ACU April 14.

Both the Journalism and Calculator Application teams received first place, and the

Social Studies and Accounting teams received second place.

Individual awards included: Editorial Writing: 1.\*Lacey Peiser, 4. Meredith Harvey 5. Jared Webb.

News Writing: 3.\*Lacey Peiser.

Feature Writing: 1.\*Jared Webb, 2.\*Meredith Harvey.

Headline Writing: 3.\*Douglas Moore, 5. Brooke Bullinger.

Ready Writing: 1.\*Robert Ward, 2.\*Maegan Baugh.

Informative Speaking: 6. Paige Adams.

Science: 4. Justin Cox, 6. Colton Young.

Social Studies: 5. Jared Webb, 6. Kristen Martinez.

Second Place Team: Webb, Martinez, Ethan Frierson and Blake Foley.

Computer Applications 4. Andrea Anderson.

Mathematics: 3.\*Stephanie Grand.

Calculator Applications:

1.\*Lacey Peiser, 2.\*Stephanie Grand, 5.\*Kristen Martinez.

\*First Place Team: Peiser, Grand, Martinez and Diana Mauricio.

Poetry Interpretation: 4. Stephanie Grand.

Prose Interpretation: 2.\*Veronica Session, 3.\*John English.

Accounting: 2.\*Kellye Tidrow, 3.\*Stephanie Grand, 6. Roxanne Chavez. Second Place Team: Tidrow, Grand and Chavez

Literary Criticism: 3.\*Maegan Baugh.

## WHPD Queen's pageant set May 20

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Sun., May 20 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Four categories will include: Little Miss (K-2nd grade); Young Miss (3rd-5th grade); Junior Miss (6th-8th grade); and Queen (9th-12th grade). The afternoon will feature younger contestants in Sunday dress and the Queen contestants in formal dress.

Entertainment will be provided. Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged at the door to offset pageant expenses.

The pageant coordinators and WHPD extend a special invitation to all young ladies who are Haskell County residents or who are affiliated with one of the ranches participating in the WHPD Ranch Rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor (merchant or family member) to pay the \$25 entry fee. Interviews, pageant rehearsal and a luncheon with casual dress will be held for all participants and the pageant

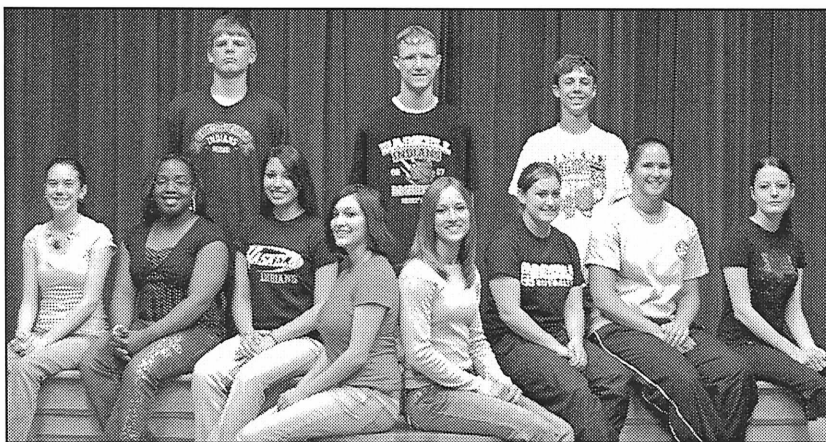
judges Sat., May 19.

The winner of the Queen category will receive a \$250 scholarship. All winners will receive a tiara and flowers. Runners up will receive flowers. The winner will ride in the WHPD parade Fri., May 18 and be introduced at both rodeo performances.

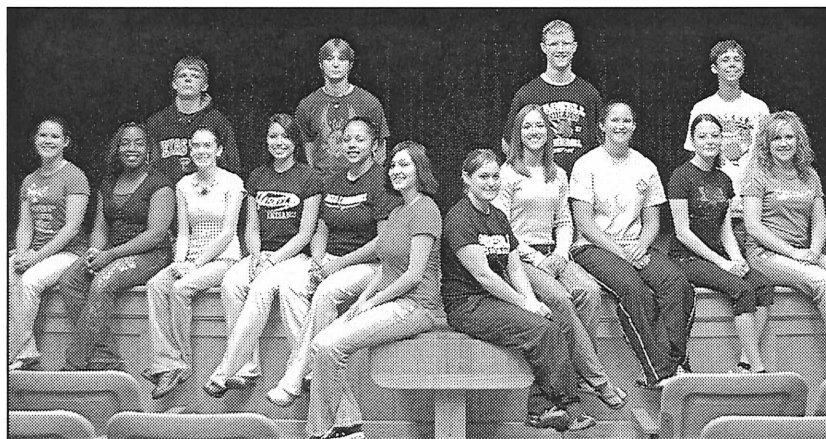
All participants will be given the opportunity to ride in the parade and be involved with various activities during the WHPD weekend.

This is an excellent opportunity for young ladies to gain experience in interviewing and public speaking, while meeting new friends and having fun.

Applications will be available at all Haskell County schools, the Chamber of Commerce, the Personality-Slipper Shoppe and the Haskell County Judge's office. Deadline for applications is Wed., May 16. For more information, call 864-2851.



**UIL REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—Twelve Haskell High students qualified for the Regional Academic Meet held April 14 at ACU in Abilene. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Meredith Harvey, Veronica Session, Diana Mauricio, Kristen Martinez, Stephanie Grand, Kellye Tidrow, Lacey Peiser and Maegan Baugh; back row, Douglas Moore, Jared Webb and John English. Not pictured is Robert Ward.



**UIL DISTRICT PLACERS**—Eighteen Haskell High Students won 27 individual and four team awards at District UIL Academic meet March 26. Pictured are front row, l-r, Brooke Bullinger, Veronica Session, Meredith Harvey, Diana Mauricio, Roxanne Chavez, Kristen Martinez, Kellye Tidrow, Stephanie Grand, Lacey Peiser, Maegan Baugh and Paige Adams; back row, Douglas Moore, Colton Young, Jared Webb and John English. Not pictured are Justin Cox, Robert Ward and Andrea Anderson.

## Rule tracksters qualify for state

The Rule boys track team took first place with a total of 70 points at the the Region II-A meet at Elmer Gray Stadium at Abilene Christian University. The team took first in the 400 Relay, with 44.22. Team members were C. J. Saucedo, Kade Kittley, J. T. Spitzer and Jonathan Rincon. In the 800 Relay, Rule took first with

30:88. On the team were Rincon, Kittley, James Wolfe and Saucedo.

Individual members of the team who won places included Kade Kittley, first in the 200 Meters with 22.51; and Stephen Pace, first in 110 Hurdles with 15.14, and first in the 300 Hurdles with 40.32.

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### Summer school

Haskell Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2007-08 school year. The summer school will be for eight weeks beginning June 4 and ending July 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Neither transportation nor meals will be provided. If less than ten eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered. If you have an eligible limited English student who is interested in this program, call Cindy McCulloch at 940-864-8007 on or before May 4.

### WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held June 1 at 5 p.m. For entry forms or information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

### Fish fry

The Noah Project-North will host a fish fry Sun., May 20 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational building, across from the hospital. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, ten and under. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project-North office 864-2551, or at the door.

### Storm sirens

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

### Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**—Lillian Hicks, third from right, was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party at Rochester Fire Hall Sun., April 22. She has been a special part of many folks who like to call her 'their nurse.' A host of relatives, friends, former students and former co-workers joined to give Hicks a big surprise. Family members attending were, l-r, Brandy and grandson, Jeff Wade along with their children Lillie Grace and Reagan Ann, son-in-law Pat McDaniel, son John Hicks with his stepson Morgen McGuire, Lillian Hicks, daughter Ann McDaniel, and daughter-in-law, Suzanne McGuire. Not pictured is grandson, Chance McGuire.

## Obituaries

### Trinidad 'Butch' Rodriguez



**'BUTCH' RODRIGUEZ**  
Funeral services for Trinidad 'Butch' Rodriguez, 59, of Haskell were held Wed., May 1 at St.

George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father George Roney officiating. Rosary was read Mon., April 30 at St. George Catholic Church. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Rodriguez died Sun., April 29 in Abilene.

Born June 13, 1947 in Haskell County, he was the son of Mac H. and Felicia Enriquez Rodriguez. He married Susana Lopez Aug. 18, 1966 in Haskell. He enjoyed playing golf with his brothers, sons, nephews and friends. He was employed by Rodriguez Inn and was a member of St. George Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers,

Tony Sr. and Joe Cool Rodriguez.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Rodriguez of the home; sons, Trinidad Jr., Salvador and wife, Cecilia, all of Haskell, Victor of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Michael and wife, Felicia of Munday; daughters, Christina Landaverde and husband, Javier, Cathy Billington and husband, Johnie Jr., and Jessica Benavides, all of Haskell; brothers, Mac Jr., Andy, Sam, Danny and Jesse, all of Haskell, Greg of Mineral Wells, and Marcello of Abilene; sisters, Mary Jane Chavira of Mineral Wells, Mary Helen Jimenez of Waxahachie and Mary Felis Barrios of Haskell; fifteen grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. PD. NOTICE

### John Thomas Therwhanger

Funeral services for John Thomas Therwhanger, 89, of Haskell were held Wed., May 2 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Therwhanger died Sun., April 29 in Munday.

He was born in Haskell County, where he lived most of his life. He farmed in the Weinert community from the 40's until the late 80's. After 'slowing down,' he continued to farm and raise registered Hampshire hogs on a smaller farm just east of Haskell. A longtime member of the First Baptist Church, he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was served on the Weinert ISD school board for about 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Eula Therwhanger; the bride of his youth, Eula B.; wife, Myrtle Plemister Therwhanger; and two sisters, Louise Dossey and Sarah Simmons.

Survivors include his children and spouses, Jack and Glenda Therwhanger of Fort Worth, Truman

and Charlene Therwhanger of Seagoville, and Judy and Don Love of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; two sisters, Marcelle Zingeraran of Venetia, Pennsylvania and Margaret Rainey of El Dorado, Kansas; four brothers, Truman of Sulphur Springs, G.B. of Haskell, Billy 'Dick' of Llano, and Bobby of Munday; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were grandchildren, Suzanne Burt, Terri Edwards, Angela Therwhanger, Kerry Therwhanger, C. Lance Love, Amy Henard, Casey Love; and great grandsons, Beau Klose and Taylor Therwhanger.

Memorials may be made to his favorite charities including his church, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9929; Carl Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174; West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605. PD. NOTICE

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## Seat belt campaign to begin

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
"Never mind mosquitoes, bees or ants—with the coming of warmer weather, Texans are likely to be bitten by the travel bug," said Bev Kellner, Texas Cooperative Extension program coordinator for passenger safety. "But some of those travelers may not reach their destinations," she said.

The numbers are especially grim for those in rural areas and those traveling in pickup trucks. Studies show that 56 percent of pickup crash fatalities in Texas happened in rural areas, compared to 44 percent in urban areas. That's why every spring the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sponsors a campaign to increase safety belt use.

Click It or Ticket is a two-week-long program designed to emphasize the ease—and cost

effectiveness—of using a seat belt. Marked each year to include the Memorial Day weekend, this year Click It or Ticket is scheduled for May 21-June 3.

"Safety belt use is the single-most effective way to protect against injury and death in traffic crashes," Kellner said. "Using safety belts does not cost a dime—not using them will cost you a citation during the May 'Click It or Ticket' mobilization." Law enforcement officers across the state will be extra vigilant in enforcing safety belt usage laws. So not only does 'clicking it' save lives, it can also save the cost of a ticket.

In addition, the Buckle Up In Your Truck campaign, which will be conducted during the same two weeks, is aimed at 18- to 34-year-old men who do not consistently wear their safety belts in their pickup trucks. This campaign, which focuses on

pickup truck drivers and passengers in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and the Indian Nations continues throughout May.

According to information from the traffic safety administration, from 2001 to 2005, 1,444 people died in pickup truck rollover crashes in Texas. Pickup trucks generally are larger than cars, and owners tend to feel safer in them. But pickup trucks roll over twice as often as passenger cars and 65 percent of the rollover fatalities in pickup trucks were unrestrained, compared to 60 percent in all passenger vehicles.

Wearing a safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover pickup truck crash by up to 80 percent, according to figures from the highway traffic safety administration. "Safety belt use is higher in passenger vehicles," Kellner said. Last year in Texas, that rate of usage was 90.4 percent in passenger vehicles and 86.4 percent in pickup trucks.

Those may be a lot of numbers to keep in mind when planning a spring or summer vacation getaway so keep it simple: Just remember, 'Click It or Ticket.' Take those few seconds to buckle up on every trip. It may very well save your life.

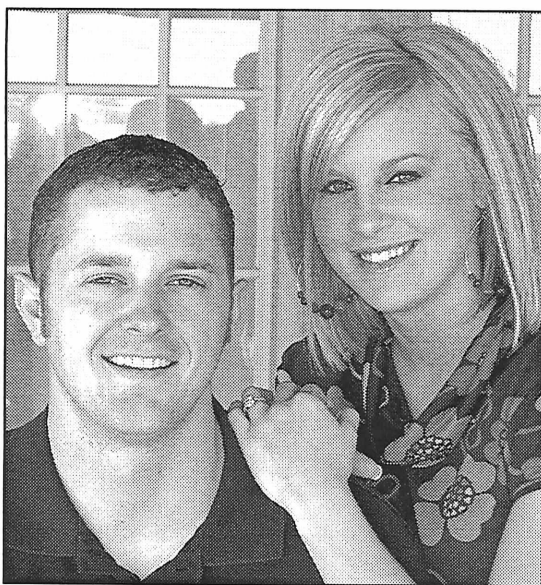
## Roofing materials

Wood shake and shingle—nope, it's not the newest dance fad. These are just a few of the materials from which your roof can be made. Clay, concrete tile and architectural sheet metal are also popular roofing materials.

Still, the most common type of roof is made of asphalt shingles. They're affordable

and easy to install. If high winds strike, check your roof for missing or turned up shingles. Water leaks can result from having damaged shingles.

If you notice any damage, immediately call a professional and have your roof properly repaired.



HEATH PINKERTON - WHITNEY WALLACE

## Wallace, Pinkerton plan to marry June 30

Mark and Tammie Wallace of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Wallace, to Heath Pinkerton, son of Harvey and Susan Pinkerton of Snyder.

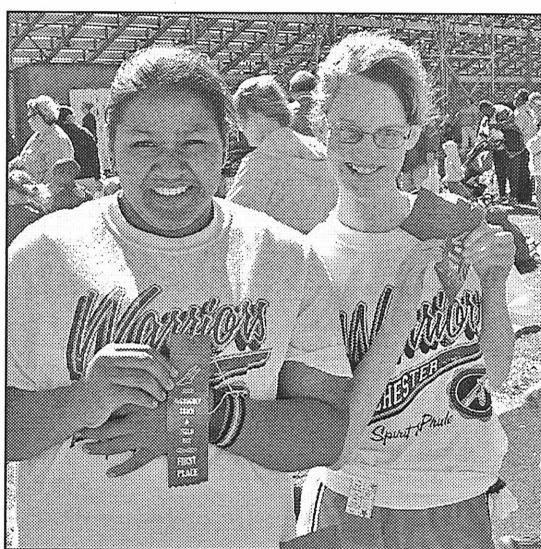
The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Haskell High School and received her cosmetology certificate from South Plains College. She is employed by Davidson-Taylor Salon and Day

Spa of Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School and is employed by Global Pumps and Equipment of Lubbock.

The couple plan to marry June 30 with an outside wedding at the home of Mark and Tammie Wallace.

They plan to reside in Lubbock.



**SHOWING OFF THEIR RIBBONS**—Irma DeLeon and Beth Foley, Rochester Junior High students, show off the ribbons won at the annual John McGaughey track and field day sponsored by Tri-County Education Co-Op at the Hamlin High School track. Students, ranging from Pre-K through high school, participated from all over the Tri-County Co-Op area. The day was rewarding for participants and spectators. The crowd cheered as the students overcame various disabilities to participate in the events. Also attending from Rochester were teachers, Tara Olson and Karen Smart and parent and school secretary, Mandy Foley.

## EEA Clubs meet at Rally Day

The annual District 3 Tri-County Rally Day was held in Seymour April 23 at the Baylor County Extension Office. Theme of the meeting was "A green, growing garden, a good cup of tea, a day touched by sunshine, a warm memory." Thirty-three members from Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties attended the meeting.

Rita Vokes, RNP from the Area Agency on Aging in Wichita Falls, gave a program on Chronic Illness—"What You Need to Know" and "Practical Tips for Prescription and OTC Medications." Vokes presented information on dealing with

issues associated with chronic illness, handling medications, and tips to make therapeutic lifestyle changes.

Pam Martinez of Texas Floral in Seymour, presented a program on "Spring and Summer Gardening and Decorating." Martinez gave techniques for soil preparation, when and how to plant, and maintenance of plants in order to provide a longer flowering season.

After a potluck luncheon, members shared helpful hints and presented antique show and tell items. Door prizes of flowering plants were donated by Baylor County.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Fannie Mae Barton's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick of Fort Worth visited with her April 19-20. While here, they helped her with a clean up job. A birthday celebration was held for Erma Liles. They took Liles with them to church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Scoggins and Willie and Jean Jones were in Denton attending a church assembly over the weekend. While there the Scoggins visited with their grandchildren, Macy, Malarie and Dami. Jean brought

a friend from Africa, Elizabeth Okonshi, home for a two day visit.

Bobby Scheets and Creora Tatum were in Midland on Saturday visiting with Audrey and Caden Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pharam visited her mom Sunday and attended church at Trinity Baptist Church.

Cody Blair and Abbie of Munday visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Sunday.

## Teachers join Beta Chi Chapter

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held an April meeting in Munday at the First United Methodist Church. The Fellowship Hall was decorated in an Easter theme.

Three Haskell teachers, Jody Foster, Trish Johnson and Debbie Miller, were initiated into the

society. A short business meeting followed. The state convention will be held in June and possible chapter projects for area teachers were discussed.

The next meeting will be a salad luncheon on Sat., May 5.

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State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Dozens of bills already await governor's signature

AUSTIN—Out of those thousands of bills lawmakers have filed in the 80th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, about 150 already are on their way to the governor, having passed both House and Senate.

Hundreds more will land on Gov. Rick Perry's desk before the Legislature adjourns on May 28. Perry will have a 10-day period following adjournment to sign, veto or ignore legislation on his desk. Bills he chooses not to sign or veto will take effect without his signature.

Here are just a few bills of general interest awaiting action by the governor.

•HB 5 by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, cuts the homestead property tax of the elderly and disabled.

•HB 1098 by Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, prohibits immunization against human papillomavirus as a condition for admission to public school.

•HB 2061 by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, provides that a county or district clerk is not liable for the disclosure of a living person's Social Security number contained in a document filed with the county or district clerk.

•SB 90 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, establishes a pilot program to provide ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.

•SB 112 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, allows a peace officer to confiscate an individual's firearms and ammunition during a state of disaster.

•SB 369 by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine to alter or obscure a motor vehicle's license plate.

HB 1892, which achieved Senate approval on April 27, slows down by two years the governor's plan to close the deal on the Trans Texas Corridor, a 50-year, statewide toll road-building project.

The bill, by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored in the Senate by Williams, passed 27-4. "No" votes were cast by senators who hoped to get started on plans to relieve traffic congestion, or wanted to keep all options active and on the table.

After the vote, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said, "I believe privately financed road projects play an essential role in our transportation future."

But, Dewhurst added, a two-year moratorium would give the people of Texas and lawmakers time to make sure such projects "actually work and benefit all Texans."

### Property tax protest bill passes

The House on April 27 passed a measure to give landowners more flexibility to postpone and reschedule their property appraisal protest hearings.

HB 538 by Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, allows a land owner to postpone their property tax protest at least once without showing cause, and lets a land owner make additional postponements upon demonstration of reasonable cause.

The bill also increases the amount of time for the postponement of a protest hearing from 15 to 30 days.

Under current law, appraisal districts may choose to allow a land owner to postpone their appraisal protest hearing if the owner or their agent show good cause for the postponement. A hearing may be postponed by no less than five days, and no more than 15. The law does not allow additional postponements.

### House OKs govt spending site

A proposal to create a "one stop shop" on the Internet where citizens would find a detailed accounting for all Texas state government expenditures earned tentative approval of the House.

HB 3430 by state Reps. Mark Strama, D-Austin; Bryan Hughes, R-Marshall; Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Houston; Juan Garcia, D-Corpus Christi; and Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, is modeled after federal legislation passed last year by U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

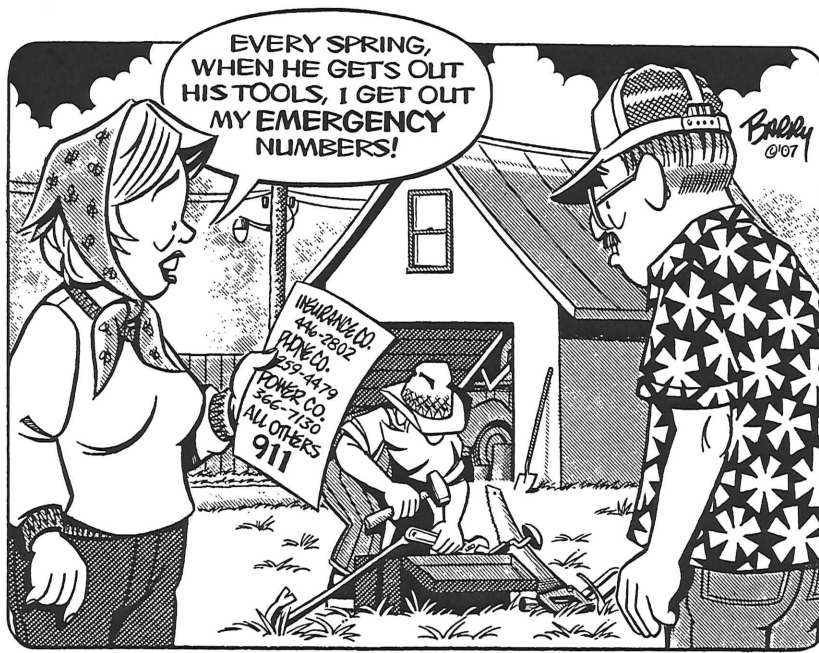
"Direct citizen access to information has already created a powerful additional check and balance on government and the media," Strama said.

The Web site would be accessed through TexasOnline and maintained by the state comptroller.

### Dog bite legislation is OK'd

HB 1355 by Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, would increase penalties to owners who fail to reasonably secure their dog, if the dog makes an unprovoked attack on a person, resulting in serious bodily injury or death.

The House passed the bill, and it has been assigned to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee for further consideration.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago May 1, 1997

Bobby Hobgood, David Middleton and Joseph Thigpen participated in the Rolling Plains Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association's golf tournament.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wright were Mr. and Mrs. David Parham and Heather and Dekota of Iowa Park, Daren and Deniece Wright of Nugent, Edward Wright of Abilene and Shannon Messenger of Snyder.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Darden over the weekend were Sherrie Chambers and Andy, Lorie and Laurel Hill of Clyde, and Gary, Hollie and Kayla of Abilene.

### 20 Years Ago April 30, 1987

Patricia Henry of the Haskell FFA Chapter has been elected as the Double Mountain District Sweetheart.

Haskell Jr. High cheerleaders for the 1987-88 school year were Stacey Feemster, Marsha Moore, Sunny Lindsey, Emily SoRelle, DeAnne Wallace and Kim Gilly.

Haskell FFA judging teams competed in the State contest at Texas A&M. The Meats team of Scott Burris, Jerry Davis, Joey Thomas and John Wilson placed fourth with Davis receiving seventh high individual honors.

### 30 Years Ago April 28, 1977

James McClure of Dallas and Duane Josselet of Denton spent the weekend visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lee McClure.

The board of advisors for the

Outstanding Young Men of America Award program announced James Deral Hudson of Haskell has been selected for the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

The Haskell High School golf team coached by James Raughton, placed first in district 6-A competition. Kyle Markey is the only senior player on the Haskell team. Joseph McCoy earned the medal for best individual player in the district. Nathan Frierson placed 5th and Chris Colbert 6th in medalist honors.

### 40 Years Ago April 27, 1967

Bruce Young announced this week that Bennie Harvey is now working at the City Barber Shop.

Mrs. Jack Sanders and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and Karen were in Abilene to visit Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baxter.

Winners from Haskell in the District Fire Prevention Poster, announced at Rotan were: first, Jim Browning, Edith Schmidt and Debby Burson; second, Derrell Schmidt, Homer Garcia, Connie Turnbow; third, Bobbie Cates and John Cox.

### 50 Years Ago May 2, 1957

Robert Starr and John Ivan Clifton, HHS seniors, accompanied by Coach Jess Stiles, visited Texas Technological College, in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Middleton have returned from a vacation trip to Miami, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Arbuckle

spent the weekend in San Antonio where they visited in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clay Brock.

Guests in the W.D. Hellums home over the weekend were the brothers and sisters of Mr. Hellums. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gossett, Alvord; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips, Decatur and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Wall, Portales, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiseman and family and W.H. Wiseman spent the weekend in Hobbs, New Mexico. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiseman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCurray and family.

### 100 Years Ago May 4, 1907

J.R. Mitchell of Weinert was in town Wednesday.

Judge H.R. Jones had architect J.W. Dennington prepare plans for a handsome new residence which he plans to have built on the site of his present residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Foster and children will leave for Galveston to meet Una Foster, who is on her way home by steamer from New York.

Dr. T.L. Lewis, who has been attending the state dental college at Dallas came home for a visit.

The Haskell Concert Band went to Rule and furnished music for a picnic.

Lochie Sprowls returned from Nashville, Tennessee where she has been attending Radnor College.

M.W. Webster of Runnels County was here this week and bought 327 acres of land four miles northeast of Haskell.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The City of Haskell would like to thank the many people who helped assist the city in promoting and working in last week's Haskell City Wide Clean Up week. Without the help and assistance of you, this event would not have been a success.

A special thanks to:

The 39th Judicial District Probation Community Service workers and Benny Gibbs with Haskell County for helping pick up large items around town. (35 loads).

Patsy Bivens, Louetta Wallace and Laura Alsabrook with planning and coordination.

Director of Public Works, Thomas Rodriguez, and all the city employees for their help above and beyond day to day activities.

The Haskell High School Student Council for hosting a place to dispose of batteries, old paints and other liquids.

The Haskell Free Press and Big Country 97.1 for promotion of the clean up week.

And lastly, the citizens of Haskell and all the hard work and attention that was given to residences and other properties throughout the week.

Thanks so much,  
Brandon Anderson  
City of Haskell

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 908 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., April 28, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

382 steers and bulls. 264 heifers. 262 cows and bulls. Special cow sale Sat., May 5.

Cows: fat, .45-.52; cutters, .52-.58; canners, .40-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.72, feeders, .85-.95.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.61-2.05; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.58; 400-500 lbs., 1.24-1.28; 500-600 lbs., 1.20-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.0450-1.20; 700-800 lbs., 1.03-1.04; 800-up lbs., .91-1.03.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-2.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.20; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.15; 500-600 lbs., 1.02-1.10; 600-up lbs., .87-1.02.

Bred heifers: medium frame 650-810.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-910; aged or small, 550-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-1150; older, 650-850.

## Ant species suffer identity crisis

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Entomologist Tim Davis of Clemson University says people are usually surprised when he tells them the number of ant species with which he deals.

"South Carolina has 120 species of ants on its watch list," says Davis. As one can imagine, all these species create a situation where many types of ants are ubiquitous in not only South Carolina, but also the United States, causing headaches for homeowners.

"There is a lot of misidentification of ants," Davis says. "People think they have an infestation of fire ants, but they might be Acrobat ants or Argentine ants. Different species exhibit different behavior."

Some species, especially the two genuses of fire ants in South Carolina (the red imported fire ant and tropical fire ant), are dangerous to humans and animals. While fire ants are able to be contained through similar treatments, other ants pose problems for people due to misidentification.

Many homeowners in the

United States think they have a fire ant problem, when they actually encounter an entirely different species of ant. Davis says it's important to make a correct identification before beginning treatment.

"A lot of money could potentially be wasted by investing in fire ant killer if the problem is a different species."

## Managing protein supplementation

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

At one time, figuring how to supplement protein was pretty simple. Crude protein (CP) was the universal standard, even though it's not a direct measure. CP is determined by the relatively simple procedure of analyzing for percent nitrogen, factoring in the average percentage of nitrogen in proteins, and then calculating "protein." Then nutritionists decided that metabolizable protein (MP), true protein absorbed by the intestine, was what needed to be addressed. In ruminants, two things can happen to protein consumed by the animal. It can pass through the

rumen intact (undegraded intake protein, UIP) or be broken down (degraded intake protein, DIP) and used by rumen microbes in synthesizing protein. Considerations of both UIP and DIP have proven to be important in growing animals, especially when feeding high-concentrate rations. But the situation is less clear in grazing animals, especially mature cows.

North Dakota State University researchers studied steers weighing about 1,100 lbs. that had been fitted with rumen and duodenal cannula for extracting samples. Steers were fed low-quality (6.0% CP) grass hay ad lib supplemented with three

levels of UIP.

Each supplement provided the same amount of DIP and net energy. There was also an unsupplemented control. As expected with forage of this quality, digestibility was lower with no supplementation. However, among the three supplemental UIP levels, there was no difference in digestibility, total ruminal volatile fatty acids, or synthesis of microbial protein.

The authors concluded that "under conditions in this study, supplementation with additional UIP, when DIP requirements are met, provided little added benefit."

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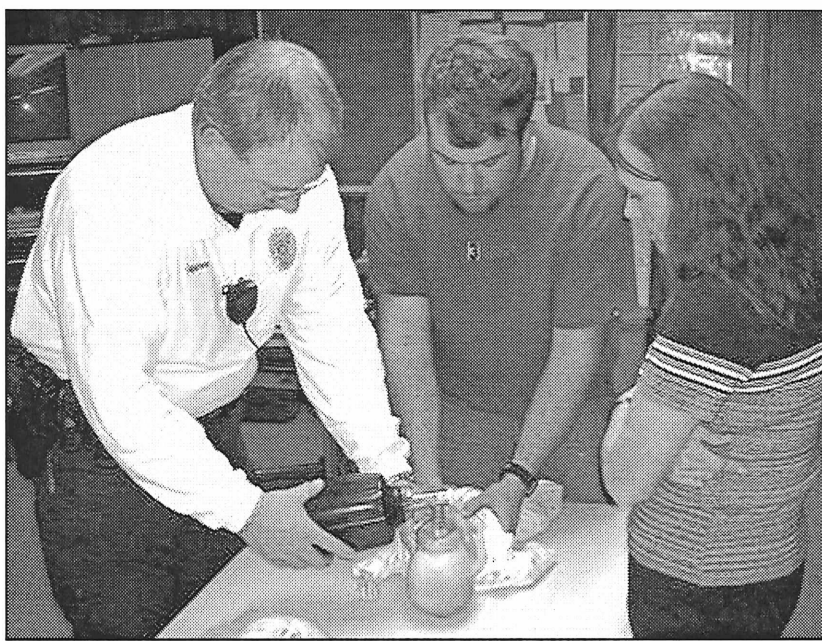
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**FIRST AID TRAINING**—Linda Haynes, center, watches as first aid responder and Haskell fireman, A.J. Shaw, tends to his patient, Sarah Davidson. Firemen and local law enforcement officers received credit for the two night classes.



**CPR TRAINING**—Haskell City officer, Jeff Caparoon, left, and Haskell volunteer fireman, Casey Moeller, center, practice infant CPR skills while Charlotte Arendall, instructor, supervises their techniques. Firemen attending the two night Basic Life Support, CPR, Automatic Defibrillator and First Aid classes were Randy Shaw, A.J. Shaw, Brian Scifres, Eddie Klose and Casey Moeller. City officers attending were Jeff Caparoon and Mathew Cunningham along with Sheriff's Deputy, Jason Torres.

## 4-H District Fashion Show held

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Eight Haskell County 4-H members advanced to the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show April 21 after winning first place honors at the Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show. The district show was held at the Slidell School where 4-H contestants from 24 counties participated in the annual event sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension and AEP.

Cotton Awards, donated by the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., were given to the first place best cotton garments in the construction and buying categories in each division.

Theme of the District show was "City Lights, City Slickers." Wise County 4-H leaders hosted the event.

Results of the day's competition were:

Junior Construction Casual: second place, Emily Fouts; Junior

Construction Pop-Over: fourth place, Sarah Campbell.

Intermediate Construction Dressy: third place, Allison Petty; Intermediate Construction Speciality: first place, Jenny Dudensing; Cotton Award: first place, Jenny Dudensing.

Senior Construction Dressy: first place, Molly Dudensing; Senior Buying Casual: fifth place, Sydney Saucedo; Senior Buying Dressy: second place, Kate Rowan; Senior Buying Formal: first place, Candace Brister.

First place senior division winners, Candace Brister and Molly Dudensing, advance to the State 4-H Fashion Show June 6 in College Station.

Three Haskell County Volunteer 4-H Clothing Project Leaders were selected to serve as judges for the district competition. These leaders were Debbie Brister and Laurie McBroom, both of Haskell, and Kris Fouts of Sagerton.

Local County Extension Agents, serving Haskell county are Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS and Wes Utley, County Extension Agent/Ag. Contacted them by calling 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. The Haskell County Extension Office is located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.



**CPR TRAINING**—Haskell City officer, Mathew Cunningham, left, and Haskell Volunteer fireman, Eddie Klose, center, practice CPR techniques during a recent class taught for firemen and local officers. County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Torres looks on during the session. Instructors for the class were Charlotte Arendall, American Heart Association BLS Instructor, NREMT; assisted by Randy Shaw, ECA; Linda Haynes, EMT; Casey Caldwell, EMTP; Randall Martin, EMTP; and Tony Haynes, EMTP.

## 4-H'ers compete at Round-up contests

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Youth from twenty-four counties competed Wed., May 2, at the annual District 4-H Roundup Contests in Vernon.

The counties make up the Rolling Plains District 3 of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

The event was held at the Vernon Boys and Girls Club and Wilbarger Auditorium, where officials about 380 4-H boys and girls, parents, leaders and County Extension Agents gathered. District 4-H Roundup is an event that consists of many contests where 4-H members present a talk, or perform skits, music or poetry before a panel of judges. This teaches youth leadership, self confidence and the ability to think on their feet.

Contestants attending from Haskell County were Molly Dudensing, Kate Rowan, Kiel Rowan and C.J. Saucedo.

District Extension Administrator, Galen D. Chandler, said the judging of the contests—ranging in subject matter from beef cattle production to consumer life skills—began at 9:30 a.m.

Winners were announced at noon in the Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium.

Wednesday's competition included three divisions, Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The first, second, and third place Senior winners in each contest qualify to compete in the State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station this summer.

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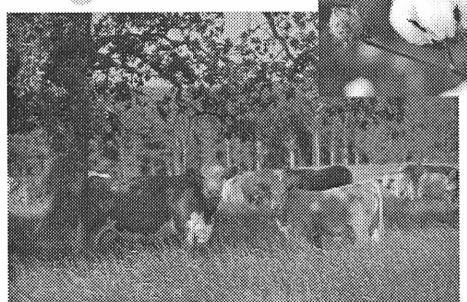
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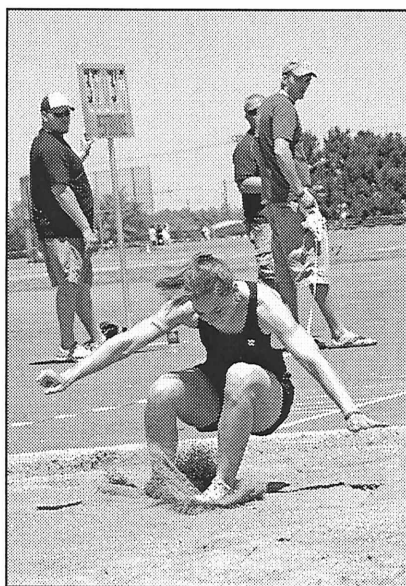
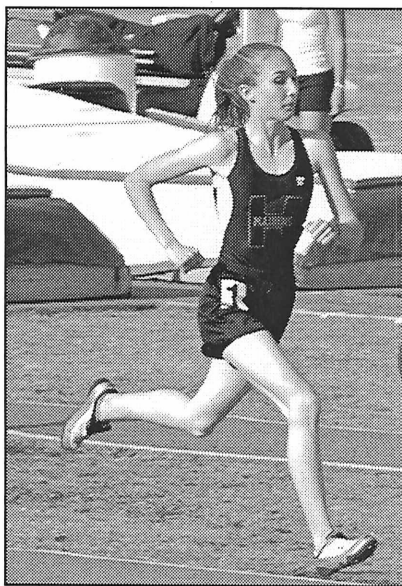
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**REGIONAL TRACK**—Aubrey Bassett, left, took 8th place in the 400 meter run and Stephanie Grand took 8th place in the triple jump event Fri. and Sat., April 27-28 at Abilene.

Photos by Bill Blankenship

## Paint Creek School Menu

**May 7-11 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Toast or cereal  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Tacos, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, corn,

fruit  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, chocolate cake  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake  
**Thursday:** Turkey or ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, fruit  
**Friday:** No school

## Alvis celebrates 97th birthday

Ruby Matthews Alvis of Haskell celebrated her 97th birthday, April 28, in her home with her children, James and Frankie Alvis of Haskell, Kenneth and Tommy Alvis of Fort Worth, and Ruby Kay and Jim Tinelli of Katy.

## Haskell School Menu

**May 7-11 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Tuesday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast  
**Thursday:** Muffin, goldfish  
**Friday:** No school

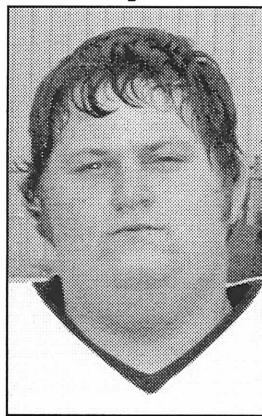
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

**Monday:** Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pudding  
**Tuesday:** Jose 'Ole burrito, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, fresh fruit  
**Wednesday:** Quesadillas, salsa, pinto beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, lettuce, tomatoes, peanut butter pie  
**Thursday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, french fries, ice cream  
**Friday:** No school

## Students visit Rotary Club



**JAKE JEFFREY**



**RYLIE TATUM**

School in Oklahoma to become a master welder.

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Andrew Long is the son of Tom and Carla Long of Haskell. He attends the Haskell Church of Christ.

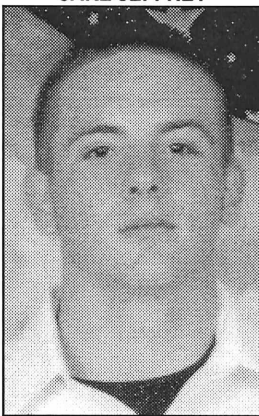
In school he is active in the National Honor Society, is Library Aide, Office Aide and helped to build a trailer.

He was chosen as Outstanding Debater, selected to All Big Country and All West Texas Football Team, and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Among his favorite things to do are attending Wednesday Night Bible Studies, Sunday Men's Training Class, basketball and weight lifting.

His future plans after high school are to "go where God wants me, and to do what He wants me to do."

He wants to be a minister for awhile, then later get into politics. Not sure what University he plans to attend (possibly Wayland Baptist) he plans to get a degree in both Theology and Political Science. "Mostly, I want to make a difference," he said.



**ANDREW LONG**

Jacob Ryan 'Jake' Jeffrey is the son of Jackie and Paula Wilcox of Haskell.

He attends the Haskell Church of Christ.

In school he is active in football and baseball.

A special award for him was being named as 2nd team running back in District 6AA.

His hobbies are welding, video games, hunting and watching movies.

His future plans after high school include attending Texas Tech University to get a degree in avionics and then to join the Air Force to become a pilot.

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Rylie Tatum is the son of Clarence and Bonita Tatum.

In school he is active in football, baseball, Ag Show animals and Ag mechanic.

He likes hunting, taking care of his show animals and working.

Awards he has received include the FFA Star Greenhand Award, and the Star Chapter Officer and Outstanding Chapter Farmer.

His future plans after finishing high school are to start on Aug. 21 attending Tulsa Welding

## ECC Menu

**Mon., May 7**

Lunch—Ham slice, English peas, hominy, cranberries, yeast roll, banana cake, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., May 9**

Lunch—King Ranch chicken, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, sliced onions, garlic toast, caramel cake, milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., May 11**

Lunch—Beef stew, pimento or tuna sandwiches, sliced onions, pickles, strawberry jello, peanut butter cookies, milk, tea, or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



The word 'conservation' should become increasingly a part of our everyday vocabulary; not just as an expression but as a mandate to preserve our environment and ultimately, life itself. When God gave us this planet for our home, He did so as a sacred trust, expecting us to take care of it as conditions warrant. For example, in a normally dry area or during a periodic drought, it is only common sense not to

waste water. And with out landfill disposal sites growing into towering mountains, it behooves us to recycle containers or re-use them as best we can, to at least slow down the process. Learn at your house of worship that the earth is ours to inhabit and enjoy, but also to maintain; so let us assume, our share of the responsibility for it. It's the only home we'll ever have.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, 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. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. 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. 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**  
Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

#### First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

#### Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

#### —ROCHESTER—

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

#### First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

#### First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### —RULE—

#### First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omega  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor  
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Written By  
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First, determine if the relative qualifies as your dependent. An adult dependent's gross income must be less than the exemption amount for 2006 (\$3,300), but some income, such as social security, isn't counted for this purpose.

You also must contribute more than half of your relative's support. Social security does count as support for this test. However, if you and others together provide more than half of a person's support, you can claim the exemption if the others are willing to sign a document called a "multiple support agreement."

If a relative could be your dependent except for having too much income, you still might be able to deduct any medical expenses you paid for him or her in 2006. To do so, you must pay the bills directly as part of the individual's support, and your total unreimbursed medical expenses must exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income.

If you're single and helping to support a parent, you may be able to file as head of household. Head of household tax rates are lower than those for single people, although higher than those for married couples filing jointly. To qualify, you must maintain your parent's principal home, and your parent must be your dependent. The parent need not live with you, although adult dependents other than parents would have to live with you for head of household status to be available.

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NOTICE  
The Haskell County Appraisal District will be accepting sealed bids on properties in Haskell County. The sealed bid will be opened at the May 10th, 2007, Board of Directors meeting, which will begin at 7:30 a.m. There are two properties in the City of Haskell, eight in the City of O'Brien, one in the City of Rochester, and two in the City of Rule.

For more information on how to bid on these properties, come by the Haskell County Appraisal District office at 604 N. 1st St. or call 940-864-3805. The BOD has the right to accept or reject any/all bids. 17-18c

NOTICE  
The City of Haskell will be accepting bids for a set of truck scales to be installed at our city landfill. The specs for the scales need to be 40 ft. by 12 ft., pitless, side rail truck scale, fully electronic, NTEP approved, 80,000 lbs. capacity, prepared for 8 inch concrete deck.

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The City will provide the

### Public Notices

leveled off site and your company will be responsible for all other construction and installation. Dealers can bid a similar model as long as it meets or exceeds the above listed specs. For more information or if you have questions, please call Brandon Anderson at 940-864-2355. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tues., May 8th, 2007. 17-18c

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Laura Alice Irvin, Deceased, were issued on April 23, 2007, in Cause No. 4,341, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Mayme Irvin Gee.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 1 Avenue D, Post Office Box 206, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Dated the 24th day of April, 2007.

Kristen L. Fouts  
Attorney for  
Mayme Irvin Gee  
State Bar No.: 00786434  
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Post Office Box 206  
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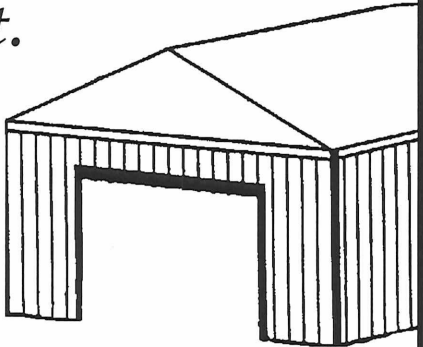
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Donations may be mailed to:  
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301 N. First St., Haskell, TX 79521





**ANGELS HONORED**—The octogenarian women of First United Methodist Church in Haskell were honored at a banquet Thurs., April 26. The special celebration was held to recognize all that these women have done and contributed to their own families, church, community of Haskell and the world. The theme of the evening was 'Angels Among Us,' a fitting motto for these amazing

women who truly are angels in all that they have done and in all that they still have to do. Attending were, front row, l-r, Mary Kaigler, Alma Terrell, Lottie Cook, Bernice Hilliard, Vickie Dean and Barbara Kimbrough; back row, Naomi Fain, Pauline Couch, Jane Coston, Helen Elliott, Elva Kuentler, Lyla Mary Isbell, Gertrude Hopkins and Jerry Josselet.

## City, School early voting underway

The Haskell City election will be held on Sat., May 12 at the City Hall. The three places at large that are open for election are those of Councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts and Sue Medford. All are two year terms.

All of the incumbents have filed for election, and also Randy Bowers.

Early voting by personal appearance at City Hall during regular hours started on April 30, and ends May 8. Early voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., on Mon., April 30 to Tues., May 8.

## Special election set

Haskell County Judge David Davis has issued a notice of a special election on Sat., May 12, for all registered voters in the county, to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Proposition 1 states, "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Location of county polling places for this special election on May 12, only, are O'Brien, Box

7, and Rochester, Box 6, at the Rochester Fire Department with the Rochester election judges only; Sagerton, Box 10 and Rule, Box 5, at the Rule City Hall with the Rule Election judges only; Weinert Box 8, and Haskell Box 2, at the Assembly of God Church, with Haskell Election judges only; and Paint Creek, Box 9, and Haskell Box 3, at the County Extension Building with Haskell judges only.

Judge Davis said "The remaining polling places in Haskell will be the same as for county elections. These consolidations were done in an effort to save money. Everyone is encouraged to vote early."

The early voting place is in the Haskell County Courthouse at the County Clerk's office at 1 Ave. D., April 30 through May 8.

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the voter's registration card.

To vote in the school and city elections, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the

## PC to register Pre-K, K

Paint Creek School will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2007-08 school year Tues., May 8.

Pre-K Students currently enrolled at Paint Creek need not enroll until fall registration. Please come by the school office between 12:00 and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork.

To attend Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old on or before

following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter. No vote will be counted without one of these.

Sept. 1, 2007. To attend Pre-K a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2007. Parents should bring their driver's license, and their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

If you cannot attend registration, but have a Pre-K or Kindergarten student, please, call the school at 940-864-2471 and make arrangements to come at another time.

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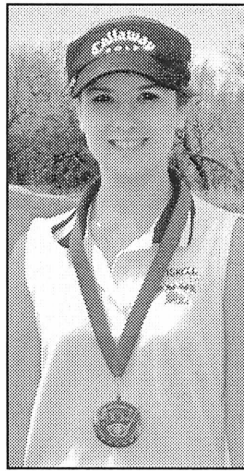
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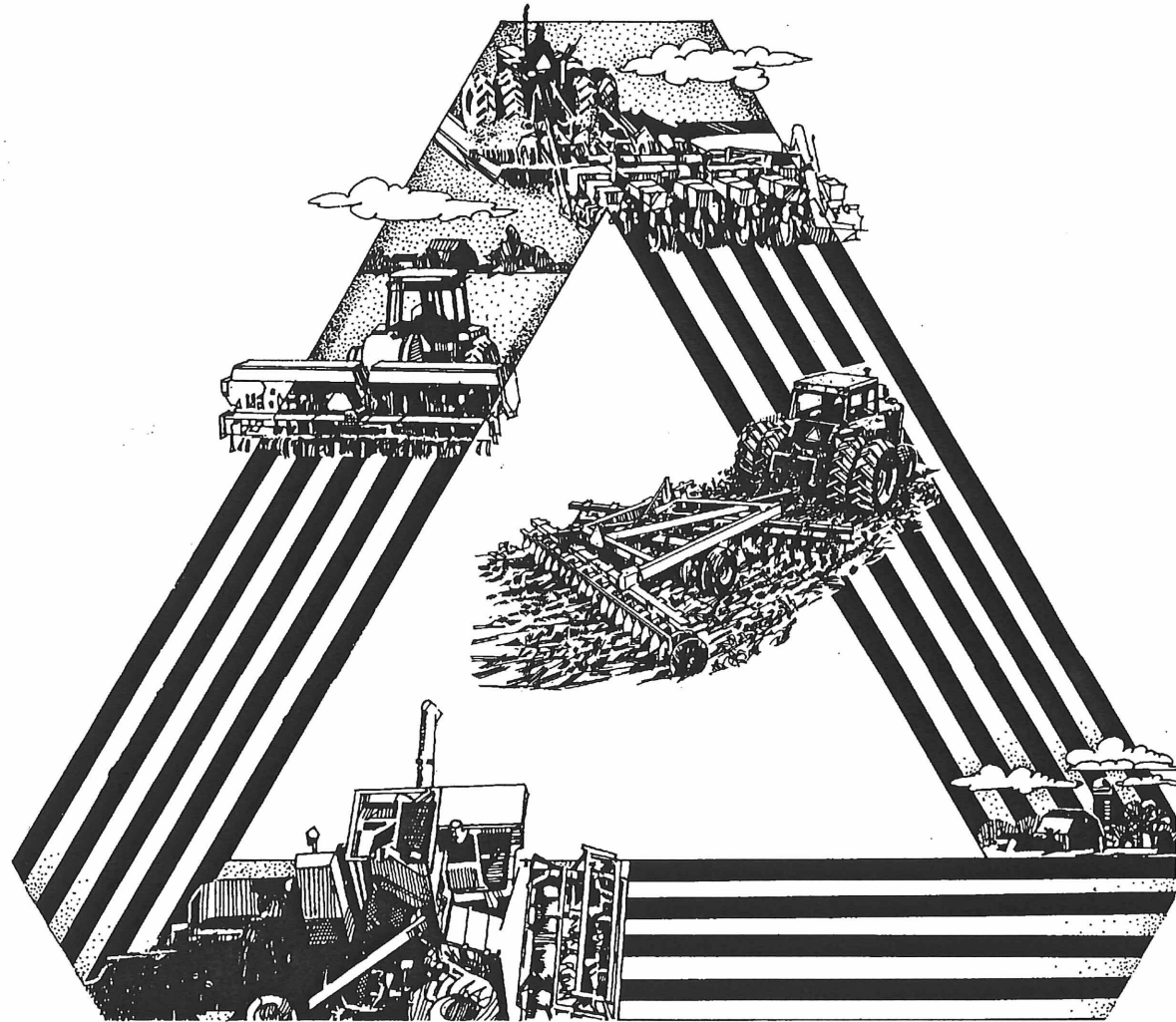
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## April 29<sup>TH</sup> – May 6<sup>TH</sup>



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## Conservation requires personal responsibility

Today is the day to be a part of Conservation's Power in the Haskell Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Haskell SWCD encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of the natural resources, including energy during its annual Stewardship week celebration. The National Association of Conservation District (NACD) has proclaimed April 29 to May 6 as Stewardship Week with the theme Conservation's Power.

Think about the energy you use everyday. Does it come from renewable or non-renewable energy sources? Over 92% of energy used today comes from non-renewable resources such as petroleum, natural gas, coal, and uranium. Only a small fraction of the energy we use comes from renewable sources. Is this good stewardship?

What can we do? Take the time to learn about energy efficiency (using less energy to perform the same function), energy conservation, and renewable energy. Then put what you learn

into practice. Efficiency and conservation are key components of energy sustainability. Simply put, we need to meet today's energy needs while allowing our children to meet tomorrow's.

F. A. Ulmer acts as the Chairman for Haskell SWCD. The District was formed to assist people in Haskell County. During Stewardship Week, Haskell SWCD will be providing educational materials to the towns in Haskell County. Elementary students will be receiving activity booklets. Area churches will receive an insert for their bulletins and church leadership guides. The district also supplies the schools with book covers and sponsors the Annual Poster Contest, Essay Contest, and Range & Land Judging Contest.

Haskell SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (www.nacdnet.org) which oversees the Stewardship Week Program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nations 3,000

conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

"Conservation district leaders have been involved in these issues for a very long time," said NACD president Bill Wilson. "We're excited to see the general public's support and enthusiasm growing

for renewable sources of energy. Educating our youth and community about conservation and energy today will result in a more educated and conscientious consumer tomorrow."

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, you can visit

www.stewardship.nacdnet.org to learn more about NACD and Stewardship Week. There are opportunities to be a part of "Conservation's Power." Working together through various organizations, churches, and schools you can be a part of "Conservation's Power."

## Poster contest winners listed

Winning the district poster contest were 1. Maci Colley, Haskell, sixth grade; 2. Ashley Adams, Haskell sixth grade; and 3. Stormy Darnell, Paint Creek, fourth grade.

### Paint Creek

Second grade: 1. Sabrina Conn, 2. Catherine Lemond, 3. Samantha Martinez.

Third grade: 1. Tate Rainey, 2. Taylor Hunt, 3. Sara Edwards.

Fourth grade: 1. Shalon Heidenheimer, 2. Stormy Darnell, 3. Cedar McIlwain.

Fifth grade: 1. Ben Groves, 2. Chris Richardson, 3. Caitlin Medford.

### Haskell

Overall third grade: 1. Hannah

Foster, 2. Pryce Stewart, 3. Dylan Hanson.

Mrs. Christian's third grade: 1. Hannah Foster, 2. Dylan Hanson, 3. Courtney Howard.

Mrs. Waggoner's third grade: 1. Pryce Stewart, 2. Nate Hernandez.

Overall fourth grade: 1. Alyssa Abila, 2. Breezy Gibbs, 3. Amie Munoz.

Mrs. Everett's fourth grade: 1. Breezy Gibbs, 2. Reagan Hadaway, 3. Riley Meinzer.

Mrs. Robert's fourth grade: 1. Alyssa Abila, 2. Amy Munoz, 3. Adriania Roque.

Overall fifth grade: 1. Nikki Ortiz, 2. Micah Thomas, 3. Colton English.

Mrs. Adams' fifth grade: 1.

Nikki Ortiz, 2. Colton English, 3. Cailey Mathis.

Mrs. Fouts' fifth grade: 1. Micah Thomas, 2. Zachary Tatum, 3. Christina Villa.

Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade: 1. Aaron Waggoner, 2. Dakota Silvas, 3. Meghan Glover.

Overall sixth grade: 1. Ashley Adams, 2. Maci Colley, 3. Cailey Foster.

Mrs. Cypert's sixth grade: 1. Ashley Adams, 2. Morgan Frierson, 3. Madison Mayfield.

Mrs. Sloan's sixth grade: 1. Maci Colley, 2. Cailey Foster, 3. Shelby Dunnam.

Mrs. Gibson's sixth grade: 1. Kaylyn Wheatley, 2. Myra Chavez, 3. Tillie McGuire.

## Adams' honored for poster

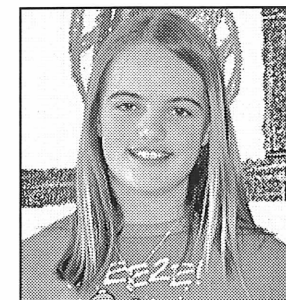


ASHLEY ADAMS

Ashley Adams of Haskell was honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area V on May 1 in Stephenville.

Area V consists of 51 counties in North Central Texas.

Adam's Soil & Water Conservation poster entry received first place in her grade, second place in District and third place in Area.



DISTRICT WINNER  
1ST PLACE  
Maci Colley  
Haskell 6th grade



DISTRICT WINNER  
2ND PLACE  
Ashley Adams  
Haskell 6th grade



DISTRICT WINNER  
3RD PLACE  
Stormy Darnell  
Paint Creek 4th grade

## Proclamation

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

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

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

Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

Annually, soil and water conservation districts conduct an awareness campaign to foster awareness throughout Texas on the critical obligations that we individually have to practice sound stewardship of our soil and water resources.

At this time, therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 29 through May 6, 2007

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in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 12th day of March, 2007.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas

## Essays compete for scholarship funds

Each year the Haskell SWCD holds a Scholarship Essay Contest. The district offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in Haskell County who write an essay on the Soil Stewardship Week theme of the year.

### Foundation for conservation

**Foundation for Conservation**  
by Jessica R. Herring

Energy conservation is a topic that concerns many Americans today. I can remember growing up my parents were very aware of the beautiful world God gave us, so they encouraged us to treat it respectfully. We have the power to save it by conserving. My parents gave me a foundation for conservation which has led to my passion for learning new ways to protect our world, such as wind turbines. Due to the rate of pollution and the rising cost of energy, wind turbines are a new form of conserving energy. They have many advantages such as the energy they generate is renewable, less fossil fuels need to be burned to make electricity, and they are pollution free.

My dad was recently presented with the opportunity to have three turbines placed on his land. He accepted the offer and was given information. Looking into it, we learned about renewable resources

The essays are judged by area judges who have interest in and know about soil conservation. Co-sponsors of the contest are Haskell National Bank, First Ag Credit, Rule Banking Center, First National Bank-Rochester, and Central Texas

and their advantages. These turbines use 100% completely renewable resources, with no hazardous emissions and there are no adverse environmental impacts. Wind power actually offsets the emission of more than 2.5 billion pounds of carbon dioxide and 15 million pound of other pollutants. In one year, wind farms can reduce greenhouse emissions equal to removing 27,000 cars from the road in the U.S. It is also one of the lowest costing technologies today.

Wind turbines do have some negative effects. People complain that wind turbines make entirely too much noise and can be fatal to birds that fly into them. Also, the look of the turbines has been an issue because people say they take away the natural look of the environment. I believe the advantages of wind turbines far outweigh the disadvantages.

The most common way we receive energy today is from factories that have many harsh

Farm Credit. Included in this supplement are some of the essays written by area seniors.

These essays do not reflect the results of the judging.

effects on our environment. Factories use non-renewable resources which cannot be replaced and that result in many negative effects. Coal is used primarily as well as oil in creating electricity. In burning coal and oil, gases are released that react with water vapor in the air, which return to the earth's surface as acid rain. Acid rain harms all living creatures as well as damaging stone and metal. Another result is thermal pollution caused by heated water that leaves the factories and enters lakes or rivers often killing organisms in the area.

One of the world's biggest successes in conservation materializes out of thin air! I can imagine how great our world would be if we took a step towards conserving it. My parents helped me have an understanding for our world and grow a love for it. I will do all that I can to help keep protect it because if we all work together on this issue, we have the power to conserve. Wind turbines are a perfect way to start.

## Saving our lives

**Saving Our Lives**  
by Jasmine L. Thomas

Rains, oceans, pools, lakes, and rivers, all these things are water. Humans are unable to live without it. When I was younger, my brother and I use to play in the rain and the puddles it made afterwards. When the rain stopped, there was a rainbow. Everything smelled wonderful and all the plants were watered. I wondered how people of today saved our water and how water just seemed to always be there. Now as a senior in high school I've researched and understand how important water is and that it does need to be conserved, and many people aren't approaching this matter. A human body cannot go a week without water in its body. What would people do if water was not conserved and none was left on the earth?

There are plenty of different ways to conserve water. Inside a house, bathroom facilities claim over 50 percent of the water used. Toilets use nearly 27 percent of bathroom water, showers 17 percent, faucets about 8 percent and baths 2 percent. Personally, I love a clean house with clean clothes to be in it. I have learned that using a clothes washer only when it is fully loaded setting the water level for the size of load that is being used, will be a part in conserving. Something that is done everyday on

a regular basis is taking showers. Replacing the shower head with an ultra-low-flow version will help. Some units are available that allow the water to be turned off without adjusting the water temperature knobs. Plants are accessories that people love to have, and they need water to grow the food that we eat. Placing a bucket in the shower to catch excess water and use this to water your plans will allow that unused water to be helpful. What would we eat if plants couldn't grow because of the fact that there was no water?

Food has to be grown. If water was not conserved that would be impossible, because plants need to be watered. I want to eat and have good water to drink. Everything would be pretty much done without it. Water is survival, and we have to care enough about ourselves and what we need in the future and the future generation to come, and that includes our children. If no one cared enough about our survival, it would all go away. If we cut back on doing daily bad habits of polluting, not helping correct erosion, and being wasteful with H2O, cutting back will make issues better. Try to do something each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. Everyone can make a difference.

## Taming the tilling

**Taming the Tilling**  
by Kellye Tidrow

When farmers think about no-till farming, they ask themselves, "how can I farm without tilling my land?" Evidence supports that biotech crops help preserve the environment, while producing crops using regular tilling angers the soil. In no-till farming the soil is left intact and crop residues are left in the fields.

No-till farming, a new way to tame the tiling of soil, has advantages and disadvantages. One day, a farmer named Dan realized that his crop field looked agitated because when he tilled his farm with machinery, carbon was released from the soil into the atmosphere. He then turned towards the west and noticed that the emissions from his farm equipment were increasing the amount of carbon dioxide. "He said to himself I need to tame my tilling and save my soil." He turned his thoughts in favor of no-till farming by realizing the benefits of no-till farming. Dan realized that no-till farming was the answer to his problems. He went inside his house and looked up the benefits of no-till farming and found that in would increase soil quality and protect the

soil from erosion evaporating the water. Less tillage of the soil reduces labor and related fuel and machinery costs which in turn means less airborne dust.

Then farmer Dan decided to look up the disadvantages of no-till farming. He found that inexperienced no-till farmers extremely decrease the yield grade of their crops. He learned that he could not grow corn because it is not suitable for a no-till farming agriculture. The primary disadvantage of no-till farming is the need for specialized seeding equipment designed to plant seeds into undisturbed soil and crop residues. Long-term erosion is sometimes considered a problem, and Dan is planning on passing his farm down to his two young sons.

Just think when a farmer asks how do I farm with out tilling my soil reply, "No-till farming" the new wave of farming to keep our soil healthier, longer. Tell them to think about how much cleaner that air that we breathe would be if more farmers would try no-till farming instead of the usual, tilling their lands. Farmers, go tame the tilling and save the soil.

## Work/time = Power

**Work/Time = Power**  
by Kimberly C. Medford

The will power of any one person can help persuade others to build and improve the nation's desire to conserve. The world has problems that as citizens only we can solve. Preserving and conserving has been a major issue for many years. Since the early 1800's, people have been trying to help the environment. Organizations and government-funded national parks were formed to defend access to lands and resources. These government-formulated ideas are well rounded ways to keep acres and refuges from becoming scarce. We can all be involved in this process. Recycling, reducing, and reusing are a few actions anyone can take. By saving energy and natural resources, people can help decrease pollution and leave less trash lying around. According to "Flex Your Power," there are many

simple strategic steps than can be taken to save energy. Turning off any unneeded lights, using appliances wisely, and testing for air leaks are just a few simple tips to energy-saving.

At my house last week my mom had a garage sale. I didn't realize it then, but by letting people reuse our old junk, we were recycling. It dawned on me that if any one person wants to help the environment, he could start by helping others. Soon enough if we continue his pattern everyone could be involved in a chain reaction. In the past I honestly never really understood why we need to do our part in saving the environment. I know now that if one day I have a family of my own I will explain conserving better to my children, and help them understand why recycling is so important. Conservationist Baba Dioum said, "In the end we will only conserve

what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will only understand what we have been taught." I believe this quote means if we are taught to love for a reason, then we will love. If as children we are taught do little tasks such as saving water, electricity, and recycling then as adults we could contribute more to society.

As humans we go through plenty of hard work to get were we want to be in life. Earning our goals make life worth living and helps us move forward. The people involved around us build who we are. If everybody in the nation would decide to recycle or conserve, our resources would grow stronger. In the future I plan to use my strengths to help the world's weaknesses. Any one person's power can bring other people together to help fulfill our duties as U.S. Citizens.

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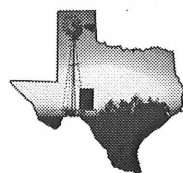
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## Renewable Terry's decisions

**Renewable Terry's Decisions by Chambray Bartley**

A few years ago my uncle Terry decided to start using renewable natural resources to make energy and gasoline. He also discovered a new way of making energy that hasn't yet been used in the United States. I will explain many unusual ways to help our environment by using natural resources. These ways will include the use of wind turbines, wave energy, and alternative fuels.

The use of wind turbines has become more popular within the past three years than the use of computers when they were invented in 1942. At this rate the energy powered by renewable natural resources will increase vastly. Energy and electricity are universal needs; the world can never have too much energy. Living in West Texas we have many wind turbines; some run them to sell the electricity to companies, other like my uncle use them to power the surrounding area.

Wave energy is the newest way that Terry has found to produce energy using renewable natural resources. In Scotland, Portugal and other countries, wave farms have become popular. Big snake like machine, called pelamis, are placed in large bodies of water, pointing toward the oncoming waves. As the waves move the carriages of the pelamis in all different directions, it

is also pushing hydraulic fluids through generators producing energy. Wave energy unlike other renewable energy has had a slow start. Terry's theory is that once wave energy becomes more popular, it could possibly provide most of the world's electricity.

Ethanol and E85 are renewable fuels, also made by renewable natural resources. Terry began using E85 in his vehicles three years ago. He was amazed in how long his filters and hoses lasted. He came to realize that there wasn't anymore excessive waste building in his filter or in his hoses. Because of the satisfaction in the consumers of the product, over forty states offer E85 fuel. It is made of eighty-five percent denatured ethanol and fifteen percent gasoline. Not only does it emit excessive waste, but is also emits less cancer causing compounds. Does ethanol help the weather? Yes, it helps global warming and reduces acid rain, therefore, helping the farmers in our area.

After Terry discovered, experienced, and was satisfied, he decided to invent new ways to help the environment. Without knowing it, Terry also made an impression on my life. Resources I once took for granted I now understand and realize the importance of renewable natural resources.

## Traditional vs. no-till farming

**Traditional vs. No-till Farming by Gary Frierson**

Conservation is very important part of preserving our planet. Living in a farming community and having a farmer for a grandfather, I have had the opportunity to see the effects of traditional farming first hand everything from rain washing the top soil in to the ditch to the wind blowing one hundred mile per hour and carrying it across town. Until I started working, it ever occurred to me the effects that traditional farming has on the land. Keeping top soil in place is important no matter what crop the farmer is growing. Since I was about ten years old, I have helped my granddad farm. I have done just about everything as far as the cotton farming is concerned.

Traditional farming practices rely on tillage that removes carbon from the ground and releases it into the atmosphere. No-till farming is the continuous system where in soil disturbance is left to an absolute minimum to keep the soil in an agronomic correct state. It also focuses on growing and maintaining high levels of surface mulch or plant residues. Keeping the soil in it naturally undisturbed state is ideal for plant growth. Adding to the growing atmospheric problems that we are already facing, with the use of no-till farming allows the previous crop to decompose where it lies. The

farmer would not lose the carbon that is all ready in the soil and would have a small hand in transferring carbon from the atmosphere to the soil. This would help improve soil quality, protect against erosion, evaporation of water, and structural breakdown. Crop residues left to decompose also can help the soil absorb both natural precipitation and irrigation water to be used on later crops. The crop residues will also cut down on the surface evaporation. No-till farming has the potential of growing the best crop while maintaining the healthiest soil at the same time. No-till farming has made great progress over the last two decades. No-till farming has already been developed in most

regions of the world, and the continuance of no-till farming will allow the soil to store more carbon.

Although no-till sounds like the perfect solution to farming, it does have its set backs. Some of these set backs include weed and pest control as well as the lack of knowledge. So many of today's farmers have simply become set in their ways. Also, as I was researching for this project, I realized that no-till farming is just not that well known. With traditional farming, weed and pest control is much simpler, because the crop can be sprayed and plowed around to rid it of these pests. When this problem is solved I am sure that no-till farming will become more and more popular.

## Conservation's power

**Conservation's Power by Paula Isbell**

The power of conservation lies in the hands of every living person that has contact with an electrical device or fossil fuel using appliance. Scientists have researched many different ways to conserve power and progress that is made is through trial and error and is very expensive. There are now architectural ways of energy conservation. The consumer is involved with conservation's power through all these ways.

Investors have contributed many of the funds necessary for scientists to research and create alternate forms of power such as wind turbines and water powered generators for electricity and solar powered equipment to alleviate the amount of fossil fuels used to fabricate electricity. These scientists have also discovered that putting land in CRP puts resources back into the soil. The government has paid people to put their land in CRP. CRP helps improve the environment by increasing farm income, creating more timber resources, increasing small game population, and improving soil productivity and water and air quality. SunWize is an alternative fuel resource company that uses photovoltaic (PV) technology in powering a variety of loads, such as microwave and fiber optic repeaters, instrumentation, rural telephone and traffic safety.

Engineers have created architectural methods of conserving energy include outdoor air cooling-opening windows and doors to cool the house instead of using a machine, conversion of direct connecting water supply system, water saving, and lighting control/day lighting by upgrading to high-efficiency lighting fixtures using inverters and light reflectors.

The consumer can choose to buy and use products proven to conserve energy, also the consumer can choose to become an investor for scientists and researchers. The scientists and researchers then use the money from the investment to pay for expenses inquired for conservation management.

## Fuel for the future

**Fuel for the Future by Maggie Teague**

Today, fuel prices have become extremely expensive for Americans like me. From recent research I have discovered that diesel pollutes the environment in different ways. According to the Alternative Fuels Data Center, diesel emits harmful pollutants and exhaust emissions into the air. Haskell is in the process of building a biodiesel plant. We are one of the many towns to be selling biodiesel in Texas. Biodiesel has many advantages to help our environment.

Biodiesel is a blend of biodiesel and petroleum diesel. For instance, a B-20 blend is a mixture of twenty percent biodiesel and eighty percent petroleum diesel. Another blend of biodiesel is called B-40, a forty percent mixture of biodiesel and sixty percent petroleum diesel. Biodiesel will help our environment by releasing less toxins into the air. Some scientists think that carbon dioxide is a main greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. According to the Alternative Fuels Data Center, a one-hundred percent blend of biodiesel would help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than seventy five percent versus petroleum diesel. Also, a blend of twenty percent biodiesel will help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by fifteen percent.

Not only will biodiesel help our environment, but also will help our

local businesses. Oil costs citizens lots of money today, but by producing our own biodiesel, Haskell will be able to save money. We will not have to be dependent on other countries for oil because we will be producing our own. Transportation will be less expensive without having to go overseas to purchase the oil we need.

"In the year 2000, there were about eight million vehicles around the world that ran on alternative fuels, indicating the increasing popularity of alternative fuels" (Alternative Fuel).sThe total number of vehicles that run on alternative fuels is rapidly increasing. Consumers do not have to do any special procedures to run biodiesel in a diesel vehicle. Also, a consumer that decides to switch back from diesel to biodiesel will have no complications. Another advantage to using biodiesel in a vehicle is the effects it has on the vehicle. Biodiesel is a much cleaner burning fuel, which is better for the consumer's vehicle. The renewable resource eliminates all the excess wastes that diesel leaves behind. This alternative to diesel also will help vehicles drive smoother.

I believe that biodiesel is the new and improved fuel for vehicle travel. This renewable resource is going to impact both jobs and the economy. I think that the town of Haskell will see a change in the environment and economy.



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## Land, Range, Plant ID, Wildlife contests results

The annual Haskell, California Creek and Wichita-Brazos SWCD's Land, Range, Plant ID and Wildlife Contest was held Feb. 27 at Avoca High School.

Schools participating in the contest were Anson, Bryson, Groom, Hamilton, Haskell, Jacksboro, Jayton-Girard, Pecos, Stamford and Sweetwater.

Awards were given for the top three teams and top three individuals

in each category.

The winners of the Land Judging Contest were 1. Sweetwater; 2. Anson; and 3. Pecos. The top three individuals were 1. Kaylee Jones, Anson; 2. Jimmy Zimmerman, Sweetwater; and 3. Shane Wigington, Jacksboro.

Winners of the Range Contest were 1. Hamilton; 2. Stamford; and 3. Pecos. The top three individuals were 1. Jkally Ashworth, Anson; 2. Raz Sanchez, Anson; and 3. Jlynn

Boyd, Hamilton.

Winners of the Plant ID were 1. Anson; 2. Jacksboro; and 3. Hamilton. The top three individuals were 1. Danielle Soliz, Anson; 2. Jaxon Ward, Anson; and 3. Kelsey Browning, Jacksboro.

Winners of the Wildlife Contest were 1. Anson; 2. Hamilton; and 3. Jayton-Girard. Individual winners were 1. Alyssa Layne, Anson; 2. Derek Collins, Anson, 3. Logan Leschper, Anson.

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# Instead of imagining

**Instead of Imagining  
by Stephanie Grand**

Imagine if Henry Ford would have decided the automobile business wasn't his dream. Imagine if the family vehicle wasn't introduced to the American society. Imagine if George Bush

announced to America tomorrow that the oil supply was no longer available due to the constant squandering of fuel. Personally, I would rather not imagine life without the daily convenience of vehicles.

We all have a daily routine that

includes our vehicles. Drive to work, drive to lunch, drive home plus the usual extra mileage in between. However, the thought of fuel usage doesn't cross our minds until we walk up to the counter to pay for the replenishing of our fuel tanks. Fifty years ago, the thought

of fuel consumption hadn't entered the minds of Americans. Today, it is a conversation sparker. Anyone who is remotely concerned about the diminishing fuel sources has obviously taken into consideration the idea of alternative fuels. America depends on Middle East countries and other foreign nations for over fifty percent of the nation's fuel supply. Once again, fifty years ago this was no problem. Today, most Americans would rather not depend on the Middle East countries for anything. This poses a problem with the direction our fuel supply would come from if we did not depend on these countries. Besides the problem of our oil supply providers, this resource is dwindling daily. Luckily, we have the solution to his problem right under our noses: alternative fuels.

Our country must take the steps to fix the problem in order to conserve the oil supply still available. Otherwise the point of non-existent petroleum oil will come sooner than later. Alternative fuels are the answer to the challenge. Instead of imagining our lives without the convenience of our personal vehicles, let's push for a better option: alternative fuels. What is the better choice...petroleum or alternative; driving or walking?

Alternative fuels can be a gasoline substitute such as ethanol, or a diesel substitute such as biodiesel. Ethanol and biodiesel are

the two most well known alternative fuels; however, others may include propane, hydrogen, methanol and many more. These fuels may be mixes of the alternative fuel plus gasoline or diesel or may be used as a complete alternative. Either direction taken, whether a mix or the actual alternative, the petroleum oil usage in vehicles is decreased. Alternative fuels can be created by using any simple oil: vegetable, peanut, cotton oil or any other oil source that may be abundant in the area. This would not only take the dependence off of petroleum oil but would help to also conserve oils that are generally useless. Our Earth can only provide what is available; consequently, our petroleum oil supply will eventually vanish.

Conservation is a necessary part of our everyday lives. It is defined as the careful utilization of a natural resource in order to prevent depletion. Therefore, conservation and oil supply should be placed together time and time again until we have a definite fix for our crisis.

energy has fallen. Low costs and technology will create a high demand for the wind. The United States' Federal Energy policy mainly focuses on conventional fossil fuels and nuclear power. Wind energy will thrive in this market with its high demand and low costs.

The advantages of wind energy are numerous which explains why it's the fastest-growing energy source in the world. Wind energy is clean, so it doesn't pollute the air, since it is the air. Due to its abundance, wind energy is one of the lowest-priced renewable energy technologies available today. It costs between 4 and 6 cents per kilowatt-hour. Rural areas benefit the most due to most turbines are built on ranches and farms. The ranchers and farmers can still work the land because they only take a fraction of the land.

When there is a light, there's always darkness. Where there is a advantage, there's going to be disadvantage. The main disadvantage for wind energy is wind does not always blow when electricity is needed. Another disadvantage is wind turbines are often found in rural areas. They are not found around large cities where electricity is need the most.

Wind has either helped a civilization or has been the source of its destruction. With advancing technologies, scientists have used this wind, a formidable foe, to better mankind. With wind energy, America can lessen their dependence on fossil fuels that pollute the air. Wind can make or break a nation. Today, wind will help America to lessen the pollutions they use when they use fossils fuel.

# The maker or breaker

**The Maker or Breaker  
by Jared Webb**

Throughout the ages of time, wind has helped a civilization or it has played a part in its destruction. The Spanish Armada, the strongest navy in the world at the time, was destroyed by the British with the help of wind. Tornadoes and hurricanes have unleashed their wrath on many towns, wrecking havoc with their furious winds. Today, wind has taken a different role in society.

While driving across West Texas, may people see tall poles with blades spinning high above the ground. These structures, called wind turbines, use the most abundant, renewable and free resource, wind. Wind energy has been the fastest growing energy source since 1990. As technologies have improved, the cost of wind

# Ethanol vs. gasoline

**Ethanol vs. Gasoline  
by Kayla Tidrow**

Ethanol is one of the fastest growing alternative fuels in the United State. Maize, potatoes, and corn are some of the products which are used to make ethanol. We use corn in the United States. I will tell the benefits and the consequences of using and making ethanol and decide for yourself if gasoline is better or if ethanol is better.

Ethanol is much cleaner fuel than gasoline, it is a renewable fuel made from plants. Ethanol is less harmful to the environment; it

reduces harmful exhaust emissions. It is not a fossil-fuel and can be manufactured and burned, and it doesn't increase the greenhouse effect. Henry Ford designed the framed Model T Ford to run on alcohol. He said it was, "the fuel of the future." The oil companies thought otherwise, but the oil crisis of the early 1970's gave ethanol fuel a new lease on life. The United States uses more than fifteen billion gallons of cleaner, ethanol-blended petrol a year. Ethanol can be made in backyards, and many people are doing just that, and running their

vehicles on clean-burning alcohol instead of gasoline. Ethanol fuel production is a good, locally-based industry, providing local jobs and a market for local materials, and helping to keep money and investment within the community. That's why many of the farming states in the United States back ethanol fuel.

The problems with ethanol is it can't travel in pipelines along with gasoline because it picks up excess water. Ethanol needs to be transported by truck, trains, or barges, which is more expensive and complicated than sending it down a pipeline. If we switch to ethanol, the change in transport needs will likely help contribute to the higher gas prices. Ethanol contains less energy than gas, which means drivers have to make more frequent trips to the pump.

Ethanol has many advantages and disadvantages, but think about which one will help us in the long run. What will happen to the environment in twenty years if we keep using gas, or how will we be able to afford gas as the price keeps going up every month. These are the reasons the government needs to look at and decide which one will be better for our future.

# No-till today

**No-till Today  
by Amber Bingham**

Crops are produced all over the state of Texas and are an abundant resource in our lives. Too often soil is taken for granted when using traditional planting. When growing crops, carbon dioxide is taken from the air which plants store in their tissues. A portion of the carbon is returned to the atmosphere as carbon dioxide when crops are harvested and purchased. The carbon that is not returned can be permanently stored in the soil as organic matter. The lack of carbon in soil can promote erosion which would put farmers in binds. When erosion takes place, topsoil and fertilizers are often washed or blown away from farm fields. The planet could be facing serious problems with soil quality and food production problems in the next 20 years. This is where the no-till farming practice comes into play.

"About 18% of cropland in the United States and about 30% of cropland in Canada is under no-till," said Atul Jain, University of Illinois Professor of atmospheric sciences. No-till has many advantages such as reducing in soil erosion and preserving precious nutrients, saving labor and fuel costs, and reducing the harmful effects of global warming. When using a no-till practice, farmers would plant seed without using a plow. When soil is plowed, it loses most of its carbon content. Although tilling dose remove weeds and mixes fertilizers, the benefits of the no-till farming practices is far better for our environment. On the Science Daily website a quick fix article states that scientists estimated that some 78 billion metric tons more than 171 trillion pounds of carbon once trapped in the soil have been lost to the atmosphere in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>.

As a result of using the no-till

farming practices, suitable bountiful wheat harvest has taken place. No-till is also now the dominant farming in Australia. The practice has rapidly evolved over the last 10 years in Australian agriculture. The United States is always looking for a way to make the environment a better place. The no-till farming practice is a great opportunity that would make a major impact in our environment. As citizens we need to realize that the no-till farming practice is a chance to make a difference in the way soil is being used. The no-till farming practices needs to start today.

# Proclamation

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

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

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


Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

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

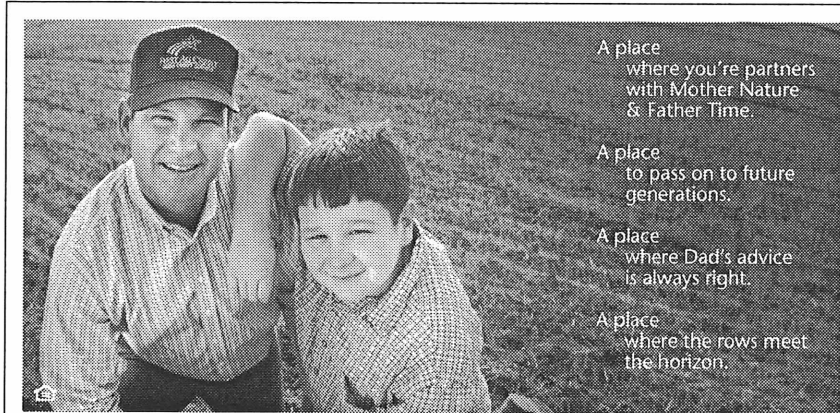
Therefore, I David C. Davis, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of soil, water and wildlife resources and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 29 through May 6, 2007 as

## SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

in Haskell County, Texas.  
In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 3rd day of April, 2007.



County Judge of Haskell County



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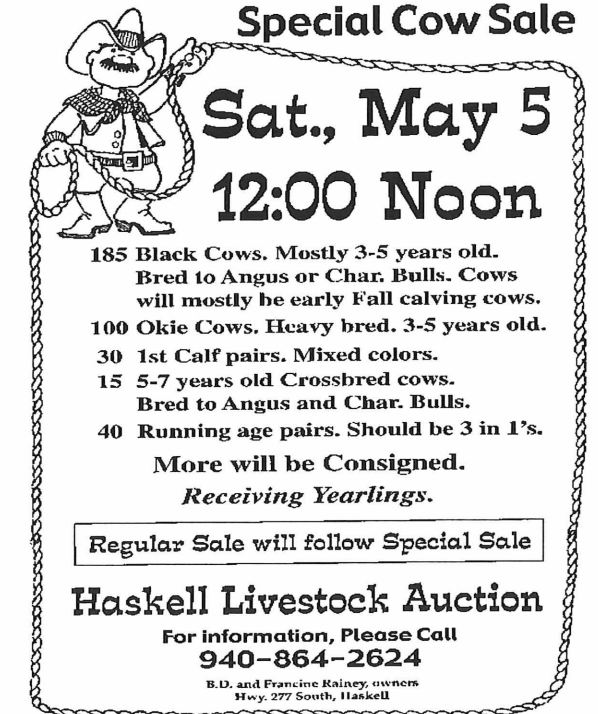
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**April 29 - May 6**

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