

Basketball games

Haskell
JV-GB, V-GB vs Vernon
Fri., Nov. 19, 4 p.m. at Vernon
7GB, 8GB & 9B vs. Holliday
Girls There, Boys Here
Mon., Nov. 22, 5:00 p.m.
JV-GB, V-GB vs Eula
Tues., Nov. 23, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek vs Megargel
Fri., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
Paint Creek vs Roscoe
Tues., Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek JH vs. Goree
Thurs., Nov. 18, 4 p.m. at Goree
Paint Creek JH vs. Rule
Mon., Nov. 22, 6 p.m. at P.C.

Calendar

Early deadlines for Thanksgiving edition

Deadline for the Thanksgiving edition of the Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. The Nov. 25 edition will be mailed Tues., Nov. 23.

ECC health fair set Fri., Nov. 19

The Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell will hold a health fair Fri., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center. Flu shots, blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks and hearing evaluations will be conducted. Other health information will be available. The ECC cookbooks are ready and will be available at the health fair. The regular ECC meal will be served at noon.

Cancer prevention program set in Rule

Suzanne Starr of Hendrick Cancer Center in Abilene will present a program on cancer screening and prevention Mon., Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rule Lions Club building. The program is sponsored by the Rule Lions Club and Masonic Lodge.

Rule Christmas lighting to judged December 16

Christmas lighting for homes and yards in Rule will be judged Dec. 16. The contest is sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Nov. 18 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Calf roping slated Sunday, Nov. 21

A calf roping will be held Sun., Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60.

Bake sale to be held Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Sat., Nov. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. on the west side of the square in front of Outreach Health Services.

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Community Thanksgiving Service set Sunday

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VETERANS HONORED—With the American flag waving nearby, Abe Turner, of Haskell American Legion Post #221, stands in the morning sunshine amid the crowd of patriotic citizens gathered

at the Haskell County Court House on Veterans Day, Thurs., Nov. 11, to pay tribute to the men and women who have courageously served their country.

Bobcats to play McLean for Area title on Friday

The Rule Bobcats, District 4 six man champions, soundly defeated the District 3 runner-up Three Way Eagles in a bi-district matchup at Wilson High School last Fri. night, 74-24. The game was called on the "mercy rule" with 32 seconds to go in the third quarter.

Jody Harvey ran for three touchdowns, caught a Josh Smith pass for another and connected with Smith for a 43-yard score. Smith kicked seven of eight attempted PATs for the Bobcats and Brian Lehrmann scored three touchdowns, one a beautiful 50-yard punt return.

Smith also teamed up with passes to Grant Hisey on a wide-open 43-yard touchdown in the second quarter and with Jeremy Hertel, who fought his way for a 23-yard touchdown as part of a 36-point third quarter to end the game.

Contributing to the victory in no small way were members of the Bobcat defense, who came on strong after a tentative start. Cody Tibbets, Joe Sotelo, Harvey, Smith, Lehrmann, Hisey and Justin Coker.

The Three Way scoring tandem of junior Marvin McCaul and

Monty "Big Load" Kirby were able to find the end zone three times in the first half, but were not factors after the defense, led by Sotelo, Tibbets and Lehrmann, stopped them time after time for little or no gain in the second half. Rule's defensive backs would allow no pass completions of any significance throughout the game and Three Way had no first downs following halftime.

In the Area game Fri., Nov. 19 at Chillicothe, the Bobcats will face the McLean Tigers, winners of six-man District 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Library receives \$3,000 grant

By Mary Kaigler

The Haskell County Library has received an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$3,000.00, awarded by the Texas Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee. The fund was established by the Legislature with money raised in excess of expenses for the 1999 Inauguration of Governor George W. Bush and Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry.

Chaired by Texas First Lady, Laura W. Bush, the committee which submitted and reviewed projects for funding is composed of Anita Perry, Nelda Laney, and John Nau, chair of the Texas Historical Commission.

The legislation specifies that money from the fund may be used to support Texas public libraries. This year the committee was able to make grants to fifty-three libraries across the state.

Pleased to receive the grant money, Haskell Librarian Joan Strickland, said she plans to use it to purchase items for the children's area; perhaps some computers.

"Mrs. Bush is a former librarian, and is especially interested in children's education and reading programs," she said. "I think it would be appropriate to use in that way."

Strickland said she is also sending a special thank-you letter to Haskell native, Anita Perry, wife of Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry. "With all the libraries there are in the state, I know the Haskell library wouldn't have received one of the grants without her help," she said.

Rochester to meet Groom

Rule and Rochester High School six-man football teams have played well in Bi-district playoff games.

In a close Region I/II six-man football Bi-district playoff game Rochester defeated Whitharral 22 to 21.

Rule soundly defeated Three Way 74 to 24.

Advancing to Regional play, Rochester is to meet Groom at Matador Motley County, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Rule will play McLean in Chillicothe, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Park lighting in Rule Dec. 5

Sun., Dec. 5 has been set as the date of the Lighting of Slim Sorrells Park in Rule. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Lions' Club Building.

Refreshments will be served by the Chamber of Commerce. There will be a visit from Santa.

A live nativity will be presented by the First Baptist Church.

Community Thanksgiving service Sunday

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service Sun. night, Nov. 21, at the Assembly of God Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Fletcher, pastor of the Haskell Foursquare Church, will bring the message.

In conjunction with the Thanksgiving Service, East Side Baptist is hosting a special children's worship service at the same time. Pastor David Page invites all parents to drop off their elementary school-aged youngsters at East Side before attending the Thanksgiving Service.

Ministerial Alliance President Dusty Garison announced there will be a canned goods collection that evening, with everyone asked to bring one or two non-perishable food items. All food collected will go to the food pantry maintained at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Garison explained that all pastors are authorized to dispense food from that pantry.

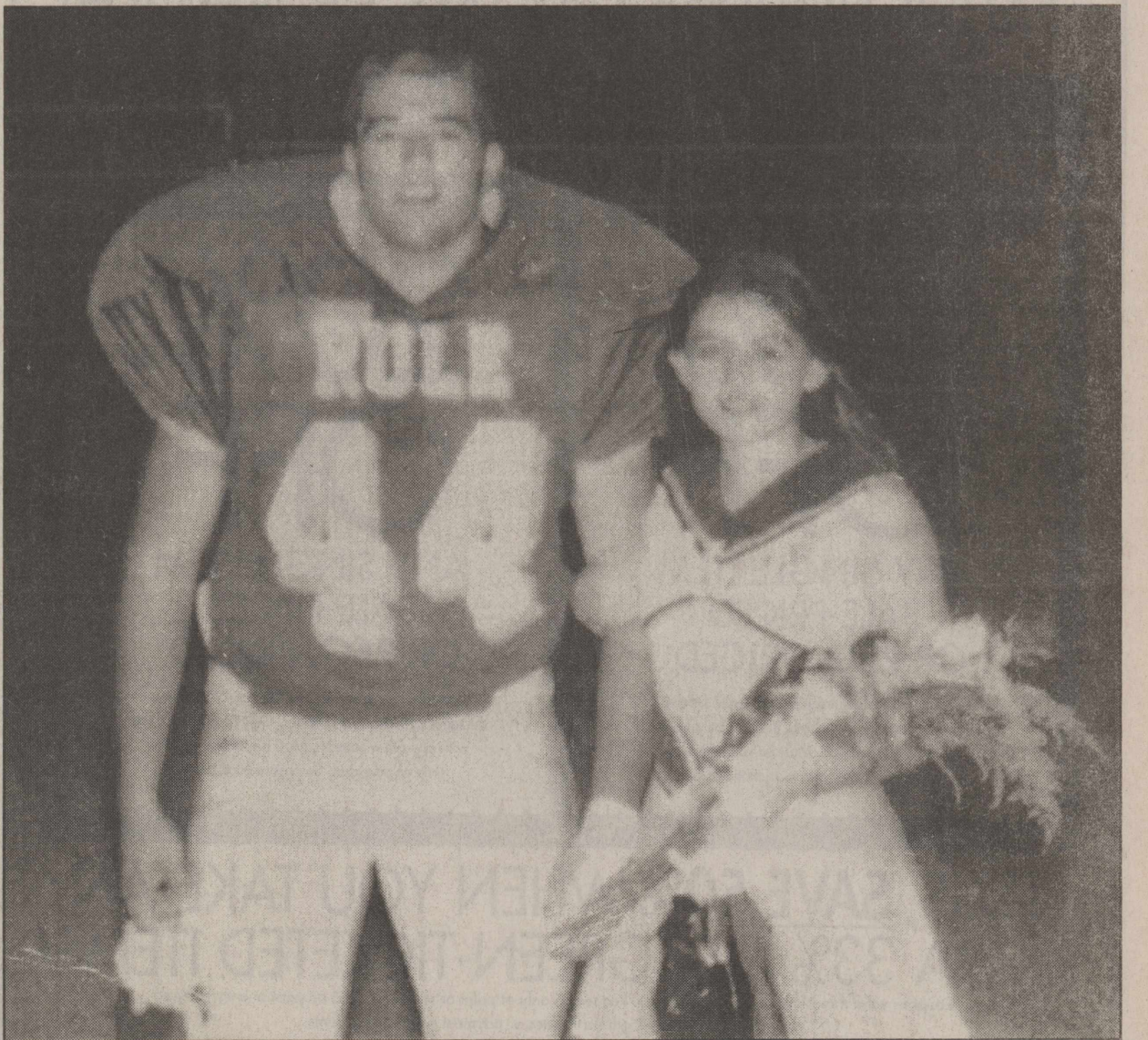
An offering will also be received to support the work of the ministerial alliance in helping with the financial needs of both local families in need as well as those who are passing through our community.

A community choir for the service will be led by First Baptist Music Minister Ford Cole. Those interested in singing with the choir are asked to be at the Assembly of God Church Sun. at 5:30 p.m. for rehearsal.

Christmas drawings set

Again this year, Haskell merchants will be giving away tickets for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas drawings for Haskell Bucks and Gift Certificates.

The first drawing will be Sat. Dec. 4, with others to follow on Sat., Dec. 11, Sat., Dec. 18 and Wed., Dec. 22.



RULE FAVORITES—Tiffany Ramirez was chosen Rule High School 1999 football sweetheart and Mike Casey was named football hero.

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VETERANS SUPPER—Area veterans and spouses enjoy a Thanksgiving supper given for them by American Legion Post #221 on Veterans Day, Thurs., Nov. 11, at the American Legion Hall in Haskell.

Fire destroys Country Kitchen in Rule

Casey's Country Kitchen Cafe in Rule was destroyed by fire Sat., Nov. 13.

The fire was spotted at 1:15 a.m. by Rick Kittley who was picking up his son from a football trip. He reported it to the Rule Volunteer Fire Department who responded within minutes.

Cafe owner Cathey Casey, who lives next door, was awakened and spent the night responding to the devastation which caused damage estimated at over \$20,000 to the uninsured cafe. Her mother, Loudell Casey, said the family believes the fire was started by

faulty wiring. Fire officials said they were uncertain about the cause.

A unique place, Casey's was an institution in Rule, widely known for its homey atmosphere, good home-cooked food and warm camaraderie.

Speaking of the many to whom the place meant so much, Jim Hollingsworth of Jud, said, "Casey's was the place to meet, for patrons, the children who attended the school directly across Highway 6, the farmers who drank their coffee and shared stories of successes and farming plights, the Rule exes who came back for

homecoming and jubilees, and the workers who filed in around noon for a plate of dinner from the heaping full buffet."

Hollingsworth continued, "If you could pay, that was good. If you couldn't, Loudell, Cathey and Elizabeth would not turn you away hungry. Casey's was the place to air your gripes, find out the latest happening, and keep in touch with lifelong friends. It was a place where a 60-year-old is young; a place where Chase Howizer and Pete Place hung their unique art, and a place a newcomer to this area would always want to come back to."

Saying that she is grateful that the fire took only a building, not lives, owner Cathey Casey says the cafe will reopen soon.

Obituaries

Lillian Jerrene Verner Couch



JERRENE COUCH

Memorial services for Lillian Jerrene Verner Couch, 78, of Haskell were held Wed., Nov. 17 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Born March 13, 1921 in Rule, she graduated from Texas Tech Univer-

sity in 1942 with a Business Education degree. She was selected as one of Who's Who in American Colleges her senior year. She married Riley Carlton Couch, Jr., Sept. 4, 1943. She moved to Dallas while R. C. served during World War II and worked at Mercantile National Bank. They moved back to Haskell in 1946 to farm. She began teaching school in 1953 retiring in 1973. She worked for Lane-Felker for the next 20 years.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she taught Sunday School for both children and adults, served as GA director, sang in the choir, served as Sunday School director, worked on the Outreach Committee, chaired the foods committee, served as Vacation Bible School director, and chaired the funeral meal committee. She also went on a mission trip to Brazil and donated new hymnals and solicited help from others to donate hymnals to a Baptist mission in the Philippines.

She continually volunteered to help make Haskell a better place. She served on the Civic Center Board for 10 years. She and R. C. were named Citizens of the Year in 1986. She was a member of the Progressive Study Club. She volunteered her time as a VIP in the Haskell Elementary School where she adopted a child and ate lunch with the child weekly.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Jerre and Bill Moore of Las Vegas, Nevada; one son and daughter-in-law, Riley and Shannon Couch of Dallas; one brother, David Verner of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Mary Ogilvie of Dallas; three grand children Shannon DeWolf and husband, Scott, of Ann Harbor, Mich., Michelle Moore of Houston and Samantha Couch of Dallas.

Honorary pallbearers were Dan Griffith, Royce Williams, W. R. Hagar, John Sam Rike, Bill Wilson and Royce Adkins.

Margaret Mae Jones

Funeral services for Margaret Mae Jones, 70, of Haskell were held Sun., Nov. 14 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones died Fri., Nov. 12 at an Abilene hospital. Born Feb. 10, 1929 in Haskell, she married James Jones Sept. 3, 1948. He preceded her in death Nov. 14, 1983. She had been a resident of Rule for 31 years and had lived in Haskell the last 16 years. She was a home-

maker and a member of the Eastern Star and First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Karene Brown.

Survivors include two sons, Robert James Jones of Merkel and Wesley Mark Jones of Haskell; one daughter, Rebeckah Vea Pritchard of Bells; thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons and grandsons-in-law.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Since the weather report is the same as previous weeks...warm and dry...and there's not much happening in our little town at the present we will provide a little bit of trivia for all to read this week.

We found out about this bit of information while visiting in LaGrange a couple of weeks ago. It might be common knowledge to a lot of you, but was new to us so we will pass it on. Since Sagerton has a lot of people living here of German origin and names that are hard to pronounce for some, this might help. A man by the name of Mr. Stolz, who owns a monument business in LaGrange explained to

us that in the German pronunciation of a word or name, many times there are two vowels together and in that case, the first vowel is silent. Also when the letters "th" are together in a name, the "h" is silent in the pronunciation. So, now you all know just why some of our names are pronounced the way that they are.

Of special note are those whose names have "ie," "ai," "ue," "oe," "ei," in them...just remember that the first vowel is silent. When Mr. Stolz asked me what my maiden name was and I told him, he spelled it correctly! What a

surprise!!

Ladies of Faith Circle met at Faith Lutheran Church last Tues. afternoon for their regular monthly Bible study with Barbara Nauert leading the discussion. Isabel Mrazek and Mary Neinast furnished refreshments. Others in attendance included Loretta Connally and Dorothy Toney.

Mary Neinast and Mozelle Manske along with Theda Manske and her daughter, Karla Kay of Richardson, visited with Lotti Bell Parks of Paducah one day last week.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend in Valley View visiting in the home of their daughter and family, Patsy, Don and Tom Bivins. David and Peggy Adler of Houston joined them Fri. night and Sat. They had a belated birthday party for Don whose anniversary date was the week before.

Dorothy Toney was in Round Rock during the past weekend where she attended the State Cross Country races where her daughter, Rene McAden's team from Abilene High was competing. The team came in with an 8th place win and one of the girls came in as 5th place. Of course, "Grandmother Toney" really enjoyed being with her little 10 month old granddaughter during this time.

Sun. was ladies day at Faith Lutheran Church with Barbara Nauert delivering the message for the day and the following ladies reading scripture lessons and ushering: Tami Baitz, Loretta Connally, Dorothy Toney, Brenda Turner, Meta Kupatt, Odene Dudensing, Adela Teichelman, Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman and Patsy Quade.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre hosted a pre-Thanksgiving Day dinner in their home Sun. for family members who would be unable to be here for the special day. Coming for the day were Eric, Laressa and Ryan Earthman of Weimer, Shane LeFevre of Sundown, Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule and Ken, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown. Needless to say, little Ryan Earthman, great grandson, seemed to be the center of attraction for the day.

Christmas Special!

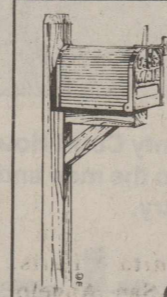
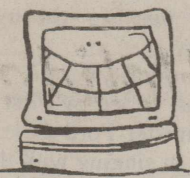
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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 944 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 13, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stockers 2-5 higher; feeder cattle steady-\$1 higher; packers steady-\$1 higher. Nannies, Jerseys, longhorns, goons \$5-\$20/100# less than prices quoted.

Cows: fat, .29-.35; cutters, .32-.37; canners, .18-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .43-.48; feeder, .62-.69; utility .40-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.12; 400-500 lbs.,

.85-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.89; 600-700 lbs., .75-.88; 700-800 lbs., .73-.79; 800-up lbs., .65-.74.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .88-.98; 300-400 lbs., .80-.94; 400-500 lbs., .75-.85; 500-600 lbs., .72-.83; 600-up lbs., .55-.78.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 450-530.

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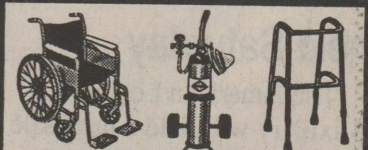
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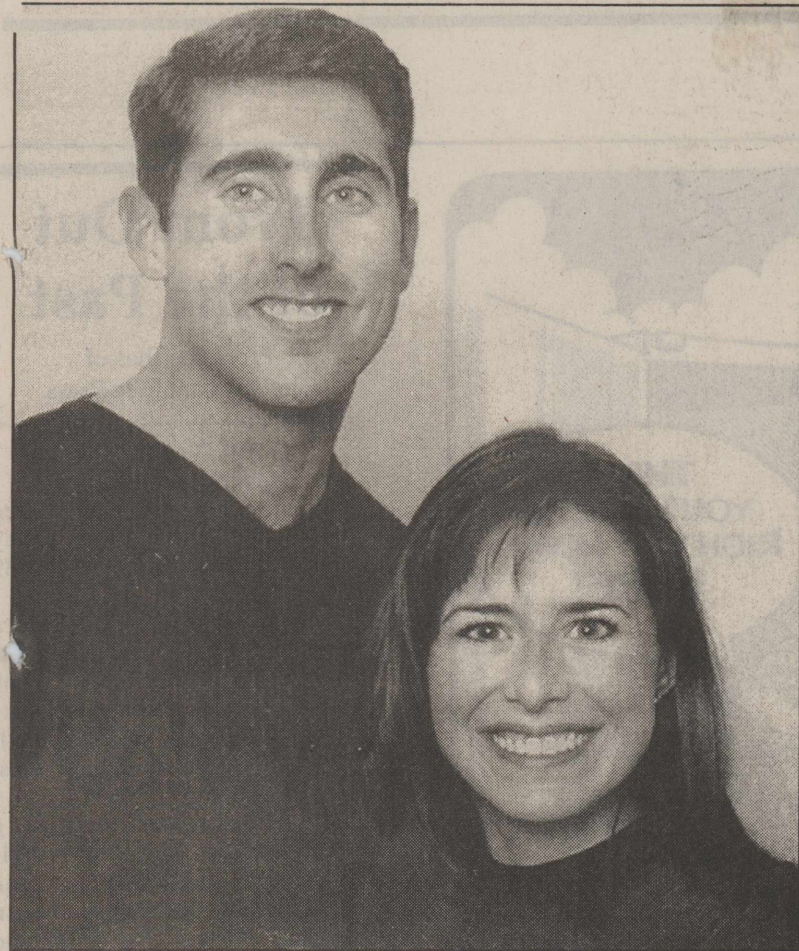
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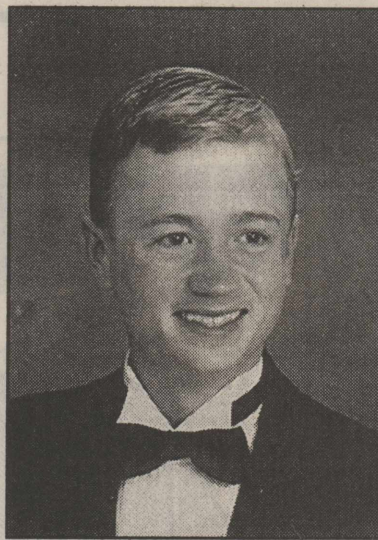
High, Hiddessen plan Feb. wedding

Doyle High of Haskell announces the engagement of his daughter, Holli Anne High, to Capt. Michael Robert Hiddessen, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hiddessen of Phoenix, Ariz. High is also the daughter of the late Roberta High. A Feb. wedding is planned.

University with a bachelor's degree and from the University of Texas at Austin with a master's degree and is employed by Andersen Consulting in Austin.

Hiddessen graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. He is stationed at RAF Mildenhall in England.

High graduated from Texas Tech



CHRISTOPHER FITZHARRIS

Optimist Clubs honor Fitzharris

The Optimist Clubs of Wichita Falls recently honored Christopher Fitzharris during Youth Appreciation Week. Mayor Kay Yeager proclaimed Nov. 8-14 Youth Appreciation Week in Wichita Falls.

Optimist International expressed appreciation and approval of the contributions of youth as they assume responsible roles in the future of mankind.

Fitzharris is a senior at Notre Dame High School in Wichita Falls. He is the son of Lt. Col. Kevin and Cindy (Ivey) Fitzharris of Wichita Falls and the grandson of L. B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall of 2000.

Births

Shannon and Carmin Langford of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of their son, Morgan Reid, born Nov. 11 at Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett. He weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is LaJuana Ferguson of Mesquite. Paternal grandparents are Danny and Gaynell Langford of Rule. Great grandparents are Elva Kuenstler of Haskell and R. C. and Ruth Langford of Rule.

Tyrone and Marsha Thomas of Biloxi, Mississippi are the proud parents of a son, Tyresse Deland Thomas, born Wed., Nov. 10 in Biloxi.

The baby weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Lola Thomas of Haskell is the proud grandmother, and Jasmine and Otis Thomas of Haskell are proud aunt and uncle of the baby.

Kretschmers celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kretschmer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Haskell Bank Community Building Sat., Nov. 13.

Hosting the affair was their son Don, his wife Julie and their sons Cody and Chad.

Walter was raised in the Irby community 12 miles east of Haskell. He attended the Irby School and served in the Navy during World War II. He has always farmed and carpentered. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

The former Marie Letz was born and raised in Sagerton and Old Glory. She likes to read.

Walter and Marie were married Nov. 19, 1949. Their marriage ceremony was performed in St. John's Methodist Church at Lubbock by Rev. Loyd Hamilton of Crosbyton, former pastor of the Sagerton Methodist Church. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Clement (Helen Kretschmer) Dudensing. They lived at Old Glory until the fall of 1958, moving to Haskell.

Marie and Walter are members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell.

The community center was beautifully decorated in a fall theme by Mayree Hollis Turnbow and Florence Peden. On display was the Kretschmers' lone surviving quilt sewn in 1949 by Marie and a dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Ione Sheid. By coincidence, it was a maple leaf pattern, carrying out the theme. Also on display were photos of the golden wedding anniversaries of Walter's parents and Marie's parents. Herman and Mary Kretschmer were married 50 years in 1961. Alfred and Emma Letz had a golden anniversary in 1974.

Serving their uncle and aunt at the refreshment tables were: Ina Bittner Robertson, Peggy Dudensing Jones, Martha Letz Reukema and Margie Kretschmer Hogan. Also serving was their friend, Joan Frazier Strickland.

Out of town guests were from Plainview, Merkel, Austin, Lubbock, Fredericksburg, Old Glory, Abilene, Sagerton, Stamford, Wichita Falls, Southlake, Walls, San Angelo, Ballinger and Carlsbad, N. M.



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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

I was moved from Hendricks Medical Center to the rehab unit on Thurs. I'm coming along very nicely with my therapy. I am doing lots for myself so I'm looking forward to being home soon.

Visiting with me last week were Faye Jetton and a granddaughter, Mae Woodard, Bill and Vivian Shaw, Helen Boykin, Christopher and Melissa Tatum, Darlene Conn, Julie Cochran, Glendon Hawkins, Margaret and Billy Tatum, Creora, great grandchildren Zachery and Aubree Tatum and daughter and her husband Floradean and Phillip

Cockerell of Early. Christopher spent the day with me on Mon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman went to Reno, Nevada where they watched their son Keith Chapman of Georgetown win the world champion saddle bronc riding for 50 and over.

We are glad to know that Ted Jetton who has been in Hendricks for several day has returned home and doing very well.

Bernice Hilliard went to Abilene Sat. night and attended the monthly square dance at the Wagon Wheel where Leon Ivey did the square call and Maxine Ivey did the line dance.

Men need yearly health checkups

Getting men to go to the doctor is sometimes like pulling teeth.

"Men don't need to go for yearly checkups like women, so many simply don't feel the need to go to the doctor," said Dr. James Bray with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "However, what many men don't realize is that when they let small, chronic problems build

up, they can become very serious health problems."

Bray believes other factors that keep men from going to the doctor include laziness, the fear of bad news, a bad experience with a doctor when they were younger and the belief that you have to endure a certain amount of pain to be considered a "real man."

Don & Gloria Pitman

of Odessa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary October 23, 1999, with a dinner at the Barn Door. Gloria Wolf married Don Pitman October 23, 1959 in Odessa at the Chapel of Roses Church. Reverend Lloyd Benton officiated the ceremony. The couple has one son - Wesley Pitman of Odessa. Don retired after working 25 years for the City of Odessa Water Dept. Gloria is in her 31st year of employment at the Odessa Country Club.



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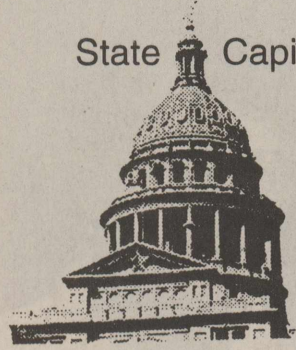
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Shoppers who purchased clothing and footwear during Texas' first sales tax holiday, Aug. 6-8, saved nearly \$33 million in state and local taxes.

Over those dates, shoppers purchased more than \$400 million in tax-exempt clothing and shoes, about double the amount that normally would have been sold on a typical three-day weekend in August, said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

"The sales tax holiday allowed families to stretch their shopping budgets at a critical time — the back-to-school shopping period," Rylander said in announcing the savings.

The 1999 Texas Legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend of August each year.

Starting in 2000, cities, counties and other taxing entities will be allowed to opt out of the sales tax holiday and not offer the exemption from local sales taxes, but shoes and clothing price at less than \$100 will continue to be exempt from the state sales tax.

Chancellor Successor Sought

John Montford, chancellor of Texas Tech University has been mentioned as a possible candidate to become chancellor of the University of Texas System, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

As the UT Board of Regents began meeting in Dallas, the newspaper said several regents mentioned that Montford, a former state senator, has qualities they're seeking. But Montford says he is happy at Tech.

Other names mentioned as possible candidates are Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Harry Reasoner, a UT distinguished alumnus and managing partner of the Vinson & Elkins law firm; Mark Yudof, president of the University of Minnesota; and Ed Sharpe, the UT system's executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Current UT chancellor William Cunningham has said he will await the appointment of a successor and resign no later than Aug. 31, 2000.

Regents hope to name a replacement in the spring.

Hacker Hits State Web Sites

A computer hacker vandalized Web sites of at least five state agencies Nov. 5-8, posting profanity.

Among those targeted were

Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Department of Licensing and Regulation, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, state auditor's office and the Department of Public Safety.

All of the agencies' Web sites use the Microsoft Windows NT Internet Information Server, The Associated Press reported.

Computer hacking is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each offense.

School Safety Discussed

Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos conducted a statewide summit on school safety Nov. 11 in Austin. Among topics discussed were school security, bullying and gang activity.

The university established a center to study causes and solutions for school violence in the wake of the Columbine, Colo. school shootings last spring.

Attorney General John Cornyn, who spoke at the summit, called for a study on school violence earlier in the year.

Other Highlights

■ Thousands of Texas veterans marking the last Veterans Day of the 20th century marched in a parade up Congress Avenue to the steps of the state Capitol. Bands played and speeches were made, honoring the men and women who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the country.

■ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has introduced the state's first wildlife conservation license plate, which sports the image of a horny toad and the slogan, "Keep Texas Wild." Cost of the specialty plate is \$25 in addition to regular registration fees.

■ The state of Texas has terminated its contract with Wackenhut Corrections Corp. to run state jail in Travis County. Last week, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice assumed operations of the 1,033-bed facility.

■ State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, moved to the state Senate last week after winning a special election to succeed the late Sen. Greg Luna, who died Nov. 6 of complications related to diabetes. Luna was buried in the State Cemetery.

■ The Texas Department of Transportation has released a list of the most problematic cars in 1998: Chevrolet Malibu and Cavalier, Dodge Caravan and Jeep Grand Cherokee.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

"A thousand blessings, Lord, to us Thou doest impart. We ask one blessing more, O Lord,—a thankful heart," sang an unknown writer.

"In everything give thanks," said Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Thanksgiving for all things is never out of season, and certainly, during this time of our national observance of a special day for thanksgiving is another opportunity for us to pause and meditate on all the benefits we so freely and fully enjoy in this country and to "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Our forefathers were aware of their plight and their dependence on the mercies of their God as they came to an unknown shore seeking freedom to worship Him. Wisely, and in gratitude, they set aside a special day for giving thanks for a year of harvest and a home for their families.

The stories of how these struggling Puritan believers humbly shared whatever they had that day with one another and with the native inhabitants of this great undeveloped country, are a valued part of our American heritage.

In 1999 we are no longer a small group of singular-minded individuals of one faith or one way of looking at anything, but Thanksgiving Day is a holiday we keep. Most every American celebrates the day in some special way of their own. On that day, from the spiritual to the secular, we give at least some thought to the fact that we are blessed as a nation, and we like to come together with those we love.

However, as much as we revere the nostalgic, homey Norman Rockwell-style "traditional" picture of family gathered around a large

table at Grandmother's house for Thanksgiving Day, that scene may not now be the "norm" for many Americans.

As families grow up and move apart in this mobile, accelerated world of today, they establish their own traditions which add a new dimension to their early memories of the holiday.

Even though we often cannot be in the right place or situation to enjoy the traditional scene of a warm family circle gathered around a table that is filled with goodness and gratitude, we nevertheless find some way to make the day special.

Given the diversity of cultural backgrounds and ethnic and family traditions that make up our collective oneness as a nation, there are as many different ways and foods found to celebrate this uniquely American day as there are feathers on a turkey.

With the advent of TV, colorful Thanksgiving Day parades and football games have become a part of our new traditional fare on Thanksgiving Day.

For lots of us, whatever the menu from which we choose to over-partake, gridiron grid-lock will fill the afternoon into the night. However, as we comfortably kick off our shoes and become glassy eyed from food and football, maybe we ought to take a "time out" and think of all the things we have to be thankful for in this country where we're blessed to be able to enjoy these past-times and where we're still free to live live out our faith.

However, in reality life is never always fair in all its dealings. Thanksgiving Day may bring a bitter cup to some this year, making it hard "in everything to

give thanks" for the dark threads which have woven into their life. But even in such times of grief we can know that we are not alone and we can be thankful for the promise of that constancy. As one unknown writer said of such a time in his life, "Through dark and death, through fire and frost, with emptied arms and treasures lost, I thank Thee while my days go on."

Realizing how very blessed we have been personally, whatever our circumstances, should bring us to be mindful of others to whom we could "pass the blessings" by sharing with them in some way, whatever we have, as our forefathers and mothers did.

The traditional Thanksgiving service planned by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance each year offers us a great time to come together as a community family to join in our acknowledgment of our dependence on the grace of the Creator in the affairs of our lives.

Remembering and being thankful for all we have been given in the heritage of our nation and throughout the days since that first Thanksgiving Day, we can in turn give a blessing to the lives of many in our own community this year by supporting the Ministerial Alliance in their help for the less fortunate.

As we "count our many blessings" that we have received in our life, it would be good for all of us to think of the many ways we can make these blessings count in the life of those among us who may be experiencing hard times.

Having a truly "thankful heart" tends to make us want to "pass it on." And that may be the best Thanksgiving Day tradition any of us can ever establish for our life.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all who supported us by attending the brisket meal on Sunday and made donations to the department.

A special thanks to those who helped us with preparations, serving and clean-up. And to Haskell High School for the use of their lunch room tables and chairs.

We are fortunate to have a community who continues to support us.

Thank you.

Haskell Volunteer
Fire Department

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Haskell High School, I would like to thank everyone involved for making the 12th annual Haskell CISD College Fair a success. Over 470 students attended. They received information from 35 different institutions. This

cooperative effort aids our students in making informed decisions about their future.

We appreciate Haskell National Bank for sponsoring this event. Thanks also to the Haskell National Honor Society students and their sponsor Jo McGuire, Coach Brad Brunson and John Foster for taking pictures and Haskell Free Press for publicity.

Sincerely,

Christye Gannaway

Dear Editor:

I wish to take this year to thank Burkett's Restaurant and anyone who had anything to do with serving the wonderful breakfast. I believe I speak for about 80 veterans who ate at Burkett's on Armistice Day. All the teachers and students who arranged and presented this program are greatly appreciated.

Students, this was one of the nicest things that has been done for veterans since I was discharged from the United States Army in January, 1946.

A very special thanks to Letha and Tonya. Thanks again to Haskell Elementary sixth grade students.
Leon Newton

Dear Editor:

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Christmas Parade on Sat., Dec. 4, at 5:00 p.m. This will be in conjunction with the lighting of the Courthouse Square, and all the merchants will be asked to stay open later and to serve refreshments if they care to.

One of the sections of the parade will feature the elementary school children in costume, with prizes to be given for the best costuming, and the most original costume. The children may walk or ride their bicycles.

The Haskell High School Indian Band will participate. Any merchants or organizations that want to be invited to have a float or participate in some way.

Please watch the Haskell Free Press for more details on the upcoming event, and please call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office at 940-864-2477, Loutina White at 940-864-3507, or Kristi Gibson at 915-773-2730 for questions concerning the parade.

Thank you!
Abc Turner
General Manager

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

November 16, 1989
Rodney Johnson was named football hero and Julie Nanny football sweetheart for the 1989 season.

Haskell chapter of Future Homemakers of America met at the homemaking department. The program was "Holiday Delights 1989," presented by Lisa Hoff, electric living consultant for West Texas Utilities.

The Haskell Young Homemakers met for their Halloween carnival at the homemaking cottage. Justin "Dracula" Teague, son of Jeff and Lisa Teague, was awarded a prize for the scariest costume. Angela "Snow White" Brown, daughter of George and Rosemary Brown, won a prize for the most original costume.

20 Years Ago

November 15, 1979
The Haskell Cowbells visited the Fields Museum. The museum was shown by Mrs. J. G. Vaughter, who told many interesting facts concerning antiques and history of the life of Mrs. J. U. Fields.

Members of the Weinert Matrons Club met for their annual love feast and Thanksgiving program in the home of Mrs. W. A. King.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Haskell county was held with all members present. The commissioners agreed to give \$500 as the county's portion of funds necessary to operate the ambulance service.

30 Years Ago

November 13, 1969
Anita Thigpen, daughter of L. and Mrs. Joe Thigpen, was crowned Haskell Homecoming Queen at half-time activities by Raja Hassen, president of the Homecoming Association.

The Weinert Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center for their regular monthly session with Mrs. Glenn Caddell, presiding.

True Grit starring John Wayne is showing at the Texas Theatre.

Named winner of the \$200 W. S. Taylor Memorial Scholarship, made possible by Mrs. Taylor of Rochester was Patrick Pace, of Haskell.

40 Years Ago

November 12, 1959
Plans are being completed for a formal opening of Lane-Felker's newly remodeled and enlarged store.

Mrs. Al C. Williams, delegate from the Harmony Club, and Mrs. Tommie B. Hawkins, past president, attended the convention of District 1, Texas Federation of Music Clubs held in Stephenville.

Some of the ladies of Haskell met at the Evans Elementary School and organized a Ladies Club. Club officers elected were Mrs. Juanita Lewis, president; Mrs. Dorothy Billington, secretary; Mrs. Mae Verna Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Ellis, representative and Mrs. Walker, reporter.

50 Years Ago

November 17, 1949
The Haskell Indians rumbled to a 6-A east district title when they defeated a determined but out-manned Munday Mogul team 46-14 at Munday. Starting line-up for the Indians were Bobby Jack Price, Buddy Lane, Vernay Lusk, Tommy Rhoads, Royce Mullins, Ernest Strain, Edward Ammons, Bill Ray Lusk, James Miller, Billy Davis, Eldon Amonett.

The Fannie Smith H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Fred Hodgins. The president, Mrs. H. Harris, presided during the business meeting.

John Henderson will open Henderson Electric Shop on the southeast corner of the square in a section of the building occupied by Mann's Grocery.

90 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1909
J. J. Stein, A. C. Sherrick and J. T. Barow are on an automobile trip to big Spring, Garden City and other points.

Alvy Couch, cashier of the Weinert State Bank, was a business visitor in Haskell.

I. J. Harcrow sold a load of fine roasting ears in Haskell this week.

P. A. Stedham from the Cobb Ranch was in town with cotton.

Back the Indians!

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EUGENE BUTLER - NIKKI PATRICK

Patrick, Butler to wed Dec. 19

Nikki Patrick, daughter of Harold and Rita Patrick of Abilene, and Eugene Butler, son of Gene and Doris Butler of Haskell have announced their engagement to be married Dec. 19 at Logsdon Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Edward Scott and Dorothy Patrick, both of Waco.

William and Ann Butler of Haskell are grandparents of the bridegroom.

The bride-elect graduated from

Cooper High School in 1991 and received a BS degree in Chemistry from Hardin-Simmons University in Dec. 1994. Currently she is working toward an MED from the school. She is employed by Abilene Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Haskell High School in 1990, and is attending Hardin-Simmons University. He is employed by Avis Lube and Second Baptist Church, Abilene.

Rule 4-H to hold toy drive

Would you like to make Christmas happier for a needy child? Then donate a toy to the Rule 4-H Christmas Toy Drive.

The Rule 4-H Club is taking donations until Dec. 10. Collection boxes are located at the Rule Post Office and at school. The toys will be wrapped and distributed to needy families in Haskell County.

Haskell, Rochester, Paint Creek and Rule schools will submit names of needy children to the Haskell County Child Welfare Board.

Toys should be new and for any age up to age eighteen. The board will also accept cash donations.

The 4-H Club is also selling chances on a thirteen inch television. The \$1.00 donation will benefit the Child Welfare Board's Christmas activities for needy families also. Tickets can be purchased at the Rule Basketball Tournament.

For more information contact Leslie Kupatt, Martha Wolsch, Renee Dudensing or any adult 4-H leader from Rule.



SCARECROWS—Participating in a unit on Scarecrows in conjunction with Fall/Halloween, Haskell students in Rhonda Hanson's 2nd grade class made scarecrow costumes as an art project. Pictured, standing l-r, are: Jordan Burson, Savannah Stephens, A. J. Benton, Chad Kretschmer and Shambrie Rodriguez. Seated are: D. J. Masias, Misti Jones, Carissa Zarate, McKenzie Barrington and Aldo Fernandez. Kneeling is Michael Crain. Not pictured are Case Braswell and Tony Garcia.

Students visit Rotary

Kira Poteet, daughter of Edgwyna Poteet is active in school as a varsity cheerleader, senior class secretary, and in the FFA.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, she likes to work, watch movies and hang out with friends.

Among her future plans are attending McMurry University, and possibly getting married.

receiving the Middle School track award.

She is affiliated with the First United Methodist Church. Some of her favorite things are collecting trolls and working.

After finishing high school, Cooper plans to attend college and get a job.

Amber Cooper is the daughter of Rick and Cindy Cooper.

A special award for her was

Roping results

Results of Haskell Roping Club roping held Sun., Nov. 14 include:

B-Roping: Round 1: 1. Bruce Slover 2. Roman Morgan

Round 2: 1. Ray Teeter 2. Billy Lamb

Round 3: 1. Jay Hurt 2. Billy Lamb

Average winners were: 1. Billy Lamb 2. Bruce Slover 3. Jim Pope

Open Roping: Round 1: Todd Spitzer 2. Kirt Keen

Round 2: 1. Raymond Hollabaugh 2. Fred Hernandez

Round 3: 1. Raymond Hollabaugh 2. Kirt Keen

Average winners were: 1. Kirt Keen 2. Todd Spitzer 3. Brand Cude

The next roping will be Nov. 21 at 2:00 p.m.

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Rule students hear program on abstinence

In separate presentations, Oct. 25, Rule Middle School and High School students heard a program by Ed Ainsworth of Lubbock, challenging them with an "Abstinence Only" message.

The father of three children, Ainsworth is a camp director and conference speaker who has high expectations for this generation, and believes that if they are challenged properly they will make quality decisions for the future.

In 1994 he began *Whiteheart Communications* in response to a desperate cry from teenagers, parents, and all those who work with teenagers. Noting that from every corner of society people are looking for answers to teenage sexuality, Ainsworth realized that considering the fact that our government spends more than 17 billion on teenage pregnancy each year, we cannot deny that there is

a major problem in our nation on this issue.

In the last four years he has spoken to more than 250,000 students in junior highs, high schools and colleges with an "Abstinence Only" challenge.

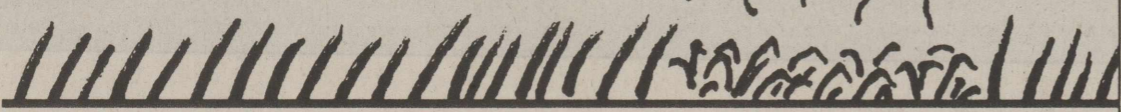
Ainsworth says that although "JUST SAY NO" is a great slogan, he believes that is not enough to cause the American teenager to want to live a sexually pure life. They need someone to tell them "HOW," he says.

Using creative and interactive teaching methods such as videos, role-play, visuals, music, and an educational game, that involve the students in the learning process, his goal for them is to listen and remember.

The Rule students attending the presentation were challenged to remain virgins and were given practical reasons as to "why" and practical tools for "how".

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Bug night held at Elementary

Approximately 200 students, family, friends and faculty attended the 5th grade "Little Creatures Who Rule the World" night at Haskell Elementary School cafeteria Oct. 26. Those attending were treated to a night of fabulous facts, entertaining presentations and refreshments of buggy treats.

Presentations by students consisted of poems, raps, music, maps, math, models, readings and research information. All 5th graders received the Principal's Award of Excellence for a tremendous job.

The following is a list of winners for each category.

Best Use of Science - Walking Stick: Stephanie Grand, Roman DeLaCruz and Paula Isbell.

Biggest Bug - Black Widow: Krystal Wilson and Brittany Jordan.

Most Realistic - Hawk Moth: Lupe Romero, Chelsea Ramirez, Chambrey Bartley and Christina Aguirre.

Best Musical Presentation - Ant: Matthew Brown, Paige Thomas and Janie Walker.

Most Factual - Praying Mantis: Josh Burke, Malinda Brueggeman and Brittany Martinez.

Best Use of Math - Longhorn Beetle: Amber Bingham, Sarah Garcia and Diana Maurico.

Best Use of Reference - Rhino Beetle: Billy Lusk and Jarred Webb.

Most Unusual - Stag Beetle: Beto Rivera, Scott Wilson, Cody Enriquez and Greg Guzman.

Best Presentation - Diving Beetle: Kellye Tidrow, Rylie Tatum and Casandra Reynolds.

Most Informative - Ladybug Beetle: Gay Lynn Gary, Alexa Roberts and Shayla Felty.

Most Creative - Monarch Butterfly: Gary Frierson, Jasmine Thomas and Anthony Hernandez.

Best Model - Honeybee: Maggie Teague, Kayla Tidrow and Tamisha Dever.

Best Use of Maps - Boll Weevil: Shannon Greenwood, Ashley Foster and Roxanne Chavez.

Best Use of Reading/Stories - Cricket/Grasshopper: Eloy Aguirre, Josh Kimmel, Codye Perry and Vincente Castillo.

Ugliest Bug - Scorpion: Andrew Long, Rick Rojo, Justin Rodriguez.

Most Colorful - Dragonfly: Erin Hise, Angelo Pena, Kristen Martinez and Karen Bacy.

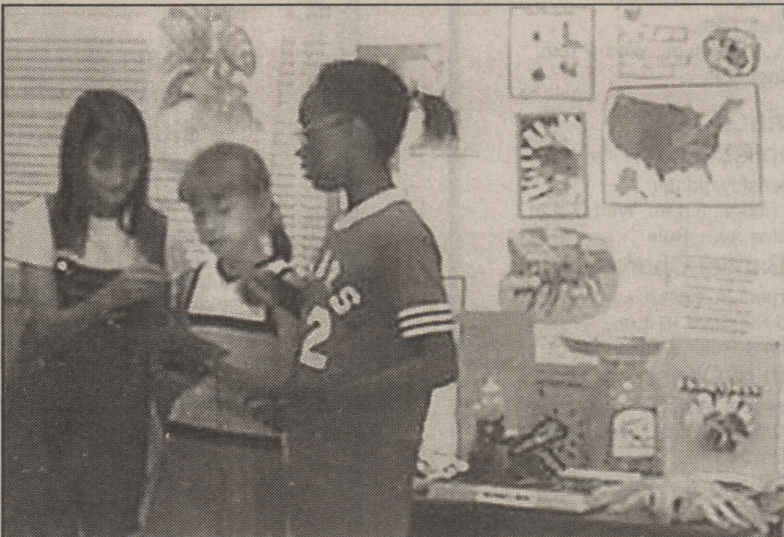
The Grand Prize winners are Maggie Teague, Kayla Tidrow and Tamisha Dever for their work on the honeybee.



ROTARY INVITED—Haskell Elementary students attended Rotary Club to invite Rotarians to their "Big Night." Under the vision of teacher Paula Everett the science projects are the culmination of six weeks of Internet research, extensive reading and group cooperation. The Little Creatures Who Run the World is an extension of a grant provided by Abilene Christian University and the Eisenhower Foundation which is intended to enhance elementary science programs in the public schools. Students were: front, l-r, Amber Bingham, Diana Maurico, Krystal Wilson, Brittany Jordan and Sarah Garcia. Back l-r, are Rotarians, Dusty Garison, Dr. Tom Hairgrove and Ken Lane.



LEARNING ABOUT THE BUGS—Haskell Elementary School 5th and 6th grade students enjoyed a visit with Haskell County Extension Agent, Brandon Anderson, left, and District Entomologist Emory Boring, who came to the school to talk to them about insects, spiders and other creepy crawlers.



PRIZE WINNERS—Fifth Grade winners Maggie Teague, Tamisha Dever and Kayla Tidrow show off their research project about the honeybee, during the "Little Creatures that Rule the World" night held recently at Haskell Elementary.

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November 14, 1999

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Haskell Co-op Gin	854
O'Brien	
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	5,672
Rule	
Sagerton	
Rule Co-op Gin	547
Sagerton Gin	260
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	300
Weinert Gin	435
Total Bales	1,100
	9,168

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All family and friends are cordially invited to an 80th Birthday celebration for **Jona Caddell** Sat., Nov. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at her home.

The come and go celebration is hosted by her children and grandchildren.

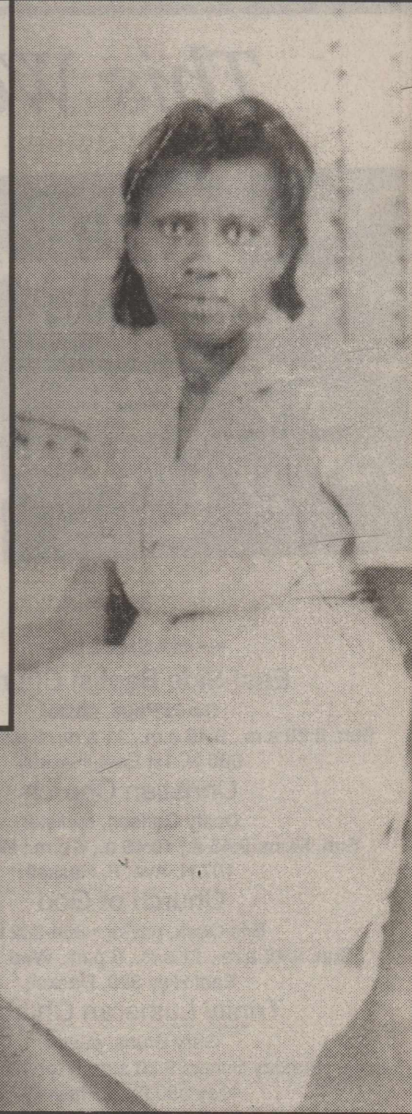
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Dorothy Billington

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
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 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day.
 To laugh, to love, to work or play,
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.
 I found that place at the close of day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
 Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much.
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NEW OFFICERS-1999-2000 leaders of the Haskell Secondary FCCLA Chapter (formerly FHA) are: seated, l-r, Jillian Thomas, vice-president; Sydney Brueggeman, secretary; Wendy Proctor, president; Eden Thomas, projects chairman. Standing are: Kendra Wolsch, treasurer and Jacklyn Escobedo, reporter.

4-H'ers compete in Vernon

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Seventeen Haskell County 4-H'ers competed in three contests at the District 3 4-H Judging Contests held in Vernon Sat., Nov. 13. Haskell County had teams in Livestock Judging, Horse Judging and Foods & Nutrition Quiz Bowl.

The Livestock Judging contest had ten Haskell County 4-H'ers competing. Seniors competing were Cliff McGuire and B. J. Opsahl. Both did a super job judging individually with Cliff McGuire placing 8th place overall in the division. The Intermediate team had the strongest showing, winning their division in convincing fashion. The team was first place and individually all four members were in the top ten. Members and their placing overall were: Amy Turner - Rochester, 1st place; Jonathan Hisey - Rule, 2nd place; Abby Dudensing - Sagerton, 3rd place; and Chase Cockerell - Rochester, 10th place. The Junior

team consisting of Chambray Bartley, Candace Brister, Molly Dudensing and Kyla Jones ended up 5th place overall with Kyla Jones placing 5th overall.

The horse judging team competed in a very tough Junior Division. Team members were Amber Bingham, Gay Lynn Gary and Alexa Roberts.

The Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl was a new contest that had one team from Haskell County.

The participants for the Junior Team were Teddye Sue Harris, Mykel McGhee, Kerri Newton and Shana Nicholson. all of the Rochester 4-H Club.

Traveling to Vernon with the 4-H'ers were Debra Bartley, Greg and Debbie Brister, Susan Cockerell, Jennifer Mathis and Jimmy Roberts. Also attending and assisting with the contests were Haskell County Agents, Brandon Anderson and Lou Gilly.

Haskell School Menu

**Nov. 22-26
Breakfast**

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

Monday: Buttered toast

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: No School

Thursday: No School

Friday: No School

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Ala-carte line offered daily

Secondary only. Snack bar price list posted in each class. Milk and assorted drinks are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Steak fingers/gravy, creamed potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, sunshine bars

Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, assorted chips, vegetable sticks, apple

Wednesday: No School

Thursday: No School

Friday: No School

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, November 22

Lunch-Beef stew, cabbage slaw, applesauce, gingerbread, cornbread, milk, tea or coffee

Tuesday, November 23

Thanksgiving dinner-Turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, November 24-Friday, November 26 ECC will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH DEMONSTRATES THE FUTILITY OF ENVY



Of all the human emotions in our repertoire, envy is perhaps the most destructive of our happiness and spiritual well-being, and is just as unnecessary. The very time we waste in resentment over another's good fortune could be far better spent in counting our own blessings and increasing our own accomplishments. The good Lord endowed each of us with different abilities, and it is up to us to make the most of them. Wealth can evaporate and good luck reverse itself; however real peace of mind depends not on transient things but on the knowledge that God loves us equally and asks only that we do our best. Learn this at the Church of your choice, and think of the person you have envied as just an example of what you yourself can do.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church of God

Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.

Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert Methodist Church

Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowmover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL OF ROCHESTER

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

RULE

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

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

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.

New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Swine validation dates set

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The Haskell County Swine Validation will be held at the following times and locations:
Paint Creek School, Mon., Nov. 22, 12:00 (noon) - 2:00 p.m.; Haskell High School Farm, Mon., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Rule School Farm, Tues., Nov. 23, 12:00 (noon) - 2:30

p.m.; and Rochester School, Tues., Nov. 23, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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- Identify the right product and customer mix.** Having the products customers want at the time they want them and in the number, color, location, and quantity they need, is a continual challenge. Get regular and continuous feedback from customers to help you get your mix just right.
- Develop active networks.** It's not just what you know that counts, it's also who you know. Actively develop and maintain a network that keeps you in the mind of suppliers, present customers and future customers.
- Design effective processes.** Every business has an opportunity to distinguish itself by doing something better than its competitors. Providing the best service, shortest cycle time, most variety, or best quality requires procedures that can deliver every day to every customer. Improving your processes to deliver what no competitor is delivering to customers is a key strategy in building a better company.
- Use your employees wisely.** Perhaps the single most essential resource in any business is the knowledge its employees have. Encourage collaboration and sharing of knowledge and skills among your employees. Continuously develop and train people. Measure individual performance and reward achievement and good ideas.

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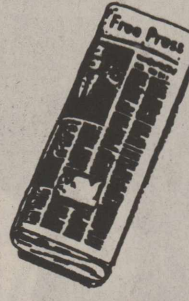
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All prospective bidders are advised that there will not be a pre-bidders conference for this contract.
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AT THE CAREER FAIR—Faye Bledsoe, left, of Haskell National Bank, which sponsored the Fair, stands behind the Texas A&M table with Haskell student Kristi Christian, A&M recruiter Rebecca Harbaugh, and other Haskell students Jimmy Huff, Craig Cunningham and Dan Fouts.



ATTENDING THE FAIR—Hearing about Texas Tech University during the Career Fair sponsored by Haskell National Bank, were students, l-r, Matt Arendall, Stephanie Stephens, Tiffany McDuff and Mandi Hunt of Rule, Casey Williams of Rochester, Tech recruiter Karen Hamel and Faye Bledsoe of Haskell National Bank.

470 area students attend college fair

The 12th annual College Fair sponsored by Haskell National Bank and hosted by Haskell High School was held at the Haskell Civic Center Nov. 15. Representatives from 34 colleges, universities, technical schools and the United States Armed Services provided information, literature and

applications to students from twelve area high school as a part of the Schools to Careers Program. Students had the opportunity to visit with recruiters and ask questions needed for planning their future.

Colleges present were Howard Payne University, Howard College, University of Texas Austin,

Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M University, University of North Texas, Texas Lutheran University, Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Texas A&M Commerce, Western Texas College, Hardin-Simmons University, West Texas A&M University, McMurry University,

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The *Chieftain*, the Haskell High School yearbook, will remain on sale through Fri., Nov. 19. Cost of a basic book is \$29 which includes autograph pages, the Millennium Review, the World Beat and a plastic cover. Personalized books

are \$5 more.

Students can reserve books by paying a \$19 deposit for a basic book or \$24 for a personalized book.

Books may be purchased in the

elementary office, high school office or from the following yearbook staff members: Troy Caraway, Patricia Fuentes, Meg McManamon, Hilee Mulligan, Jennifer Smith, Cynthia Soto, Jodi Thigpen, Jessica Thompson and Emily Wheat.

For more information, call Jill Druessedow at 864-2231 or 864-2461.

Rule 4-H Club discusses activities

The Rule 4-H Club held a meeting in Oct. and discussed the Jubilee float and ice cream booth.

Emery Dudensing, Abby Dudensing, Miranda Robertson and MacKenzie Miller did a lesson at "Ag in the Classroom" at Haskell to teach fourth graders about butter.

The 4-H Club also received 4-H T-shirts.

The activity for Oct. was making bracelets for Red Ribbon week, a drug awareness program for all of the school.

Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, MacKenzie Miller, Kelsie Miller, Jacob Manske and Miranda Robertson competed in the County Food Show. Abby, MacKenzie and Miranda won their divisions and will compete at the District Show Nov. 20 in Wichita Falls.

Jonathan Hisey, Abby Dudensing and Molly Dudensing participated in Livestock Judging at the District meet in Vernon.

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<p>FRESH BAKED PUMPKIN PIES</p> <p>2 FOR \$5⁰⁰</p>	<p>SMOKED TURKEY DINNER</p> <p>9-10 LBS., 3 LBS. DRESSING, 1 PT. GRAVY, 2 LBS. BROCCOLI AND RICE CASSEROLE, 12 ROLLS AND PIE</p> <p>\$24⁹⁹</p>

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