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Haskell
JV-GB, V-GB vs Iowa Park
Fri., Nov. 17, 4 p.m. at Iowa Park
Haskell 7th, 8th & 9th
vs. Stamford
Mon., Nov. 20, 4:30 p.m.
Girls There, Boys Here
JV-GB, V-GB vs Eula
Tues., Nov. 21, 4 p.m. at Eula

Paint Creek at
Lueders-Avoca Tourney
Nov. 16-18 at Avoca
Paint Creek vs. Aspermont
Mon., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.
at Aspermont
Paint Creek JH vs. Rule
Mon., Nov. 20, 5 p.m.
at Rule
Paint Creek vs. Moran
Tues., Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Rule JVB, VG-B vs. Woodson
Fri., Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
at Rule
Rule JH-GB vs Paint Creek
Mon., Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.
at Rule
Rule JVG-B, VG-B vs.
Lueders Avoca
Tues., Nov. 21, 4 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Early deadlines

Deadlines for the November 23 Thanksgiving issue of the Haskell Free Press is Thurs., Nov. 16 at 5 p.m.

Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-864-5299 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Health Fair

The Experienced Citizens Center will host a health fair Fri., Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health related literature will be offered. A blood pressure check will be available.

Food drive

The Rule 4-H Club will sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Drive. All donations will benefit the local Noah Project and must be turned in by Tues., Nov. 21. Boxes are located at the Rule School, Rule Banking Center and Rule Post Office. Items being collected include canned foods, flour, sugar and other non-perishable foods.

Bake sale

The Paint Creek Senior Class will hold a bake sale Sat., Nov. 18 from 9 to 2 or until sold out in front of Dollar General. Proceeds benefit the senior trip.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Nov. 17 at noon. Final plans for the Christmas Tour of Homes to be held Dec. 3 will be discussed.

FFA Booster Club

The Paint Creek FFA Booster Club will meet Tues., Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Library meeting

Friends of Haskell County Library will meet Mon., Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ annex.

Pizza sale

The Paint Creek Seniors are selling Little Caesar's pizza kits. To order contact Cara Thomasson at 864-6158 and you will be given the name of a senior to contact. Proceeds benefit the senior trip.

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The Haskell Free Press

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WINTER ETCHED IN SNOW--Trees around the County Courthouse were heavily frosted with the snow which covered the area Wednesday morning, Nov. 8, making streets slippery and snapping tree limbs around the city before thawing in the sunshine.

Mills to be honored

Haskell County Sheriff Johnny L. Mills will be retiring at the end of the year after serving eighteen years in the County Sheriff's office, fifteen of which were as County Sheriff.

Sat., Dec. 2, Sheriff Mills will be honored at a community-wide reception in recognition of his years of service. Hosted by the employees of the Haskell County Sheriff's Office, the reception honoring retiring Sheriff Mills will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Haskell Civic Center.

Mills is the son of Eunice Mills and the late J. W. Mills. After retiring from the U. S. Air Force in 1981 he was hired as a deputy in the Sheriff's Office. He was elected Haskell County Sheriff in 1984, and has held the office since that time. Early this year he announced his retirement at the end of this term.

He and his wife, Polly Mills of Haskell have two children. Son Chris Mills, his wife Denise and children live in Haskell. Son Cory Mills and wife Stacy live in Katy.

Community Thanksgiving service set Sunday

By Mary Kaigler
"Give us thankful hearts...in this the season of Thy Thanksgiving. May we be thankful for health and strength, for sun and rain and peace... and let us remember that true gratitude and appreciation passes the gift joyfully on in larger and better form." W.E.B. du Bois, adapted ***

As the community of Haskell comes together in an attitude of gratitude Sunday night, to count and give thanks for a multitude of blessings, one by one, it will be an excellent and appropriate time to return, one by one, a portion of blessing to reach out in help to others who may come our way

during this next year. Haskell First United Methodist Church will be this year's host church for the Haskell Ministerial Alliance annual Community Thanksgiving Service, Sun., Nov. 19.

Rev. Bill Glass of the New Covenant Foursquare Church will be the speaker. Along with congregational singing, special music will include traditional songs played by the popular Prayer E Strings group of local musicians, Amy and Rob McKnight and Clark and Debbie Richardson.

During the evening an offering will be taken to augment funds for

the benevolent work of the local ministers' group. This community-wide service and the Round Robin Revival held by the Alliance member churches each year in the spring are the sole source of monetary support for their program of offering assistance to those who come to the church offices in need of temporary help. During the process of a year many such needs are met by the local group.

All of the church pastors have access to the fund, and may give vouchers for food, gasoline, motel rooms, etc., which are honored by local merchants and businesses. As a safeguard to keep abuse of the program to a minimum, a list is

kept through the First Baptist Church office of those who have been helped. Working together, a quick check of the list by any of the pastors before dispensing funds makes it possible to help a greater number of individuals or families who are hurting and need a helping

hand. All funds are administered through the outside treasurer, Mary Rike, who pays merchants for the vouchers they redeem.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will begin at 6 Sunday night.

Record Blue Catfish caught at Lake Stamford by Benny Gibbs

The record-size Blue Catfish caught Mon., Nov 6 on a trot line at Lake Stamford, dressed down to make a lot of crispy filets, and helped raise a lot of money Sun., Nov 12, at the East Side Baptist Church fresh-fish dinner benefiting the church Mission Trip Fund.

Caught in fifteen feet of water by Bennie Gibbs, manager of the

Anchor, the Blue Cat weighed 34 pounds and measured 43 inches long, making it a lake record Blue Cat catch. It has been registered as such with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Gibbs said.

Many 18 to 20 pound Blue Cat are caught at the lake, Gibbs said, but it is a rarity to catch one even near to this size. However, through

the years, it has not been unusual to see much larger Yellow Catfish taken from the lake.

Donating the big fish to the East Side Baptist Church dinner, along with fish caught and given by other local anglers, Gibbs was quick to say that he loved catching it, but didn't even begin to get into the job of dressing it down.

Haskell County election results

With the final results in the presidential elections still hanging in the balance, the Haskell County election was more clear-cut in the results.

For president, George W. Bush received 1497 votes to 1043 for Al

Gore, 10 for Pat Buchanan, 23 for Ralph Nader.

In the U. S. Senate race Kay Bailey Hutchison received 1533 to 891 for Kelly.

In the District 17 U.S. Representative race, Charles

Stenholm led with 1950 votes, to 448 for Clements and 84 for Monde.

In the State Representative District 68 race, Rick Harcastle led with 1273 to 1105 for Richie.

College Fair set Mon., Nov. 27

Haskell High School will host a College Fair sponsored by Haskell National Bank Mon., Nov. 27 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. Students from twelve area high schools along with Haskell High School

students will visit with representatives from colleges, universities, technical schools and the U. S. Military Services. About fifty colleges have been invited.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to

gather important college information and materials," Christy Gannaway, high school counselor said. "Parents are encouraged to attend the fair as well."



LAKE RECORD CATCH--Benny Gibbs of the Anchor holds a record size 34 pound Blue Cat he took from Stamford Lake on a trot line, Nov. 6.

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Indians defeated to close out season

Five TDs in the first quarter was a pretty good indication of the explosive power of this game called football.

At 11:02 in the 1st quarter, Hamlin scored on a 25-yard pass from quarterback Clint Powell to end Michael Green. The PAT was kicked by Michael Barrera. Using this same combination on a 51-yard pass, the Pied Pipers crossed the goal line with 6:44 to go in the 1st quarter. With only 4:00 minutes to go in the quarter, tailback Henry White scored one of his 5 TDs for the evening on a 3-yard run. Barrera again kicked his 3rd PAT in this quarter.

The Haskell Indians fought back with only 33 seconds in the quarter when wingback Tyrone Billington caught an 8-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Blanks. The PAT was kicked by Ernest Palacios. On the next pass from scrimmage, corner back Justin Tidrow intercepted a Hamlin pass, and with 10 seconds showing in the 1st quarter, wing back Tyrone Billington scored on a 26-yard run. The PAT was again kicked by Palacios. At the end of the 1st quarter it was Haskell 14, Hamlin 21, an indication of offensive power, to say the least.

The Pied Pipers proceeded to score 14 points in each of the remaining quarters, to gain a place in the District 8-2A playoff picture. Final score was Haskell 14, Hamlin 63.

District 8-2A season results were: Olney, the 5th ranked team in Class 2A, remaining undefeated 10-0 to take the championship. Albany was 2nd and Hamlin the 3rd place team. Stamford, Haskell and Anson finished in that order in District 8-2A.

Thursday night the JV Indians lost a hard-fought game to the young Pied Pipers, 6-16.

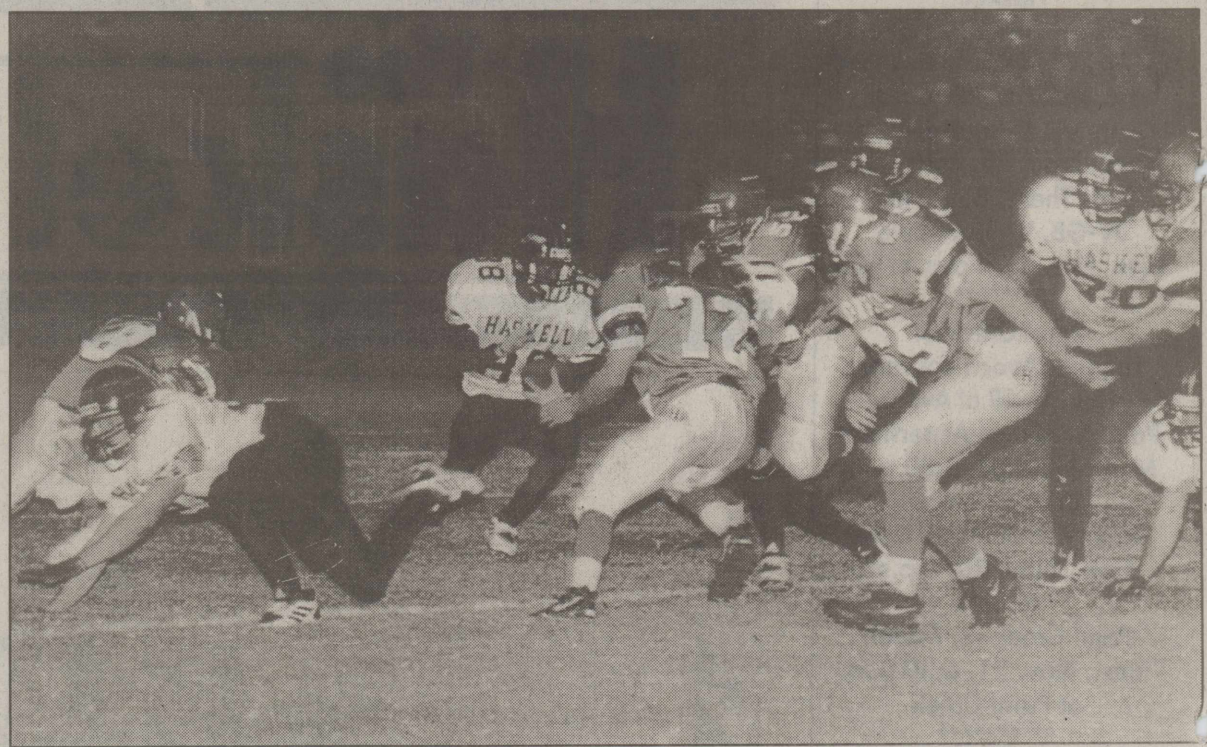
The final results for all Haskell teams: 7th grade Warriors were 4-2-2; the 8th grade Warriors were 5-3; the Junior Varsity 2-6-1 and the Indians were 3-7.

The Indians showed a lot of heart during the season and played with good enthusiasm. They were never out-hit or out-hustled. Quarterback Jeff Blanks finished the season with 42 carries for 22

yards and completed 49 for 126 passes for 697 yards. Tailback Adam Diaz had 408 yards on 85 carries. Fullback Dustin Threet

had 901 yards on 163 carries. Tyrone Billington had 39 yards on 6 carries and caught 10 passes for 153 yards. Split end Eddie Loyd

caught 15 passes for 257 yards. The Indians closed out their 2000 season with the game with Hamlin.



UP AGAINST THE PIED PIPERS—Haskell's #88 Tyrone Billington carries the ball for the Indians in their game with the third ranked Hamlin Pied Pipers. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Obituaries

Earl Proctor

Funeral services for Earl Proctor, 52, of Haskell were held Sat., Nov. 11 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Spur Cemetery in Spur under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Proctor died Thurs., Nov. 9 at a local hospital. Born Nov. 19, 1947, he married Wanda Schulle Jan. 21, 1984 in Ericksdahl. He had worked at the Fishing Village Marina in Abilene, Strickland Bridge, Haskell Tire and Appliance and was also one of Haskell's first EMTs. He was presently the Maintenance Section Supervisor for TxDOT. He was instrumental in building the Haskell Civic Center while working for Star Buildings. He was an active member of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and had served on the Haskell City Council. He

was a member of First Baptist Church, Haskell. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Proctor, of the home; one son, Brett Proctor of Abilene; and one daughter, Wendy Denise Proctor of Haskell.

Pallbearers were Bennie Harvey, Bobby Howard, Danny Kierepka, Kyle Martin, Chris Medford, Mike Poteet, Vernon Session and Joey Swinney. Honorary pallbearers were TxDOT employees including Ricky Martin, James McFadden, Clarence Walker, Erlinda Mayfield and Laramie Creacy; and the members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Janay Morrison

Funeral services for Janay Morrison, 52, of Wichita Falls were held Sun., Nov. 12 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Morrison died Fri., Nov. 10 at her home in Wichita Falls.

Born July 2, 1948 in Olney, she was the daughter of Pat and Wanda Morrison. She graduated from Paint Creek High School where she was a basketball standout throughout high school. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Biology and from Texas Woman's University with a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration. She retired in May after 30 years teaching with 19 of those years in the Wichita Falls Independent School District as teacher and administrator at Fannin Elementary and Harrell ALC and as the Assistant Principal of Zundy Junior High. She was voted Teacher of the Year from Fannin in 1989. She had a genuine love for children of all ages and never lost her love of athletics and coaching and was a strong supporter of the Wichita Falls High

School Coyotes. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell, AITPE, Bass N Gals, and various education and special education organizations. She was an avid golfer, fisherman, camper and genealogist. She was extremely proud of her Black Choctaw heritage. She also taught for a number of years in Haskell and Quanah.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pat Morrison. Survivors include her mother, Wanda Morrison of Haskell; two sisters, Vicki Ashby and her husband, Mike, of Bonham, Jo McGuire and her husband, Mike, of Haskell; Phyllis Wright of Wichita Falls; nephews, Chad Ashby of Marshall, Scott Ashby and his wife, Stephanie, and son, Noah, of Bedford, Cy McGuire of Texas A&M University and Zac McGuire of Haskell; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Chad and Scott Ashby, Cy and Zac McGuire, Bob Neely, Rhett Johnson, Zed Chavis and Dan Griffith.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls. PD. NOTICE

Jack Lane

Funeral services for Jack Lane, 79, of Haskell were held Fri., Nov. 10 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lane died Tues., Nov. 7 at his home in Azle. Born July 4, 1921 in Goree, he served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was a long time resident of both Haskell and Bursleson. He married Kathleen Crawford Jan. 28, 1951 in Haskell. She preceded him in

death Sept. 28, 1980. He was a rancher. Survivors include one daughter, Loretta Kay Brister of Azle; two sons, Gary Lee Lane of Detroit, Texas and David Alan Lane of Sarasota, Florida; one brother, Ken Lane of Haskell; and three grandchildren, Jon and Stacey Lane and Natalie Brister.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, Maryland 20852. PD. NOTICE

James Don Pierce

Graveside services for James Don Pierce, 65, of Rule were held Tues., Nov. 14 at Rule Cemetery with Dr. David Page officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pierce died Mon., Nov. 13 at a local hospital. Born July 12, 1935 in Stonewall County, he was co-owner of P-B-H Oilfield Supply in Knox City for 17 years. He was a member of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in

Rule. Survivors include one son, Garry Don Pierce of Abilene; one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Deward Gordy of Haskell; one brother, Charles R. Pierce of Knox City; two grandsons, Josh and Michael Gordy of Haskell.

Pallbearers were Alex Ladesma, Donnie Bowles, Roger Duniven, John Taylor, Payton Tankersley, Robert Tribbey and Densil Kite. PD. NOTICE

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LOTS OF ARTS AND CRAFTS—Many vendors and shoppers from a wide area crowded the Haskell Civic Center Saturday for the popular Young Homemakers Annual Arts and Craft Show.

Study Club hears elected county and district officials

A forum made up of elected Haskell County and District officials were speakers at the Progressive Study Club Public Affairs Program held Nov. 9 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Opening the meeting in the red, white and blue decorated room, club president Judy Patterson welcomed the panel of officials, 24 club members and guests, Erlinda Mayfield, Teresa Scoggins and Hortense Lees. The pledge to the American and Texas flags were led by Gladys O'Neal.

The president introduced the panel of speakers: District Attorney Mike Fouts; County Judge David Davis; County Attorney Shane

Hadaway; County Commissioner-elect Pct. 1, Johnny Scoggins; Commissioner Pct. 2, Tiffen Mayfield; and Commissioner Pct. 3, Kenny Thompson. Each official spoke on the job descriptions for their office and their expectations for the new term of office.

Following a question and answer session, Evelyn Cobb presented the forum of speakers an appreciation gift donation made in their honor to the Haskell County Library.

Hostesses for the evening were Joyce Howard, Thula Perry, Bailey Anne Foster, Ruby Smith and Gladys O'Neal.

The December meeting of the club will be in the home of Sandy Forehand, with members going

caroling to local senior living and care homes. Gifts of new toys will be brought for the Child Welfare Department.

TEEA Council meets

The Texas Extension Education Association Council met Thurs., Nov. 8 in the Haskell County Extension kitchen.

Chairman Lennie Blankenship opened the meeting by reading a poem "Dance Song." Eight members and one guest attended. Joetta Burnett read the minutes of the last meeting and Jeri Burke gave the treasurer's report.

Alice Yates, Joetta Burnett and Jeri Burke were appointed to serve on the committee for District Cultural Arts.

Nine members are planning to attend District 3 Training Meeting in Mineral Wells Nov. 30.

Agent Lou Gilly reported on the growth and achievements of Haskell County 4-H. One hundred and nine members enrolled this year. Of the 28 entries in the County Food Show, twelve qualified to advance to the District Food Show in Wichita Falls Nov. 18.



BRANDY GARDNER

Gardner is student executive

The Office of College Relations at South Plains College in Levelland has announced that Brandy Gardner of Haskell has been named vice president of the Student Government Association at South Plains College.

The governing body is currently serving as president school of Region I in Texas and is serving as secretary school on the state level.

The student executive council member is the daughter of Roland and Sharee Gardner of Haskell.

The next council meeting will be in January.

Hospital

Admissions

Vera Aguirre, Haskell
Levi Greer, Haskell
Alma Merchant, Haskell
Elizabeth Corum, Haskell
Willie Castillo, Haskell
Gerald Huff, Knox City
Leonard Myers, Paradise

Dismissals

Steve Pepper, Alex Wilkinson,
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Kuehler shares tricks of trade with Garden Club

The Haskell Garden Club met Thurs., Nov. 9 in the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

As each member entered, they were asked to sign their name to be drawn later for the floral arrangement that was to be created before their very own eyes by Pat Smith.

Florence Peden introduced the speaker, Perry Kuehler, floral designer and owner of "Buds for You" florist shop in Munday. He introduced Pat Smith.

As Kuehler shared many tricks of the trade in creating beautiful center pieces, gifts and preserving leaves for decoration, Pat was putting together a beautiful floral arrangement in a hollowed out pumpkin, with flowers and foliage.

At the completion of the program, Mary Kammenga's name was drawn for the floral arrangement. She gave it to Melyn Wittenborn in appreciation for her work on the Haskell Garden Club 2000-2001 year book.

Hostesses Birdie Fischer and daughter Sharon Lusk served refreshments.

President Sue Hertel called the meeting to order, asking Betty LeFevre, secretary, to call the roll and read the minutes.

Sixteen answered the roll call. They were: Margie Dornier, Birdie Fischer, Annie Foster, Hazel Hale, Wanda Ham, Sue Hertel, Ruby Holt, Mary Kammenga, Betty LeFevre, Sharon Lusk, Gladys O'Neal, Florence Peden, Erna Peiser, Bennie Shelton, Melyn Wittenborn and Jo Ann Grant.

The club approved buying more daffodil bulbs to be planted in a concerted area around and in front of the flag poles in the park, Tues., Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Help and donations of money or bulbs would be appreciated.

Club members often bring seeds or plants to share with other members. This meeting Hazel Hale brought squash pepper seeds. These seeds have been handed down from generation to generation.

Turkey producers give thanks

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Turkey producers can give thanks for a steady market this holiday season. But, Extension poultry specialist Sarah Birkhold says consumers may be surprised to find low prices at the grocery store.

She says many stores will use turkey as their "loss leader" and offer it at less than 20 cents per pound. This method draws consumers into the store who buy

other products, as well as turkeys.

Birkhold says although severe heat can hinder a turkey's growth, this year's drought was not a significant factor. Commercial turkeys are raised in environmentally-controlled housing. A fogging system sprays water throughout the house to keep the birds cool. Birkhold says birds remove heat from their body by panting, so it's important that they have fresh water and there is cool air moving throughout the house.

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OPINION

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn,
Attorney General

Q: Several years ago, I had trouble paying my credit card bills. This wound up in my credit report, and it's making it hard for me to get a car loan now. A credit repair business has offered to fix my credit rating for a fee. Is this a good idea, or just a scam?

A: Good credit is one of the most valuable 'assets' a consumer can have. It is difficult to qualify for a home mortgage or a car loan without having a good credit rating. Consumers who are desperate to restore their damaged credit rating make good targets for a credit repair scam.

Credit repair and credit improvement companies promise to fix your credit and 'erase' negative items from your credit report. They charge a fee ranging up to \$500. Unfortunately, while they keep the fee, these companies often are unable to deliver on their promise to repair your credit rating.

Typically, a legitimate credit improvement company will write to a credit bureau, asking to have inaccurate or false items corrected or removed. You can do the same thing yourself for free. Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers have the right to have inaccurate information on their credit reports corrected. By law, the credit reporting agency is not allowed to charge for correcting the information in your file.

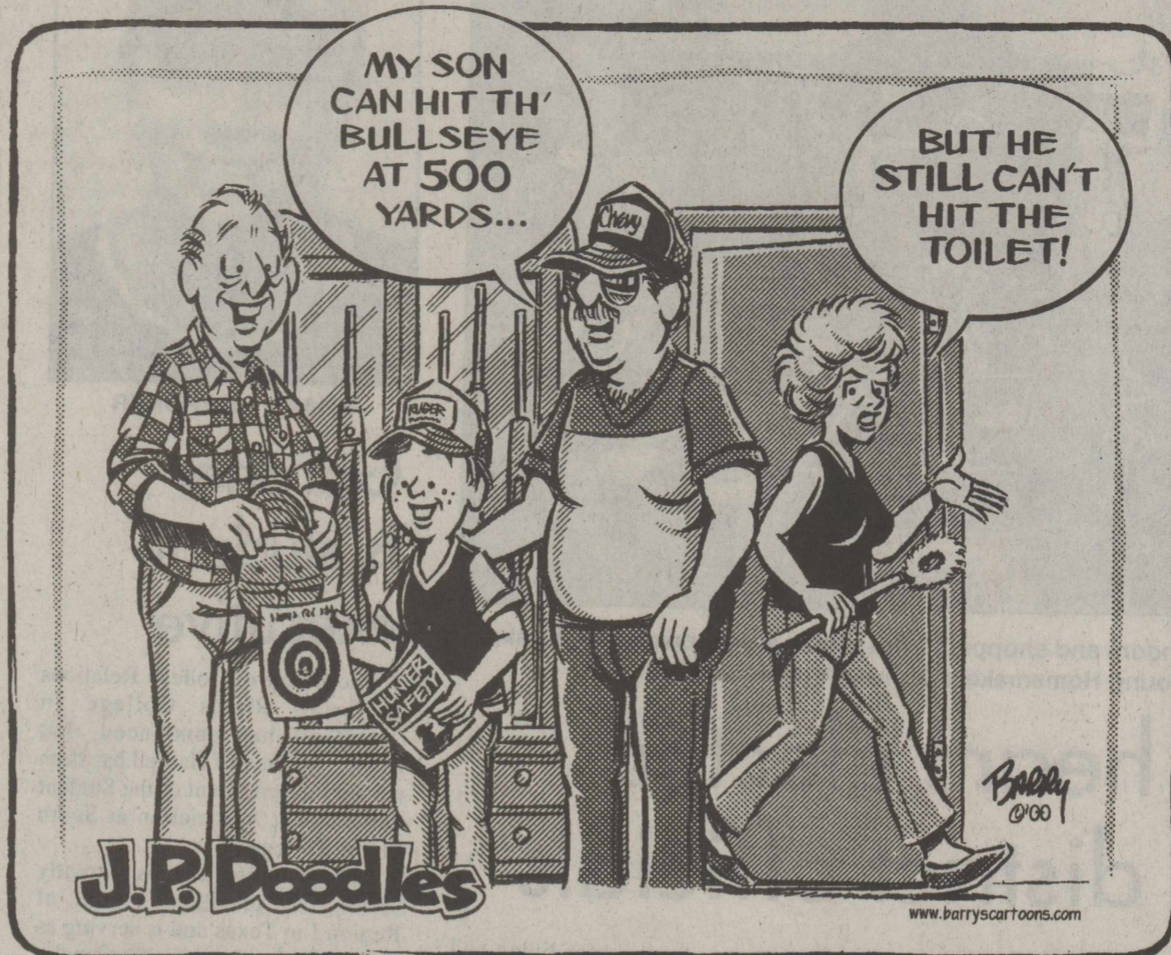
A disreputable credit repair firm may simply take your fee and do nothing. Or, it may try to look effective by exploiting the procedures used to verify credit information. For example, suppose your car was repossessed several years ago. This negative item still appears on your credit report today. The credit repair outfit writes to the credit bureau asking to have the repossession erased. The credit bureau contacts the person or company that repossessed the car for confirmation. If the repossession is slow to respond, the item may temporarily disappear from your credit report. This makes it look like the credit repair has been successful. However, the negative mark will reappear on your report as soon as the credit bureau gets confirmation from the repossession.

Q: Where can I go for help with restoring my credit rating?

Many communities have non-profit consumer credit counseling services that can review your situation and help you create a strategy for restoring your credit rating. Check the business listings in your telephone book under 'Credit' to see if this service is available where you live. In addition, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (OCCC), a state agency, provides general information about consumer credit in Texas. You can reach the OCCC at (800) 538-1579 or on the Internet at www.occ.state.tx.us.

Experian, Equifax and Trans Union, the three largest credit reporting agencies, are required by law to give you one free copy of your report if you have been denied credit. You should request a copy of your credit report from each agency to ensure that it is accurate. Experian can be reached at (800) 392-1122; Equifax at (800) 685-1111; and Trans Union at (800) 851-2674.

There is no easy, one-step method for fixing bad credit. The only effective way to restore a good credit rating is to pay off old debts, pay current bills in full and on time, prepare a realistic budget and stick with it, and plan future spending carefully.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 15, 1990

Members of the Weinert Extension Homemakers Club met in the community room of the Weinert school. Alice Yates was hostess. President Betty Sanders called the meeting to order. Nine members and five guests were present.

Betsy Nanny and Sharla Jetton, both students at Hardin-Simmons University, have been awarded scholarships for the 1990-91 school year.

Myrtle Phemister and Roy Herricks were honored as "Outstanding Citizens of Weinert" at the Weinert Homecoming.

20 Years Ago November 13, 1980

The Haskell Indian Band received a first division rating in class AA in competition in Abilene.

Dora Arredondo was crowned Indian Band Sweetheart during ceremonies at halftime of the Haskell-Paducah game. She was escorted by Elliott Cox.

The Progressive Study Club donated a new piano for use in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

John Brueggeman of Weinert received the Six Man Football Award in the game against Patton Springs. Brueggeman scored 62 of Weinert's 64 points. Patton Springs won the game 65 to 64.

30 Years Ago November 12, 1970

Navy Petty Officer Third Class

Harlan L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Miller of Haskell, is serving with Training Squadron 28 at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi. Miller is a 1966 graduate of Haskell High School.

The Rochester Steer Band received a III rating in the UIL marching contest held in Sweetwater. Drum Major is Kay Newsom.

Mrs. H. E. Bland of Haskell and Mrs. Cecil Lewis of Rule were winners of coats during Lane-Felker's coat promotion.

40 Years Ago November 17, 1960

In a three-game match at the Haskell Bowling Lanes between women's teams of Haskell and Stamford, the Haskell women chalked up a clean sweep. Members of the Haskell team are Ruby Medford, Lee Burson, Louise Josselot, Dude Dumas and Stella Steele; Betty Burson is alternate.

The Haskell High School chapter of FHA presented a style show sponsored by Cofield's Department Store. Special guests for the evening were members of the FHA chapter of Paint Creek High School.

Haskell County Veterans of World War I, Barracks 1816 and Auxiliary, held their annual turkey dinner at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Approximately 85 guests registered for the dinner.

50 Years Ago November 16, 1950

Joyce Beauchamp, Haskell County Gold Star Girl for 1950,

was presented the Gold Star Award during National 4-H Club Achievement Week. Beauchamp is 16 years old and has been a member of the O'Brien 4-H Club since 1945.

Several thousand visitors thronged the streets of Rule when that city staged its 13th annual Armistice Day celebration and homecoming.

Members of the Weinert Baptist Church presented their pastor, the Rev. Temple Lewis, with a 1949 Chrysler. The gift was a complete and pleasant surprise to the pastor.

"Bess" a 3-year-old cutting horse owned and trained by Bill McFarlin of Haskell, won first place in the cutting horse division of the Newcastle Rodeo. McFarlin received a wrist watch and \$12 prize money as first place award.

90 Years Ago November 12, 1910

Corax Maxwell of Cisco is teaching a private school in the South Ward School. Terms are \$1.75 per month.

The Rule Baptist Church will be host for an area BYPU and Sunday School Institute Nov. 22 to 27 in which churches from Haskell and Jones counties will take part.

Hardy Grissom made a business trip to Olney this week.

Haskell Public Schools are making excellent progress, Supt. W. H. Woodley reports and enrollment is steadily gaining in all three city schools as farmers are catching up with cotton picking.

Older adults need exercise

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
More than a third of Texans older than 65 do not engage in any physical activity, but getting that type of exercise is not as hard as it seems.

The benefits of physical activity for older adults, according to Dr. Sharon Robinson, assistant professor and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, include reducing the risk of a heart attack, controlling weight, reducing blood pressure and helping to prevent osteoporosis.

"It's easy to let physical inactivity take over," Robinson said. "The key is to keep moving and to plan some type of physical activity into your every day routine."

Exercises can be as simple as

coming to a stand during television commercial breaks or using plastic milk jugs filled with water as weights to do arm reaches. A one-half gallon container of water weighs about four pounds.

"Walk," Robinson suggested. "Don't park in the space nearest the building to which you are going."

As with people of any age, use the buddy system.

"You'll help motivate each other and it's safer," she said.

Adults over the age of 65 years should consult a doctor regarding which kinds and how much physical activity is right for them.

For more information contact Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 864-2546 or come by the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

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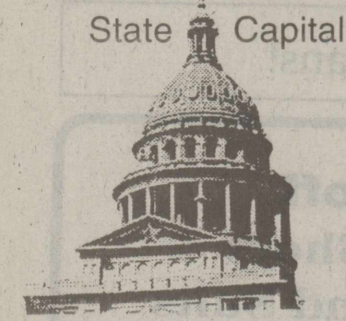
When it comes to turkey, Texans do the gobbling. Turkey producers saw their sales grow nearly 30 percent in the 1990s, from close to \$135 million in 1990 to nearly \$175 million in 1999. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service projects \$189 million worth of turkeys will be sold from Texas farms this year.

The wild birds are popular too. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued 69,073 turkey hunting permits in 1999, and 25,188 turkeys were bagged.

Texas turkeys to the table
Cash receipts in millions of dollars

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000*
134.8	121.6	144.8	136.7	157.4	151.0	176.6	174.7	174.7	174.7	189.0

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), Texas Agricultural Extension Service. *Projected



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Fifty-one percent of registered voters turned out Nov. 7 to cast ballots in the general election. Nearly 6.4 million Texans voted on election day and another 2.5 million cast ballots during the early voting period.

Terry County had the highest turnout with 76 percent or 6,209 of the 8,123 registered voters casting ballots. Loving County followed with 74 percent or 156 voters out of 211 registered.

The lowest turnout was in Dimmitt County, which trailed the rest of the state by nearly 12 percent. Only 19 percent of that county's 8,311 registered voters voted in the election.

In the presidential election Gov. George W. Bush captured 59 percent of the vote statewide to Vice President Al Gore's 38 percent. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader garnered nearly 2 percent of the Texas vote.

Texans overwhelmingly re-elected Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. She received 65 percent of the vote to Democratic challenger Gene Kelly's 32 percent.

Democrats came out on top in Texas' 30 congressional district races with all incumbents of both parties winning re-election. Texas has 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Republicans retained two of the three seats on the Texas Railroad Commission. Commissioner Charles R. Matthews was re-elected and voters affirmed Gov. Bush appointee Chairman Michael L. Williams, who stepped into the position in December 1998 to fill the unexpired term of Carole Keeton Rylander, who vacated to become comptroller.

The three Republican incumbent Texas Supreme Court Justices Nathan Hecht, Priscilla Owen and Al Gonzales also kept their seats on the nine-member court.

Two Republicans, incumbent David Bradley and newcomer Cynthia A. Thornton, were elected to District 7 and District 10 respectively on the State Board of Education. District 10 Democrat Will Davis did not seek re-election. When the new term begins in January 2001, 10 Republicans and five Democrats will control the board.

The makeup of the Texas Senate remained the same with all incumbents winning re-election.

In the Texas House of Representatives, Democrats gained one seat, District 11, in which Chuck Hopson beat Paul S. Woodward, and Repub-

licans added District 59, in which Sid Miller beat Democratic incumbent David Lengefeld.

In District 18, which covers part of East Texas, Democratic incumbent Rep. Dan Ellis earned 51 percent of the vote to barely fend off Republican challenger Ben Bius. The longtime Democratic district became a hotly contested vote in Polk County. Only a week before the election a state judge cleared the way for a group of Recreational Vehicle owners to vote in Polk County. The predominantly Republican RV owners live part of the year near Lake Livingston and claim their RVs as a primary residences.

State Farm to refund \$3.1 million
State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurance provider, has agreed to refund an estimated \$3.1 million to insured drivers in Texas.

The state sued State Farm alleging the company reduced auto repair claim payments to policyholders for "betterment" of the vehicle.

An estimated 30,000 policyholders who had claims dating from Feb. 1, 1996 to present day will receive refunds plus interest as part of the company's settlement with the state. State Farm also agreed to pay \$175,000 in attorney fees to the Attorney General's Office and said it would not raise current insurance rates to offset the refund.

The state has settled with four other insurance agencies while 10 other betterment cases are pending.

Other Highlights

• Lotto Texas celebrated its eighth birthday last week. Since the big-jackpot game began Nov. 7, 1992, players have won \$3.5 billion. Only one \$12.3 million jackpot, drawn Oct. 26, 1994 at Stone Creek Mini Mart in Flower Mound, remains unclaimed.

• The state likely will head to court this week to defend a clean-air proposal designed to reduce emissions at Dallas and Fort Worth area airports. Delta Airlines declined to participate in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's plan. Southwest Airlines, American Airlines and the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth already had committed to the TNRC plan.

• The Texas Department of Transportation says the federal government is shortchanging the state on two key programs designed to improve trade corridors and border transportation infrastructure. TxDOT officials say Texas stands to gain only \$11.3 million, or 49 cents on the dollar, for all discretionary highway funds.

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Moore visits Homespun Club

The Homespun TEEA Club met in the County Extension Office recently with eleven members and one guest present.

Roll call was answered with a one word answer having a meaning of thankfulness, or what you are thankful for. Members were thankful for children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, health and all the good things provided.

The speaker of the day was Debbie Moore with the Mental Retardation program in this area. Moore serves Haskell, Seymour and Graham. She explained to the members the actual work her clients are involved in and encouraged visitation to the workshop area. The clients do finishing work on projects such as yard art. They assemble picnic packages which can be utilized by family reunions and are being utilized by civic organizations in the area. The clients make other crafts which are for sale. Everyone was encouraged to purchase an item as it is a step in providing the clients with a healthy self-esteem.

Moore is a very energetic person who is sincere in her caring for the clients she serves. The clients range from age 22 through age 78 and are eager to work.

Members registered for the

training meeting to be held in Mineral Wells Nov. 30.

Members are urged to help with delivery of meals from the E.C.C. The club Christmas party is Dec. 7.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 812 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 11, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stockers 2-3 higher. Feeders 1-3 higher; stocker cows and pairs 10-20 higher.

Jersey, Longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, and goons \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .34-.39; cutters, .38-.43; canners, .25-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.54; feeder, .72-.79; utility, .42-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 400-500

lbs., .95-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.08; 600-700 lbs., .85-.95; 700-800 lbs., .78-.88; 800-up lbs., .72-.81.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .82-.94; 600-up lbs., .65-.85.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-550.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-725; aged or small, 550-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-875; aged or small, 650-725.

Haskell Roping Club results

Results of Haskell Roping Club roping held in the Seymour Indoor Arena Sun., Nov. 12 are:

B-Roping: Round 1: 1. Jake Smith 11.5; 2. Frank Wright 11.9

Round 2: 1. Jake Smith 11.3; 2. Frank Wright 12.1

Round 3: 1. Jay Hurt 10.4; 2. Roman Morgan 10.6 and Frank Wright 10.6 tied

Average winners were: 1. Jake Smith 33.5; 2. Frank Wright 34.6

Open Roping: Round 1: Billy Morrow 10.4; 2. Carl Hopkins 10.9

Round 2: 1. Billy Morrow 10.9; 2. Carl Hopkins 11.0

Round 3: 1. Tim Layman, 10.3; 2. Kirt Keen 11.0

Average winners were: 1. Bill Morrow 32.8; 2. Carl Hopkins 33.0

The next roping will be Sun., Nov. 19 at the Haskell County Arena at 2 p.m.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Nov. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 10 a.m. to 11:30 and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681. No flu shots.

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HEADED FOR TEXAS TECH—Haskell High School senior Stephanie Hodge was joined by her grandmother, Betty Jean Hardman as she signed a national Letter of Intent to attend and run track for Texas Tech University. Also on hand at the signing was her Haskell coach, Darrell Hunt.

Check your phone bill for 'cramming'

If you've ever found charges on your phone bill for services you didn't order or for services you never received, you may be the victim of "cramming." Cramming is the addition of charges to your bill for unauthorized services.

Sometimes these charges go unnoticed because customers don't read their phone bills closely. And sometimes the charge is paid simply because customers don't understand what the charges are for and are fearful their credit rating will suffer or their phone will be disconnected if they do not pay. Telephone customers in Texas have protections against cramming

thanks to Public Utility Commission (PUC) rules. The rules specify that before a charge for any product or service can be added to your phone bill, the service provider must inform you about the product and its associated charges, obtain your consent for the charge and provide a toll-free line for customers to call for information.

If you find any unfamiliar charges on your bill or charges for a service you did not order, you do not have to pay those charges.

Your local service cannot be disconnected for non-payment of disputed charges. You must,

however, pay the rest of your bill.

To correct this problem contact your local phone company and tell them you are disputing the unauthorized charges. Contact the company billing you for the unauthorized charges and tell them you did not order the services and will not pay for them. Tell them to remove the charges from your bill and not to bill you in the future for those charges.

If the charges are listed under the name of a company acting as a billing agent, be sure to contact the company making the charges and not just the billing agent. The billing agent may not be able to remove the charges.

PUC rules require companies to refund or credit customers who have paid unauthorized charges. A customer must consent to charges for services either in writing or verbally to an independent third party, not the company selling the services. The cramming company must keep records of disputed charges for at least two years, including the customer's telephone

number, the date the customer requested removal of the unauthorized charges, the date the charges were removed and the date of refund or credit to the customer.

Texas telephone customers should receive a cramming bill of rights from their phone providers either by mail or in phone directories.

If you think you have been crammed, file a complaint with the PUC. Companies that violate the PUC's cramming rules may be penalized up to \$5,000 per day per violation.

For more information about cramming, or if you have other questions relating to your telephone or electric service, call the PUC toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477).

You may also write the Customer Protection Division at P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, email the PUC at www.customer@puc.state.tx.us or visit our Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Current tetanus shots important for adults

Do you remember your last tetanus shot? If you don't, you could be putting yourself at risk.

Tetanus is rare in the United States, but doctors at the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say it doesn't hurt to take steps to prevent it. Tetanus is a potentially fatal infection that affects the nervous system. It's caused by bacteria that are found in soil. These bacteria get into the body through wounds, especially puncture wounds or deep cuts.

Most people were immunized for tetanus as children, but adults still need a booster shot every 10 years. Adults who weren't immunized as children will need a three-shot series of immunizations.

You're most at risk for tetanus if your wound is contaminated, has foreign bodies in it or if the tissue is crushed. You'd probably see a doctor for wounds like that, anyway and the doctor will ask about your most recent tetanus vaccination. If it was less than 10 years ago, you don't have to worry.

The next time you see your doctor, ask about any immunizations you may need, including tetanus. New immunizations have come along since many of us were children and we may need to catch up on those along with the tetanus booster. Then the next time you cut yourself or step on a nail, you'll have one less thing to worry about.

Hydration important for older adults

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
One of the most frequent causes of hospitalization for people over the age of 65 is dehydration.

Healthy adults of all ages need at least eight glasses of water every day; however, older adults more often drink less fluid and are more likely to be dehydrated, according to Dr. Sharon Robinson, assistant professor and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Increased fluid intake is highly recommended to prevent urinary tract infections. "Proper hydration helps sustain health, and consequently, independence," Robinson said.

Signs of dehydration include:
•thirst, dry mouth, flushed skin
•fatigue, headaches, rapid pulse
•high body temperature
•increased breathing rate
•dizziness, weakness, delirium
•muscle spasms, swollen tongue
•poor circulation, failing kidneys

•dark yellow urine (urine should be color of straw)
•if you gently pinch the skin on top of your hand and it stays in a

"pinched" position
"It is fairly easy to drink eight glasses of water every day," Robinson said.

Older adults may take frequent water breaks throughout the day; start lunch or dinner with a cup of soup; never pass a water fountain without drinking; take a bottle of water with them; and drink 100% juice at meals.

"Only decaffeinated beverages count toward your eight cups of fluid goal," Robinson added.

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After-school snacks can be healthy

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Getting children to eat healthy snacks in an on-going battle with many parents, especially since many children prefer less healthy foods. If you can't get the kids interested in carrot sticks or stuffed celery, try sliced canned peaches in light syrup, pineapple chunks, or orange wedges.

If they won't touch broccoli or cauliflower, even with ranch dressing for dipping, try soft pretzels with honey mustard. For heartier after-school snacking, give

them chicken roll-ups, each made with a flour tortilla, diced cooked chicken, low-fat cheddar cheese and salsa.

For a refreshing drink, try a peach smoothie, made with sliced peaches, low-fat milk and ice. For quicker snacks, try graham crackers, fresh fruits such as apples or bananas, whole wheat crackers, or small bagels.

Healthy after-school snacking is possible with these recipes, even for the most dedicated young junk-food aficionado.

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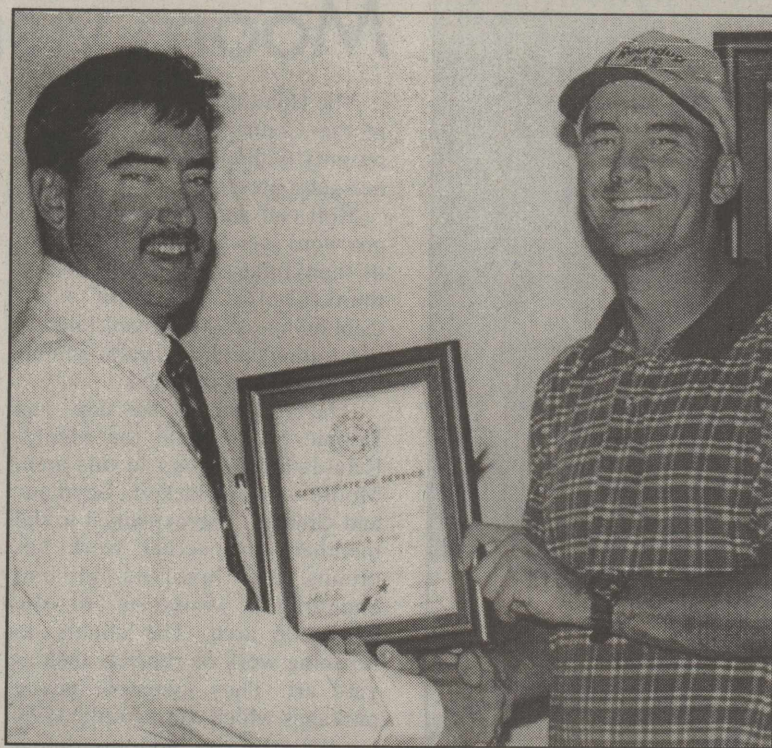
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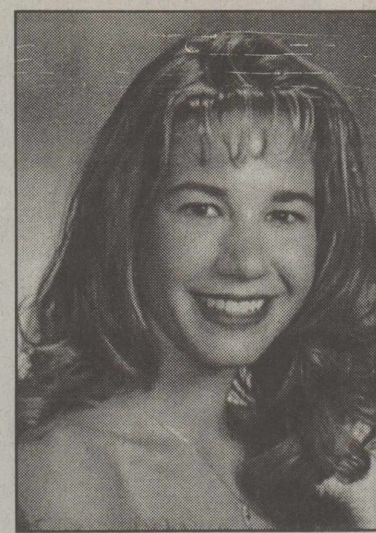
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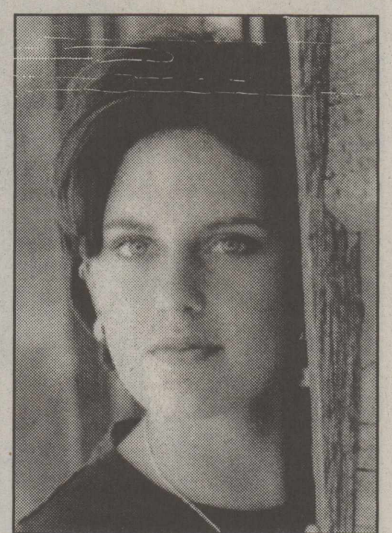
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HONORED FOR SERVICE—Kyle Martin, right, received a service certificate for five years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation, presented by Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer.



JENNIFER BRYAN



MEGAN BIRD

Students visit Rotary Club

Jennifer Bryan is the daughter of Donna and Shawn Lewis. She attends East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

Her school activities include Varsity Cheerleader, F.F.A., journalism and baseball statistician.

Favorite free time activities for her are shopping, talking on the phone and dancing.

Special awards and recognition are being named F.F.A. president, receiving the President's Award for academic excellence and named to the A Honor Roll.

After high school she plans to attend Tarleton State University to

become a high school English teacher.

Megan Michelle Bird is the daughter of Sharon and Ricky Bird. She is a member of East Side Baptist Church.

Her school activities include cheerleading, basketball and golf.

Favorite leisure-time activities for her are: being with friends; listening to music; shopping and talking on the phone.

Future plans after high school include attending Texas Tech University to pursue a career in the medical field.

This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH ENCOURAGES US TO BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE



Whenever some major problem is debated, both sides tend to go to extremes in their efforts to solve it. Most of these arguments have been in the areas of foreign policy, economics and criminal justice, and the latest one is the environment. Some people are convinced that our planet is doomed unless we mend our ways immediately, while others dismiss all environmental

concerns as just political hogwash. Perhaps the answer lies somewhere in the middle, and undoubtedly we could all use a little more common sense and restraint. At our House of Worship, we learn to "love our neighbor," so we should be willing to have open-minded discussions of these problems that could have such a profound effect on all of our lives.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

- Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

Faith Chapel of Rochester

- Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Stan Leaf, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- New Life Baptist Mission**
Artuo Jr. Flores
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street Hwy 380 E, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 20-24
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast on a stick
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday-Friday: No School
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar is offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar

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Monday: Vegetable and beef stew, grilled cheese sandwich, pear halves
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot biscuit, sliced peaches
Wednesday-Friday: No School

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Nov. 20
9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear Hearing
Lunch-Beef stew, cole slaw, cornbread, baked rice custard, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Tues., Nov. 21
Lunch-Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Nov. 22-24
ECC 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.

Births

Michaela Lashae Sawyers was born Tues., Nov. 7 at 6:02 p.m. in Abilene Regional Medical Center, Abilene. She weighed 7 lbs., 8.8 oz. and was 21 inches long.
She is the daughter of Latisha Trussell and Mike Sawyers of Rule.
Maternal grandparents are Chris and LaNell Trussell of Rule. Paternal grandparents are Derrell and Mary Sawyers of Hamlin.
Michaela Lashae is also welcomed by great grandparents J. R. and Nell Williams of Rule

and Clodell Duke of Benjamin. She has one uncle, Kalith Trussell of Rule.

Ryan and Tara Olson of Haskell are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Laken Ryan, born Nov. 6, at Hendrick Health Center, Abilene. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.
Maternal grandparents are Roger and Mollie Moeller of Haskell. Greatgrandmother is Alma Terrell, also of Haskell.
Paternal grandparents are Kitsie and Ricky Drinnon of Haskell and Max Olson of Stamford. Greatgrandparents are Bobbie Olson of Stamford, Tom Ryan of Midland, and Buddy Drinnon of Haskell.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1912
State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
District Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601. Phone 915-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 45-46c

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Haskell County Commissioners' Court
By: David C. Davis
County Judge 46-47c

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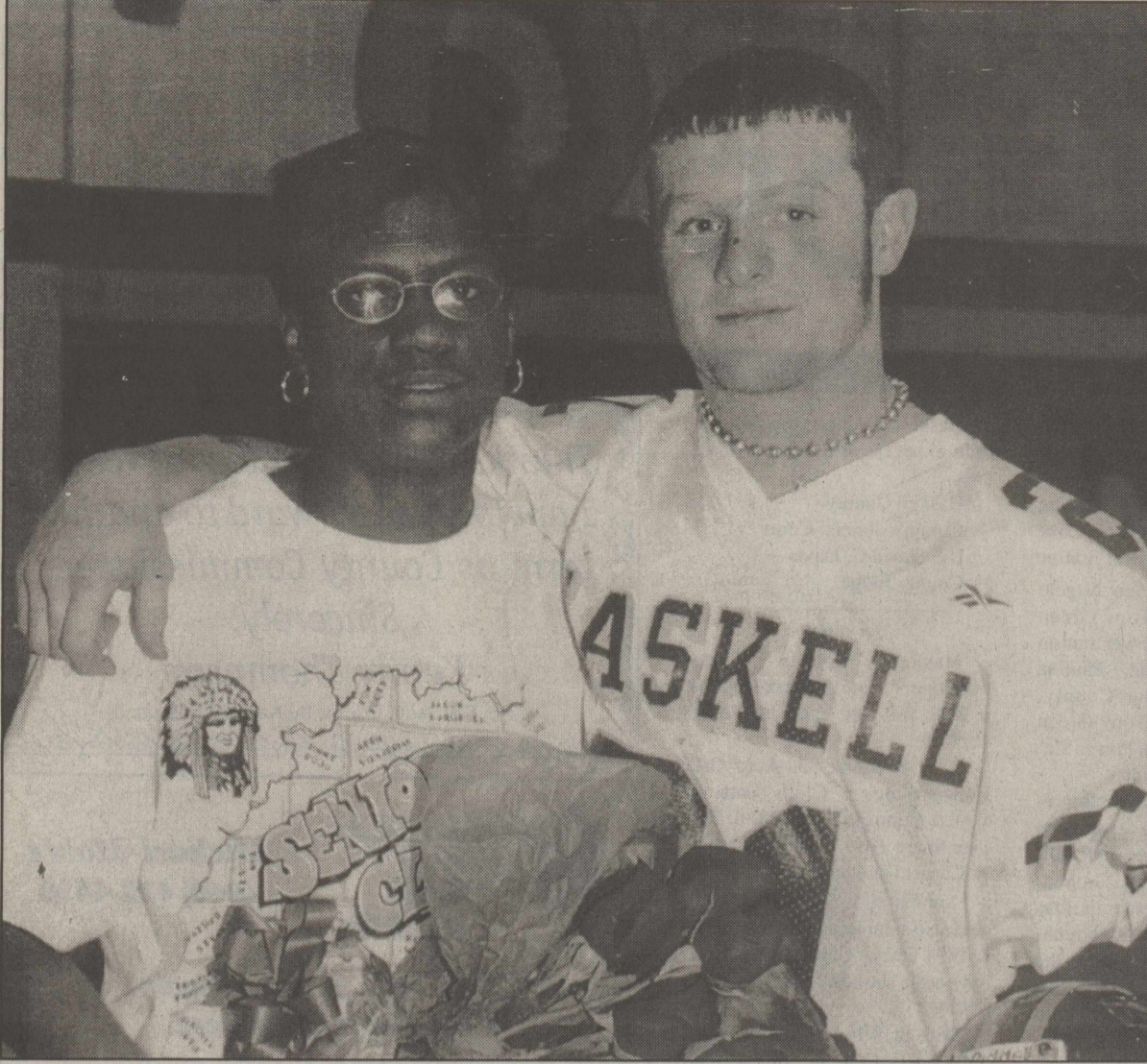
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FOOTBALL SWEETHEART AND HERO—Stephanie Hodge and Dustin Threet were named Haskell favorites during the Indian's pep rally, Fri., Nov. 10. Photo by Kis



BAND BEAU AND SWEETHEART—Lupe Alvarez and Amanda Perry were royally crowned as band favorites during halftime activities at the Indians game with Olney. Photo by Kis

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Sorry I didn't have news in last week, but due to weather I didn't get it in. But wasn't the snow beautiful and the moisture so appreciated.

Freida Piland spent the week with her brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mapes in Haskell, Okla. and later spent a week with her other brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mapes in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins and grandson Jordon of Wichita Falls visited mother Joyce Hawkins Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend in Abilene with son and family Kevin Hawkins.

Tressia Wilson of Okla. took her dad Pete Callaway home with her after his birthday party to spend three weeks. She brought him home this week and spent several days visiting.

Wendy Blair and girls Haley and Abigail of Wichita Falls visited grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Sunday. They also visited her parents the Jacksons of Lake Stamford.

Faye Gray and Bonnie Jircik have returned after a week in the Metroplex. Faye visited her sisters Pauline and Billie in Weatherford and Bonnie visited her son and family Dr. Paul in Fort Worth.

Bobby Scheets, who is a student in Midwestern at Wichita Falls, spent the weekend with his mom Minnie Scheets. Bobby and his brother Jessie went deer hunting.

Rozelle Wilkinson's cousin Emogene Bowen of Dallas is visiting for a few days.

Russ Tarver of Dallas, Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving and Randy O'Neal of Amarillo spent Sunday with Gladys O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and girls spent Friday night in Weinert visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden visited her mother Faye Wheeler in Anson on Saturday. Sunday his brother and his wife Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McFadden of Bryson came for a visit.

Bernice Hilliard attended the Key City square dance at Tye on Saturday night.

Rule downs Paint Creek

Berto Sotelo of Rule scored five times to lead the Bobcats to a 46-21 win over the Paint Creek Pirates in District 4 Six-Man play.

Sotelo ran for TDs of 12, 9, 19 and 12 yards. He also returned a blocked punt 22 yards for a score.

Jayton defeats Rochester

Jayton's Marty Long led the Jaybirds past the Rochester Steers with a total of 547 yards in offense to defeat the Steers 76-60, clinching a playoff spot for Jayton.

Trey Kittley also scored on a three-yard run for Rule.

Paint Creek quarterback Bronc Davis threw for two TDs, including a 20-yard pass to Coy Hise. Arron Duniven also rushed for a one-yard TD for the Pirates.

Jayton led the pace for Rochester with 25 carries for 176 yards and four scores. Josh Rodriguez added 200 yards rushing and two TDs.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



YEAR-END PLANNING FOR BUSINESSES

As year-end rapidly approaches, every business should review its options for cutting income taxes for 2000. Undoubtedly you've been doing tax planning throughout the year, but here are some last-minute strategies you shouldn't overlook.

•If you were planning to purchase business equipment before long, you should analyze whether squeezing your purchase into 2000 is a good tax move. You can expense up to \$20,000 of business equipment placed into service this year. But be careful if a new purchase before year-end will push total equipment purchases for the year over \$200,000 or if it means that more than 40% of all equipment you've purchased this year was purchased in the fourth quarter. The rules will limit your expensing or depreciation deductions if you are over these limits.

•If your business is an unincorporated family business, consider hiring your children during their holiday vacation from school. The wages you pay will be deductible by your business and taxable to the child, probably at a lower tax rate than yours. The wages you pay must be reasonable for the services performed. Compound the benefits of this strategy by contributing up to \$2,000 to an IRA for your child. A Roth IRA is particularly attractive since it allows the child to accumulate a tax-free nest egg.

•Make sure you are using retirement plans to minimize your tax bill. Get details to help you decide which plan is best for your business, and what the requirements are to give you the best tax break for this year.

•If you are a shareholder in an S Corporation that will have a tax loss this year, check your basis before year-end to be sure you will be able to utilize the loss on your tax return.

Investing time right now for a year-end review of your business's tax situation will assure you of paying no more tax than necessary. For assistance with your year-end tax review, contact our office.

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