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Haskell 7th, 8th, JV vs. Olney
Thurs., Nov. 1, 4 p.m.
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Haskell vs. Olney
Fri., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
at Olney

Paint Creek JH vs. Patton Springs
Thurs., Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs. Patton Springs
Fri., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.
at Patton Springs

Calendar

Garage/bake sale

The Haskell First Christian Church will hold a garage and bake sale Sat., Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. til noon in the basement of the church, 107 N. Ave. F.

P.C. Sr. Auction

The Paint Creek Senior class will hold their annual auction and chili dinner, Sat., Nov. 17 in the Paint Creek Cafeteria. Preview and mealtime will be at 6 p.m. The auction will begin at 7 p.m. Chili and cornbread tickets are available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the senior trip to DisneyWorld. For information call 864-2471.

College Fair

Haskell High School will host a college fair sponsored by Haskell National Bank Mon., Nov. 12 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Haskell Civic Center. Students will attend from twelve area high schools along with Haskell High School students. Representatives from various colleges, universities, technical schools and military services will be present. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Nov. 4 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. Those attending should bring vegetables or dessert for the meal.

P. C. Fall Festival

The Paint Creek School's annual fall festival will be held Tues., Nov. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Arts & crafts show

The Haskell Young Homemakers will hold their annual arts and crafts show Sat., Nov. 10 at the Haskell Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Booths will feature crafts, clothing, jewelry and holiday goodies. A concession stand will be available. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 5 are admitted free.

Chili bean supper

The sophomore class of Haskell High School will host a chili bean and cornbread supper Fri., Nov. 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.

Veterans breakfast

The sixth grade class at Haskell Elementary will host a Veterans Day breakfast for all Haskell County veterans Fri., Nov. 9 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. A flag raising ceremony will be held in front of the elementary school before the breakfast. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by Mon., Nov. 5 by calling Mrs. Newton or Mrs. Cypert at 864-2654 during school hours.

Veterans diplomas

Veterans from World War II who did not receive a high school diploma are now eligible for the diploma as allowed by a recently passed congressional law. If you are eligible for a diploma, call Billie McKeever at 864-2602.

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Vote Tuesday, November 6

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CREATIVE CARVING—Haskell Elementary 4th grade students, James Williams, A. J. Benton, Miranda Johnson, Breanna Villa, Kristina Bitner, Ryan Pierce and Jordan Burson, look at a

pumpkin jack-o-lantern their class carved during a writing activity. Afterwards, they wrote compositions on "How to Carve Jack-O-Lantern."

Voters to elect senator Nov. 6

Voters will be going to the polls, Tues., Nov. 6 for a Special Election to name a State Senator of District 30, and also, on the same ballot, a Constitutional Amendment Election.

On the ballot are four Republicans, one Democrat and one Independent seeking the unexpired office of Senator of District 30, following the death of Senator Tom Haywood.

The nineteen amendments on the ballot will be voted on statewide.

The polling places for Haskell County are as follows:

Box No. 1: Catholic Church, N. 16th, Haskell.

Box No. 2: Assembly of God Church, N. Ave. E, Haskell.

Box No. 3: Extension Building, S. Ave. D, Haskell.

Box No. 4: Experienced Citizens Center, S. 1st, Haskell.

Box No. 5: High School Gym, Rule.

Box No. 6: Fire Department, Rochester.

Box No. 7: City Hall, O'Brien.

Box No. 8: Weinert School Bldg., Weinert.

Box No. 9: School Library, Paint Creek.

Box No. 10: Community Room, Sagerton.

Haskell Indians suffer defeat by Lions

The Albany Lions used a big play offense to defeat the Haskell Indians, Fri., Oct. 26.

In a pretty good night for any football player, Lions' quarterback, Jordan Morales accounted for four rushing TD's and one passing TD. Morales got Albany on the board with 8:35 left in the first quarter on a 17-yard pass play to wide receiver Rob Londerholm. The PAT kick was made good by Clint Shack.

With only 36 seconds left in the first quarter of action, Morales scored on an 11-yard run, and again Shack kicked the PAT. Lions'

fullback Jacob Jones blasted over the middle for a 5-yard TD run, and Shack missed his only PAT of the evening.

With 4:42 left in the first half, Haskell provided some excitement of its own when running back Adam Diaz, with some good down field blocking, hit paydirt on a 57-yard run. The two-point conversion attempt was no good.

Having the ball on their own one-yard goal line and facing fourth and eighteen, with only 1:13 left in the second quarter, Haskell decided to take a safety and get themselves

a free kick. The half ended with Haskell 6, Albany 22.

When play began again after the half-time activities, the Indians must have felt like the Christians being thrown to the lions.

Albany exploded for fourteen points in each quarter. The Lions' quarterback had runs of 18 yards and 34 yards during the third quarter and Shack made good on both PAT

kicks. The run of the evening came at the 9:14 mark in the fourth quarter, when running back Albert Martinez scored on a 74-yard run. Shack booted the PAT.

Lions' running back Ted Tidwell scored on a 35-yard scamper to end the scoring of the evening. Clint Shack made good on his PAT.

The Haskell Indians had 50 rushes for a total of 209 yards. Fullback James Jeanes had 27 carries for 127 yards, while Adam Diaz had 74 yards on 13 carries and scored the lone Indian TD. Final score was Haskell 6, Albany 50.

Haskell's 7th and 8th grade

Warriors and the JV Indians were defeated by the young Lions' teams on Thursday at Indian Field. This Thursday, Nov. 1, the 7th and 8th grade Warriors and the JV Indians will play their last home games for this 2001 campaign. The varsity Indians will travel to the land of the Olney Cubs, for their last road trip of the season. Kick off time Thursday is at 4:00 p.m., and on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Elam named DCOH Executive Director

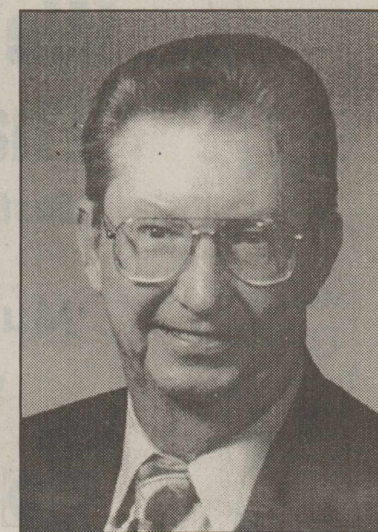
The City Council of Haskell and Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Haskell have announced the hiring of James Elam as the new Executive Director of the Development Corporation.

Elam worked 41 years in the energy business for West Texas Utilities, ending his career with American Electric Power (formerly West Texas Utilities) in 2001.

Except for a short time of working for WTU in Marfa, he is a life-long resident of the Big Country. Holding various positions with WTU over the years, including Area Manager, District Manager, and Division Manager, his last three years with AEP-WTU were spent in supervising the economic development activities in the North Central Region as well as working on several large proposals for business retention and recruitment in the area. He has training as well as work experience in strategic planning, budgeting, business recruitment and retention, and legislative and regulatory activities, plus previously established relationships with government agencies that assist rural communities.

Having worked as District Manager for WTU in Stamford in the 1980's, Elam is very familiar with the Haskell area. In Stamford he was involved in the creation of the Rolling Plains Industrial Foundation that worked on getting a state prison facility at Stamford. He also served a term as that organization's president.

Elam and his wife, Joyce, live in Abilene. They are the parents of four grown children and seven grandchildren.



JAMES ELAM

October sales tax receipts show slight increase

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently sent \$220.8 million in local sales tax revenue to 1,110 Texas cities and 118 counties. October sales tax rebates are up to 3.9 percent compared to October 2000. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.3 percent compared to 2000.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered include \$203.2 million to Texas cities, up 3.8 percent compared to October 2000. Texas counties received October rebates of \$17.6 million, up 5.1 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$75 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems and \$7.4 million was paid to 59 special purpose districts.

October sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in August and

reported to the Comptroller in September. This month's sales tax figures do not reflect the economic impact of the events of September 11.

Haskell County had a 4.77 percent increase for October, 2001 of \$21,642.25 in comparison to \$20,655.95 for October 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$285,857.56 reflect a 9.34 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of \$261,435.05.

The City of Haskell had a 5.65 percent increase for October, 2001 of 20,634.98 in comparison to 19,529.72 for October, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 265,912.01 reflect a 10.10 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of 241,510.25.

The City of O'Brien had a 206.78 percent increase for October, 2001 of 56.51 in comparison to 18.42 for October, 2000. 2001 payments to

date of 944.05 reflect a 14.63 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of 823.54.

The City of Rochester had a 55.24 percent decrease for October, 2001 of 156.35 in comparison to 349.33 for October, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 5,064.70 reflect a 9.10 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of 5,571.84.

The City of Rule had a 7.94 percent increase for October, 2001 of 771.30 in comparison to 714.50 for October, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 12,226.58 reflect a 6.04 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of 11,529.88.

The City of Wienert had a 47.45 percent decrease for October, 2001 of 23.11 in comparison to 43.98 for October, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 1,710.22 reflect a 14.46 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of 1,999.54.

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Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special session Oct. 23 to consider a lengthy agenda. County Treasurer Willie Faye Tidrow presented the investment report for Apr. 1 to Sept. 30, 2001. In the matter of County personnel, Janet Stephens was moved up to kitchen supervisor at

the Experienced Citizens Center, replacing Lillian Griffith who has resigned. Frances Land will take Stephens place. Evelyn Moeller is working at the Experienced Citizens Center through the Green Thumb Program. Gus Alfara and Jessie Estrada have been hired to clear right-of-ways in Precinct 1. A change of date was made for

the Nov. 12th Commissioners' Court meeting due to the Veteran's Days holiday. The new date is Tues., Nov. 13. A resolution was passed in favor of allowing Comanche County to become a member of the West Central Texas Regional Finance Corporation. Approval was given for the sale of a lot at 908 N. 2nd, to Dorothy Chesnut by the Appraisal District. The pay for election workers was set at whatever the minimum wage is at the time of the election. Commissioner Kenny Thompson was appointed to serve as County Judge Pro-Tem. Approval was given to a motion to set officials and employees pay on a salary basis. A motion by Judge David Davis was approved appointing each Commissioner as Road Overseer for their precinct. Approved was a motion to set the hourly pay rate between minimum wage and 85% of the salaried employee, with the supervisor in charge setting the rate. Terms of the County Criminal Court were set on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month unless the need arises for additional dates. Commissioners C. A. Turnbow and Tiffen Mayfield were appointed as buildings and grounds overseers. The fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. was set as the Special Commissioners' Court meeting. It was decided by the Court to leave the jury pay at \$6.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00. The County mileage rate was set at 34.5 cents per mile effective Oct., 23, 2001. Approval was given to paying elected officials on a salary basis. County holidays for 2002 were set as follows: Jan 1; Feb. 18; Mar. 29; May 27; July 4; Sept. 2; Nov. 11; Nov. 28-29; Dec. 24, 25, 26.

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Obituaries

Norma Sherman Sanders



NORMA SANDERS

Memorial services for Norma Sherman Sanders, 60, of Midland were held Tues., Oct. 30 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland for friends and family of Midland. Graveside services were held Sun., Oct. 28 at the Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sanders died Thurs., Oct. 25. Born Norma Jean Bush on July 12, 1941 in Old Glory, she was the daughter of Cleo and Pauline Bush. She owned and operated Sherman's Draperies in Haskell for many years. She loved to cook and do yard work, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husbands Bobby Buhrkuhl and J. A. Sanders; her parents; and one sister, Agnes Bush.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Albert and Kelli Sherman of Midland; one daughter, Lisa Sherman of Haskell; one brother and sister-in-law, Dural and Nancy Bush of Rule; and three grandchildren, Ashton, Brody and Canton Sherman, all of Midland.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Family Life Center Endowment Fund, 800 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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Bobbie Barron



BOBBIE BARRON

Funeral services for Bobbie Barron, 64, of Anton were held Tues., Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church in Anton with Rev. Rush Coffman and Rev. Syl Moore officiating. Burial was in Anton Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

She died Sun., Oct. 7. Born March 31, 1937 in Rochester, she married Bill Green in June 1953. He preceded her in death in April 1992. They moved to the Anton area in 1975. She later married Verlon Barron April 27, 1996 in Anton. She worked as a secretary at Citizens State Bank in Anton for 13 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church

in Anton. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Allison Lynette Bennett in August 1988.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Sharon Groves of Oklahoma City, Okla., Karen Comer of Anton and Susan Thorne of Dalhart; two stepsons, Wayne Barron of Anton and Don Barron of Overton; one stepdaughter, Lorna Brazil of Anton; two sisters; three brothers; three step sisters; a stepbrother; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was the daughter-in-law of Ruby Green and the sister-in-law of Leona and Bobby Hanson of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

Veda Grace Kingston

Funeral services for Veda Grace Kingston, 87, of Abilene were held Mon., Oct. 22 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Abilene with Rev. H. S. Callahan officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kingston died Sat., Oct. 20 at an Abilene care home. Born Dec. 29, 1913 in Haskell County, she married D. M. Kingston Nov. 21, 1931 in Haskell. He preceded her

in death March 11, 1985. She worked at the Abilene State School for 15 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, R. M. 'Hoss' and Susie Kingston of Paint Rock; two grandchildren, John Drake Kingston of Dallas and Mandy Lea Kingston of Abilene; two nieces, Nancy Peiser and Norma Jo Irion, both of Haskell; and dearest friends, Steve and Monika Smith and their sons, Jeremy and Shaun Smith, all of Abilene.

PD. NOTICE

Eulice F. Rainey

Funeral services for Eulice F. Rainey, 88, of Kress were held Wed., Oct. 31 at First Baptist Church in Kress with Rev. Jay Simpson officiating. Graveside services were held Wed., Oct. 31 in Willow Cemetery.

Mr. Rainey died Mon., Oct. 29 at his residence in Kress. Born June 30, 1913 in Wise County, he married Willie Margaret Bicknell Aug. 15, 1936 in Haskell. She preceded him in death Dec. 18, 1995. He moved to Weinert at an early age. He attended Weinert schools. He moved to

Plainview in 1962 and then to Kress in 1969. He was a farmer and member of the First Baptist Church in Kress.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Robert Hill of Odessa and Nell and Frank Allen of Trophy Club; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Linda Rainey of Andrews and Michael and Loyce Rainey of Lewisville; one sister, Rubye Wooten of Haskell; nine grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

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Russel J. Rainey

Funeral services for Russel J. Rainey, 91, of Weinert were held Tues., Oct. 30 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Rev. Donnie Harber officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rainey died Sat., Oct. 27 at his home in Weinert. Born Sept. 9, 1910 in Wise County, he married Mary Hazel Hamilton July 11, 1931 in Haskell. She preceded him in death June 12, 1999. He was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church in Weinert.

He was followed in death by one brother, Eulice Rainey of Kress who died Mon., Oct. 29.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bud and Sandra Rainey of Friona and Myra Rainey of Abilene; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lora and Don

Timberlake of Houston, Rubye and Frank Anderson of Weinert and Janice and Danny Isbell of Potosi; one sister, Rubye Wooten of Haskell; nine grandchildren, Tammy King and husband, Brad, Jeff Rainey and wife, Tonya, Kristi Neill and husband, Mike, Donna Birchum, Rusty Rainey and wife, Tandra, David Rainey and wife, Stephanie, Jonathan Isbell and wife, Corinne, Mark Isbell and Powers Anderson; twelve great grandchildren, Brazos and Emma King, Brooke Diereschke, Jayton, Caleb, Jaelin, Megan and Mackensie Rainey, Keegan and Kendall Neill, Brent and Bryan Birchum.

Pallbearers were Brad King, Jeff Rainey, Mike Neill, David Rainey, Mark Isbell, Ed Murphy, Brent Birchum and Ruben Castillo. Honorary pallbearers were Jonathan Isbell, Powers Anderson and Rusty Rainey.

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Dessa Mae Lee Jeter

Funeral services for Dessa Mae Lee Jeter, 84, lifelong resident of Haskell were held Mon., Oct. 29 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.

Mrs. Jeter died Fri., Oct. 26 at an Abilene hospital. Born March 27, 1917 in Rule, she was the daughter of Carl Lee and Ruby Hines Lee. She married L. M. "Dook" Jeter March 3, 1940 in Stamford. He preceded her in death Nov. 29, 1997. She worked at Lane-Felker in Haskell for 32 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Don Jeter. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia

Ann and Ken Koch of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Jo Brock of Clyde and Christine Morgan of Anson; two brothers, Donald Lee and wife, Laverne of Rule and Lloyd Lee and wife, Aletha of Dallas; two grandchildren, Keith Carney of Arlington and Kimberly Meglen of Pittsburgh, Penn.; one great grandchild, Christopher Meglen of Pittsburgh, Penn. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bobby Medford, Pat Henry, Cliff Short, Jim Bowers, Larry Cunningham and John Sam Rike.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or the Experienced Citizens Center, both in Haskell.

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Frances Larned Jarman

Funeral services for Frances Larned Jarman, 80, of Pasadena were held Tues., Oct. 23 at Grand View Funeral Home in Pasadena. Burial followed at Grand View Memorial Park under the direction of Grand View Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jarman died Sat., Oct. 20. Born Dec. 13, 1920, she was a graduate of Paint Creek High School. She lived in the Pasadena area for about 50 years and was a member of the Rovin' Gypsies travel club. She was a member of the UMW of the Ashbury United Methodist Church in Pasadena, joining in 1975. She had been in hospice care until her death.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Wendil Jarman; one daughter, Norenda Bagwell and husband, Mack of Pasadena; one son, Jerry Jarman and wife, Adrienne of Pasadena; one daughter-in-law, Katherine Jarman of Pasadena; one sister, Capitola Davis of Pasadena; three brothers, Don Larned of Pasadena, Dee Larned and Joe Larned, both of Haskell; one sister-in-law, Florence Larned of Haskell; five grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Those attending her funeral included Joe and Eunice Larned, Dee and Ruth Larned, Tim Larned, and Sandra and J. W. Wallace, all of Haskell.

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MR. AND MRS. J. C. McDONALD

McDonalds celebrate 60th anniversary

J.C. and Lois McDonald of Eastland celebrated their 60th anniversary Sept. 30 with a barbecue dinner at the Corral Room in Cisco. The dinner was hosted by their children.

Their children are: Richard and Doris Thames, Jim and Marie Atchley, Curtis and Lisa McDonald, Phil and Debbie McDonald. Their grandchildren are: Kim and Mark Thames, David and Michelle Harvill, Rich and Phillis Frank, Jordon and Allison McDonald. Great grandchildren are: Philip and Ben Thames, Jeffery Harvill, Kaila and Ryleigh Frank.

Approximately 200 guests including family members attended from California, Haskell, Waco, Joshua, Fort Worth, Dallas, Arlington, Lubbock, Brownwood, Abilene, Cisco, Eastland, Burleson, Keene, Ropesville, Hewett, Odessa, Midland, Alvarado, Denver City, Weatherford, Hereford, Archer City, Possum Kingdom Lake, Desdemona, Clyde, Rising Star, Olden and Bangs.

Rosey Marshall, Travis Parmer, Geral Parks and Pat Rodgers entertained guests with their music.

The McDonalds were married in Haskell, Sept. 27, 1941. She is the former Lois Mullins.



MOST PHOTOGENIC—Haley Ann Thorson, age 3, stands with her trophies after being crowned "Little Miss Sachse."

Haley Thorson named 'Little Miss Sachse'

Haley Ann Thorson, age 3, was crowned "Little Miss Sachse" during the 16th Annual Fallfest held Oct. 12. Haley also received the "Most photogenic" award.

"All the children in the pageant were so adorable," said director Lori

Stanley. "But the judges felt that Haley had that extra something special."

Haley is the daughter of Robert and Cynthia (Halliburton) Thorson and granddaughter of Leland and Joe Ann Thane of Haskell.

Two groups join Adopt-A-Highway

The O'Brien Mid School Student Council and the Dan Griffith Family have joined the state's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Kelly Bartley is the Adopt-A-Highway chairperson for the student council group. Their two-mile area

of responsibility is on State Highway 6 from the O'Brien city limits north to the Knox City line. Dan Griffith is the chair for the Griffith family. They have adopted the area from reference marker 250 on Farm to Market Road 2976 to reference marker 252.

The two new Haskell county groups have a two-year contract with TxDOT.

Organizations interested in becoming a member of the AAH program, should call Erlinda Mayfield in TxDOT's Haskell county roadway maintenance section at 940/864-8521 or the district coordinator in Abilene at 915/676-6806.

Contracts are for a two-year period with four pick-ups per contract year required. Length of highway adopted is minimum of two miles. Signs displaying the name of the group adopting the roadway are placed at the beginning and ending of the two-mile stretch.

TxDOT furnishes the AAH groups with their orange vests and trash bags. In addition, the department also collects the bags after a pickup.

Around Town

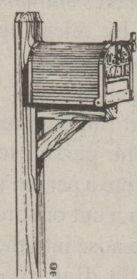
By Joyce Hawkins

Joyce Hawkins went with grandchildren David and Denise Conn and daughters Sabrina and Amber to Irving on Thurs. afternoon where they visited with Joyce's son and family Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins. On Fri. afternoon Donna took the Conns to Dallas where the oldest daughter had an eye doctor appointment and found out she will be soon having surgery. Sat. night all went to Lewisville where Joyce's son Bobby and wife had a big Halloween party in their backyard. About 50 people attended. They had music with different ones singing.

Bernice Hilliard and Oleta Bowers attended the Old Glory Musical on Sat. night.

Fannie Mae Barton got news that she has a new great grandbaby, a little

girl named Morgan Rose, born Oct. 26. The proud parents are Frank and Emily Caudill of Lexington, Kentucky. Grandparents are Lee and Rosemary Caudill. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.



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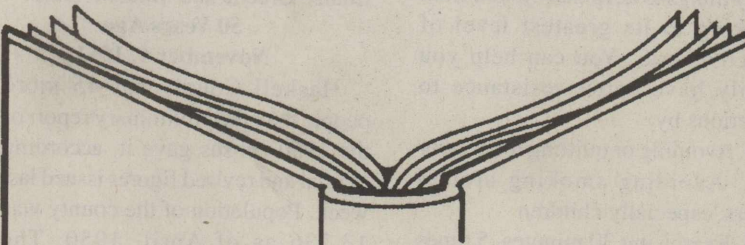
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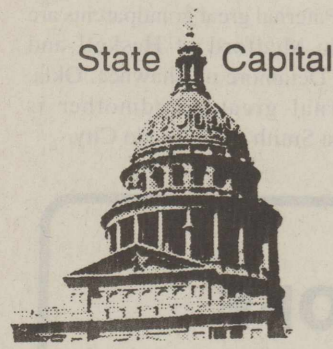
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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Is Texas going broke?

That was the chilling prospect raised by state Sen. John Whitmire of Houston during the first interim meeting of the Senate Finance Committee Oct. 24.

"Is it not about time to start telling people we're broke?" the Democratic lawmaker asked of James LeBas of the Comptroller's Office. "When I travel the state and talk to folks, they don't have a clue we're as broke as we are."

LeBas told the committee that the state was facing a \$3 billion to \$5 billion budget shortfall by the time the Legislature convenes again in January 2003.

This considerably less than optimistic projection could get even worse.

"There is a level of risk hanging over this revenue estimate that is not fully understood at this point," LeBas said.

Even before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, he noted, Texas' economy had been slowing along with the rest of the nation. Since that landmark day, consumer spending has decreased, further impacting the level of state sales tax revenue.

As jitters continue amid anthrax scares and actual contaminations, consumer confidence could erode more. Announcements of job layoffs in Texas and elsewhere in the nation seem to come daily. The state's unemployment is higher than the national average.

Another factor influencing the big picture, not yet getting any media attention, is increased state spending as Texas' government tightens security and increases preparedness. At minimum, budgets for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Adjutant General's Department already are being affected.

But the state's budget trouble is not all connected to the

aftermath of the terrorists or even the sluggish state of the economy prior to the attacks.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has said that long-term spending commitments, coupled with an ever-increasing population, have affected the budget picture.

The situation should be in a little better focus when her office releases sales tax collection data for October, the first full month after the attacks.

As Rylander's office keeps a worried eye on income, other signs of budget worries are apparent.

The Parks and Wildlife Department is pondering various fee increases, the possibilities ranging from hunting and fishing licenses to park entrance fees and boat registration and titling costs.

At the Texas Department of Transportation, as reported here last week, construction projects have been put on hold as well as merit raises for the agency's 14,500 employees.

One way to save bucks

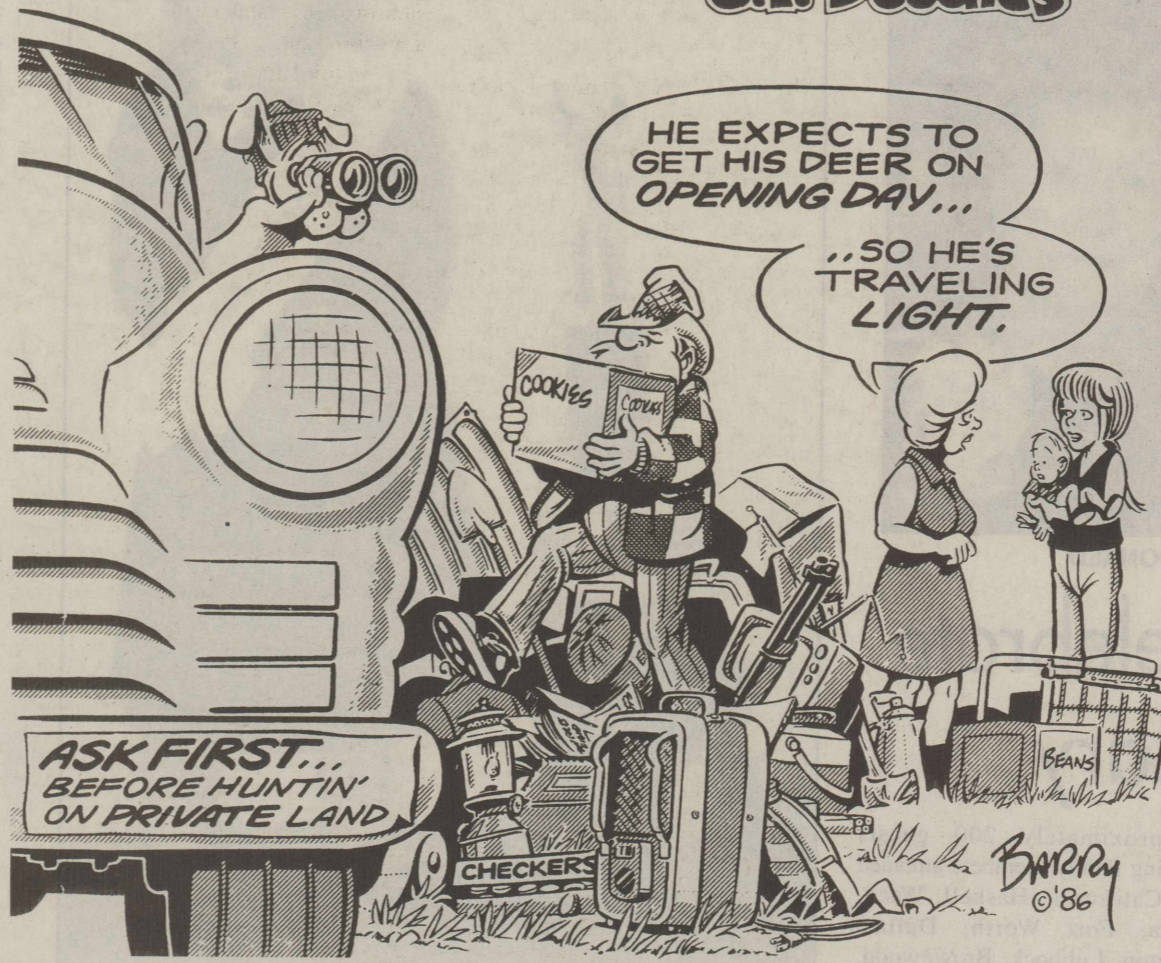
Understandably lost amid much more pressing news was October being National Energy Awareness Month.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is reminding Texans that they can save a lot of money on their utility bills by making sure their homes are weatherized.

Heating and cooling, the federal Department of Energy says, amounts to up to 70 percent of household energy usage.

To lower monthly bills, TDHC recommends, weatherize your house, set water heaters at 120 degrees, insulate water pipes, use low flow shower heads and toilets, keep thermostats set lower in winter and higher in summer and replace old appliances with more energy efficient models.

That step also will bring Texas a little more tax revenue.



Facts about anthrax

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Many people are wondering if there is something they should do to protect their families and home from a disease few of us ever thought much about until recently, anthrax. Only a very few people in the U.S. have actually been exposed to anthrax, but listening to almost continuous news reports on the television and radio leads many of us to feel an urgent need to do something. The following information will give you research based factual information about anthrax and suggestions for what families can do to protect themselves.

Q: What is anthrax?
A: Anthrax is a disease that has been around since ancient times. Anthrax bacteria form spores that can remain dormant in our environment for many years. Anthrax spores are very hard to destroy. Once anthrax spores get into an animal or person, they change to the disease causing form, multiplying quickly. This disease causing form makes animals and people very sick by releasing very powerful toxins or poisons.

Q: How do people get anthrax?
A: Unlike colds and flu, anthrax is not passed from one person to another. Anthrax gets into a person's body by either through a cut or sore in the skin, through the nose into the lungs, or through the digestive system when someone eats meat from an animal sick with anthrax.

Until recently, people usually caught anthrax from infected animals or contaminated animal products including meat, wool and hides. Cattle and other grass-eating animals such as deer are most often infected because they eat or inhale spores living in soil. Animal anthrax is rare today because of animal vaccination programs. In other cases, people developed anthrax by working with contaminated soil. However, recent cases are due to anthrax spores being sent through the postal system.

Q: What is the most common kind of anthrax?
A: Anthrax is a rare infectious disease. Skin anthrax is by far the most common form, accounting for 95% of the known cases. Until September, 2001, only one human case of skin anthrax was reported in the U.S. since 1992. No cases of inhalation anthrax were reported in the U.S. since 1978 and only 18 cases were reported between 1900 and 1978. No cases of the digestive system type of anthrax have been recorded in this country.

Q: Why do anthrax spores make people so sick?
A: When anthrax spores get inside the body, they grow rapidly. While the bacteria themselves can cause dangerous infections, they produce a far more dangerous substance in the body. This substance, known as anthrax toxin, helps the bacteria survive by killing off cells of the immune system. This toxin is what makes anthrax so deadly.

Q: What symptoms should I watch for?
A: The symptoms of anthrax

infection depend on how a person catches the disease. All forms of anthrax should be cured by prompt, aggressive treatment if they are diagnosed early enough.

The skin type starts with an itchy bump that looks like a mosquito bite. After a day or two, it forms a small liquid-filled sac. This sac then becomes a painless ulcer with an area of black, dead tissue in the middle. Antibiotic treatment cures this type of anthrax, but if left untreated, it can result in death.

The signs of intestinal anthrax are nausea, loss of appetite and vomiting. This is followed by severe abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea. Antibiotic treatment cures this type of anthrax, but if left untreated, it can also result in death. Inhalation anthrax, the most deadly form of the disease, begins with the same symptoms as the flu, including fever, muscle aches, and fatigue. As early as one day after these symptoms appear - but up to weeks later - the symptoms suddenly become much more severe, usually with breathing problems and shock. This form of the disease is often called fatal.

Q: How is anthrax treated?
A: First, anthrax has to be identified and then quickly treated with an appropriate antibiotic. We have heard much about an antibiotic called Cipro (ciprofloxacin) as the treatment for anthrax. However, there are two other antibiotics available to treat this disease: doxycycline and penicillin.

Q: Should families try to get Cipro or another antibiotic just in case they might be exposed?
A: People should NOT stockpile antibiotics. Antibiotic treatment for anthrax should never start unless a doctor immediately determines you have been exposed to anthrax or actually have the disease. Taking antibiotics unnecessarily increased the chance they might not work when they are really needed. Also, people can have dangerous allergic reactions. Further, powerful antibiotics like Cipro can cause severe nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and headaches. Only those people known to be exposed should receive preventive treatment with antibiotics to keep from developing anthrax.

Q: What can I do if I think I have been exposed to anthrax?
A: Remember, most people in the U.S. will never be exposed to anthrax. There are 280 million people in the U.S., and only a very small number have developed anthrax! However, if you think you have received a suspicious package or letter, do not shake it or try to clean anything. Walk away from it, wash your hands, thoroughly with soap and water, keep others away, and call the police. But...remember this is very unlikely to happen in our country.

Q: Can I get an immunization for anthrax?
A: Anthrax vaccine is not recommended for or available to general public. For further information on anthrax

immunizations contact the Texas Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control.

Q: How can I tell the difference between an anthrax infection and the flu?

A: The early symptoms of inhalation anthrax are the same as those of a mild case of flu. Treatment to prevent anthrax begins only after a person has had a suspected exposure. There is no quick test that can show whether a person has been exposed to anthrax. If a cold or flu suddenly gets much worse, especially with a severe headache, seek immediate medical attention. Remember that you have a far greater risk of developing the flu, which results in thousands of deaths each year. Getting a flu shot is a really good investment in your health.

Q: Can I catch anthrax from someone else?

A: No. Anthrax can't be spread from person to person.

Q: Who should I contact in my local area if I think I have been exposed to anthrax?
A: Contact your local police department, or call 911 and contact your local health department or your doctor for more information if you think you've been exposed to anthrax. Don't start taking antibiotics unless advised to do so by your doctor or by health authorities.

Q: Is there anything I can do to help my immune system function at its best?
A: Yes, research has shown there are a number of things you can do to keep your immune system working well. Our bodies have very powerful immune systems to protect us from infections. Unfortunately, we do many things to keep that system from working to its greatest level of effectiveness. You can help you family have better resistance to infections by:

1. Avoiding or quitting tobacco or
2. Avoiding smoking around others, especially children
3. Exercising 30 minutes, 5 times each week
4. Eating 5 fruits and vegetables each day
5. Sleeping 8 hours a night
6. Avoiding more than 2 alcoholic drinks each day.
7. Controlling stress
8. Staying current on immunizations, you are far more likely to catch the flu than anthrax.

Remember, most of us will never be exposed to anthrax. There are 280 million people in this country and only a very small number have developed this disease. Far more people are injured or die every day from not wearing seatbelts, using tobacco, drinking alcohol excessively, being inactive or not getting their immunizations. There are all things we need to be concerned about, and also things that we can change. For more information concerning anthrax contact the Haskell County Extension office located at 101 South Ave. D. in Haskell, phone numbers are (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago October 31, 1991

Mindy Ballard of Rochester had the grand champion steer in the King County Fair. Her Limousin steer was the same animal which won the grand championship of the Haskell County Fair.

Haskell's Webelos I team was overall winner at the Double Mountain District Pushmobile Derby held in Haskell. Den leaders are Randy Shaw, Kenneth Patton and Dusty Garrison.

20 Years Ago October 29, 1981

Debbie Quade and Scott Sloan, both of the Rochester 4-H Club, were recognized as Gold Star Recipients at the County 4-H Awards Program. Quade is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Quade. Sloan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Sloan.

Rick Perry, a farmer-rancher from Haskell, has been appointed by Gov. Bill Clements to the Advisory Committee of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University.

Lyla Mary Isbell was crowned Coming Home Queen and Julie Patty was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime activities of the Paint Creek Homecoming football game.

30 Years Ago November 4, 1971

Barney and Ramia Lee Frazier have won an expense-paid week long trip to Spain for winning in this section of Texas the RCA contest which was based on achievements in purchases and sales of RCA products. The couple owns and operates Frazier's Appliances.

Mrs. Fadwa Hassen showed slides of her recent trip to Lebanon and displayed articles she brought back from her home country to members of the Haskell Business and Professional Women's Club.

Don Comedy, sophomore journalism major from Haskell, has been awarded the \$250 Doc Sellers Scholarship for the 1972 spring semester at Texas Tech University.

40 Years Ago November 2, 1961

Howard Scheets, three-year Navy veteran, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scheets. At the end of his 30-day leave, he will report to the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

Marine Pvt. Henry A. Sherman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Sherman, Sr. of Haskell, completed four weeks individual combat training with the Second Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Three members of Beta Chi Chapter from Haskell attended the regional meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma in Mineral Wells. Attending from Haskell were Mary Martin, Louise Greene and Madalin Hunt.

50 Years Ago November 1, 1951

Haskell County has 45 more people than the preliminary report of the 1950 census gave it, according to final and revised figures issued last week. Population of the county was 13,736 as of April, 1950. The preliminary report released June 1 last year gave the county's population as 13,691.

County commissioners M. B. Cobb and Dave Strickland, accompanied by their wives, attended the convention of the State County Judges and Commissioners Association in Corpus Christi.

Frank Porter, Rochester school band director, took the band to Wichita Falls Saturday where they marched in the parade with about 70 other school bands in the homecoming celebration of Midwestern University.

90 Years Ago November 4, 1911

Sheriff Faulkner, Deputy Edwards and several parties from Rochester attended Federal Court in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Arbuckle visited Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Jenkins at Buffalo Gap several days this week.

Rev. W. P. Garvin, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, arrived this week with his family.

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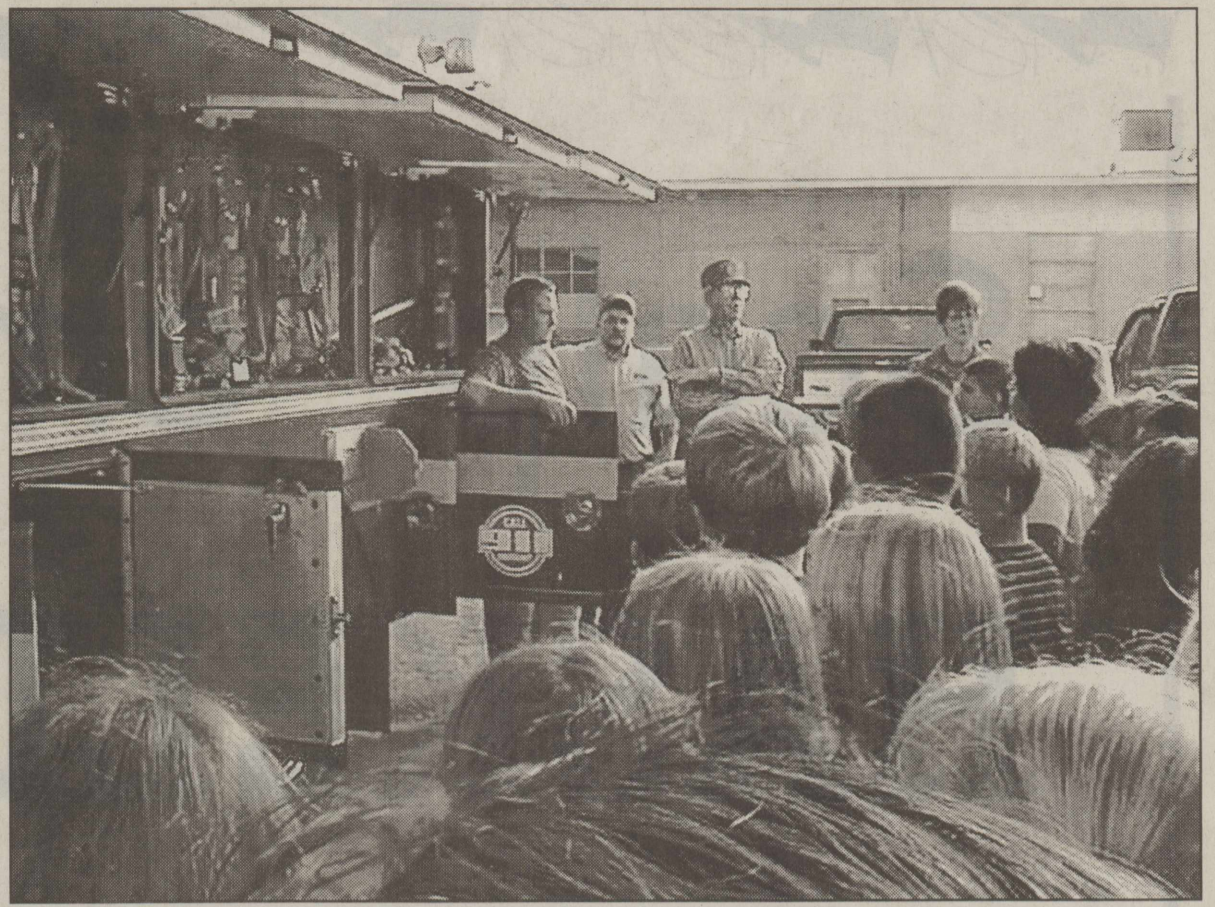
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CLASS OF '62 REUNION—Eighteen members of the class of 1962 gathered for Homecoming 2001 at Sammy and Gerre Larned's, along with classes of '63 and '64. Pictured, back row, l-r, Gene Flanary, Volley Ivy, Lonnie Sturdy, Lavern Jones Sturdy, Danny Josselet, Robert Bartley, Truman Murphy. 2nd row, Julie Drinnon Harrell, June Reagan Hodgkin, Jennabeth Weaver Kimbrough, Cathleen Fancher Binns, Jerry Bayless Harlan, Rhonda Turner Maguire, James Underwood. Front, Mollie Terrell Moeller, Sandra Larned Wallace, Shirley Young Sloan and Phyllis Cooper Klose.



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM—Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department demonstrate some of their equipment for Haskell Elementary School students during a program on fire prevention they recently presented at the school.

Wildlife specialist seeks information on sick quail

Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Thousands of quail hunters will pursue bird dogs this fall hoping to bag a limit of bobwhite quail for the dinner table. A San Angelo, based wildlife specialist would be interested at looking at those that may not make the frying pan.

"If anyone finds a quail that appears sick, I'd be interested in it," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "We know woefully little about the significance of disease in wild quail populations, primarily because we don't find sick quail very often," he says. "A sick quail doesn't last long before some predator finds it."

"A quail carcass rarely lasts longer than eight hours in the field, so it's

not like you see dead quail lying around, even if there was a massive die off." Quail lead a perilous, and usually brief, life. Drought, winter storms, predators and habitat loss are the primary culprits, but other factors may also play a role. Rollins says that even though he's been trained to discount the impact of disease in free ranging quail populations, he remains curious about quail epidemiology.

"The blue (scaled) quail population over most of west Texas is a small portion of what it was a few years back and I don't think that weather conditions were the only factor responsible," he says. Rollins has been investigating reports of sick quails ever since, but he is forced to rely on circumstantial observations more than post mortem specimens.

"Most hunters who find a quail

that appears to be sick simply discard the bird," he says. "There's always talk about 'coccidiosis' anytime the quail population is down. I don't think coccidiosis per se is the culprit, but I'm curious about what pathogens might be involved."

A diseased quail might show symptoms of diarrhea stained feathers near the vent, malnourishment or discolored livers. "If you're cleaning quail and notice a liver that looks like pickle loaf instead of normal dark red color, put the bird on ice and give me a call, he says. Rollins said that each year some hunters report the presence of "small cysts that look like rice grains" on the quail's breast muscle. He says these parasitic larvae that don't do the quail any harm, but develop in a coyote or bobcat that might eat the quail. The specialist says that ideally the bird should be placed on ice or refrigerated, but not frozen. However, if the bird can't be examined in a two or three day period, he suggests freezing it for later examination.

Anyone finding diseased quail is urged to contact Dr. Rollins at (915) 653-4576 in San Angelo.

Secure pesticides and storage facilities

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Recent national events heightened awareness for pesticide security programs. Federal and state officials are asking agricultural pesticide users to review and update their security programs.

Everyone is asked to conduct a thorough inspection of their pesticide and equipment storage facilities. Inspections should be aimed keeping unauthorized people out of these storage facilities.

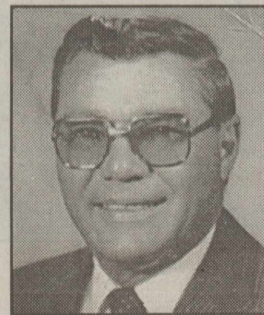
Experts suggest storing pesticides in a locked storage building for just that purpose. Keep perimeter fences six to eight feet tall, with appropriate signs posted and dusk to dawn security lighting.

Maintain thorough stock records and perform frequent inventories. Security also involves being alert to unusual suspicious actions.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



CUT YOUR BUSINESS TAXES WITH THESE YEAR-END MOVES

Even though it's November, there are still opportunities to reduce the tax burden on your 2001 business income. Consider the following strategies:

- Timing. Traditional tax-cutting strategies involve deferring income to a year when your tax rate is expected to be lower and accelerating deductions into a year when you expect to be in a higher tax bracket. Cash-basis taxpayers can do this easily by deferring billings so that payments are received after year-end, or by paying bills by December 31. Timing is more difficult for accrual-basis taxpayers. Proper planning for year-end bonuses can be one way to adjust income.

- Equipment purchases. Businesses can deduct up to \$24,000 of 2001 furniture and equipment purchases rather than writing off the cost over several years. To accelerate deductions into 2001, consider adding or replacing equipment before the end of this year instead of waiting until 2002.

- Shifting income. If you own your own business, consider employing family members. Providing the jobs are genuine and wages are reasonable, your business can deduct the salaries paid. The family member will pay taxes on the salary, usually at a lower rate than yours. An added benefit: If your business is unincorporated, your children under age 18 aren't subject to social security or Medicare tax on their wages.

- Retirement plan. Simplified employee pensions (SEPs) are one of several retirement plans available to businesses. A SEP allows you to make tax-deductible contributions to IRAs on behalf of yourself and your employees. You can set up a SEP even if you have no employees. SEPs allow you to put away considerably more than a traditional IRA and cut your taxes too.

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Antibiotics aren't cure

Don't be surprised if you don't get a prescription next time you take your child to the doctor.

It's the time of the year when kids start coming down with coughs, sniffles, and sneezes. But the days when doctors would automatically write out antibiotic prescriptions for these ailments may be over. That's because of the rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria and public awareness that unnecessary antibiotics helped create antibiotic resistance.

Researchers in Wisconsin recently found that when both doctors and the public are educated on the proper use of antibiotics, the number of antibiotic prescriptions does drop, and patients are more accepting of not automatically getting a prescription.

Antibiotics developed a reputation for being wonder drugs, but they only work against bacterial infections.

They're useless against colds and the flu. Those illnesses are caused by viruses, and they will get better without antibiotics, given time. Antibiotics won't even speed up recovery. Still, many doctors got in the habit of prescribing antibiotics, just in case, and because young patients' parents expected it.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say patients need to be aware of the dangers of overusing antibiotics. Don't expect to be given a magic pill that will make you feel better. In some cases, the pills won't do anything but help create resistant bacteria. You should also follow doctor's instructions carefully when you are prescribed antibiotics. Don't just stop taking them when you feel better. The symptoms may be gone but the germs are still there. Take all the antibiotics you are prescribed to make sure your infection is gone for good.

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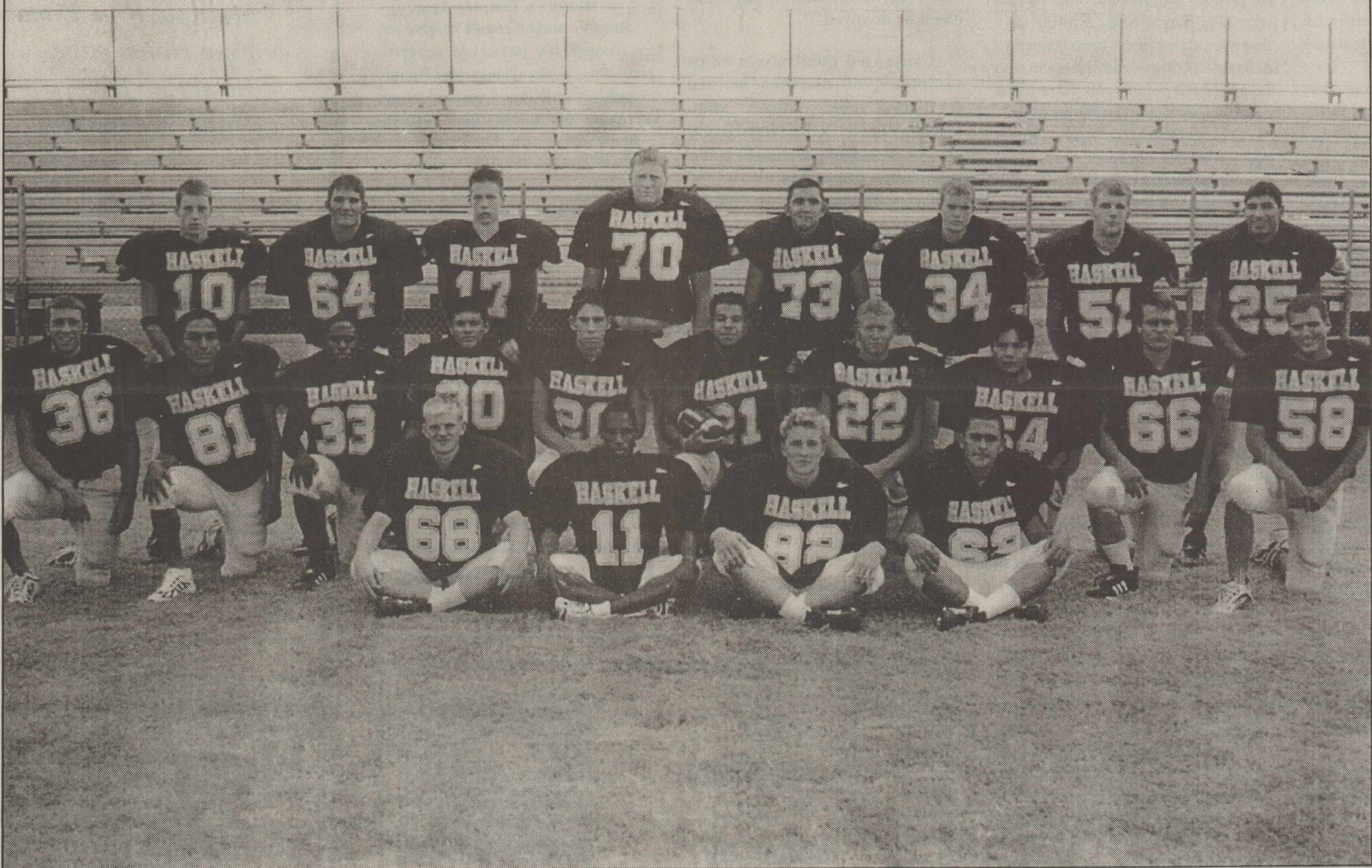


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LOOKING AT A DOLLAR—Haskell sixth grade students of teacher Letha Newton, l-r, Levi Hodge, Derek Agraz and Jeremy Delacruz hold one-dollar bills, which the class recently studied, learning all of the hidden parts and the meaning of the symbols printed on the so-called 'paper' currency.

Students study symbolism of dollar bill design

Haskell students in Letha Newton's sixth grade class have a better appreciation for the one dollar bill after a study of all the hidden parts to be found on the currency. As each examined the bill, they became aware of all the things involved in its design.

First coming off the presses in its present design in 1957, the so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen fabric blend, with red and blue silk fibers running through it. With a special blend of ink, it is overprinted with symbols and then starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give that nice crisp look.

The students learned that on the front of the bill is the United States Treasury Seal, and on the top is the

scales for a balanced budget. In the center is a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the key to the United States Treasury.

On the back side of a dollar bill is two circles. Together they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. It took four years for Benjamin Franklin and a group of men to come up with a seal. In the left hand circle is a pyramid, with the face lighted and the western side dark, signifying that the country had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. Inside the pyramid capstone is the "All Seeing Eye," an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help

of God, could do anything. "In God We Trust" is on this currency. The Latin phrase above the pyramid, Annuit Coeptis, means, "God had favored our undertaking." The Latin phrase below the pyramid, Novus Ordo Seclorum, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

The bald eagle was selected as a symbol for victory because he is not afraid of a storm and he is strong and smart enough to soar above it. He wears no material crown. (We had just broken from the King of England.) Also, the shield is unsupported—the country can now stand on its own.

The white bar at the top of the shield signifies Congress, a unifying factor; we were coming together as one nation. In the eagles' beak is the Latin, E Pluribus Unum, meaning "one nation from many people." Above the eagle is thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. In his talons, the eagle holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

There were 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above the pyramid, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and 13 arrows.

Rich in symbolism, the dollar bill is a study in history in itself, one that reminds all United States citizens of what our great country has gone through to guarantee freedom to each of us.

After their study the sixth grade students will never look at the dollar bill in quite the same way as they once did.



RULE JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS—Members of the 2001-02 Rule Jr. High cheerleading team are: standing, l-r, Miranda Robertson, Keli Smith, Kendra Scheets (mascot), Ashley Lisle and Joanna Lehmann. Sitting, Kortney Kupatt and Gay Lynn Gary. Sandy Flores is the sponsor.



RULE HIGH CHEERLEADERS—Leading cheers for the Rule High School Bobcats this year are: l-r, Kristin Hertel, Sam Kittley, Misty Davis, Kami Baitz (mascot), Laci Standefer, Holly Wolsch and Melanie Navarrete. Their sponsor is Cheryl Hertel.

Commissioners Court conference set Nov. 8

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

"County commissioners on the Texas Rolling Plains should make plans to attend the county commissioners Court Conference on Nov. 8 at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon," said Galen Chandler, District Extension Director Agriculture for Texas Cooperative Extension.

"This conference will provide a wealth of information for county commissioners," Chandler said. Registration forms will be available through county Extension offices of the Rolling Plains. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 8, with registration, coffee and a chance to visit exhibits.

Conference topics include:

- Dealing with Media
- Public Relations and the County Official

- County Long Range Planning
- E-Government
- Legislative Changes Affecting Counties

"The conference also will include a morning, lunch and afternoon break, to give participants a change to mingle and visit with each other," Chandler said. "County commissioners of the Rolling Plains should make this event on their calendars." The conference is being co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Vernon College continuing education department.

For more information, contact the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension

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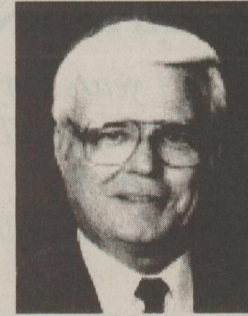
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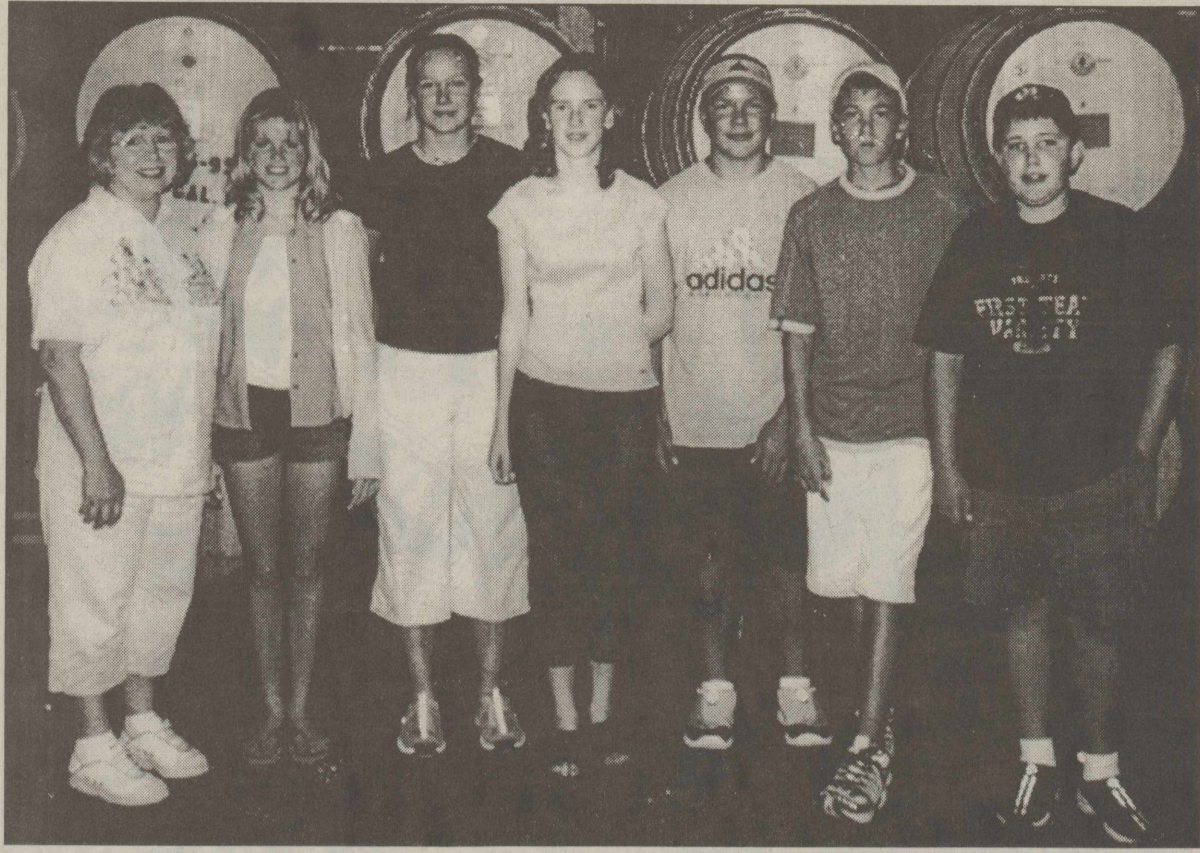
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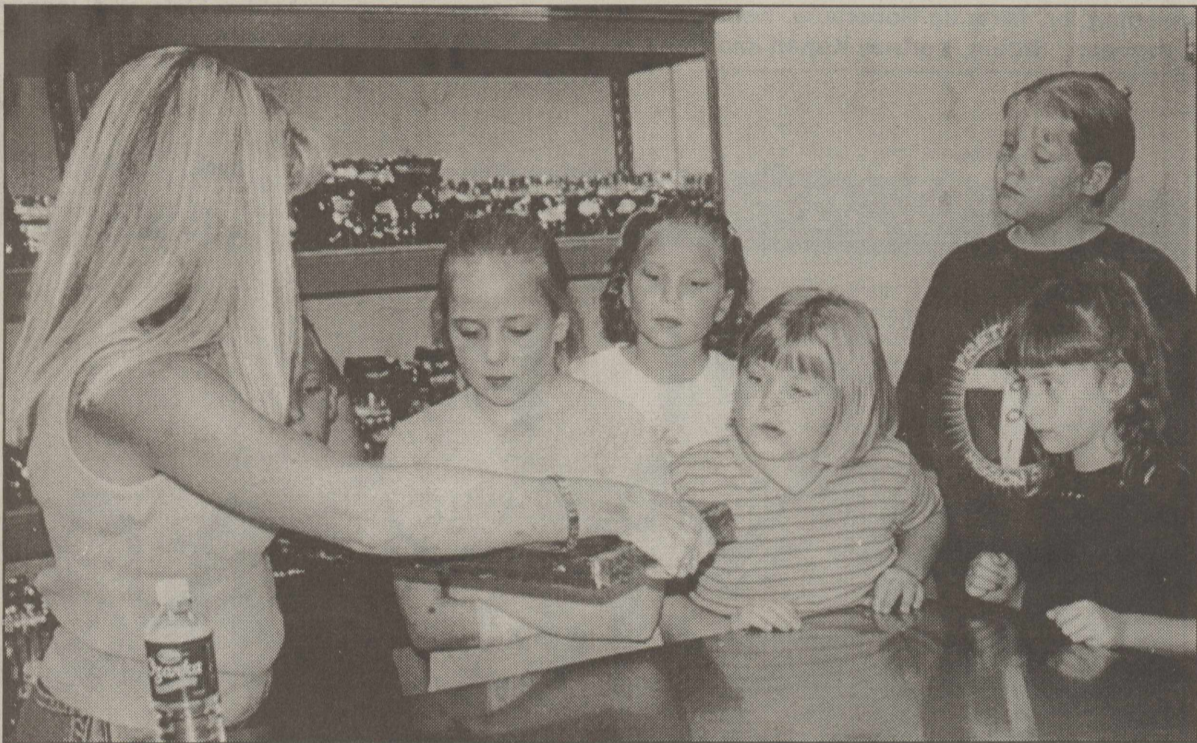
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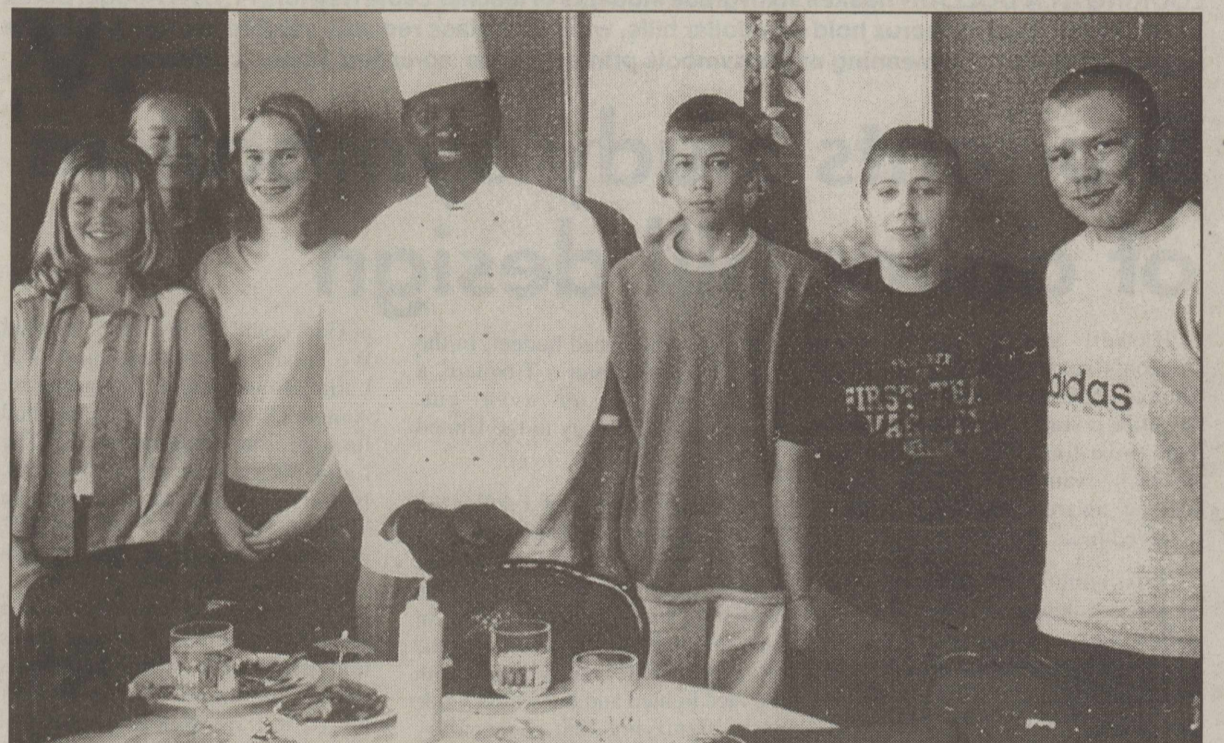
WINE MAKING STUDY TOUR—Visiting the Llano Estacado Winery in Lubbock, senior members of the Rule 4-H Club observed the process of wine making from the vine to the bottle, and learned about job opportunities in the beverage industry. From the left are Renee Dudensing and Rule students Miranda Robertson, Abby Dudensing, MacKenzie Miller, Emery Dudensing, Tully Brown and Jacob Manske.



LEARNING TEXTILE PRODUCTION—Rule Senior 4-H members saw cotton, wool and polyester fabric being made from the raw product to thread to final fabric during a tour of the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University. Pictured are MacKenzie Miller, Abby Dudensing, Tully Brown, Jacob Manske, Emery Dudensing and Miranda Robertson.



CHOCOLATE TREATS—Members of the Rule 4-H Junior Food and Nutrition group were treated to chocolate covered strawberries during a demonstration of candy making by Pamela Goble at Candies by Vletas in Abilene. Watching are Cade Brown, Lacy Stephens, Jenny Dudensing, Stephanie Threet, Brittany Barnett, Molly Dudensing and Kelsie Miller.



FOOD MANAGEMENT—Enjoying the food and view at Texas Tech University Skyviews Restaurant, Rule Senior 4-H members visited with the manager of Restaurant Hotel and Institution Management Department which runs the restaurant as a training laboratory for Tech students majoring in that area. Learning about the program and job possibilities from a RHIM professor, center, were: l-r, Miranda Robertson, Abby Dudensing, MacKenzie Miller, Tully Brown, Jacob Manske and Emery Dudensing.

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Hunters should take precautions against anthrax

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Three human cases of anthrax in Florida are making headlines across the United States and the world. While some experts doubt that anthrax could be used as a biological weapon in this country, other experts are warning hunters, especially those in Southwest Texas, should take precautions against a disease that is as old as time itself.

Even before the Florida cases, many people in Texas were familiar with anthrax, because an outbreak in deer and cattle in Southwest Texas this summer killed hundreds of animals and left two men hospitalized. The outbreak was localized in the Del Rio and Uvalde area. "As far as anthrax goes, in these endemic areas, it's been here since the beginning of time," said Dr. James Lenarduzzi of Beeville, veterinarian with the Texas Animal Health Commission. Usually four to six counties are affected in these localized outbreaks. "Because of the climatic conditions and the soil conditions, it will probably remain here forever."

"Still," he said, "there is no danger with most activities, such as biking, fossil hunting, or camping, and even hunting."

"There's not any danger of getting anthrax by camping out or by having campfires or having any type of activity out here in this part of the world. As long as you're not getting the blood of an infected animal on your skin, you're just as safe here as anywhere else," Lenarduzzi said.

Hunters in upper South Texas or the southwestern part of the Edwards Plateau should exercise caution. Rick Taylor of Uvalde, wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said, "If you

come across carcasses, dead deer bones, skulls, skeletons, you should leave them alone. Don't touch them, just leave them alone." One confirmed and one suspected case of cutaneous anthrax were reported in the Uvalde area after contact with infected animals and animals products. The men were treated in the hospital, released and recovered.

Anthrax is a bacterial disease that occurs in humans and in a wide range of livestock and animal species, according to Dr. Bruce Lawhorn of College Station, veterinarian with Texas Cooperative Extension and College of Veterinary Medicine department of large animal medicine and surgery. It is endemic to several southern states, including Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, and many other countries throughout the world. The disease usually occurs most commonly after period of drought or flooding.

"Anthrax occurs in one of two forms: The vegetative type is actually the form that multiplies in the animal; the spore type is the dormant form found in the environment. Animals primarily become infected by grazing and picking up the microscopic spores from the soil. The spores enter the blood stream through cuts and abrasion in the mouth," said Dr. Florin "Buddy" Faries of College Station, Extension veterinarian.

The spores, when exposed to body fluids and the warmth of body temperatures, transform to vegetative form, and as the vegetative form multiplies, toxins that destroy tissues and organs, cause shock and death are released. Any animal that grazes and swallows the spores, whether it is a cow, sheep, goat, or deer, are susceptible. The severity of the disease varies somewhat within

species. Coyotes and domestic dogs are not very susceptible; however, they can contract a chronic form of the disease.

With canines, "It's not a quick death, maybe some swollen lymph nodes in the neck. They get sick and they may be diagnosed as having some bacterial sickness. The vet then possibly diagnoses anthrax," he said. Domestic dogs can be treated with antibiotics.

"Potentially, feral pigs can be infected with chronic form and more likely to recover without treatment than other animals," Lawhorn said. Hunters in endemic Texas counties should be careful when field-dressing feral pigs because lymph nodes in the head and neck can be full of anthrax organisms; another disease called brucellosis, a bacterial disease that can affect certain organs in the body, it is also a slight risk. Lawhorn suggests hunters wear latex disposable gloves when field-dressing feral swine.

"There are several forms of anthrax in humans," Lawhorn said. "One is the cutaneous: a form when spores are introduced in to the body through a cut or abrasion. Symptoms appear two to five days later. The first symptom is a red, raised lesion that may be mistaken for an insect bite that later develops into a blister. This area becomes swollen, and the swelling may spread to other areas," he said.

The second, the inhalation form, is the type suspected in the Florida cases. The spores are inhaled, and symptoms usually appear one to seven days later. It mimics many other common respiratory infections with fever, malaise, muscle pain and coughing. But instead of recovering as with a common cold, the patient suddenly develops respiratory

distress, sweating, cyanosis and shock. Victims usually die within 24 hours. "This form of anthrax is almost always fatal, if left untreated," Lawhorn said.

The third form, ingested, comes from eating contaminated meat. Patients develop fever, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and malaise. If untreated, the death rate can be as high as 50 percent.

"Penicillin is the perfect antibiotic for treating anthrax in humans," Lawhorn said. "Tetracycline and erythromycin also are effective if used early in patients with a penicillin allergy," he said.

"Generally, anthrax in livestock and deer dies down in the cooler months," Lenarduzzi said. "I haven't seen or heard of any cases reported in deer in October. Usually, it will taper off in late August. Anthrax is a disease that like the summer time," he said.

"And as soon as the first cool weather begins, anthrax disappears. And so, starting in October, November and into those months, as a general rule, anthrax will not be present in the wildlife population. That's not to say it's impossible, but it's very unlikely."

Hunters still should be concerned about any wildlife disease. "They should have a look at what they are going to shoot. Look at the animal first of all, of course, from safety standpoint and be sure of what they're shooting. But they should also look at the general health and condition of the animal," he said.

He advised hunters not to shoot any animal that appeared sick or abnormal. Cutaneous anthrax can be contracted through contact with antlers, pelts, and bones, so Lenarduzzi advised hunters not to pick up antlers that have fallen this year in Southwest Texas. As far as anthrax being used as a biological warfare method, Lenarduzzi acknowledged that was a possibility but not a probability. The delivery method is what caused the difficulty in using anthrax as biological weapon. "They have to have a system that delivers it in high-enough concentrations and the right spot to where it's transmitted to whomever they're trying to transmit it to."

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FSA announces Production Flexibility Contract rates

Mon., Oct. 29, the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) payment rates for fiscal year 2002. For 2002, producers nationwide will share in total contract payments of approximately \$4 billion. Haskell County Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski said eligible producers in Texas received approximately \$356 million under the program in 2001.

"The most popular FSA contract commodity grown in Texas is cotton, followed by wheat," said Brzozowski. "The 2002 payment rate for cotton is 5.72 cents per pound, while wheat will receive 46.1 cents per bushel."

According to the National Agricultural Statistic Service, Texas farmers produced approximately six million acres of cotton and five million acres of wheat this year.

Other contract commodities eligible for payment are corn at 26.1 cents, grain sorghum at 31.4 cents and rice at 2.1 cents.

Producer payments are based on a farm's five-year historical planting average of contract commodities between 1991 and 1995 and an established crop yield. Producers may request to receive payments during any month from October 2001 through August 2001. They have the option of receiving two payments of 50 percent each or one payment at 100 percent. Operators who do not choose a payment option will receive a full payment next August as long as their contract is current.

"FSA can not release payments to farmers unless all required signatures and forms are updated," Brzozowski said. "This means land owner signatures must be obtained for land rented on a year-to-year basis."

Payments can only be issued to producers who share in the risk of producing crops on a participating farm. Landowners or entities that cash-rent the land to the farmer, and have no risk in the crop, can not receive a share of the PFC

payment. "Planting fruits and vegetables on contract acres is still prohibited," Brzozowski added.

Contract acres can be used for corn, hay, soybeans, small grains, oilseeds, pasture, and even Christmas trees. There are no acreage limitations for contract commodities under the PFC program.

To receive additional PFC information, producers may contact the Haskell County Farm Security Service Agency at 940-864-2617.

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NOVEMBER 2001

Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				FFA dues deadline 1 7th, 8th, JV Football Olney at Haskell 4 p.m.	Straight Way Assembly 1 p.m. 2 Indian Football Haskell at Olney 7:30 p.m.	Regional CC Lubbock 3 South Zone District HS/MS Band Tryouts
4	5 State Marching Contest, Waco	6 Double Mt. LDE Anson 10 a.m. Band Practice 7:00-9:00	7	8 7th, 8th, JV Football Haskell at Hamlin 4 p.m.	9 Soph. Class Chili Supper Indian Football Hamlin at Haskell 7:30 p.m.	10 State Boys CC Round Rock ATSSB Regional Band Tryouts Boys BB Scrimmage at Byers
11	12 College Fair 8:30-10:30	13 JH UIL, Anson JVG-B, VG-G BB Haskell at Hawley 4 p.m.	14	15 JH UIL, Anson	16 JVG-B, VG-G BB Iowa Park at Haskell 4 p.m.	17 South Zone District Band Clinic & Concert, McMurry Area II LDE Contest Howard College, Big Spring
18	19 Blunks by to deliver pictures	20 JVG-B, VG-G BB Haskell at Eula 4 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 JVG-B, VG-G BB Haskell at Munday 4 p.m.	28	29	30	
				Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Haskell Invitational Tournament VG-VB Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Hawley JV Invitational Tournament JVG-JVB		Last day to validate barrows

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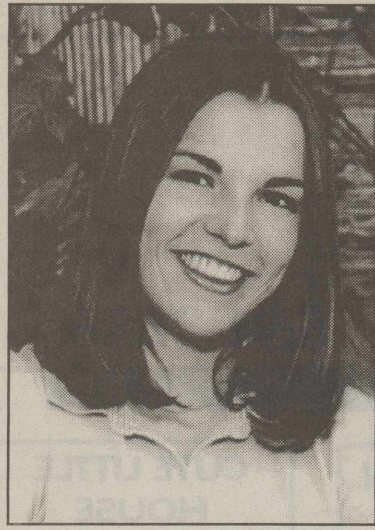
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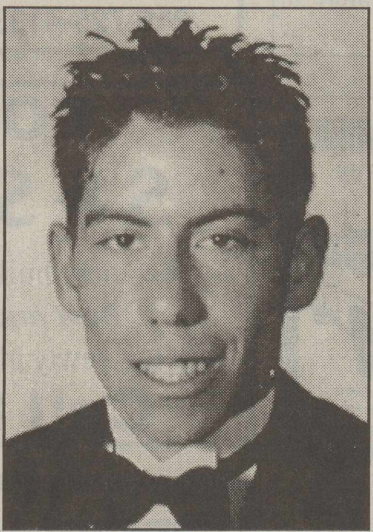
KATIE THOMPSON



MELISSA BUERGER



ERNESTO PALACIOS



ADAM DIAZ

Students visit Rotary Club

Katie Thompson is the daughter of Kenny and Wanda Thompson. She attends First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Active in basketball, she also serves as vice-president of the Student Council, vice-president of the Senior Class, and president of the National Honor Society.

Special awards and recognitions for her have been the Fighting Heart Basketball Award, Quill and Scroll, Best Smile of the Senior Class, Bi-District Basketball, 1999, and the A Honor Roll for six years.

She enjoys working at Flatlands, being with friends and going to the movies.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech University and get a degree in either fashion design or education.

Melissa Buerger is the daughter of Fritz and Jerri Buerger of Haskell.

She attends Haskell First Baptist Church and is active in East Side Baptist Youth group.

In school she is active in varsity basketball, softball and track. A member of the National Honor Society, she is the Senior class reporter and member of the band and band council. She is into the sixth year on the A honor roll.

She was a 1999 basketball Bi-District Qualifier, a 2000 basketball Area Qualifier, and a 2001 softball Area Qualifier. In track she placed third in Regional shotput, and eighth in Regional discus.

Her favorite things to do include being with friends, talking on the phone and being the choir leader for a group of young children.

After finishing high school she plans to attend Tarleton or Texas A&M University.

Ernesto Palacios is the son of Conrado and Eva Palacios of Haskell.

He is a member of St. George Catholic Church.

His school activities include football, baseball, playing trumpet in the school band and serving as class treasurer.

Special recognitions for him include receiving the John Philip Sousa Award in Band and being named Most Dependable.

Among his favorite leisure time activities are playing guitar in church choir, listening to music, hanging out with friends and cooking outdoors.

After finishing high school, Palacios plans to attend Angelo State University, get a job and start a family.

Adam Diaz is the son of Luz and Johnny Diaz, Sr of Haskell.

He attends St. George Catholic Church.

His school activities include football, track, baseball and serving as vice-president of the Spanish Club. He is on the A Honor Roll.

Among his favorite things to do are hunting and sleeping.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Midwestern State University and then teach Spanish/History and coach.

Rule ISD recognized for education of migrant students

Rule ISD has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating their migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected Rule ISD as a winner of the 2001-2002 Acknowledgment Campus Award given to school campuses and school districts that achieved academic success with their migrant students. The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families and that help migrant students to meet high academic standards. Approximately 126,000 migrant children live in Texas.



FIREMAN DRESSED FOR DUTY—Haskell Volunteer Fireman Mathew Cunningham wears his firefighting gear during a fire prevention program presented by members of the local fire department for students of Haskell Elementary School.

Traps still needed in fields during harvest

Cotton harvest is under way in much of the High Plains and Rolling Plains, and some growers may believe the boll weevil traps around their fields are no longer needed.

In some cases growers have been removing the traps that surround their fields, possibly because they believe the traps interfere with their harvesting equipment or because their fields have been harvested.

"Because the traps are very effective in eliminating boll weevils, especially as the weevil populations are reduced to low levels, leaving functional traps in the vicinity of cotton fields helps the eradication program eliminate weevils more quickly and at a lower cost to growers," said Charles Allen, program director.

If the traps are interfering with harvest, growers should contact their field unit supervisors to determine a new placement for the traps, Allen said. The supervisors will work with growers to move the traps so they don't interfere with operations.

Traps that have been taken down

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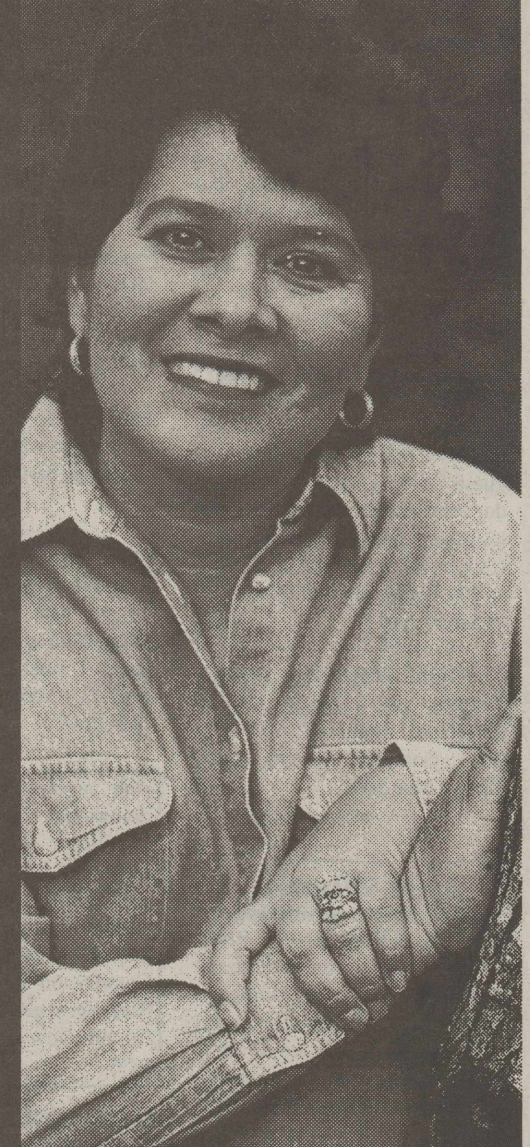
As a schoolteacher and wife and mother of three, Yolanda Rueda rarely sits still long enough to pose for a picture. If she's not fixing supper or grading papers for her fourth grade science classes (or teaching Catechism or leading Brownies), she's probably out bike riding with her kids or splashing around with them in the swimming pool.

Yolanda and her family depend on co-op power for their homes. She and her husband Gilbert belong to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

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