Basketball games

Haskell **Vernon B-G Varsity Tournament** Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 6-8

> Boys 9th, JV Haskell vs Breckenridge Fri., Dec. 7, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Boys 9th, JV Haskell vs Breckenridge Sat., Dec. 8, 1 p.m. at Breckenridge

Boys 9th, JV Haskell vs Breckenridge Fri., Dec. 7, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Boys JV Gold Haskell vs Abilene Cooper Mon., Dec. 10, 6 p.m. at Abilene Cooper ********

Boys 7th, 8th; Girls 7th, 8th Haskell vs Hawley Mon., Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. Girls Here, Boys There *********

JVG-B, VG-B vs Paducah Tues., Dec. 11, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek Patton Springs Tournament Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 6-8

Paint Creek Jr. High **Rochester Tournament** Sat., Dec. 8

Paint Creek JH vs Rochester Mon., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs Highland Tues., Dec. 11, 5 p.m. at Paint Creek

Calendar

Santa letters due

Letters to Santa will be published in the Haskell Free Press Thurs., Dec. 20. Deadline to have your letter printed is Mon., Dec. 10. Letters may be dropped by the Free Press office or mailed to Santa Claus at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

Health fair, auction

A health fair and auction will be held Wed., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 S. 1st, in

Little Drummer Boy

The First Baptist Church Childrens' Choirs will present "The Little Drummer Boy" (behind the music) Sun., Dec. 9 at

Goodfellows

Goodfellows will be accepting donations for their annual Christmas program. Applications for the program will be taken Dec. 8 and 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Packages will be delivered Dec. 24 for those selected. Donations of food will be accepted by Lions Club members; toys and clothes will be accepted by the Child Welfare Board; cash donations may be made at the Haskell free Press or mailed to Goodfellows, c/o Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Enchilada dinner

The Calvary Baptist Church youth group will hold an enchilada dinner Sat., Dec. 8 from 11 to 2. Serving will be from the Annex Building, 600 S. 7th. The meal will include enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and tea. Cost is adults \$5 and children under 12

Customer Appreciation Day

The Haskell Post Office will host a customer appreciation day Fri., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. until 2

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Giant jackpot drawings Saturday

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IT'S SNOW JOKE-Real snow blanketed the ground and joined the artificial snowmen set up in Allie Belle Smith's yard in Haskell Thurs., Nov. 29, giving an authentic winter setting for the

myriad of Christmas lights and scenes on display there. Due to the heavy accumulation of snow and ice in the area, many businesses were closed and services shut down in the city.

Job Fair to be held Dec. 11-12 in Haskell

Representatives of Management and Training Corporation (MTC) will conduct a two-day job fair in Haskell for those who may be seeking employment with the Rolling Plains Regional Jail.

The Job Fair will be held at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, Tues., Dec. 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wed., Dec. 12 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Employment applications will be available, and are required for employment by MTC. Resumes are also appreciated.

At the Haskell facility, MTC will have excellent job opportunities, salaries and benefits and positions available in the areas of finance, administrative, maintenance, security and food service. They are inviting everyone to come and explore these opportunities and learn more about the operations.

MTC, which will be operating the Rolling Plains Regional Jail, expects to open in February.

First Giant Jackpot drawing to be held Saturday in Haskell

The first drawings for eight giant jackpots totaling \$1,250.00 will take place Sat., Dec. 8, at 3:00 p.m. at the gazebo on the northeast corner of the Haskell County Courthouse square.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee, a total of \$2,500.00 in gift certificates will be given away during two drawings on Dec. 8 and Dec. 22.

Participating Haskell merchants are giving tickets for purchases made in their place of business.

If not present at the drawing, the winner will receive one half of the prize. The remaining will be used to make up additional prizes.

No owner or manager or their

Haskell Indian, 150 pound

junior, Eddie Loyd was recently

named to the All-District 8-2A

First Team defense and to the

Also named from Haskell to the

Second Team offense.

Indians named to

All-District 8-2A team

families are eligible to win whether from a participating business or

Employees of businesses can win on tickets from other business, but not from tickets received at their place of employment.

All tickets must be stamped on the back by the business distributing them.

Prizes will be in the form of gift certificates, redeemable at participating businesses.

The Haskell Christmas lighting contest for homes and businesses will be judged Wednesday night, Dec. 19. Several categories will be included in the judging, and winners will be awarded recognition for their effort and artistry.

All-District 8-2A Second team

offense, was James Jeanes, 165

received the District's Fighting

Arturo Arebalos of Haskell

pound junior.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS-Haskell Maidens point 'number one' after winning the Haskell Invitational Tournament Championship. Front row, I-r, Whitney Hise, Morgan Cox, Brittany Lindsey and Mindy Price. Back, Katie McKnight, Katie Thompson, Calina Kendall, Nikki Wallace, Lynzie Harlan, Photo by Bill Blankenship Mandy Adams, Melissa Buerger and Tiffany Lindsey.

Six-Man All-Distrist teams announced

Spread back Will Smith of Rule was named to All-District 4 Six-Man First Team offense, along with wide-receivers, Dewayne McGhee of Rochester and and Jason

Named to the First Team, defense, were Smith; Billy Sanchez of Rochester; Bobby Flores of Rule

and Josh Hearn of Rochester. On the All-District Second Team offense were: spread back Hearn, QB Flores; RB, Chance Strickland, Rochester and Chase Hopkins of Paint Creek; OL, Jason Biba, Paint Creek; C, Brady Standefer, Rule; WR, Tommy Barr and Biba, Paint Creek; PK. Anthony Hill, Paint Creek,

Second Team Defense were: DL, Strickland, Rochester and Ricky Truelson of Rule. CB/LB, Jason Custer, Rule, Eugene Ecamilla and Chase Hopkins, both of Paint Creek; S. Hopkins; and P. Hill.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS-The Haskell Indians team took the championship at the Haskell Invitational Tournament. Front, I-r, managers Arturo Arebalos and Jared Webb, and team members, Josh Webb, Loren Cole, Osiel Garcia, Melvin Garcia and Leon Goudeau. Standing back, Coach Darrel Hunt, Ryan Burgess, Kyle Hunt, Zack McGuire, Cliff McGuire, Wesley Steele, Coach Mark Adams and Photo by Bill Blankenship manager, Drew Garison. Not pictured is Eddie Loyd.

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Obituaries

Judge Ben Charlie Chapman



JUDGE BEN CHARLIE CHAPMAN

Funeral services for Judge Ben Charlie Chapman, 98, of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell with Rev. Murray Travis and Rev. Stephen Beatty officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Direc-

Judge Chapman died Wed., Nov. 28 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

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Born Sept. 19, 1903 in Stamford, he and his parents lived in Marcy until the town moved and became Rochester. He graduated from both Rochester High School and Stamford High School. He attended North Texas Agricultural College (now the University of Texas at Arlington) and the University of Texas in Austin. He graduated from Cumberland University School of Law in Lebanon, Tenn. in 1930 and obtained a license to

practice law in Texas that same year.

He returned to Haskell in 1930 and soon was appointed city attorney for the City of Haskell. In 1933, he was elected Haskell County Attorney and served in this office until 1938 when he was elected as District Attorney for the 39th Judicial District of Texas. He remained in this office until 1942. In 1942, he was elected District Judge of the 39th Judicial District of Texas and served until his retirement Aug. 31, 1973.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #682 in Haskell and a very active member of First Presbyterian Church in Haskell. He had been an active member of the Haskell community with a special interest in Haskell Little League and Youth Baseball and Boy Scouts of America. He served on the board of the Haskell Cemetery Association of Willow Cemetery for many years.

His wife, Mary Chapman, preceded him in death in February 2001.

Survivors include one son, District Judge Charles Chapman and his wife, Judith of Haskell; one grandson, C. Davis Chapman and his wife, Jennifer of Fort Worth; two step granddaughters, Tonya Burson of San Angelo and Amy Burson of Lubbock; a sister, Allie Belle Smith of Haskell; and two nephews.

Pallbearers were John Fouts, Shane Hadaway, Joseph Thigpen, Bill Jones, John Sam Rike, Tommy Matthews, Rob McKnight and Tim

Honorary pallbearers were elders of the First Presbyterian Church of

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 56, Haskell, Texas 79521; or the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., 1414 Colorado, Suite 502, Austin, Texas 78701-1627; or the donor's favorite charity.

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Fraternal Benefit

Funeral services for Charles 'Smitty' Smith, 96, of Haskell were held Sun., Dec. 2 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith died Thurs., Nov. 29 at Haskell Memorial

Born Oct. 11, 1905 in Angelina County near Lufkin, he married Lula Pardo June 2, 1930 in Waco. She preceded him in death April 19, 1991. He owned and oper-

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Smith and Bobby D. Smith.

ated Smitty's Auto Supply in Haskell for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and First Baptist Church where he attended the Business Men's Bible Class. He was preceded in death by two sons, Charles W.

Survivors include one daughter, Danna Ruth Hooper of Austin; one brother, Kirby Smith of Seattle, Washington; seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE Tips to help remedy dry skin

The arrival of winter in our area is marked by low humidity and the use of indoor heating, two factors that can zap moisture from the skin, causing it to dry and flake.

A health tip bulletin from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas reminds that the top layer of skin, a protective barrier made up of dead cells and lipids, aids in retaining moisture. Frequent bathing, too much soap and exfoliating with a luffa sponge can actually wreak havoc on the skin.

"Try limiting the amount of soap applied and avoid using luffa sponges," says Dr. Paul Bergstresser, chairman of detmatology at the Center. "Both can strip the protective layer intended to preserve moisture."



SR. 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGES-The Haskell County 4-H Sr. Livestock Judging team won fourth place in the Rolling Plains District 3 Livestock Judging Contest in Vernon, Nov. 10. From the left are Chase Cockerell, Jonathan Hisey, Amy Turner and Abby Dudensing.



JUDGING TEAM-Winning second place in the 4-H Intermediate Livestock Judging Contest were: 1-r, Kortney Kupatt; Teddye Sue Harris; Alexa Roberts; Gay Lynn Gary and Amber Bingham.

Judging teams compete in Vernon

in the Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held Sat. Nov. 10 at the Wilbarger Exhibit Building in Vernon.

In Livestock Projects, 4-H'ers learn to care for animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. These projects also teach

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keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.

Judging contests provide the opportunity for 4-H'ers to practice these skills by having them select animals based on body confirmation and muscling, use decision-making skills to place the animals in their

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County 4-H members competed decision-making skills record classes and then give oral reasons to validate their decision, which builds their public speaking skills. Four-H is the youth development and leadership program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

A total of 10 4-H'ers from the county competed in the District Livestock Judging Contest. They were: Amber Bingham and Alexa Roberts of Haskell; Abby Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Gay Lynn Gary and Jonathan Hisey of Rule/ Sagerton; and Chase Cockerell, Teddye Harris and Amy Turner of Rochester.

The Senior team placed 4th and the Intermediate team placed 2nd.

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By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards, Lois Redwine and Bill and Peggy Middlebrook were in Yoakum Nov. 20.

Visiting in the Hyrum and Jean Richards home during Thanksgiving were son, Brady Henshaw and daughter, Savannah Jean from Albuquerque, Gaylon Head from the Veterans Home, Big Spring and Curtis Head from Houston. They also visited with Lois Redwine.

Visiting with Faye Gray for the Thanksgiving holidays were her sons Lynn of Grapeland and Lee and wife Polly of Chelmate, Louisiana. They all went to her daughters', Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hix in Abilene on Thanksgiving day.

Georgia Turnbow has been to Midland with her son and family who are announcing the arrival of a new baby boy, Mathew, who was welcomed home by big brother Mark and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Greg

On Wed., Nov. 21, Fannie Mae Barton accompanied by Joyce Hawkins went to Ft. Worth where Fannie Mae visited her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Derrick and Joyce's daughter in law. Darlene Hawkins picked her up and she went to Lewisville for the holiday to visit her son Bobby and Darlene and family. They all went to Darlene's cousins, Don and Lesia for the day, where there was about 35 family members gathered for lunch and visiting. Fannie Mae and Joyce returned home on Tues. where they ran into the snow storm at Throckmorton but made it home fine.

Glendon Hawkins and daughter Tamera Hearn and son Dakota of Irving visited with Joyce Hawkins and other relatives and Tamera and Dakota visited mom Charlene over the week-end.

Pete Callaway is back home after spending two weeks with daughter Tressa Wilson from Tallagua, Okla.

Comedy Conference

CINDY FITZHARRIS

Cindy Ivey Fitzharris, daughter of L. B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell, recently attended the 8th Annual California Comedy Conference in Palm Springs. Hosted by Judy Carter, author of The Comedy Bible, the workshop and showcase weekend was for aspiring new stand-up comedians. In the audience looking for new talent were some of the funniest names in

presentation, "Cindy cracked me up...great set.'

Haskell native attends

Some of the other positive reviews she received for her standup showcase were:

Rob Lotterstein, writer/producer for Grosse Point, Will and Grace, Dream On and Ellen said, "Really surprised me...great act.'

Mike Spear, writer for the Late Show with David Letterman, said, "Very honest presence; different,

Tony Sepulveda, Vice-president of casting at Warner Brothers TV. who cast shows such as Friends and The Drew Carey Show, said, "Great potential of comic voice and style." Gina Rubinstein, producer/writer

of Special Presentations plus reality, magazine game and talk shows, said, "Great set; loved the

Robert Hartmann, manager/TV producer and talent booker for The Inprov, said, "Interesting look."

Ellen Idelson, writer/producer for Will and Grace and Ellen, said,

Fitzharris is a 1977 graduate of Haskell High School. She lives in Florida and will appear at Punchline Comedy Club in Atlanta, Georgia

Judy Carter said of Fitzharris' Homespun Club honors County officials

The Homespun Club of Haskell County Extension Education Association, hosted a luncheon Nov. 27 for the County Judge and County Commissioners at the First United Methodist Church.

The "Take a Commissioner to Lunch" event was held in appreciation of the county officials for being supportive of the organization during the past years.

Prepared by club members, a Mexican casserole, green salad, relish plate, pinto beans, chips, salsa and peach cobbler were served. Tables were decorated with a patriotic theme. One table arranged in memory of Henrietta Rueffer, featured her awards and achievements during the many years she served with the club.

Attending were Louetta Davis, Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Tiffen Mayfield and Erlinda Mayfield, County Agent Brandon Anderson and Penny Anderson, Extension Agent Lou Gilly, Tammy Parham, Extension Agricultural Engineering Specialist; Dr. Bruce Lesikar, club members and their spouses.

Coping with life's changes can be a challenge

by Lou Gilly Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Change comes into every life, at every age. Extension family development specialist Linda Ladd says for children massive change can be especially difficult because their experiences are limited. Children can be affected differently than adults. Ladd says it's up to the adults to help children through rough times.

The age and development level of children need to be considered. That can better prepare adults to support children emotionally, teach effective problem-solving skills, and model

successful coping strategies. Ladd reminds us that children will normally look to adults for information on how they should

Adolescents and teenagers will have enough life experience to help attach meaning to a life-changing event. But, adults need to talk to youth to learn how that individual interprets and internalized the event. Change is constant, but it is all a part of life. We can all learn and grow from it and we can help each other





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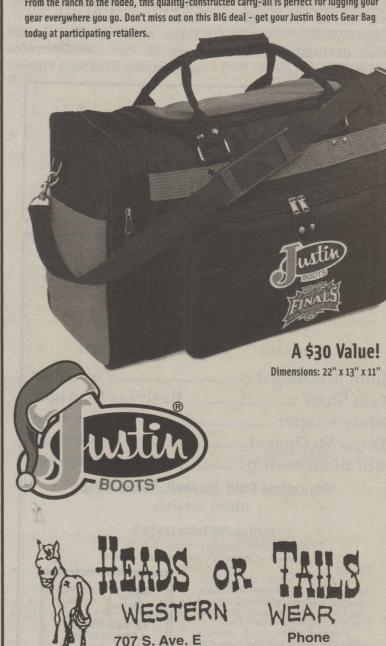
CRUISE ON THANKSGIVING-Travis and Alma Solomon of Haskell went on a Thanksgiving week cruise to Cozumel and Cancun, Mexico, along with 25 family members and friends to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Buford and Faye Littlepage of Fort Worth. Among the party were Frankie, Rhonda and Rebecca Moeller, and the Solomon's daughter, Carolyn Gathings, all of Fort Worth.

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Top 4-H food show winners named Two hundred boys and girls from Derrick Tribbey, 3rd place.

25 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show held in Vernon Nov. 17 at the Wilbarger Auditorium. Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 2002. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners do not complete beyond the District level.

Haskell County 4-H'ers participating in the District event

Juniors: Molly Dudensing, 1st place winner in the Fruit and Vegetable category; Aubrey Bassett, 1st place winner in the Bread and Cereal Category; Jenny Dudensing, 1st place winner in the Nutritious Snacks Category; Andrea Anderson, 3rd place in the Desserts Category; and Chloe Baty competing in the Main Dish Category.

Intermediates: Robbyn Tribbey, 2nd place in the Fruit and Vegetable Category; Emery Dudensing, 4th place in the Nutritious Snacks Category; Stephanie Grand, 4th place in the Desserts Category; and Shayla Felty competing in the Main Dish

Category. Seniors: Derrick Tribbey, 2nd place in the Nutritious Snacks Category; Abby Dudensing, 4th place in the Main Dish Category; and Savannah Foster competing in the Bread and Cereal Category.

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa Cattle Women and Wichita Falls Area Cattle Women were also presented to first, second and third place winners in Main Dish and Nutritious Snacks Categories in which beef was an ingredient. Haskell County 4-H'ers receiving Beef Awards included Senior 4-H'ers Abby Dudensing, 2nd place and

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the District. Haskell County 4-H'ers who were recognized with certificates for submitting news releases were Lisa Acosta, Tommy Barr, Maggie Brzozowski, Kasev Dunivan, Eric Hobbs, Jesse Medford, Paul Schonerstedt, Erin Terrell and Kelly Thompson.

This show is one aspect of the year-round food and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Pam Foster, District Director with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, food and nutrition and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food storage and safety.

If you would like more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H food and nutrition project contact the Texas Cooperative Extension -Haskell County Office located at 101 South Avenue D in Haskell. The County Extension Agents serving Haskell County and their phone numbers are Brandon Anderson (940) 864-2658 and Lou Gilly (940)

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Unless the matter is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas redistricting process is over for another decade.

Even if the high court takes it up, any ruling it made likely would not affect the 2002 elections in Texas.

Most maps chart existing geography, but the maps approved Nov. 28 by an appointed panel of three federal judges will redefine Texas' political landscape.

The effort began during the Legislature, lawmakers armed with 2000 Census data tried to handle the redistricting process themselves.

When that effort died of partisan politics, the issue went to the Legislative Redistricting Board. When lawsuits were filed after the board released its maps, the issue went to the three-judge panel for resolution.

This is how is sorts out:

of Made up Democratically appointed judges and one Republican, the panel left the proposed Senate map untouched. Of the 31 Senate seats, 19 could go Republican based on the redrawing.

As it stands now, the Senate has 15 Democrats, Republicans and one vacancy.

The judicial panel did tinker a bit with the House redistricting map. Of the 150 seats, 88 could end up in the hands of the GOP.

Presently, the House is the only body still controlled by Democrats. Seventy-eight of its members represent the party that once controlled the state, with 72 members being Republicans.

The plan approved by the three judges pits 37 incumbents against a fellow House member. Even more significantly, the plan threatens the political future of House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center, the state's highestranking Democrat.

When the legislature meets again in January 2003, three

Republicans will be running against Laney: Tom Craddick of Midland, Edmund Kuempel of Seguin and Brian McCall of

Laney has said he still intends to seek reelection.

Mold ruling made

After sitting through public hearings and reviewing staff recommendations, Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor has reached a decision on the contentious issue of mold coverage.

Bottom line is that Texans will continue to be able to buy basic insurance for mold damage, but policyholders might have to start picking up the high cost of testing and clean up.

Barrientos enters DWI plea

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos has pled no contest to driving while intoxicated and has been assessed one year's probation.

Austin police arrested the Austin Democrat Nov. 21. He refused to take a breath test.

The senator paid a \$500 fine and must do 40 hours of community service. In addition, he cannot consume alcohol for one year and must receive alcohol counseling. The breath test refusal netted him a 180-day driver license suspension as

Indian casino update

The Speaking Rock Casino in El Paso County can stay open while the Tigua tribe and the state continue their legal dispute over whether the gambling operation is lawful.

That ruling, made Nov. 27 by a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, will keep the dice rolling and roulette wheels spinning until the tribe's appeal of a federal shutdown order has run its course.

The Tiguas say the casino brings in some \$60 million annually. The facility, located at Ysleta down the Rio Grande from El Paso, employs 850 persons, only 50 of them Tiguas.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago **December 5, 1991**

Mindy Ballard of Rochester received the Gold Star award during a 4-H awards banquet in Vernon.

Bill Jones of Rule was sworn in as an attorney-at-law by District Judge Charles Chapman in the courthouse. Jones graduated in May with a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech School of Law and has passed the Texas State Bar exam.

Shane LeFevre of Rule and Chris Carver of Rochester are on the first team defense for District 9-A six man all-district football team

20 Years Ago **December 3, 1981**

"Cultivate Haskell" won first place as the slogan for Haskell's beautification project. The winning slogan was written by an anonymous Christian friend who declined the \$50 prize money. The money will be used in the spring for a beautification

Mrs. Gus Rueffer of Weinert was named Club Woman of the Year at the Haskell County Extension Homemakers Information Day.

> 30 Years Ago **December 9, 1971**

Army Second Lieutenant Wendell F. Coston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Coston of Haskell, recently completed a nine-week Adjutant General Officer Basic Course at the U. S. Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Coston is a 1965 graduate of Haskell High School and a 1971 graduate of Texas

Bud Hicks, Buddy Mullino and Bob Penman made the straight "A" honor roll at Rochester High School.

Christian University.

Four Haskell Indians are on the All-District football team. They are Jim Bob Mickler, Jackie Young, Bob Shea and Forrest Mayfield. Coach Tommy McAdams shares 'Coach of the Year' honors with the Stamford coach.

> 40 Years Ago December 7, 1961

Trisha Chrietzberg scored 23 points to lead Haskell to a 60-49 victory over Weinert in winning the

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Texas taxes might surprise them.

championship in the girls invitational basketall tournament sponsored by Haskell High School. Linda Adams of Weinert had the night's highest scoring honors with a total of 33

Bailey Toliver of Haskell has been appointed an Associate Director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

Shirley Jean Young was elected Band Sweetheart for the 1962 Haskell Indian Band. Young is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Young

> 50 Years Ago **December 6, 1951**

Lyles Jewelry, Bill Wilson Motor Company, Payne Drug Store and Lane-Felker Dress Shop were first place winners in their four respective divisions in the annual Christmas display window contest.

Construction is to begin soon on the new auditorium for the East Side Baptist Church. The present auditorium will be made into an educational unit, housing Sunday

School rooms, restrooms, kitchen facilities, church office and pastor's study. Members of the building committee are Thurman Rhoades, general chairman; Roy Mercer, finance chairman; Taylor Childress, Floyd Rogers, Leslie Cox and Albert

Luther Walker, McMurry College student from Weinert, has been named as a member of the cast for the College Theater's forthcoming production, "Medea."

> 90 Years Ago **December 9, 1911**

D. M. Winn, who has been traveling for the Haskell Broom Factory, came home Saturday from San Antonio, Fort Worth and other

Marr Bros. have announced they will auction off their restaurant in Weinert Dec. 23 at 3 p.m.

Miss Jessie Martin, who has been Young Women in San Antonio, is Street. The address was incorrect in now with her parents in this city for a story printed in last week's Haskell the holidays.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The Haskell Sheriff's Office would like to thank Roman Morgan and Bill Wilson Motor Co. for the use of the four wheel drive pickup during the snow and ice storm last week. Our department wouldn't have been able to answer calls out in the County or check for stranded motorists without this vehicle.

Sheriff David Halliburton

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone involved in making our Jump Rope for Heart event such a big success this year. The Haskell Elementary second, third, fourth and fifth graders raised a little over \$4,000!

I appreciate the kids and their parents for going out, collecting donations and all the time and effort they put forth. I also appreciate the many, many people who donated money to this worthwhile cause.

I would especially like to thank the area businesses for their current and past support in contributions given to the kids.

Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful event and I look forward to doing it again next year!

Tiffany Thomas Jump Rope for Heart coordinator/ P.E. Teacher

Hospital

Admissions Lena Rueffer, Irving Marjorie Huss, Haskell Dismissals

Hazel Wofford, Paul Allen, Walter Holley, Oca Karr, Evelyn Elliott.

Correction

Busy Hands in Haskell is located attending the Thomas School for at 701 N. Ave. E and faces North 7th Free Press.

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced legally mandated increases in the Medicare premium, deductible and coinsurance amounts to be paid by beneficiaries in 2002.

For Medicare Part A, which pays for hospital, skilled nursing, hospice care and some home health care, the beneficiary deductible will increase to \$812, up 2.5 percent from \$792 in 2001. The premium for Medicare Part B, which helps pay for physician services, ambulatory care and other services, will rise to \$54 per month, up 8 percent from \$50 per month in

The Medicare statue requires that the deductibles and premium be updated annually in accordance with statutory formulas. Medicare law sets the Part B premium at the amount needed to cover 25 percent of estimated program costs for aged enrollees; general revenue tax dollars

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costs. The Part A deductible applies only to those enrolled in the original fee-for-service Medicare program. Beneficiaries who choose to enroll in private Medicare+Choice plans may not be affected by the Part Aincrease, and may receive additional benefits with different cost-sharing arrangements.

"Seniors and disabled Americans in fee-for-service Medicare pay higher out-of-pocket expenses than many private health plans," HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "We need to bring Medicare into the 21st century and give all seniors and disabled Americans more and better insurance options, such as those available to federal employees. The President's principles for strengthening and modernizing Medicare will move us closer to that The Part A deductible is a

beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care. However, for extended Medicare-covered hospital stays, beneficiaries must pay an additional \$203 per day for days 61 through 90 and \$406 per day for hospital stays beyond the 90th day in a benefit period, up from \$198 per day and \$396 per day, respectively. For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily coinsurance for days 21 through 100 will be \$101.50. up from \$99 in 2001.

Most of Medicare's 40 million beneficiaries choose the optional Part B coverage, which helps pay for physicians services, hospital outpatient care, durable medical equipment and other services. including some home health care. Moreover, nearly 90 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have some

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form of third-party payer (such as Medigap, Medicaid, Medicare+Chioce) to help reduce out-of-pocket costs.

For some Medicare+Choice plans offer a reasonable alternative to fee-forservice Medicare's high out-ofpocket costs, but too many seniors don't have that option," said Tom Scully, administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which runs the Medicare program. "We have worked throughout the year to do what we can to stabilize the Medicare+Choice program and we intended to work with Congress to strengthen and modernize it for the long term."

The Part A premium, paid by only a small percentage of beneficiaries. also is increasing in 2002. For the estimated 392,000 beneficiaries who pay a premium for Medicare Part A coverage, premiums will increase by \$19, to \$319. This amount is paid by seniors with less than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment (and by certain people with disabilities who are under age 65, have lost disability because of work and earnings, and have at least 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment). Seniors with 30 to 39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment (and certain people with disabilities who are under age 65. have lost disability benefits because of work and earnings, and have at least 30 quarters of Medicarecovered employment) are entitled to a reduced monthly remain, which is increasing by \$10, to \$175.

States have programs that pay some or all of beneficiaries' Medicare premiums and coinsurance for certain people who have Medicare and a low income. Information is available at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and for hearing and speech impaired, at TTY/TDD: 1-877-486-2048.

Go Indians! Go Maidens!

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HARLAN SCORES-Haskell Maiden, #32 Lynzie Harlan goes up to add points in the game with Eula during the Haskell Invitational Tournament, Nov. 30. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Boys Basketball scores

Boys **Haskell Tournament** 1st Round Haskell 75, Knox City 31

Scoring for Haskell: C. McGuire 21, Loyd 15, M. Garcia 8, Z. McGuire 8, Goudeau 7, Webb 4, Steele 4, Hunt 3, Burgess 3, O. Garcia

> 2nd Round Haskell 63, Eula 41

Championship Haskell 62, Hawley 48

Boys' all-tournament team: Cliff McGuire, Haskell (MVP); Josh Webb, Haskell; Leon Goudeau, Haskell.

Goree Tournament

Rochester 53, Munday JV 29 Scoring for Rochester: Hearn 8, McGhee 10, B. Sanchez 16, Self 4, E. Sanchez 12.

Haskell Freshman boys - second place.

Rochester 74, Haskell JV 35 Scoring for Haskell JV: McClatchey 17, Vasquez 8,

Scoring for Rochester: B. Sanchez 8, Hearn 4, McGhee 28, Strickland 6, E. Sanchez 21, Taylor 2, Williams

> *** **Woodson Tournament**

Newcastle 56, Rule 51 Scoring for Rule: Smith 17, Custer 8, Stephens 6, Standefer 7, Truelson 6, Falkner 4, Turner 2, Flores 1

Bryson 48, Rule 46 Scoring for Rule: Falkner 12, Stephens 9, Smith 5, Custer 5, Hatley 4, Flores 4, Turner 3, Standefer 2, Truelson 2.

All tournament: Will Smith, Rule.

Double Mountain Shootout Aspermont 54, Paint Creek 39 Scoring for Paint Creek: Lawrance 18, C. Hobbs 6, E. Hobbs 4, Barr 4, Sageser 4, Medford 3.

Paint Creek 49, Hermleigh 30 Scoring for Paint Creek: C. Hobbs 18, E. Hobbs 8, Sageser 8, Biba 7, Lowrance 2, Barr 2, Hope 2. Medford

> *** **Hawley Tournament**



MAIDEN UP TO SCORE-Haskell Maiden, #22 Brittany Lindsey puts one in during the game with Knox City in tournament action, Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Girls Basketball scores

Woodson Tournament

Rule 47, Newcastle 41

Scoring for Rule: Lisle 22,

Woodson 59, Rule 40

Scoring for Rule: Lisle 13,

Double Mountain Shootout

Aspermont 52, Paint Creek 24

Scoring for Paint Creek: Lopez 8,

Hawley Tournament

Haskell Girls JV Black team won

Gonzalez 8, Brzozogski 5, Danniell

2, Wade 1.

first place.

Marquis 9, Brown 4, Lehrmann 4,

Hertel 4, Dudensing 3. Caddell 3.

Lehrmann 5, Hertel 6, Brown 4,

Dudensing 6, Caddell 2, Marquis 2.

Girls **Haskell Tournament** 2nd Round Haskell 57, Eula 30

Haskell 68, Knox City 38 Scoring for Haskell: Wallace 28, Buerger 14, Lindsey 7, Thompson 4, McKnight 4, Price 3, Adams 3, Kendall 2, Harlan 3, Cox 1.

> Championship Haskell 63, Hawley 41

Girls' All tournament team: Nikki Wallace, Haskell (MVP); Melissa Buerger, Haskell; Mindy Price, Haskell.

Decembers 1951 **Goree Tournament**

Rochester 52, Munday JV 37 Scoring for Rochester: Nicholson 2, Byrd 31, Garcia 22, Turner 15.

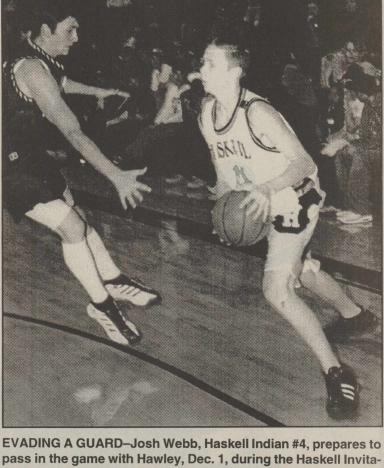
Rochester 60, Haskell JV 16 Scoring for Haskell JV: Reed 6, Acosta 10.

Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 29, Martinez 3, Beauchamp 2, Ramos 2, Garcia 15, Turner 9.

Goree

Haskell Girls JV Gold team won second place.

> All deadlines are 5 p.m.



tional Tournament. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell teams to play in Vernon tourney

Haskell teams will be among 44 teams competing in the Vernon Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 6,7,8. The three-day run of games will be played at D. O. Fulton Gym and P. E. Gym, both on the the campus of Vernon High School and at the King Athletic Complex on the campus of Vernon

Competition will divided into 24 boys teams in three brackets and 20 girls teams in three brackets. Playing in the boys brackets will be Sherman, Pampa, Graham, Holliday, Archer City, Vernon, Borger, Paducah, Childress, Iowa Park, Wichita Falls City View, Lubbock Cooper, Harrold, Vernon-Northside, Chillicothe, Electra, Crowell, Memphis, Haskell, Lake Worth, Midway, Groom, Amarillo San Jacinto Christian, and Eldorado, Oklahoma.

Action in the girls brackets will feature Holliday, Quanah,

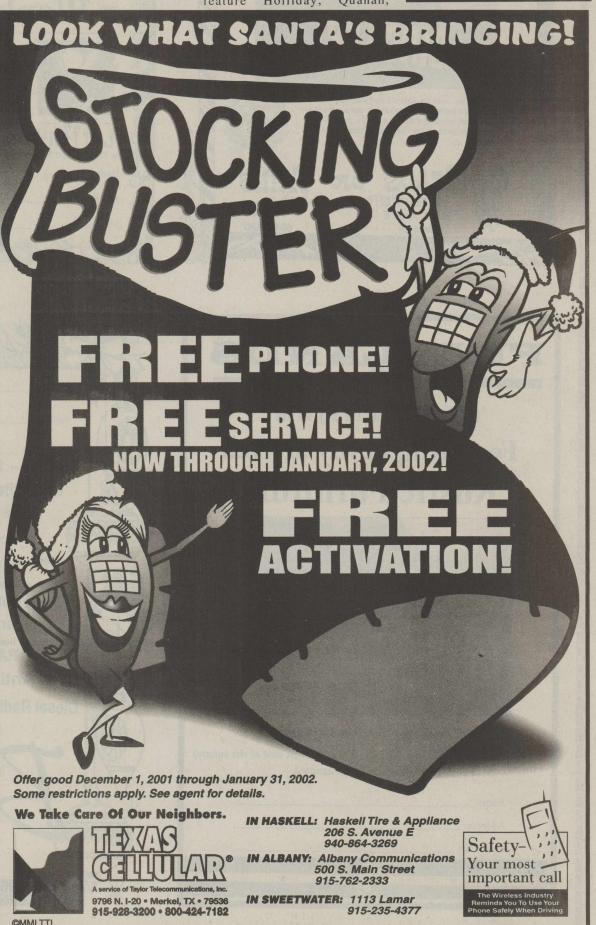
Chillicothe, Archer City, Electra, Paducah, Harrold, Vernon-Northside, Crowell, Borger, Amarillo River Road, Vernon, Haskell, Wichita Falls City View, Midway, Memphis, Groom, Vernon JV and Eldorado,

Haskell Boys will play Vernon in the White Bracket at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Fulton Gym. The bracket championship game will be played at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Vernon College.

Haskell Girls will play Amarillo River Road in the Maroon bracket, at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at the P. E. Gym. The championship game will be played at 7:00 p.m. Saturday at Fulton Gym.

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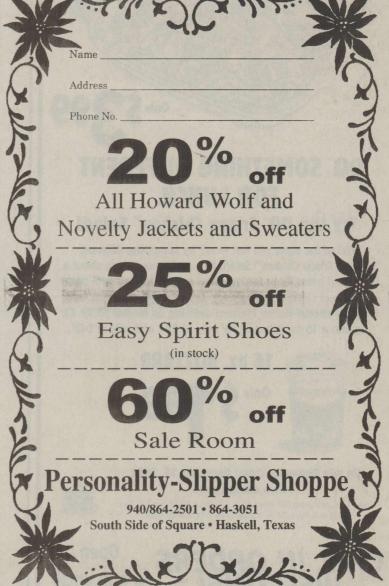
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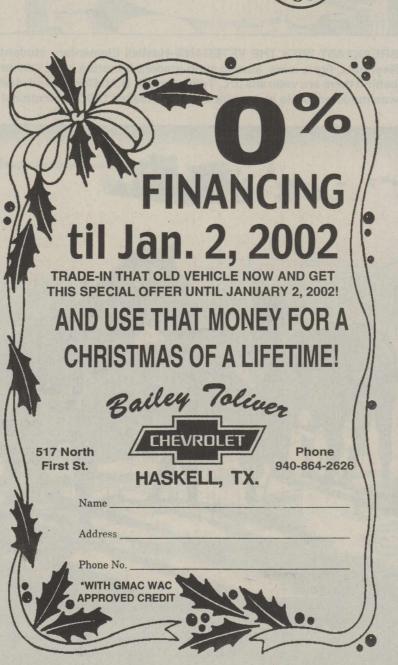
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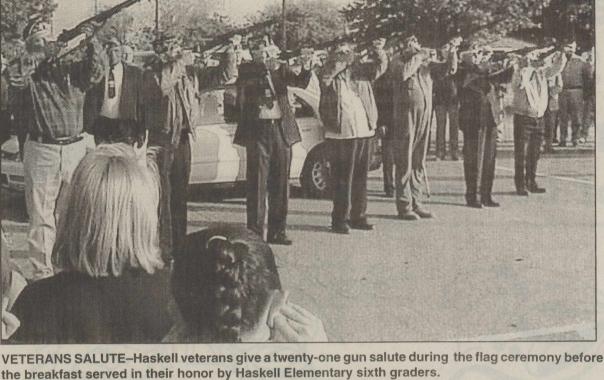
HONORING VETERANS-Area veterans enjoyed breakfast given in their honor, Nov. 9 by Haskell sixth grade students at the school cafeteria. The breakfast was made possible by a grant from the Haskell Educational Foundation.

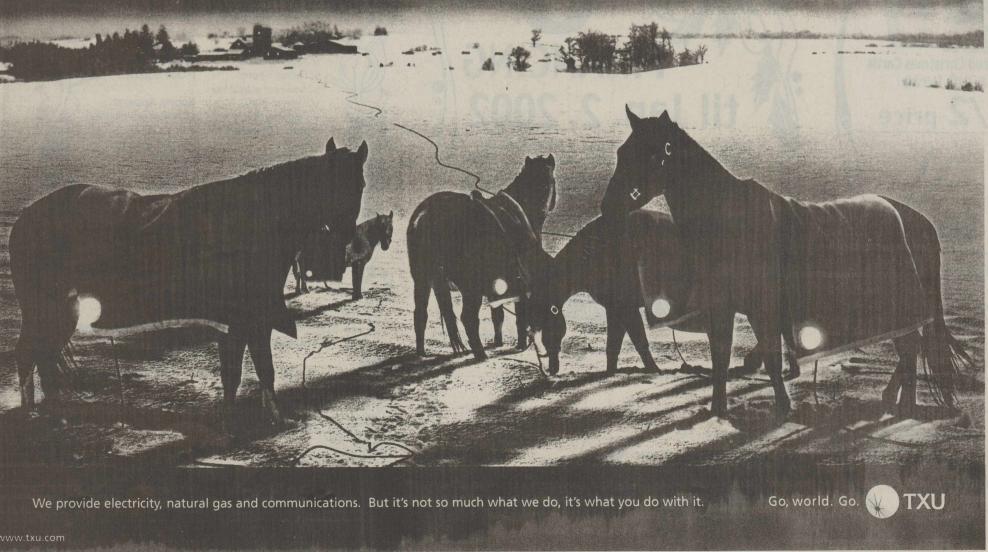
VETERANS SALUTE-Haskell veterans give a twenty-one gun salute during the flag ceremony before



BREAKFAST WITH THE VETERANS-Haskell Elementary students Randall Pace, center, and Matt Reynolds, right, were among sixth graders honoring local veterans at a breakfast, Nov. 9. Pictured behind them are veterans J. L. Toliver and A. B. McDonald and student D. J. McCulloch. The breakfast was made possible by a grant from the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation.







Haskell Elementary salutes Veterans

Nov. 9, Haskell Elementary students participated in a flag raising ceremony conducted by members of the American Legion.

Haskell Elementary Principal, Jimmy Lisle, opened the ceremony, welcoming all veterans and students. Patriotic music was provided by a trumpet trio consisting of Clark Richardson, Trent Richardson and Ernest

Presentation of the American flag was by Eric Markunas and Edward Benavides, members of Boy Scout Troop 136. County Judge David Davis and retired Lt. Col. W. L. Wolfe spoke to the students

regarding the history of the flag and the important part that our nation's veterans have so willingly given in order for us to live in a free, democratic country.

The ceremony continued with a 21 gun salute honoring all veterans. and concluded with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the flag raising ceremony, all the veterans were honored with a breakfast hosted by the sixth grade class in the school cafeteria, which was decorated in an array of patriotic red, white and blue. Approximately fifty-five veterans and forty-eight students enjoyed breakfast casserole, biscuits

Moses Munoz welcomed the veterans, and Dr. Frank Cadenhead gave the invocation. Jackie Gadry. Paige Wheatley, Derek Agraz. Lacey Peiser and Jennifer Farber concluded the program with various patriotic readings.

The sixth grade class expressed thanks to the veterans for attending. and to the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation for providing the funding for the event.

Bill Wilson offers FFA scholarship

Bill Wilson Motors of Haskell will sponsor four \$1.000 scholarships to be awarded to local FFA members in the spring of

The local company has been a participating dealer in the Ford Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program for the last two years. The scholarship is one of 400 that will be awarded by Ford dealers to FFA members in their trade area who are high school seniors planning to attend college during the 2002-2003 school year. In addition, Ford Trucks sponsors five national scholarships affording applicants who do not fall within a participating Ford dealer trade area an opportunity to receive a scholarship.

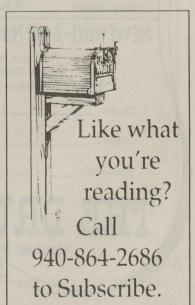
Since 1997. Ford Trucks has been the largest sponsor in the FFA scholarship program. which has awarded \$1.690,000 to FFA members.

The program is a collaborative effort between Ford Division. Ford Motor Company Fund. local dealers and FFA. Dealers contribute \$500 toward each \$1,000 scholarship and Ford Division and Ford Motor Company Fund matches with an additional \$500. Local FFA members may apply for one of the 405 Ford Truck scholarships through a special application available from Bill Wilson Motors. Students may also download the application or view a list of participating dealers at www.ffa/activities/scholarships.org.

As a special incentive for FFA chapters and members. Ford Trucks has again chosen to award an F-Series Truck to the FFA chapter with the most high-scoring applications.

A special project of the National FFA Foundation, the program is designed to recognize the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of FFA members through the U.S. Ford has increased its participation in the project each year since its inception. Educating aspiring young people to become leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.





TSTC AWARD-WINNING TEAM-Members of the Texas State Technical College chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers winning awards at the Region 11 state competitions in Arlington, were: back row, I-r, Tim Kidd, Dann Schantz, Lee Holsey, Jason Lowe, James Renner, Josh McIver, Pete Munoz, Alex Martinez, David Granados, Jason Shaw, Danny Johnson and Gary Rhoades, club advisor. Front row, Jacob Ballenger, Anthony Walden, Larry Price, Jason Burgard,

Shaw competes with TSTC SME Chapter in Arlington

The student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) recently won several awards at the Region 11 tri-state conference and competition in Arlington. Fourteen students from Texas State Technical College West Texas, Sweetwater Campus, participated in the competition.

The students did well placing in every category. First place in Oral Presentation was awarded to Anthony Walden, Winters; second place for Written Report was awarded to Lee Holsey, Sweetwater, and Larry Price, Odessa; and third place for Tabletop Display was awarded to the following students:

Jacob Ballenger, Sweetwater; Jason Burgard, Midland; David Granados, Plains; Lee Holsey, Sweetwater; Danny Johnson, San Angelo; Timothy Kidd, Sweetwater; Jason Lowe, San Angelo; Edith Marquez, Presidio; Alex Martinez, Coleman; Larry Price, Odessa; James Renner, Graham; Jason Shaw, Haskell; and Dann Schantz, Midland.

Shaw is the son of Randy and Lisa Shaw. Grandparents are A. M. and Wanda Stocks and Bill and Vivian Shaw, all of Haskell.

The club is made up of students of all ages," said Gary Rhoades, club advisor and program chair for the Automation/Robotics Technology program. "They worked well as a team, learning from each other, which helped them to be successful."

Region 11 is made up of twentythree 2 and 4-year colleges and universities from Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The students from TSTC West Texas, Sweetwater Campus, competed against schools such as Texas A&M University, University of Texas-Pan Am, Oklahoma State University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The students made the most of their time in the Metroplex. While there, they went to a tool show, attended a job fair and toured the



SPECIAL OLYMPICS-Haskell athletes attending the Special Olympics, were: back row, I-r. Kevin Reed. Gilbert Doran, James Hurley and Chris Hollingsworth. Front row, Irene Ceniceros and Juanita Posey.

Haskell athletes compete at Childress track event

Special Olympics Texas hosted the first ever Childress Track events at Fair Park Stadium.

Special athletes from Childress, Seymour, Quanah, Vernon and Haskell competed for Olympic medals. Haskell athletes were Kevin Reed, Gilbert Doran, James Hurley, Chris Hollingsworth, Irene Ceniceros and Juanita Posey.

privately funded non-profit social competence, organization, which provides year round training and competition to over 21,000 adults and children with mental retardation and closely related disabilities. Special Olympics Texas is training for life for these athletes as participation enhances selfesteem, promotes independence,

Special Olympics Texas is strengthens families and facilitates encouraging fitness.

> Over 35 athletes representing four counties in the surrounding area competed in the groundbreaking event. The track activities include the 25, 50 and 100 meter run and softball

Preparation minus panic equals protection

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Americans began to question their own safety and how they could prepare for possible incidents in their communities.

Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says preparation for any disaster, natural or otherwise, is the

"Be prepared to stay at home for

several days and be self-sufficient," Pepe says. "Keep a week's supply or more of bottled water just for consumption and additional water supplies for personal cleansing and hygiene. Keep a similar amount of pre-cooked canned goods and dry foods on hand, as well as extra blankets, a radio, flashlight and extra

"Plan as if you would have no water, electricity, heat, phones for

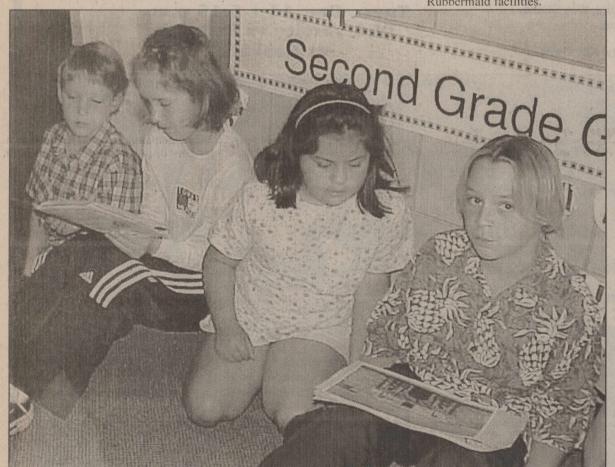
New Winner Every Week!

But the most important thing to do during any sort of disaster is not

to panie

"As hard as it may be, try to stay calm and do what public health officials ask in the event of a disaster," he says. "We've been preparing for all imaginable disasters for many years, and we can protect our fellow citizens better if they themselves are prepared.

Service Advisor



STUDENTS READING TO STUDENTS-Haskell Elementary second grader Mackenzie Thomas, left, listens to fifth grader Paige Adams, and Kelli Ozuna, center, listens to Will Brueggeman as they read



GOOD LUCK, INDIANS and MAIDENS



HASKELL INDIANS: Osiel Garcia, Leon Goudeau, Josh Webb, Eddie Loyd, Ryan Burgess, Cliff McGuire, Wes Steele, Kyle Hunt, Zac McGuire, Melvin Garcia and Loren Cole. Coaches: Darrell Hunt, left, and Mark Adams.



INDIANS

Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 6-8 Vernon Varsity Tournament

Fri., Dec. 7 • 5 p.m.
9th & JV vs Breckenridge
at Haskell

Sat., Dec. 8 • 1 p.m.
9th & JV vs Breckenridge
at Breckenridge

Tues., Dec. 11 • 5:15 p.m.

JV & Varsity vs Paducah

at Haskell



MAIDENS

Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 6-8 Vernon Varsity Tournament

Mon., Dec. 10 • 6 p.m.
JV vs Abilene Cooper
at Abilene

Tues., Dec. 11 • 4 p.m.

JV & Varsity vs Paducah

at Haskell



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front row from left: Katie McKnight, Brittany Lindsey and Whitney Hise. Standing: Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall. Back row: Morgan Cox, Tiffany Lindsey, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Nikki Wallace, Melissa Buerger, Mindy Price, Coach David Middleton, Katie Thompson and Mandy Adams.

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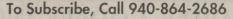
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LAUREN WHITELEY

Whiteley receives superior rating

Lauren Whiteley, a second grade student at Holliday, recently competed in the Midwestern State University Fall Music Festival. A second year piano student at Bail Piano Studio, she played two pieces, including "This Land is Your Land," and received a Superior rating on both.

Earlier this year, Lauren took her music theory test, receiving a 101%. In addition to her music she is involved in church activities, soccer and YMCA basketball. A Christmas recital has been scheduled for her at Midwestern University. As a member of the Holliday team in Storytelling, she will be competing at Electra.

Lauren is the daughter of Lisa Whiteley of Wichita Falls and Christopher Whiteley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is the granddaughter of Sara Jones and the late Bill Jones. Vivian Roberson of Haskell is her great grandmother.

Certification program offered by Region 14

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2002-03 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted from Dec. 3, 2001 to Feb. 22, 2002.

The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, further college course work and training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

*Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

*Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall or 2.75 on the last 60 hours.

*Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP).

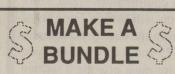
*Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region 14 ESC.

*Completion of an interview process.

Those who are interested in applying for the training program must have passed the TASP. The latest possible administration that an applicant can take the test and still be eligible for acceptance into the program is Mar. 2, 2002. Registration deadline for that test is Feb. 1, 2002.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades Pre-K-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact John Stevens at 915-675-8630.



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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 275 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Dec. 1, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Steady on all classes. Short run due to snow. 250 cows this week consigned for Dec. 7 sale.

Jersey, longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .32-.37; cutters, .36-44; canners, .20-.31.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.52; feeder: 70-76; utility: 42-47.

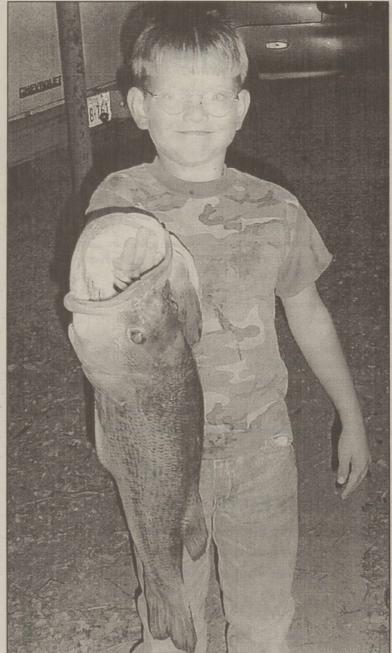
Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200 - 300 lbs., 1.20-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .84-.97; 600-700 lbs., .78-.90; 700-800 lbs., .72-.79; 800-up lbs., .65-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .92-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .87-.97; 500-600 lbs., .78-.90; 600-up lbs., .62-.77.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 525-625.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 600-700; aged or small 450-575

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



BIG BASS-Andrew Sammons, son of Steve and Paula Sammons of Haskell, proudly shows off a 10 pound bass he caught on a rod and reel at Miller Creek, Oct. 27.



to be held in Haskell, Texas

You are invited to join Management & Training Corporation (MTC) representatives at the job fair in Haskell, Texas.

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Misty Stocks named co-setter of the year



MISTY STOCKS

University of Texas-Permian Basin (UTPB) volleyball star, Misty Stocks has been named Red River Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team Co-setter of the year. Stocks leads the region in assists with 1,200. She averaged 11.43 assists per game, but gives all the credit to her teammates.

wouldn't have all those assists if they didn't put the balls down," she said.

The UTPB sophomore from Grandfalls is the daughter of J. D. and Karen Stocks of Grandfalls. She is the granddaughter of Doyle and everyone else.

the great granddaughter of Evelyn McKennon of Hamlin. She is the niece of Jerry and Betty Stocks and A. M. and Wanda Stocks, all of Haskell.

Western Division Champion UT-Permian Basin volleyball team advanced to the RRAC Volleyball Tournament championship match after defeating Southwestern Assemblies of God University. A late ace from Stocks in that game sealed the deal for the Lady Falcons, 30-23. Stocks had two aces and 45 assists to lead the team in both categories.

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Almost pulling off an incredible upset in the Red River Athletic Conference championship match, Nov. 11. UTPB came back from two games down, but fell short, losing to No. 13-ranked, Houston Baptist in the fifth game of the championship final.

UTPB, with the second-best team in the conference, is the only school in the conference that doesn't give scholarships to its athletes. "They love the sport and love to play, but it's not going to consume every waking moment of their day," said coach Steve Aicinena. "There's no question in my mind that we work less than

This Week's Devotional Message:

LET US PRAY FOR TRUE PEACH ON EARTH AT CHRISTMAS

The time has come for us to deck the hall, And greet our friends and relatives who call. The holly and the pine cones in our home, Along with angels made of styrofoam And colored bulbs that light the entryway, Proclaim that it will soon be Christmas day. The presents, gaily wrapped, beneath the tree Are further symbols of festivity,

But at this time, when loved ones reunite, The world conditions should be kept in sight. While many lands their freedom did obtain, Yet others under tyranny remain. So let's enjoy this gala holiday, But also let us not forget to pray, That when the Yuletide comes around again,

We'll celebrate true peace, good will to men.

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.

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 Henry Chisholm, temporary supply Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Tony Grand, pastor 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. John Lewis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Greater Independent Baptist Church Samuel Blackwell, 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

---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 Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

---ROCHESTER--Church of Christ Steve Wilis, 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.

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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. Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, 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 Primera Iglesia Bautista Artuo Jr. Floves Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Elm Street•Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor 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

Haskell School Menu

December 10-14 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Breakfast on a stick Tuesday: Cinammon toast

Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket Thursday: Sausage and biscuit Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary Monday: Pizza, corn, baby carrots w/ranch dressing, apple

Tuesday: Soft tacos, grated cheese, pinto beans, lettuce/tomatoes, sour cream/salsa, pear halves Wednesday: Turkey and dressing,

giblet dressing, choice: candied sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli and cheese, corn,

garlic bread, banana pudding Friday: Hamburger, Lettuce/tomato/ pickle slices, French fries, sliced

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 10

Lunch-Pizza, lettuce and tomato salad, English peas, refrigerator cheese dessert, milk, tea, or coffee Wed., Nov. 12

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Health Fair and Auction

Lunch-Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, pudding, milk, tea, or coffee Fri., Nov. 14

Lunch-Meat loaf, black-eyed peas, greens, jello, milk, tea or coffee 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.

TAX **PLANNING**

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA



TAX UPDATE - DECEMBER 2001 There has been a lot of tax activity in recent weeks. Here's a quick update on some items that may concern you.

•Following the September 11 attacks, the IRS eased the 'midquarter convention' rules on depreciation. The mid-quarter rules reduce depreciation deductions when businesses make more than 40% of their annual equipment purchases at year-end. Businesses may now elect the more favorable half-year convention rules for all equipment purchased during 2001. This election is available to business taxpayers whose third quarter included September 11, 2001.

•The IRS announced another bit of tax relief for businesses that suffered a downturn following the terrorist attacks. If the 2001 estimated tax payments already made will exceed a business's income tax liability for the year, the IRS will allow the excess to be redesignated as payment for employment taxes. It's hoped that this move will help businesses affected by the terrorist attacks with their cash flow needs.

•With the millions of dollars contributed to September 11 relief funds, the IRS recently reminded taxpayers of the rules on deducting charitable contributions. Here are the basics. First, contributions can only be deducted by taxpayers who itemize deductions on their tax returns. (Fewer than a third of all taxpayers itemize.) Second, the taxpayer must have substantiation for any contribution to be deducted. For contributions under \$250, cancelled checks or credit card receipts will suffice. For gifts of \$250 or more, a written statement from the charity is required. When a taxpayer gives more than \$75 and receives something from the charity in return, the charity must provide a written statement stating the value of the contribution.

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The residence of the Administrator is in Abilene, Texas, and you are hereby required to present any claim you may have to the following mailing address:

Estate of Herbert Leroy Lane, Deceased, c/o David Alan Lane, 310 S. Mockingbird, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Shane Hadaway, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 995, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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

Dated the 26th day of November, 2001.

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SNOW CONE WEATHER?-A. J. Shaw took this photo in Haskell, Nov. 28, showing a landscape seemingly out of sync with the season and the freezy fruit sweets offered by a local business.

The Rule Chamber is sponsoring a Home and Yard Lighting Contest. To enter call the Rule City Hall 997-2214 and give you name and address. Judging will be Thurs., Dec. 20. Prizes will be awarded.

will be held Sat., Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

in Rule. The parade is open to

Pre-kindergarten through fifth

grades. Prizes will be awarded.

Herttenberger at 997-2324 or 997-

Rule lighting contest

For information call Maxine

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 9 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. Turkey and dressing will be furnished for the meal. Those attending should bring side dishes, desserts and prizes for bingo.

Community Calendar

Children's parade Social Security A children's Christmas parade

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a progressive Christmas dinner at member's homes. Those attending should bring a gift-filled shoe box to be distributed to children around the world.

Sr. 4-H Club

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will hold their Christmas Party and meeting Sun., Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at the Haskell Co. Extension Office. 4-H'ers are to bring a gift of \$5 or less in value for a gift exchange. Refreshments will be served.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet for a Christmas Party Mon., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Those attending should bring a handmade gift to exchange. Toys will be collected for Goodfellows.

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November sales tax receipts show slight crease

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has announced that she has sent \$291.9 million in local sales tax revenue to 1,113 Texas cities and 119 counties. November sales tax allocations are up 3.6 percent compared to November 2000. The allocations represent sales tax collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

However, Rylander said if it had not been for changes in sales tax law and application, the biggest of which was new or increased sales taxes in 46 local jurisdictions, September 2001 sales tax collections would have been almost identical to September 2000 sales tax revenue. Thirty-eight cities, one county and seven special purpose districts either imposed new sales tax or increased their sales tax rates since last September.

"These local sales tax figures

confirm, even more strongly, what our state sales tax figures showed last week. The September 11 terrorist attacks reduced sales tax collections for a few days, but we bounced back," Comptroller Rylander said.

"For a few days in September, people stayed home and watched TV and worried about the world situation," Comptroller Rylander said. "But confident, resilient, defiant Texans soon returned to living our lives and conducting our business as usual. The November sales tax rebates sent to Texas communities on friday reflected a slower Texas economy, but a minimal overall impact from the events of Semptember 11."

November sales tax rebates include \$271.1 million to Texas cities, up 3.7 percent compared to November 2000. Texas counties received rebates of \$20.8 million, up 3.3 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.1 percent compared to 2000.

Haskell County had a 7.43 percent increase for November, 2001 of \$42,579.09 in comparision to \$39,631.18 for November 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$328,436.65 reflect a 9.09 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of \$301,066.23.

The City of Haskell had a 8.75 percent increase for November, 2001 of 37,815.62 in comparison to 34,771.87 for November, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 303,727.63 reflect a 9.93 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of 276,282.12.

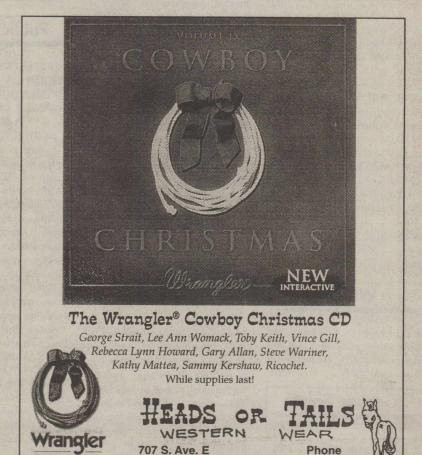
The City of O'Brien had a 52.15 percent decrease for November, 2001 of 266.72 in comparison to 557.42 for November, 2000. 2001 payments

to date of 1,210.77 reflect a 12.32 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of 1,380.96.

The City of Rochester had a 1.43 percent decrease for November, 2001 of 1,034.27 in comparison to 1,049.31 for November, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 6,098.97 reflect a 7.88 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of 6,621.15.

The City of Rule had a 0.83 percent increase for November, 2001 of 2,894.82 in comparison to 2,870.73 for November, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 15,121.40 reflect a 5.00 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of 14,400.61.

The City of Wienert had a 48.66 percent increase for November, 2001 of 567.66 in comparison to 381.85 for November, 2000. 2001 payments to date of 2,277.88 reflect a 4.34 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of 2,381.39.



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