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Football games

HASKELL
7th, 8th, JV vs Hawley
Thurs., Nov. 7, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
Indians vs Hawley
Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
at Hawley

PAINT CREEK
Jr. High vs Rule
Fri., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.
at Rule
Pirates vs Rule
Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

RULE
Bobcats vs Paint Creek
Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

Cross Country

State Meet at Round Rock
Sat., Nov. 9

Basketball

Haskell
JVG-VG vs Clyde (Scrimmage)
Sat., Nov. 9 at Clyde

JVG-B, VG-B vs Hamlin
Tues., Nov. 12 at Haskell

Paint Creek vs Novice
Sat., Nov. 9, 1 p.m. at Novice

Paint Creek JH vs Aspermont
Mon., Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs ACHS
Tues., Nov. 12, 5 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Veteran's breakfast

Haskell CISD invites all veterans from Haskell County to attend a flag raising ceremony and breakfast in their honor Mon., Nov. 11. The flag will be raised at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakfast served in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. RSVP by Thurs., Nov. 7 by calling Tonya Cypert or Peggy Darden at 864-2654.

Stroke clinic

Haskell Home Health will sponsor a stroke clinic Wed., Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Call 864-5074 for information.

Rule Booster Club

The Rule Booster Club will meet Mon., Nov. 11 after the Junior High basketball games at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Grief group

A grief group will meet Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at 522 S. Second in Haskell. Anyone who has suffered a loss due to death is welcome. The topic will be "coping during the holidays." Call Helen Wilson at 864-5188 for information.

FFA potato lunch

The Haskell FFA Booster Club will hold a potato lunch Sun., Nov. 17 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Dress rehearsal of the leadership teams will be at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets are available at Haskell Administration Office of from Haskell FFA members. Tickets will be available until Mon., Nov. 11.

Boys basketball

A parent information meeting for boys basketball will be held Mon., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. for junior high parents and at 7:30 p.m. for high school parents at the High School auditorium. Coaches will discuss schedules, policies, dress codes, holiday schedules and UIL rules.

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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

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BAND BEAU AND SWEETHEART—Haskell Band favorites named by members of the band during the Haskell-Eastland game activities Fri., Nov. 1, were seniors, Leslie Grand, Band Sweetheart and Angel Pena, Band Beau. Photo by Kis

Three band students make All-District

Three Haskell High School students earned spots on the All-District Band, Sat., Nov. 2, during auditions held in Anson for both Junior High and High School students from area 1A, 2A and 3A schools.

Contestants auditioned using music etudes prescribed by the Association of Texas Small School Bands. Students in high school auditioned using the same music that will be used for All State auditions later in the year.

Making the All-District Band were Laura Baxter, sophomore, French horn; Hannah Maxey, junior, clarinet; and Drew Garrison, junior, tympani. The students will participate in an all-day clinic in Abilene, Sat., Nov. 16 and will conclude the day with a concert.

The concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. at McMurry's Radford Auditorium starting with the All-District junior high band concert followed by the All-District high school band concert. The public is invited to the event.

Clark Richardson is the Haskell Band Director.

Tribal Winds to entertain

Haskell High School basketball fans will not only enjoy the games this season, but will also enjoy the bonus of some special music.

Tribal Winds, the popular Haskell High School Jazz/Pep Band, will entertain fans this year at Varsity Maidens and Indians Basketball home games. If the gymnasium is not rocking with the game, it will be with the music.

Under the direction of Band Director Clark Richardson, the band is comprised of approximately 23 band students participating on a volunteer basis. The students meet to rehearse one evening a week in order to perform their music in a variety of styles, such as swing, jazz, Latin and rock.

Mavericks steer the Indians to loss

If you had been waiting for a cold, wet, windy night for football, you got it Friday night as the Haskell Indians played host to the Eastland Mavericks.

True to their name, the Mavericks' running back, Corey Bullock rushed for 134 yards and two touchdowns, and caught a 39-yard TD pass to lead Eastland past the Haskell Indians 34-0 in this District 8-2A contest. Haskell, playing without five starters due to injury and illness, used many younger players to fill in the gap.

On their first possession of the pigskin, Eastland went with a "throw-deep" pass play, good for 51 yards down the Indians' 6 yard line. Four plays later, QB Billy Bob Orsagh hit Jeremy Allman on a 6-yard strike for the first score of the evening. Brett Lister kicked the PAT.

The Mavericks managed two TDs in the second quarter. One came on a 2-yard run by Bullock at the 6:47 mark of the quarter, and another came at the 12 second mark of the quarter, when QB Orsagh hit split end Curtis Harris on a 16-yard pass. Lister added the extra point kick on the first TD. On the second try for the extra point, the Indians successfully defeated the 2-point conversion pass, causing it to go incomplete.

The weather did not let up during the intermission, but many fans bought hot chocolate from the band booster concession stand to stave off the wet and the cold.

On its first series of downs to start the second half of play, Eastland moved down to the Indians' 18 yard line, only to find the Indian defense causing them to fumble. The Indians took over the ball on their own 18 yard line. Unable to move the football, the Indians punted on 4th down and 8 yards to go for a first down. The Mavericks' Tip Stephenson blocked the Indian punt, and one play later, Eastland's running back, Corey Bullock scored on a 9-yard run. The try for the PAT sailed wide left and was no good.

Eastland would tack on one more score before the game closed. At the 6:08 mark of the third quarter, QB Orsagh hit running back Bullock for a 39-yard touchdown pass. Bullock added the Mavericks final two point on a running play.

Haskell QB Eddie Loyd had 14 rushes for 47 yards. Homero Payan had 11 yards on 3 rushes. Wade Cothron had 8 carries for 18 yards, and Holton Hernandez had one carry for one yard.

Getting some varsity playing time, Brandon McClatchey had 5 carries for 8 yards, and tailback Josh Barbee had 23 yards on 4 rushes. Hernandez had one reception for 6 yards, and Eric Sanchez had one reception for 4 yards.

The 7th and 8th grade Warriors split their game with the 7th and 8th grade Mavericks. The 7th grade got a win while the 8th grade lost a close, but hard-fought game. Both of these teams will close out their seasons at

Indian Field on Thursday evening against Hawley. Kick off is set for 4:00 p.m. The Varsity Indians will close out their season on Friday evening as they travel to Hawley to

take on the Bearcats.

Other District 8-2A scores
Cisco 37, Hawley 0
Anson, 14, Stamford 13



FLAG PRESENTATION—U. S. Representative Charlie Stenholm presents a United States flag that has flown over the national capitol to Sonny Reynolds, volunteer at the Experienced Citizens Center. The flag was given by Stenholm in appreciation and honor of the volunteers that are crucial for the survival of the Center. It will be flown on a new pole recently put up at the Center by Gary Isbell. The pole was made possible through funding by a number of individual donors.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 481 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Nov. 4, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 21 sellers and 31 buyers attended.

Stockers \$2 to \$3 higher, packers steady to \$1 lower, feeders steady to \$1 higher.

Cows: fat, .28-.35; cutters, .32-.37; canners, .18-.25.
Bulls: bologna, .42-.48; feeder, .63-.68; utility, .37-.41.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.12-1.40; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .88-1.07; 500-600 lbs., .80-.92; 600-700 lbs., .75-.84; 700-800 lbs., .71-.78; 800-up lbs., .64-.74.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .80-.95; 400-500 lbs., .75-.85; 500-600 lbs., .72-.82; 600-up lbs., .55-.75.

Bred heifers medium frame, 450-575.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-820.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-950; aged or small, 575-700.

Obituaries

Floyene Tibbets Holder

Funeral services for Floyene Tibbets Holder, 79, of Haskell were held Thurs., Oct. 31 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Kevin Hall officiating. Burial was in Bishop Cemetery in Lipan under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Holder died Tues., Oct. 29 in Haskell. Born March 12, 1923 in Rochester, she was the daughter of Floyd Ena (Doc) Tibbets and Lou Allie Yarbrough Tibbets. She married Joe Preston Holder July 31, 1959 in Haskell. She was a 1941 graduate of Rule High School and attended business college in Abilene. She worked as a telephone operator for GTE and was a member of the

First Baptist Church in Haskell for over 50 years.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Preston Holder; one daughter, Gayle Holder of Abilene; one son, Bernie Holder and wife, Terri, of Ector; one brother, Neil Tibbets of Gainesville; one sister, Verna Lou Butler of Canadian; one granddaughter, Darcy Holder of Ector; three grandchildren by marriage, Jason Reynolds of Round Rock, Keleigh Reynolds and Lindsey Reynolds, both of Ector.

Memorials may be made to Always and Forever Memorial and Honor Program, American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720. PD. NOTICE

Geneva Viola Stone

Funeral services for Geneva Viola Stone, 70, resident of the Haskell community since 1932, were held Sun., Nov. 3 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stone died Sat., Nov. 2 in Haskell. Born March 12, 1932 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Richard Clovis Bartley and Wilma Viola Anderson. She married Marion Stone Aug. 15, 1948 in Haskell. She was a retired LVN and a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Survivors include her husband, Marion Stone of

Haskell; three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Janie Stone of Early, Billy and Connie Stone of Abilene and Sam and Darla Stone of San Antonio; one sister and brother-in-law, Melva and Hollis Cogburn of Lubbock; one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Judy Bartley of Austin; eight grandchildren, Cody Stone and Tyler Stone, both of Early, Toby Stone, Lacy Stone, Joshua Stone and Eleanor Stone, all of Abilene, Jason, and wife, Sherry Stone of Crowley, and Rowdy Stone of Cisco.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, Attention David Hooker, 3113 Oldham Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602. PD. NOTICE

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Identity Theft

Q: I recently lost my purse and am afraid that someone may use my personal identification information to assume my identity. What can I do to protect myself?

A: Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. It is also one of the harder crimes for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute since many times the perpetrator lives hundreds of miles from the victim, crossing state lines and, in some cases, international boundaries.

Identity theft commonly occurs when an individual appropriates your personal identification numbers, such as Social Security number and bank account information, to commit fraud. The most common form of identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information to open a credit card in your name and has the statements mailed to another address. Victims usually do not find out they have been victimized until months later, after they start receiving collection notices from debt collectors.

Both federal and state laws protect and assist identity theft victims. In 1998, the federal Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act was passed to crack down on identity

fraud. This law recognizes individuals as victims of crime and gives them the right to file police reports and to recoup their losses. It also appoints the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to serve as an advocate for victims seeking to prosecute their cases. You can contact the FTC by phone at 877-438-4338 or via their Web site at www.ftc.gov.

In addition, under the Texas Penal Code, identity theft is a felony. Potential penalties include jail time and restitution to the person whose identity has been stolen. Texas law gives the appropriate county or district attorney original jurisdiction to pursue alleged violations of the law. You can obtain contact information for your local prosecutor's office by looking in your phone directory.

Here is what I suggest if you believe you have been a victim of identity theft:

1. Report the fraud to your local police department. It is also critical that you receive a police report and send it to the three major credit bureaus for a permanent fraud alert to be placed in our credit file.
2. Report unauthorized charges and accounts to the appropriate credit issuer.
3. Contact the major credit reporting bureaus and tell them that you

are the victim of identity theft and:

- Request a free copy of your credit report in writing;
- Request that an alert be placed in your file; and
- Request that creditors call you before opening new accounts or changing existing accounts.

4. Report the fraud to the FTC. The FTC has the authority to prosecute these crimes on a federal level.

5. Keep a record of the dates and names of each person that you contact in reporting this fraud.

6. Review our on-line brochure on identity theft at www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/brochures.htm.

Contact information for the three largest credit reporting bureaus:

EXPERIAN - www.experian.com. To order a report or report fraud: 888-397-3742, P.O. Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013-2104

EQUIFAX - www.equifax.com. To order a report: 800-685-1111, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241. To report fraud: 888-397-3742.

TRANS UNION - www.tuc.com. To order a report: 800-916-8800, P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022-1000.

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Six-Man Football Scores

Jayton defeated Paint Creek at Jayton, 39 to 0, Fri., Nov. 1.

Rule defeated Lueders, 50-14. Rule had 415 yards. Will Smith had 18 for 200 yards, four TDs, one TD passing. Kolt Kittley had 15 for 127, three TDs, one TD receiving.

Hospital

- Admissions**
Callie Moore, Haskell
Joe Teague, Haskell
Thomas Elliston, Rule
Elizabeth Corum, Haskell
- Dismissals**
Vivian Smith, Tom Whitford

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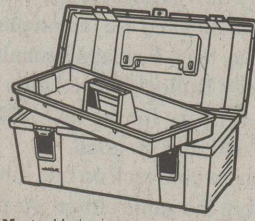
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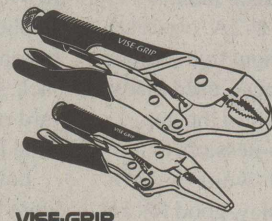
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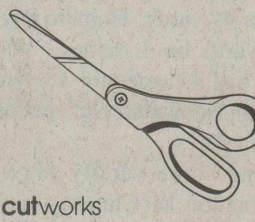
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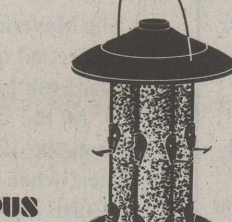
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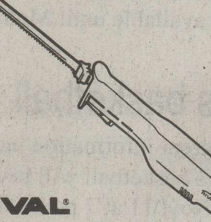
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MR. AND MRS. TRUETT STANDEFER

Taylor, Standefer wed October 5 in Odessa

Erin Elizabeth Taylor and Truett Ray Standefer of Midland were married Oct. 5 at the bride's parents home in Odessa with the Rev. Nick Gates officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Libby Taylor of Odessa. She is a 1996 graduate of Permian High School and attended the University of Texas in Austin.

The groom is the son of Phil and Judy Standefer of Monahans and the

grandson of Doris St. John and the late Bill St. John of Haskell. He is a 1993 graduate of Haskell High School and attended Western Texas College in Snyder and Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He is a musician for Lone Star Productions in Midland.

Honor attendants were Alisia Chaney and Larry Zachery.

After a wedding trip to New York, N. Y., the couple resides in Midland.



MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY MEDFORD

Medfords to celebrate 50th anniversary

Johnny and Joan Medford of Haskell will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, Nov. 17, with an informal reception in the Haskell National Bank Community Building, 600 South First Street, Haskell, from two until four p.m.

Johnny Allen Medford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvie A. Medford, and Joan Berry Medford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Berry, all of Haskell, were married Nov. 21, 1952 in Haskell.

Johnny is a former employee of West Texas Utilities and was the first employee to work at the Paint Creek Power Plant in Haskell. He is retired from the Los Alamos National Laboratories of Los Alamos, New

Mexico. He is also a lifetime member of the International Society of Poetry and has poems in the National Library of Congress.

Joan retired from the Aspermont Independent School District and is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University. After marriage, Joan attained credits from Abilene Christian University, Texas Wesleyan, Ft. Worth, and Ranger Junior College, Ranger.

The Medfords are members of the Methodist Church in Haskell and have farming interest in the Paint Creek and Matson Communities.

The reception is hosted by family members. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. No gifts please.

Haskell School Menu

November 11-November 15
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast on a stick

Tuesday: Breakfast pocket

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Sausage breakfast bagel

Friday: Popart

Lunch

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

and ham.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, corn, garlic bread, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Chili dog/cheese, tater tots, baby carrots/ranch dressing, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry gelatin

Thursday: Beef and bean burrito, chips/salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, brownies

Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle slice, French fries, orange wedges

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Nov. 11

Lunch-Tuna casserole, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, garlic bread, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Nov. 13

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
11:30 a. m. Colon screening, by Suzanne Starr
Lunch-Oven fried chicken,

creamy mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, asparagus/alfredo sauce, biscuits, cream gravy, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Nov. 15

Lunch-Turkey and dressing, cranberries, giblet gravy, green bean casserole, candied yams, yeast rolls, pumpkin square/topping, milk, tea, or coffee

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While the difference may seem minor, the consequences of the flu

aren't, says Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Influenza can cause serious illness or even be deadly in the elderly or those with weakened immune systems," Pepe says. "Colds are not the same thing."

A cold comes from different kinds of viruses and is characterized by a wide variety of symptoms, from coughing and nasal congestion to a headache and low fever.

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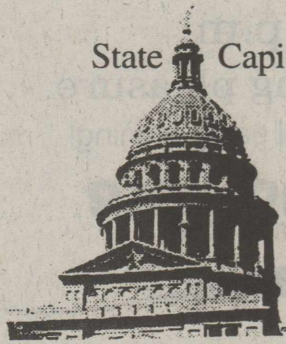
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Report shows Mexico in breach of 1944 water treaty

AUSTIN — While candidates from both parties have been figuratively slugging away at each other in the most mean-spirited political campaigns in years, if not ever, a story of huge consequence to much of the state has been unfolding largely unnoticed.

The issue is water, not votes. The short version of the problem is that the Rio Grande Valley and other areas upstream are not getting much water out of the river that separates Texas and Mexico. The reason, compounded by drought, is that Mexico is taking out most of the water before it can get to Texas. Mexico's water debt amounts to some 1.5 million acre feet, much more water than it looks like.

Though Mexico disagrees, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continues to maintain that Mexico is in "material breach" of the 1944 treaty that stipulates how the United States and that country will share water.

To underscore its point, the newly-renamed agency released a summary of Texas' position in the dispute called "The Legal Status of the 1944 Utilization of Waters Treaty Between the United States of America and Mexico."

The document is as dry as the Rio Grande, but the bottom line is that while Texas has no legal remedy against Mexico, the U.S. could terminate the treaty without performance or insist on reparation — in both kinds of liquidity, water and money.

This argument involves only South Texas, but it foreshadows a huge future problem for Texans: water supply.

More worries...

As if water supply was not enough to worry about, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cautioning the state's several hundred thousand deer hunters to be extra cautious in handling their kill this season. The reason is Chronic Wasting Disease.

While CWD has not been found yet in Texas, it could be a serious

threat to the state's herd, one of its most important wildlife assets. Though not dangerous to humans, the disease could have a terrible economic impact on Texas.

Even though there is no known danger to humans, the Parks and Wildlife officials say that if a deer looks ill, don't shoot it or if you do, don't eat it. Hunters are advised to wear rubber gloves when dressing game, to remove the bones from all meat and to not consume any neural tissue.

For more information on the issue, check the agency's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Watch your truck...

Nationally, the most stolen vehicle is the Toyota Camry. But that's nationally.

In the Lone Star state, 20 of the 25 most-stolen vehicles in 2002 were pickup trucks. The favorite with vehicle rustlers that year was the Chevrolet C1500 4x2, according to data compiled by CCC Information Services, Inc. and released by the Comptroller's Office.

Tea from Taiwan...

The results are in from Sept. 21's annual Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup. According to the General Land Office, nearly 10,000 volunteers collected 150 tons of trash from 208 miles of Texas' shoreline.

Among the more interesting items found this year: a Russian shaving cream can, a package of jelly from Japan, bottle caps from Argentina to Nigeria and tea packets from Taiwan.

Other debris that somehow ended up washing ashore in Texas included a water fountain, an artificial leg, a car door, a refrigerator and a piano top.

You probably remembered...

With the helpful slogan, "Fall back, spring forward," what to do when Daylight Savings Time changes is pretty easy to remember.

But the Department of Insurance reminds Texans they also should change the batteries in their smoke detectors. This simple procedure can help detect a potential fire in the home.

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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

With all of the heavy issues now facing our country and world, demanding our attention and soul-searching decisions, we might do well to allow ourselves a lighter moment or two away from the disheartening, alarming news of terror attacks, abuse, economic downturn and world conflicts looming on the horizon of our daily lives.

Recently, in writing about how we, in small towns, begin to think we know all there is to know about one another, the question arose as to whether or not we really do.

The thought of there being some remote possibility that (heaven forbid) we don't, brought the idea for a bit of fun we might have trying to

guess the identity of a "Mystery Free Press Reader" from information, and perhaps unknown details, they share with us about themselves.

With that objective in mind, several biographical data questionnaires have been mailed to a random selection of our readers in the hope that they will join in and enjoy the fun by being a "Mystery Reader."

In the hope that all of you, dear readers, will also enjoy the fun, for a short while we will present a profile of one "Mystery Reader" each week for you to test yourself on how well you really do know your fellow Haskell Free Press readers, friends and neighbors. The identity of the "Mystery Reader" will be revealed

the following week, leaving plenty of time for speculation and "asking around."

One hint to keep in mind in this bit of diversion from daily bombardment about the world's trouble and turmoil, is that our publication is also regularly read by many friends and former neighbors now living in other places all over the state and nation, literally from coast to coast. The "Mystery Reader" may or may not be your next door neighbor. It may be one of those who will always be a part of our community family, wherever they are living.

So watch this space to learn who that person you thought you really knew, really is, "from the inside out."

Haskell CISD Comments

by Bryan McCulloch
Secondary Principal

To learn and be successful in school, a student must attend regularly. Texas state compulsory school attendance laws and rules have changed over the last several years.

The laws are set up to help schools better educate the students and hold them accountable. When a student must be absent, he/she has three days after the absence to bring a note to the front office in order to not have an unexcused absence and/or be in violation of the laws.

Senate Bill 1 has three basic parts that address attendance. The first deals with unexcused absences. If a student is absent three or more days, or parts of days, within a four-week period unexcused, he/she is in violation of compulsory attendance, and a complaint is to be filed in the local Justice of the Peace court. Also,

if a student is absent 10 days in a six-month period unexcused, he/she is in violation, and a complaint is to be filed in the same justice court.

The second part of compulsory attendance addresses the number of days a student is in attendance during a semester. A student must be in attendance 90 percent of the days of a given semester to receive credit for the course work the student is taking. Each class period stands by itself. A student may be in violation first period and not any other period, depending on the absences. All absences, excused and unexcused, count toward this portion of compulsory attendance.

If a semester has 90 days in it, the student can have 9 absences before being in violation of this part of compulsory attendance. The only exception is for extenuating circumstances such as death in the family or an accident that renders the

student unable to attend school.

Locally, we do not count a doctor's appointment against the student if a doctor's excuse is provided within three days of the absence. For students who are in violation of this part of the law, we have Saturday classes for the fall semester and summer school for the spring semester.

The third part of compulsory attendance concerns students who are eighteen years old. If this student has more than 5 unexcused absences during a semester, the school has the authority to drop that student from the roll. However, this is not what we want here at Haskell Secondary. We want the student to graduate because he/she should be nearing the completion of his/her high school course work. We will do whatever we can to help that student graduate, providing the student does his/her part.

Hopefully, by knowing the three parts of compulsory attendance law you and your students will better understand the rules that have been set forth by the state of Texas. Our school is very fortunate to have strong parental support because our yearly attendance runs between 97 and 98 percent which is very good compared to the state average of 95 percent.

Good attendance is important not only for our students to get an education but also for our school. The higher the attendance rate, the more funding we generate. More state funding means less money the local taxpayers have to contribute to support our school system.

Correction

Parents of Larry Trevino are Peter and Faye Trevino. The names were incorrect in last week's Students visit Rotary story.

Student in the News

Haskell resident and Hardin-Simmons University chemistry major, Katie Cruz, recently participated on a field trip led by adjunct astronomy and math professor Patrick Miller. Thirty astronomy students from Hardin-Simmons University and Cisco Junior College traveled to South Llano River Park in Junction on Oct. 5th and 6th where they participated in a camping trip and star gazing

party. Activities on the trip included: a tour of the Fort Concho in San Angelo where the students participated in a statewide archeological fair; a tour to the Caverns of Sonora; and camping at the South Llano River Park in Junction. While, camping, the students were broken into teams and carried out several tasks that related to their class.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas will need up to 138,000 Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Nurses Aides within the next seven to ten years. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects nursing as the fastest-growing occupation over the next five years and one that will continue to provide long-term stable jobs for future generations. Nursing has always been emotionally rewarding; now with signing bonuses of up to \$5,000 and average annual salaries of \$42,620, it is also financially rewarding. Special programs and incentives are available to help people become and remain nurses.



VETERANS DAY

A Special Thanks To All Our Veterans

We salute all of the Veterans of Haskell County and pay tribute to all of the American heroes, whose names we may not know, but whose efforts have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the many freedoms that we have today. To all those brave servicemen, who paid with their bodies and souls,

we pay our respects and offer our gratitude. Their contributions have not been forgotten. Featured on this page are pictures of Haskell County servicemen from the files of The Haskell Free Press. The pictures will be returned to the serviceman or his relatives on request.

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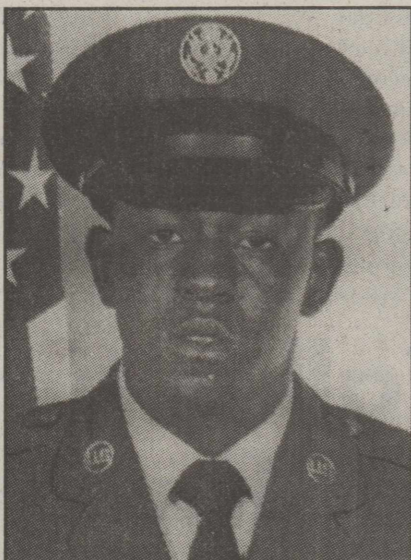
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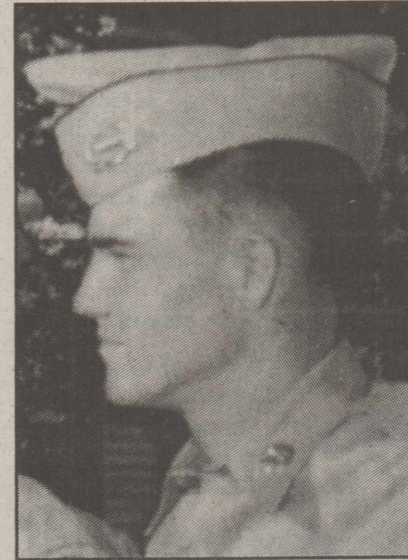
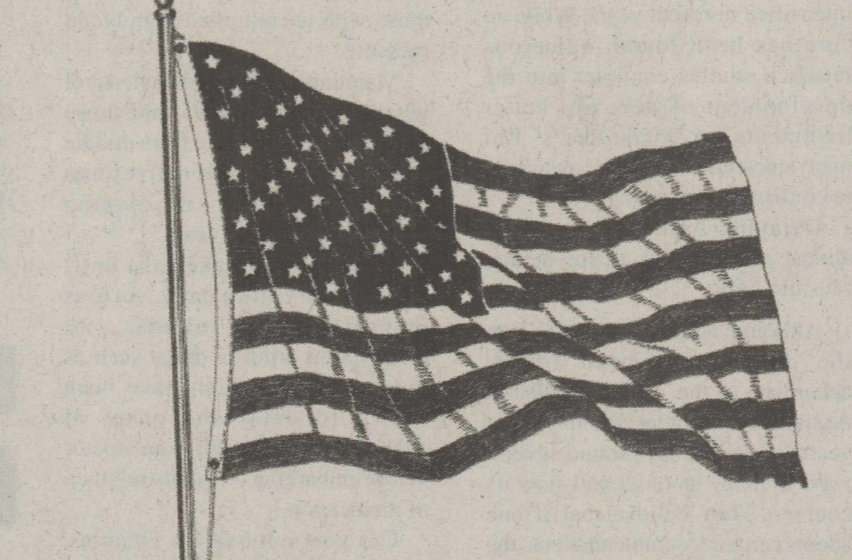
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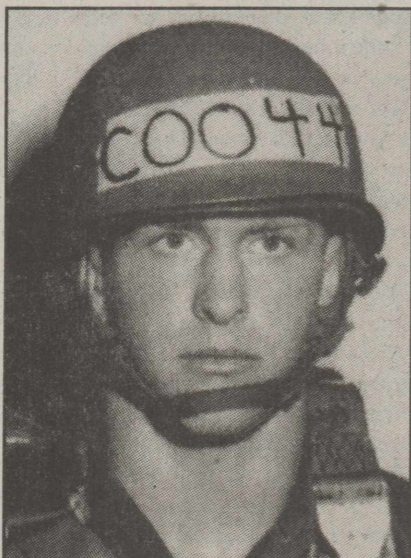
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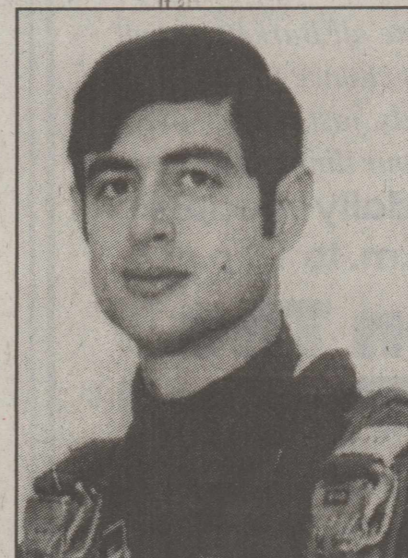
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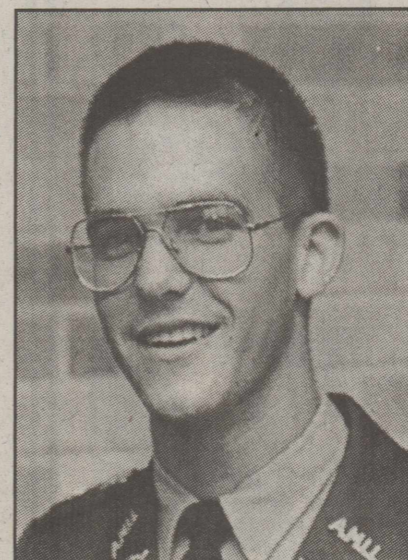
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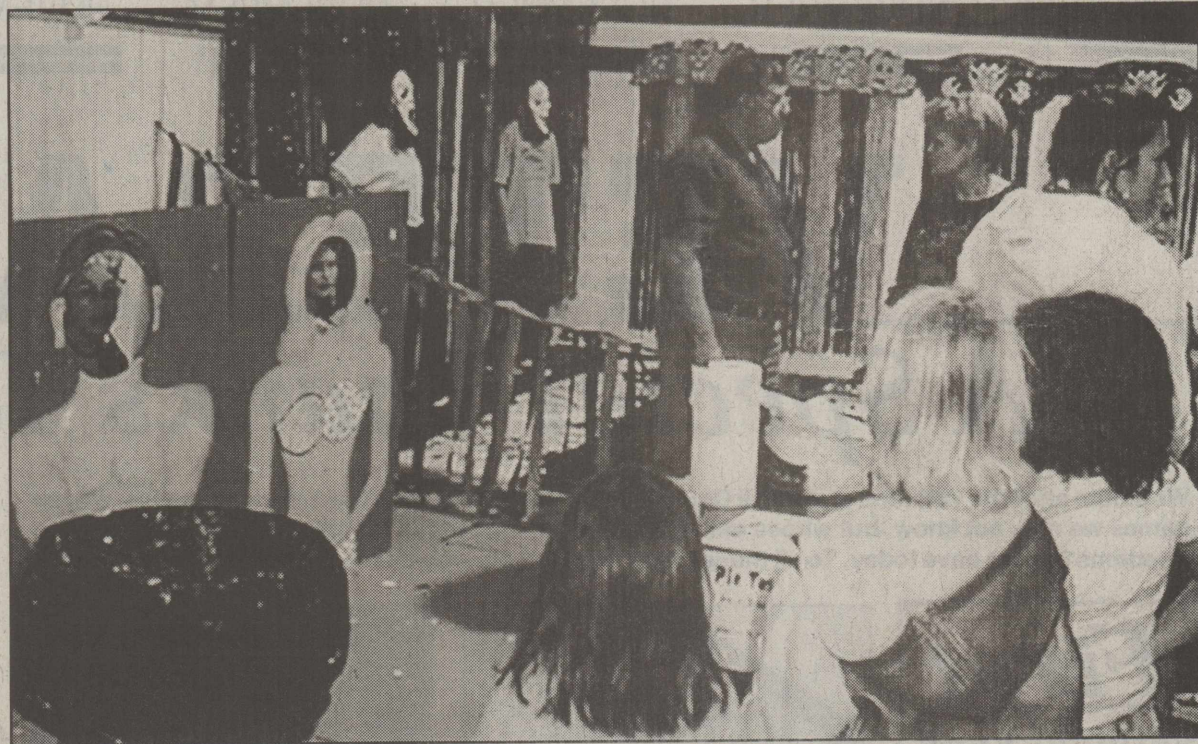
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FALL FESTIVAL—Paint Creek ISD principal, Max Calk dispenses tickets to the activities during the recent event held at the school auditorium.



HERE'S PIE IN YOUR EYE—Paint Creek students have fun with the Pie Toss and other games during the School's Fall Festival held at the school gymnasium, Tues., Oct. 29.

November is designated as National Alzheimer's disease month

By Mary Kaigler

The U. S. Congress has designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Month in order to raise public awareness of the terrible toll that Alzheimer's takes on individuals and society.

Ask almost any of us what we fear the most about getting older, and the answer is likely to be Alzheimer's disease. While there are many disorders that can kill us more quickly, the slow course of Alzheimer's carries a more terrible prospect. Any family that has been touched by it knows the helpless, heart-wrenching agony of watching their loved one slip away from them, without being able to do anything for them.

What we fear most about the

deadly brain disease is that it destroys what we consider to be the most important part of our selves—our mind, memories and personality. Add to that the heartbreaking effect on the loved ones who must spend years caring for us, and the burden is almost unthinkable.

Unthinkable or not, according to the National Alzheimer's Disease Research (ADR) program, four million Americans now suffer from Alzheimer's disease, and if no cure is found by the middle of the century, that number will skyrocket to 14 million. Although scientists continue to make headway in understanding Alzheimer's, delaying its worst effects and treating some of its symptoms, so far none of this adds up to a cure.

Meanwhile, the disease costs society an estimated \$100 billion a year—a cost that will soar as our population ages, placing an unprecedented burden on the younger workers whose tax dollars must finance Medicaid and Medicare.

The race to find a cure has intensified in recent years. While no cure has been found, numerous research studies continue into the development of new and better treatments for Alzheimer's. But many questions need to be answered to confirm the results.

Delaying Alzheimer's can be almost as important as prevention, says the ADR.

Although no magic bullet to stop the disease has been found, according to the American Health Assistance Foundation, in recent years, scientists have found several ways to delay its onset and slow its course. They believe that if one adopts certain recommendations, the onset of the disease could be delayed up to five years. While this may not

be the news we're all waiting to hear, it's good news.

Steps recommended by the American Disease Research program are:

Control your blood pressure. Research has shown a higher incidence of Alzheimer's among those with uncontrolled high blood pressure.

Maintain a low blood cholesterol level. Evidence shows that those having high cholesterol from middle age onward have a four to five times higher risk of developing Alzheimer's in later years.

If possible, take an anti-inflammatory drug daily, such as ibuprofen and sulindac, or prescription arthritis drugs such as indomethacin, which have been shown to delay the onset of Alzheimer's. Consult your doctor before embarking on a daily regimen of medication.

Get your antioxidant vitamins, especially vitamin E and C. Experts agree that the best source of vitamins

is in the foods we eat, but that taking supplements as we age is also a good idea. Some scientists recommend 400 IUs of vitamin E and 500 mgs of vitamin C a day for prevention. If you're having memory problems, take the same dosages twice a day, and if Alzheimer's has already been diagnosed, up your dosage to three times a day.

If you have memory problems, it is recommended that you take a cholinesterase inhibitor. These drugs are known to slow the course of the disease. The earlier you begin taking these drugs after you develop memory problems, the more effective they can be.

Exercise your mind and body. For

reasons that are still not well defined, regular physical exercise seems to improve cognitive ability throughout life, and is associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer's.

The old adage, "use it or lose it," applies to both the body and the brain. Any type of intellectual stimulation engaged in regularly helps—whether it involves reading, learning new skills, playing challenging games or seeking out stimulating social activities. In other words, we need to rethink our concept of retirement. Rather than making our later years a time to drop out of life, our brains and bodies are telling us to live fully, stay engaged and to constantly seek out the new.

Fall is time for flu shots

It's the season of colored leaves, pumpkins, and flu shots.

If you want to increase your chances of a misery-free winter, now's the time to start making plans for your annual flu shot. Don't let the last couple of mild flu seasons make you skip the shot. This could be the year for a more serious flu season.

Federal health officials say there's a new population to be considered for flu shots this year: infants. Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that children under the age of 2 are as likely to be hospitalized with the flu as older adults, who are usually considered the most high-risk population. Because of this, the government is recommending flu shots for children aged 6 months to 2 years. Younger infants can't be vaccinated, so doctors recommend that their

families be vaccinated to avoid exposing infants to the flu. The infant vaccination requires two shots given a month apart, so now's the time to have your infant vaccinated in order to have full protection.

Other high-risk groups include adults and children with respiratory problems like asthma, older adults, people with chronic diseases, people who live in nursing homes or similar facilities, and women who will be pregnant during flu season.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say even if you had a flu shot last year, you need another one this year. The prevailing strains of flu change from year to year, so last year's shot won't protect you this year. It takes about two weeks for the vaccination to take full effect, so get your shot before the flu season starts in December.



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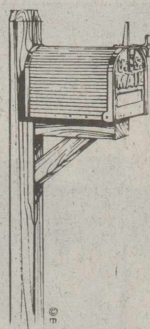
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Now if you sell your home, you may be able to exclude profit up to \$250,000 if you're single and \$500,00 if you're married and file a joint return. There's no age requirement, and you can take the exclusion as often as every two years.

To qualify, you must own and live in your home for a least two of the five years before you sell it. You may still qualify for a partial gain exclusion when you fail the two-year test due to a job change, illness or certain other unforeseen circumstances.

There are some tax traps and tax-saving opportunities with home sales. If you've claimed home office deductions, you could end up paying taxes on a portion of the profit. With proper planning, you can limit the taxable portion to the depreciation you've deducted since May 6, 1997. The key is not to use the home office for two of the five years before selling your home.

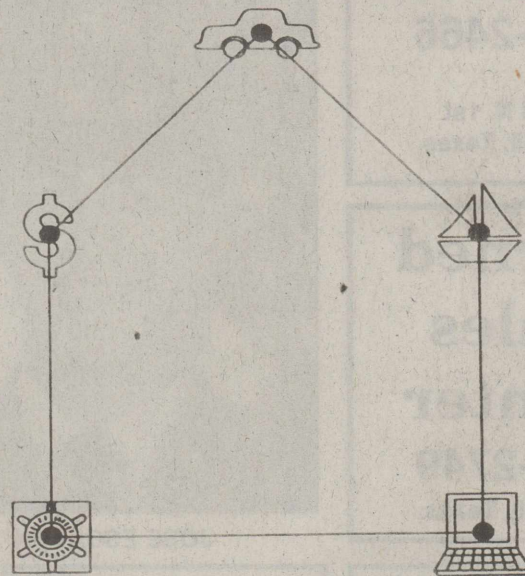
To limit the taxable gain when you sell a second home or rental house, consider making it your main home for two years. When the two-year period is up, you may be able to sell the house and exclude part or all of the gain.

The home sale rules allow some flexibility for homeowners who are getting divorced. If you find yourself in this situation, it's advisable to get details on how the rules apply to you.

The home sale rules can be very complex, and planning is essential to maximize the tax breaks. If you're thinking about selling, call us for an appointment to discuss tax-cutting opportunities.

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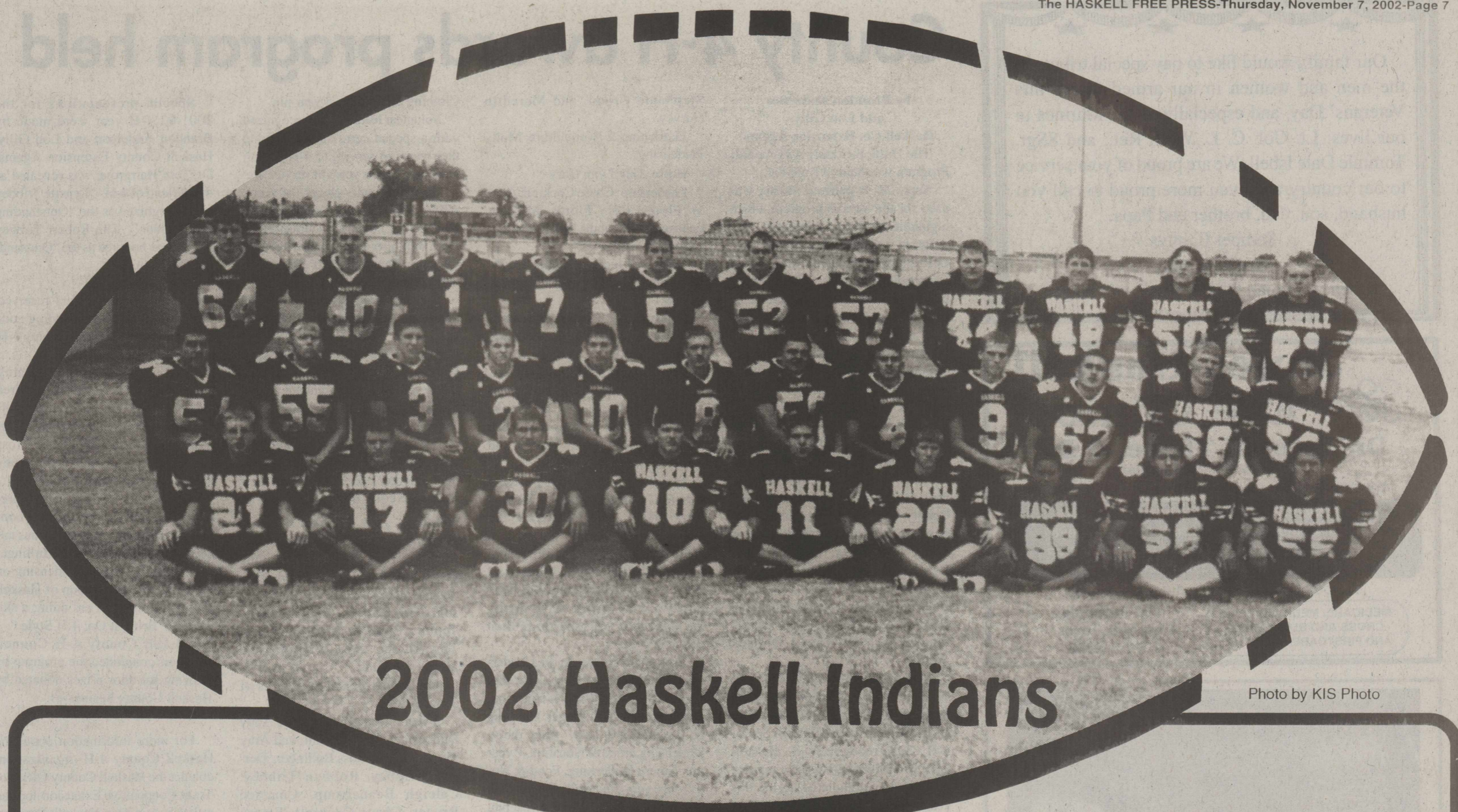


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County 4-H awards program held

by Brandon Anderson and Lou Gilly

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The Haskell County 4-H Awards Program was held in Rule Sat., Sept. 28.

A patriotic theme was used for the awards program which highlights the 2001-02 4-H year. The program was hosted by the Rule 4-H Club and was held in the high school auditorium and was followed by a hamburger supper in the cafeteria. Co-sponsors for the event were Federal Land Bank Association of Haskell, First Ag Credit Association of Stamford, First American Bank of Haskell, First National Bank of Haskell, First National Bank of Rochester, Haskell National Bank of Haskell, and Rule Banking Center of Rule/Hamlin.

Abby Dudensing served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Other Haskell County 4-H'ers having parts on the program included Candace Brister, Molly Dudensing, Whitney Hise, Jonathan Hisey, Emery Dudensing, Robbyn Tribbey, Ross Bullinger, Courtney Buerger, Amber Bingham, Colton Young, Teddy Sue Harris, Mackenzie Miller and Derrick Tribbey.

4-H Club Managers Valiene Bullinger (Haskell Junior 4-H Club), Renee Dudensing (Rule 4-H Club) and Lynette Tribbey (Haskell Senior 4-H Club) recognized 61 Haskell County 4-H'ers with project pins for projects they completed during this year's 4-H club year. These 4-H'ers and their awards categories included:

Beef: Chambray Bartley, Amber Bingham, Courtney Buerger, Teddy Sue Harris, Stephen Pace, Maggie Teague, and Amy Turner.

Citizenship: Tully Brown, Cassidy Cooper, Kenisha Harris, Andrew Hertel, Jacob Manske, Conrad Saucedo, Kyna Scheets, Stephanie Stowell, Kayce Wilcox and Keith Wilcox.

Clothing: Shayla Felty, Allison Petty, Stephanie Threet, Derrick Tribbey and Robbyn Tribbey.

Food & Nutrition: Andrea Anderson, Aubrey Bassett, Cade Brown, Abby Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing,

Stephanie Grand, and Meredith Harvey.

Gardening & Horticulture: Molly Dudensing

Horse: Gay Lynn Gary

Leadership: Chase Cockrell, Austin Flores, Cory Flores, M'Lynn Lehmann, Miranda Robertson and Kendra Scheets.

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Sheep: Candace Brister, Brooke Bullinger, Ross Bullinger, Jordan Burson, Meagan Kimbrough and Alexa Roberts.

Swine: Will Brueggeman, Kerri Newton, Lauren Newton, Weston Rutkowski, James Williams and Colton Young.

Ten of these 4-H'ers were recognized for completing a 4-H Record Book. They received a record book trophy and a 4-H year pin to signify the number of years they have been active in 4-H.

These 4-H'ers are: Andrea Anderson, Clothing & Textiles, 2 year pin; Brooke Bullinger, Food & Nutrition, 2 year pin; Ross Bullinger, Clothing & Textiles, 9 year pin; Abby Dudensing, Food & Nutrition, 7 year pin; Emery Dudensing, Food & Nutrition, 6 year pin; Molly Dudensing, Gardening & Horticulture, 3 year pin; Jenny Dudensing, Photography, 1 year pin; Teddy Sue Harris, Beef, 5 year pin; Derrick Tribbey, Photography, 6 year pin and Robbyn Tribbey,

Clothing & Textiles, 5 year pin.

Volunteer leaders were recognized with a special certificate signifying their years of service to 4-H. Adult leaders and their years of service are:

15 Years: James Bevel; 14 years: Abby Salinas; 12 years: Renee Dudensing; 11 years: Debra Bartley, Dale Bullinger and Joey Kimbrough; 10 years: Duane Gilly, Patrick Pace and Leland Terry.

9 Years: Greg Brister and Birdie Goudeau; 8 years: Valiene Bullinger, Kallece Nowlin and Tammy Parham; 7 years: Michael Bartley; 6 years: Debbie Brister, Susan Cockrell, Michelle Dunham, Jonita Felty, Lynette Tribbey and Susan Turner.

5 years: Fonda Newton and Bart Parham; 4 years: Gina Buerger, Kenneth Buerger and Reid Penman; 3 Years: Scott Bingham, Sylvia Bingham, Jana Grisham, Darlene Hopkins and Robert Tribbey; 1 Year: Jerri Sue Hise, Tonya Miller, Julie Petty, Rod Petty, Jeff Teague, Lisa Teague, Paula Wilcox, Penny Anderson, Jerri Bowers, Betty Briscoe, Tommy English, Janet Stephens, Tina Threet, Greg Williams and M'ndy Williams.

Junior leaders and their years of service are:

3 years: Courtney Buerger, Abby Dudensing, B. J. Opsahl, and Amy Turner; 1 year: Ross Bullinger, Derrick Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey, Caleigh Beauchamp, Candace Brister, Chase Cockrell, Emery Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Steven Fillmon, Hayley Herode, Jonathan Hisey, M'Lynn Lehmann and Colton Young

Special presentations for the 2001-02 4-H year were made by Brandon Anderson and Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agents. Dr. Tom Hairgrove was revealed as the "Friend of 4-H." Lynette Tribbey was recognized as the "Outstanding 4-H Leader." The Robert Tribbey family was honored as the "Outstanding 4-H Family."

The following 4-H'ers received special awards for outstanding contributions to the Haskell County 4-H program during 2001-02:

Rookie of the Year, Jenny Dudensing; Clover Award, Andrea Anderson and Brooke Bullinger; Silver Star Award, Emery Dudensing; Danforth "I Dare You" Award, Ross Bullinger; Gold Star Award, Abby Dudensing and Derrick Tribbey.

At intervals throughout the presentation of awards and special honors, the audience enjoyed various talent presentations by Ross Bullinger and his fiddle, Molly Dudensing on the piano and by a group of Haskell County Senior 4-H'ers doing a skit entitled "Bring It On, 4-H Style."

Haskell County 4-H Council members concluded the program by drawing for door prizes donated by Haskell County businesses.

For more information about the Haskell County 4-H organization, contact the Haskell County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell; Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent - Ag, 940-864-2658; Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent - FCS, 940-864-2546.

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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 479,901	\$ 19,309	\$ 499,210
5800 State Program Revenues	1,009,020	69,674	1,078,694
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	153,459	153,459
5020 Total Revenues	1,488,921	242,442	1,731,363
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	806,806	177,076	983,882
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	14,308	50	14,358
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,710	-	1,710
0023 School Leadership	79,997	-	79,997
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	32,608	3,408	36,016
0033 Health Services	11,930	-	11,930
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	33,041	-	33,041
0035 Food Services	-	62,762	62,762
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	54,632	-	54,632
0041 General Administration	151,103	-	151,103
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	143,189	-	143,189
0053 Data Processing Services	27,989	-	27,989
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	45,909	-	45,909
6030 Total Expenditures	1,403,222	243,296	1,646,518
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	85,699	(854)	84,845
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	1,823	1,823
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(1,823)	-	(1,823)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,823)	1,823	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	83,876	969	84,845
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,551,586	-	1,551,586
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,635,462	\$ 969	\$ 1,636,431

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

The library received grant money from the Rotary Club of Haskell to purchase items needed at the library. The items we chose to purchase were a love seat rocker, bean bag chairs, audio rack and two book racks. We would like to thank the Rotary Club for making this opportunity available to us and invite you to come in and see these purchases.

This was our lucky year. The Toys "R" Us settlement provided money for Texas libraries to purchase children and young adult books. The Great State of Texas started direct aide to libraries with the Lone Star Library program. With these two "windfalls" we were able to update our children and young adult section with some much needed new materials. We also purchased a children's computer desk, audio rack, video rack, and audio and video

cases. We also have the complete set of *Hank the cowdog* audio tapes. If you are planning a road trip, come in and get a Hank tape. They are guaranteed to make you smile, and they are very habit forming; this one librarian we all know can't even drive to work without a Hank tape! And it's only three blocks!!!

We received a letter from University of Texas Press telling us we had been chosen to receive \$250.00 worth of books, free of charge. This was made possible by the Tocker Foundation's Collection Enhancement Program, which is designed to assist libraries in purchasing interesting titles that may not be a part of the annual collection budget. The books purchased with this money were books dealing with Texas information.

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and invite you to come in and apply for a card and start enjoying your library in its new location at 412 North First Street in beautiful downtown Haskell, north side of the square in the old Hassen's building.

A new year has begun for Haskell County, which means we have a new budget and that means money for new books. Yea!! Sandra Brown, Danielle Steele, Jonathon Kellerman, Robert Ludlum, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci and many more have new book at the library.

Memorial donations to the Friends of the Library have been made in the following names: Patsy Pate Cobb, Helen Miller, Raja Hassen, Betty Redd, Paul Merchant, Julia Gibson, Nellie Kate Frazier, Bill Shaw, Emma Bland, Rozelle Wilkinson, J. W. (Dub) Albertson, Allie Belle Smith, Myrtle Bemister Therwanger and Jane Cooper.

Memorial donations to the Haskell County Library have been made in following names: Pauline Frierson Coburn, Bill Liles, Patsy Cobb, Julia Gibson, Emma Bland, Nellie Kate Frazier, Rozelle Wilkinson and Allie Belle Smith.

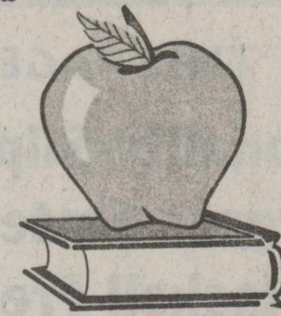
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Teachers in Demand

Texas will need more than 82,000 new teachers by 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest-growing occupations over the next decade, with demand continuing to increase.

In addition to signing bonuses of up to \$3,000, Texas teachers just received a \$3,000 pay increase - the highest across-the-board increase nationwide - raising the average teacher salary to \$38,857.



Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Texas Workforce Commission.

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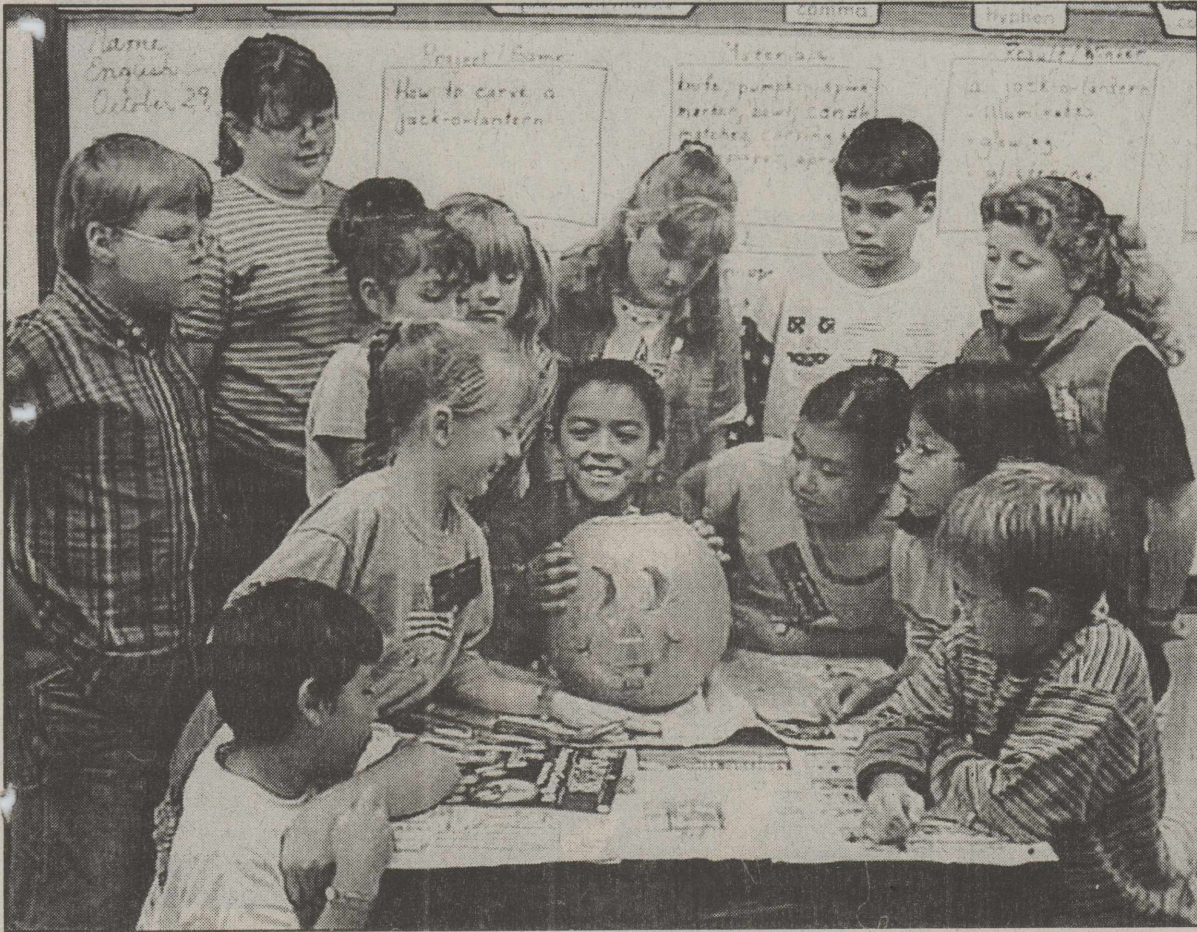
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HANDS-ON HALLOWEEN "HOW-TO"—Haskell fourth grade students of Susan LeFevre learn the steps involved in designing and cutting a jack-o-lantern while learning the basics of writing the introduction, body and conclusion of a composition on Halloween. Their writing teacher is Jonell Roberts.



LEARNING THE HOW-TO OF CARVING—Haskell Elementary 4th grade students of Judith Chapman's class recently enjoyed writing on a timely topic after planning and putting into action each step involved in carving a jack-o-lantern. Jonell Roberts is their writing teacher.

WNV hits hard in Texas; Some horses need booster shot

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Cooler temperatures will bring a welcome break from mosquitoes, which this summer have transmitted West Nile Virus (WNV) to more than 800 of Texas' nearly one million horses. Few areas of the state have been spared from the spread of this disease that was introduced into the U.S. in 1999 and made its way to Texas in June 2002. Laboratory tests, most run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) have confirmed infection in horses in 149 Texas counties. WNV, a "sleeping sickness" disease, can be harbored by more than 70 species of birds, mosquitoes are responsible for spreading the disease from an infected birds to a horse or human.

"For more than 14 months, we've urged owners to get their equids (horses, donkeys and mules) vaccinated against West Nile Virus," said Dr. Linda Logan, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Although WNV is not a regulatory disease, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked to increase awareness about the disease that can cause equids to suffer swelling of the brain, develop high fever and muscle tremors, or become unable to rise. According to national statistics, WNV infection can lead to death in up to a third of infected equids, she noted.

"Now owners should talk with the private veterinarian about a 'booster' shot for equids that were vaccinated at least six months ago. This is particularly important if the animals reside in or will be traveling to areas where temperatures are warm enough to support mosquitoes through the winter," said Dr. Logan. "This booster shot can strengthen the animal's immunity, enabling it to fight off development of clinical disease."

WNV vaccine is produced by Fort Dodge Animal Health and is conditionally licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), explained veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. Aside from mosquito repellents, he said the vaccine, available through veterinarians, is the only protection available against the disease that has affected nearly 12,000 horses in 38 states in 2002.

"Studies on the effectiveness of the vaccine must be completed before the vaccine gains final approval," said veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "However, preliminary reports on the vaccine's safety and effectiveness looks good. Of the 20,000 equine animals vaccinated properly in 2001 in Florida, only one was known to have developed WNV infection."

"Adequate supplies of WNV vaccine are available from the maker, but many owners have procrastinated about getting their horses immunized," said Dr. Conger. "On Oct. 28, we talked with representatives of Fort Dodge Animal Health and were told only 750,000 doses of the vaccine have been ordered by Texas private practitioners. That's enough vaccine for only 325,000 of the state's 1 million horses, because the immunization process requires two doses of the vaccine, with the second administered three to six weeks after the first injection. Maximum disease immunity doesn't occur until three or four weeks after the second shot. To maintain disease protection, the animal needs a 'booster' shot yearly—or in warmer climates—every six months."

Dr. Logan said getting rid of mosquito breeding sites will help reduce the risk of disease transmission to both animals and humans. She urged equine owners to drain sources of stagnant water and to keep troughs cleaned and filled with fresh water.

"In all likelihood, WNV will continue to spread, but in making a diagnosis in equids, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases that can cause animals to be disoriented," explained Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock, and owners who handle an animal stricken with rabies should contact their physician immediately. It's important to follow through with your veterinarian to get a diagnosis confirmed when livestock become extremely sick or die, especially if they exhibit signs of neurological distress, such as inability to rise, stumbling, head swinging or disorientation. You should notify your veterinary practitioner or the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242."

Additional information about WNV can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/arboviral/westnile/westnile.asp>.

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**School
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Haskell Elementary and Secondary Schools will host Parents in Education (P.I.E) nights during the next two weeks. This will be an opportunity for parents to become more informed of some of the new things taking place in their child's education.

Wed., Nov. 13, parents of elementary students are invited to come to the school from 5:00 to 5:30 to pick up their child's report card. This will give opportunity to visit with their child's teacher about his/her progress in school. Then, from 5:30 to 6:30, pie and cobbler will be served in the cafeteria during a parent information meeting.

Topics for discussion will be: "From TAAS to TAKS," a brief overview of the differences between the old and new state achievement tests; EXCEL, an explanation of an exciting program being implemented on both campuses, which focuses on teaching responsibility and leadership skills; Volunteer Program, an opportunity to sign up for the new parent volunteer program.

Parents of secondary students are invited to their campus on Mon., Nov. 18. From 5:00 to 5:30, parents can go to their child's home room teacher to pick up report cards and visit with other teachers as necessary. From 5:30 to 6:30, pie and cobbler will be served in the foyer of the auditorium, with the parent meeting following in the auditorium.

All parents of Haskell school students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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STAR GAZING—After the Paint Creek ISD Fall Festival, students and their families gathered outside for a chance to gaze at the stars using a telescope supplied by Betty Stennett of the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative. Participants were able to view constellations, galaxies and nebulas. The annual event was held in the gymnasium, with organizations and classes setting up booths for winning candy, cakes, soft drinks and other prizes, spending time in 'jail' or riding a pony.

**October sales tax
receipts show increase**

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered \$299 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$201.7 million to Texas cities, \$17.7 million to Texas counties, 74 special purpose taxing districts received \$8.1 million and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$71.3 million in sales tax revenue.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion.

Haskell County had a 23.52 percent increase for October, 2002 of \$26,734.19 in comparison to \$21,642.25 for October 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$304,423.72 reflect a 6.49 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$285,857.56.

The City of Haskell had a 22.43 percent increase for October, 2002 of \$25,264.03 in comparison to \$20,634.98 for October, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$285,121.86 reflect a 7.22 percent increase over

2001 payments to date of \$265,912.01.

The City of O'Brien had a 43.85 percent decrease for October, 2002 of \$31.73 in comparison to \$56.51 for October, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$678.74 reflect a 28.10 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$944.05.

The City of Rochester had a 233.55 percent increase for October, 2002 of \$521.52 in comparison to \$156.35 for October, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$5,476.34 reflect a 8.12 percent increase over 2001

payments to date of \$5,064.70.

The City of Rule had a 16.97 percent increase for October, 2002 of \$902.24 in comparison to \$771.30 for October, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$11,805.76 reflect a 3.44 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$12,226.58.

The City of Weinert had a 36.52 percent decrease for October, 2002 of \$14.67 in comparison to \$23.11 for October, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,341.02 reflect a 21.58 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$1,710.22.

**4-H members to
compete in Vernon**

by **Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent**
 4-H club members from Haskell County will complete Sat., Nov. 9, at Vernon in Rolling Plains District 3 contests in Livestock and Horse Judging. The competition will determine individuals and teams in

the Senior division of the Livestock and Horse Judging contest to represent District 3 in the Texas 4-H Roundup next June at Texas A&M University.

Contestants will check in at 8:30 a.m. Livestock and Horse Contests will be conducted at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building.

Awards will be presented immediately following contests at the contest location. The contests are sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Seven county youths will put their skills against youths of 24 other counties as they select top beef, cattle, sheep, swine, and horses.

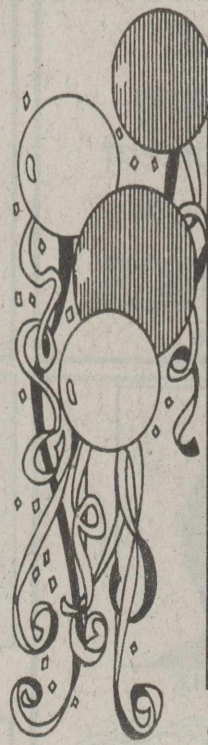
Representing Haskell County in the District events will be Amber Bingham, Abby Dudensing, Teddye Sue Harris, Jonathan Hisey, Kymbre Kupatt, Brady Standefer, and Samuel Turner.

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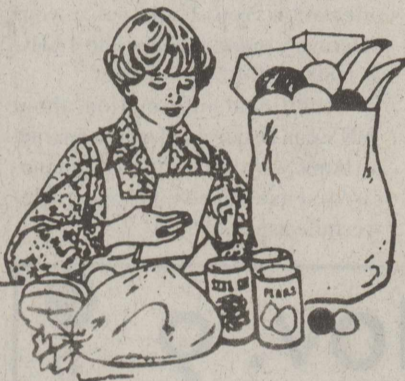
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Tips to help make a home a safe haven for an Alzheimer's patient

The outside world can be a dangerous and confusing place for an Alzheimer's patient. Victims of the disease have trouble processing complex environments and can suddenly forget where they are or get lost and wander far away before anyone finds them. Such scenarios are nightmarish for the patient and the caregiver alike. In contrast to the outside world, the home should be a safe haven where both can find at least some peace of mind.

The Alzheimer's Family Relief Program, a nationwide organization that provides cash grants and educational resources for the caregivers of Alzheimer's patients, makes the following suggestions to help families "Alzheimer's proof" the homes of patients.

*Keep all dangerous items out of reach. Guns, knives, lighters, matches, and any other item with which the patient could harm himself

or others, should be kept in locked cabinets that the patient cannot open. The same goes for medications that the Alzheimer's patient may forget that he has already taken and manage to overdose on.

*Keep doors and windows locked to prevent the patient from wandering outside. This may entail adding dead bolts that require keys to outside doors. It should be impossible for the patient to leave the house without a companion.

*Remove locks from inside doors like bathroom or bedroom doors, to prevent the patient from accidentally locking herself in and not being able to get out.

*Place childproof latches on kitchen cabinets or any other place where dangerous chemicals and cleaning supplies are kept.

*Have an automatic shut-off switch installed on your stove to prevent a possible fire. The local fire department should be able to give you information about how to do this.

*Keep your house quiet and free of clutter. Too much noise from televisions and radios can cause an Alzheimer's patient to become confused and agitated. Excessive clutter can do the same. Also, the patient can trip on area rugs or fall over unnecessary items of furniture.

*Always keep a recent photo of

the patient on hand to assist the police and others in case the patient does get out of the house.

While there is no magic formula to make the life of an Alzheimer's caregiver easy, these simple steps can at least lessen some of the stresses for caregiver and patient alike.

For more information about caring for an Alzheimer's patient or to apply for a grant, contact the Alzheimer's Family Program, a program of the American Health Assistance Foundation, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD, 20871. You may also call toll free at 1-800-437-2423.

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Need eye exam?

A photograph may provide the first sign of an eye abnormality.

Flash photography is similar to an ophthalmoscope, a lighted instrument used to examine the interior of the eye, says Dr. Nick Hogan, assistant professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"A red reflex that appears in peoples' eyes is caused by a reflection off the retina," Hogan said. "It appears red because of the blood."

That is normal, says Hogan, but if a white or iridescent pupil is noticeable in a photograph, a visit to a pediatrician or ophthalmologist for evaluation may be of value.

"Leukocoria, or white pupil, is caused by something blocking the red reflex," Hogan says. "Absence of blood in the retina would have to be extreme to reduce the red reflex, and that would be enough to kill the retina, hence no reflection."




GOOD MANNERS REWARDED—Haskell Elementary students awarded for having good manners in the lunchroom and halls during October are, l-r, Denise Hibbits, Jordan Burson, Ethan Frierson, Pedro Castillo. Center row, Jennifer Farber, Cody Benson, Kaylea Ward. Front row, Amie Munoz, Manuel Ramirez, Sasha Walker, Cannon Edwards, Micah Thomas, Rhett Lampe, Elizabeth Flores and lunchroom coordinator, Johna Messenger.

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NAP program deadline is Dec. 1

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for the Haskell County Farm Service Agency (FSA), reminds local farmers and ranchers that the application closing date to sign up for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) for native grass and improved pastures is Dec. 1, 2002.

NAP covers crops damaged by severe weather that result in a loss of 50 percent or greater. Losses are generally determined by percentage of loss compared to the producer's actual yield history. Lost production eligible for payment is paid at 55 percent of crop value.

"Producers interested in obtaining crop insurance on perennial pastures should visit their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to complete an application for their

2003 acres," said Brzozowski. "Producers with acres in multiple counties should be aware that carrying capacities for pasture acres covered under NAP may vary by state and by county, so they need to check with their local FSA offices for details," he added.

NAP coverage is only available for crops where coverage is not available under the Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIC). "For all native grass and improved pastures, producers must report acres and file notices of loss in a timely manner to insure eligibility. However, production evidence is not required for perennial pastures that are grazed only," said Brzozowski.

The Dec. 1, 2002 deadline to purchase NAP coverage also applies to persons who have an existing policy and want to renew their coverage for 2003.

For detailed NAP information and applicant eligibility criteria contact the Haskell County office at 940-864-2617.

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FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS PARTY—Haskell Elementary students dressed in their PJs for the "Don't Let Drugs Take Away Your Dreams" day during Red Ribbon Week activities, are, l-r, Paige Adams, Brittany Garison and Hanna Wallace. All students received wristbands, pencils, stickers and bookmarks reminding them to stay drug free. The school was decorated with balloons and banners declaring it a drug free campus.

This Week's Devotional Message:



LET US HELP THE LIVES THEY WERE PREPARED TO GIVE

They fought for us; the battle's done,
And freedom is the prize they've won.
Their heroism was revealed
On every foreign battlefield,
And even when there was no war,
Their mission on some far-off shore
Was dangerous, and our concern
Was always for their safe return,

For which we'd go each Sabbath day,
According to our faith, and pray;
But now they're home, and we must show
Our gratitude for what we owe
The lives they were prepared to give,
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First United Methodist Church
Allen Brooks, 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
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
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 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

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

First Baptist Church
Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church
Kyle Gulleddge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

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
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

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
Josh Stowe, 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
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

Rolling Plains Groundwater District continues to locate wells

Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code provides that each Groundwater Conservation District shall locate and register all wells in the District. The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District is continuing the process of locating the existing wells in Baylor, Haskell and Knox counties. The wells are being precisely located by latitude and longitude with Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

It is important that all wells in the District be located and registered, whether the well is producing or not. Even if a well is dry at the present time, due to the lowered water table, it is important that the well location be known. Any pathway to the aquifer is a potential source of pollution. Knowing the location of a well can be invaluable in tracing the path and extent of any discovered contaminant in the future.

In an effort to facilitate the well locating process, the District purchased several inexpensive and easy to use hand held GPS units. These units are easy to use and come with a set of instructions. The units

basically require you to stand beside the well, punch two buttons and write down the location. The GPS units are available for checkout at the County Extension Offices in the three counties and at the District office in Munday. These offices have the forms to be filled out for existing wells, whatever their size or use. If you have a well in your backyard or a windmill in the river bottom, the GPS units provide an easy way for these wells to be located.

The District has begun the process of building the data base of wells. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation located several thousand wells for the District last winter. This process will continue later this winter, as their schedule permits.

It is important that you register any existing wells. Existing wells are "grandfathered," that is, they are exempt from any future spacing regulations. The development of water law in the State of Texas is an ongoing process, with continuous new scenarios, rulings and filings. The Legislature reconvenes in January, with water continuing to be an issue.

Any questions can be answered at the District office at 135 North Munday Ave., in Munday, by phone at (940) 422-1095, or by fax at (940) 422-1094.

Around Town

Fannie Mae Barton's daughter, Kay Derrick of Fort Worth, spent the weekend with her.

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Calendar

Friends of Faith

Friends of Faith will host a luncheon at Haskell High School cafeteria Sat., Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Shelly Elston. All ladies are invited.

Arts and crafts

The Haskell Young Homemakers will host their annual arts and crafts show Sat., Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. A concession stand will be available.

Study Club to meet

Christie McAdams Leedy will present a program on "Angel Smiles" which deals with her work with reconstructive surgery on victims of abuse at the Progressive Study Club meeting Thurs., Nov. 14. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Haskell High School auditorium. Everyone is invited.

FFA Booster meeting

The Haskell FFA Booster Club will meet Mon., Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the ag building.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Nov. 14 at the Haskell Church of Christ in Haskell. Flu clinic times are from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A children's clinic will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Old-fashioned singing

The second annual old-fashioned precious memories singing will be held Sat., Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Family Activity Center of First Baptist Church in Haskell. Everyone is invited to an informal evening of congregational singing from the "old black book." The event is being hosted by the family of Wanda and Janay Morrison.

Veterans Day program

A Veterans Day program will be held Mon., Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Knox Co. Veterans Memorial. A historic display will be at the Knox Co. Courthouse. A hamburger meal will follow at the Benjamin Ex-Students building with proceeds benefiting the Knox Co. Veterans Memorial Fund. Tickets are \$6 for the meal. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs for the program.

For hunters

Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a big game contest for area hunters. Categories include white-tail and bear competitions. Call 864-2477 for details.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. til noon at 1303 N. Ave. 1 in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

AEIS meeting

Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting Wed., Nov. 20 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the central administration office to discuss the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) rating for both campuses and the district. Community members are encouraged to attend.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday



CRAZY HAIR DAY—Observing Red Ribbon Week at Haskell Elementary with activities including "This is Your Hair on Drugs" day, are back, l-r, Julie Zavala, Jordan Burson, Katie Grand. Middle, Ricky Barrett, James Williams, Austin Marshall. Front, Aubrey Bassett, Lauren Lampe, Brooke Bullinger. Students in the primary grades received activity books sharing the harm of drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Intermediate grade students signed pledge cards vowing to stay away from drugs.

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