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## Basketball

**Haskell**  
JVJ, VG-B vs Wylie  
Tues., Dec. 3, 5 p.m.  
at Wylie  
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**Paint Creek**  
Paint Creek JH vs Rochester  
Mon., Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m.  
at Rochester  
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Paint Creek vs Highland  
Tues., Dec. 3, 5 p.m.  
at Paint Creek

## Calendar

### Santa letters

Deadline for Santa letters is Mon., Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. Santa letters will be published in the Christmas edition of the Haskell Free Press, Thurs., Dec. 19.

### Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Dec. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

### Tour of Homes

The Noah Project-North will feature their annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Haskell Sun., Dec. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. Homes on the tour will be Billy and Tina Lamb, Bailey and Nancy Toliver, Debbie Maines and Mike Price. Refreshments will be served at Good Times, 512 N. First. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member of at any home on the day of the tour.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 2 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. Members are asked to bring a snack to share.

### Blood drive

The Haskell Rotary Club will sponsor a Bloodmobile Tues., Dec. 3 in front of Lanco Insurance from 1 to 6 p.m.

### Rule Park lighting

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Lighting of the Park Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Slim Sorrells Park. Refreshments will be served in the Lions Club building. Santa will appear for all the children and children at heart. Donations of cookies and treats are welcome.

### Rule garage sale

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a city wide garage sale Sat., Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. The Children's Christmas parade will be held in downtown Rule on Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

### Financial aid meeting

A financial aid meeting for Haskell senior parents will be held Dec. 2 at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. For more information, call Jamie Davis 864-8585 ext. 224.

### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

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# Happy Thanksgiving

# The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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**NATIONAL CHAMPION**—Keith Chapman, son of Jack and Joy Chapman of Haskell, won the Saddle Bronc Riding Championship at the Senior National Finals Rodeo held Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Reno, Nevada. Chapman, age 54, also claimed

the Reserve Championship title for the year in Saddle Bronc Riding. He has now been National Finals Champion three times; World Champion two times and Reserve Champion three times in the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association.

## Free Press in new location

After many years in the same location on the south side of the square, the Haskell Free Press is moving to a new home on the north side of the square at 420 N. 1st Street.

In the belief that, while honoring the traditions of the past, there must come a time for moving forward with a positive outlook to the future, it is with great expectations that we are looking forward to our new face and new place in which to continue publishing the weekly edition to cover the events and news of our community.

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who have continued to be supportive of us throughout the years, and ask your patience with us as we get settled and assimilated into our spacious new quarters.

As a part of the business community, it is our desire that the whole community continue to develop and use every resource available to help it thrive and be a great place in which to live, raise families and educate children who are prepared to take their place in the world. As we begin operations in our new surroundings, it will be our goal to do whatever we can to help make these ideals a reality.

We invite everyone to come by and visit us in our new "user friendly" offices.

## Goodfellows underway

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the new Free Press address at 420 N. 1st., or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Tx 79521

## Children fingerprinted

On Fri. Nov. 15, local law enforcement officers, Constable Kim Bassett, Chief Tom Bassett and Sheriff David Halliburton visited the Haskell Elementary School. They recorded the fingerprints of over 400 children. The Drug Store in Haskell helped sponsor the program. These fingerprints will be used only if a crisis arises and the parents or guardians need the prints for identification purposes.

On Sept. 25, Constable Bassett, Deputy Winton Stephens, Rochester Police Chief Greg Hearn, and Linda Short of The Drug Store, were in Rochester recording the fingerprints of students. Officers were at the Elementary School in Rule on Thurs., Nov. 21 to conduct

fingerprinting. This service will be offered to all Haskell County schools.

The officers found it especially challenging to fingerprint the tiny fingers of some of the daycare members who were not able to understand the procedure.

Constable Bassett advises parents to maintain a record book containing current photos and descriptions of their children. The child's fingerprints and any distinctive features should be recorded. "We hope that we keep our children safe in Haskell County," said Constable Bassett. If you would like for your preschool child to be fingerprinted or need information concerning child safety information, please contact Constable Bassett.

## Local farmer hurt in accident

Haskell County farmer, James Wittenborn, was severely wounded early last week, when his hand became entangled in the hopper as he was harvesting his cotton crop.

He was taken to Hendrick Health Center where he spent several days. Friday, several Haskell County

farmers finished harvesting his cotton crop, and others cooked food for the crews.

A benefit account for medical bills for James and Melynn Wittenborn has been set up at Haskell National Bank. Donations may also be made through Trinity Lutheran Church.



**GETTING FINGER PRINTED**—Haskell Police Chief, Tom Bassett takes Rodney Foreman's fingerprints during a program to record identity information for children's safety. Waiting in line are Lisa Hibbitts, front, Jim Young, middle and Sara Duncan, back.

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**NEW OWNERS OPEN BUSINESS**—Floyd and Penny Baker, center front, celebrate the opening of Smitty's Auto with a ribbon cutting, aided by members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.



**SWEET SHOP OPENING**—Aided by members of the Chamber of Commerce, Carla Hannsz, new owner of Carla's Sweet Shop, cuts the ribbon in celebration of opening the refurbished 'eat-in' bakery in Haskell.

## Area Basketball scores

**Girls**  
 Paint Creek 65, ACHS 63  
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Isbell 8, Lamb 4, Daniel 10, Brzozowski 16, Donovan 3, Thomasson 12.  
 Hamlin 47, Haskell 38  
 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 4, Wallace 2, Buerger 8, Bird 1, Harlan 10, Hise 4, Lindsey 4, McKnight 3, Mays 2.  
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 Rochester 65, Lueders-Avoca 38  
 Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 22, Ramos 8, Turner 12, Brown 9, Martin 2, Sanchez 4, Saucedo 1.  
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 Rochester 55, Loraine 42  
 Scoring for Rochester: Bird 19, Martinez 7, Ramos 11, Turner 3, Brown 13, Martin 2.  
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 Haskell 49, Seymour 44  
 Scoring for Haskell: Harlan 13, Buerger 8, Lindsey 7.  
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 Rule 75, Lueders-Avoca 25  
 Scoring for Rule: Dudensing 11, Lisle 22, Brown 8, Lehrmann 22, Marquis 4, Davis 2, Hertel 6.  
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 Rochester 50, Newcastle 29  
 Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 24, Ramos 10, Turner 7, Martinez 6, Brown 1, Martin 2.

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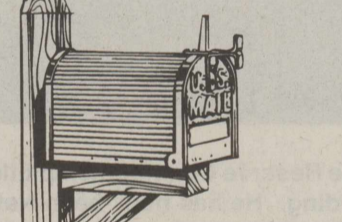
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 Rochester 63, Lueders-Avoca 41  
 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 30, Strickland 12, Saucedo 8, Earle 4, Seballes 2, Williams 7.  
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 Newcastle 69, Rochester 46  
 Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 28, Self 7, Earle 6, Carrasco 2, Saucedo 3.



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## Garden checklist for winter months

by **Brandon Anderson**  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**

Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. Also by ordering early you will be sure to get the varieties you want. Store in a closed container in the lower part of your refrigerator until time to plant.

Evergreen plants frequently suffer from lack of moisture during those occasional winter dry periods that occur in Texas. Adequate soil moisture provides the best protection you can give your plants against winter cold injury.

Now is an ideal time to plant pansies. Select a sunny site having well prepared soil.

Plant pansies, calendulas, flowering kale, snapdragons, stock, sweet alyssum and larkspur for early spring color. It is best to use started plants at this time. Select short, stocky plants with good green color.

Clean, repair and oil garden tools and equipment. A coat of linseed oil on wooden handles will help preserve the wood.

Drain the gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the system is used.

November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle planting is often delayed until February or early March.

Protect tender plants by covering with structures made of wood frames and covered with clear plastic film. If a severe freeze is predicted use an outdoor type extension cord and a light bulb placed under the cover. It will usually provide sufficient heat to protect the plants if the cover is well constructed.

Christmas poinsettias will soon be available. Don't be misled by the scare stories about the poisonous qualities of these beautiful plants. Plant scientists at Ohio State University have proven through extensive testing that they are not poisonous. There is, however, the possibility that some individuals may be allergic to certain plants including the poinsettia.

Bare spots under trees or other heavily shaded areas? Consider using shade tolerant ground cover in those areas. English ivy, Algerian ivy, Monkey grass, liriope, or vinca are excellent choices.

Continue planting spring flowering wildflowers in early November: bluebonnets, Drummond phlox, rudbeckia and coreopsis can still be sown.

## Learn risk factors of stroke

Each year 750,000 American have a stroke. It is our nation's third leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability. Ironically, many strokes can be prevented, says the National Stroke Association (NSA).

Detection and management of stroke risk factors is the best way to lower your personal risk for stroke, the NSA says.

Some of the risk factors are uncontrollable, such as age, gender, family history, personal history of diabetes, and race.

The chances of someone having a stroke go up with age. Two-thirds of all strokes happen to people who are over the age of 55.

Males have a slightly higher stroke risk than females. However, because women in the United States live longer than men, most stroke survivors over the age of 65 are women.

Although actual risk varies, people with a family history of stroke are at risk for stroke themselves. People with diabetes have a high stroke risk, perhaps due to circulation problems.

African American and some Hispanics have two to three times the stroke risk of most other racial groups.

Having one or more uncontrollable risk factor does not necessarily mean you will have a stroke. It does mean that you should pay special attention to the lifestyle factors and treatable medical disorders that you are able to control to lessen your overall stress.

Some of the controllable risk factors include smoking, alcohol, weight, high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat), heart disease, high cholesterol, and previous TIA (mini stroke), or stroke.

Regular doctor visits can help diagnose these problems and help prevent a stroke before it happens. These stroke risk factors can be managed by lifestyle changes and/or medical care.

Call 911 if you see or experience any of the following symptoms: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Stroke is a medical emergency. Treatment can be more effective if given quickly.

## Obituaries

**Denver Clelley Jent**

Funeral services for Denver Clelley Jent, 67, of Rule were held Sat., Nov. 23 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Josh Stowe officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mr. Jent died Sat., Nov. 16 in Virginia. Born June 29, 1935 in Indiana, he had been a resident of Buckingham, Virginia for twenty-two years. He was a senior project manager. He married his wife, Jody, Feb. 10, 1994 in Amelia, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Survivors include four children; one stepson, Michael Mathis; three sisters; one brother; and his loving wife, Jody Jent.

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## Cole, Starch to wed January 11

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Cole of Haskell are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kerre Jane, to Jason Roderick Starch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starch of Weatherford.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and will be a summer graduate of Texas A&M University, with degree in English and History.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of San Gorgonia High

School, San Bernadino, California. He served in the U. S. Marine Corp. from 1992-2001. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a degree in Range Management. Currently, he is branch manager of Helena Chemical Co. in Eddy.

The couple plans a Jan. 11 wedding at the Ambassador Suites in Abilene.

## Good dental hygiene important for infants

The Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is actively promoting good dental hygiene, particularly for infants and children. According to the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, the average 17-year-old in this country has more than three decayed teeth. While many factors (including heredity and saliva make-up and flow) contribute to whether a person will experience tooth decay, a poor diet and lack of proper dental care are probably the biggest culprits.

"Cavities are caused when bacteria in the mouth mix with carbohydrates—both sugars and starches—to make acids, which then eat away tooth enamel," said Joyce Devereaux, director of the OHS WIC program. "What, how and when we eat are major factors in tooth decay."

Every time we consume sugars and starches, acids begin to bathe our teeth. This cavity-producing action continues for 20 to 30 minutes after eating something sugary or starchy.

As if decaying teeth weren't bad enough by themselves, an even worse threat is periodontal (gum) disease. Current research links gum disease to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and pre-term, low birth weight babies, which underscores the importance of good oral health.

Employees of OHS WIC clinics, who work with clients to improve their diets and encourage good dental hygiene, offer the following tips for preventing tooth decay and gum disease:

For children, an overall nutritious diet promotes healthy teeth, making them stronger and more resistant to cavities. Calcium, phosphorus and vitamin D are especially important.

Avoid the urge to pacify an infant with a bottle of juice, formula or

milk, all of which contain carbohydrates. If you choose to use a bottle as a pacifier, fill it with water only.

Begin wiping a baby's gums with gauze or a wet washcloth at least twice a day even before you can see any teeth starting to come through. It will make the transition to tooth brushing easier later on.

Continue to use a washcloth or gauze to wipe out your baby's mouth after the first teeth appear, or switch to a soft nylon-bristle children's toothbrush. Toothpaste isn't needed yet as long as you are cleaning your child's teeth regularly. Just gently brush the teeth on both the outside and inside surfaces twice a day.

When your child turns two and has all 20 baby teeth, begin using a dab of fluoride toothpaste.

The more often you eat foods with carbohydrates, especially between meals, the more likely acid will attack your teeth. According to the American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide, any amount of carbohydrate gets the process going, so the frequency of snacking seems to have a bigger impact on cavity formation than the size of the snack.

The longer food stays in your mouth, the more damage can occur. Sucking hard candy or slowly sipping a sweetened drink all afternoon means teeth are bathed with plaque acids for that entire time.

Foods that stick to the teeth are particularly damaging (i.e. caramel and raisins).

Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and floss daily—unless your dentist recommends cleaning your teeth more often.

Go for a dental check-up, including a thorough cleaning, every six months.

## Area women meet as 'Circle of Friends'



SHELLY ELLSTON

Sixty-five area women attended the Friends of Faith "Circle of Friends" salad luncheon held Sat., Nov. 9 at the High School Cafeteria. They were seated at tables decorated with colorful arrangements of fall leaves, pumpkins and mums.

To begin the morning session, Earlene Griffith welcomed the group and special music was provided by the Friends of Faith singers.

Rosemary Brown introduced guest speaker, Shelly Ellston of Morgan Mills, who spoke on finding true purpose for living and finding contentment wherever one is in the circumstances of their life. The

inspirational speaker has worked as Youth and Children's Coordinator, G. A. Camp Director, and with choirs, dramas and women's fellowship events, book studies and retreats.

Following the luncheon of salads brought by each of those attending, the speaker brought another short presentation, which she ended by singing, acapella, "There's Something About That Name."

The day's program echoed the words of the song, "Circle of Friends," which represents the theme of the Friends of Faith group.

"We were made to love and be loved, but the price this world demands costs you far too much. We spent so many lonely years, just trying to fit in. Now, I've found a place in this circle of friends."

"In this circle of friends we have one Father. In this circle of friends we share this prayer, that every orphaned soul would know and all would inter in to the shelter of this circle of friends."

The nonprofit ecumenical women's group is open to all women.

Donations, memorials and honorariums made to Friends of Faith are tax-exempt, and each will be acknowledged with a card to the honoree or family. All such donations will be used for expenses.

## It's a challenge to keep holidays meaningful

With Christmas decorations showing up in stores before Labor Day, and children's cartoons serving as year-round marketing tools, how can families keep the meaning of the holidays alive?

"It's a challenge," said Dr. Glen Jennings, professor of family sciences and family therapy at Texas Woman's University. "It all tends to get overly commercialized."

Jennings said it's important to involve the whole family in talking about the real meaning of the holidays, whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. Families also need to establish their own way of celebrating the holidays and develop their own traditions.

"Traditions anchor us; they root us," he said.

Jennings said families could choose a theme for the holidays, then make decorations and perhaps even choose gifts based on that theme. The holidays also could be an opportunity for families to celebrate their ethnic heritage or learn more about other cultures, he said. Preparing foods and decorations connected to those cultures could become a fun family tradition as well as a learning experience, he said.

Jennings said holidays should be a time of celebration and fun, with less emphasis on the commercial

aspects and more focus on spending time together.

It's often the simple things that bring meaning to the holidays, Jennings said. Playing games together, having a movie night or singing around the piano can make lasting memories, he said. Choosing a Christmas tree is a family activity that can bring the joy of doing things together, he said.

Families also could connect the holiday seasons to nature by camping, hiking or even having snowball fights. Rather than go to the after-Christmas sales, Jennings said, families could plan a picnic or some other activity that would bring them together.

"It's togetherness that matters during the holidays," he said. "Commercialism tends to erode the meaning."

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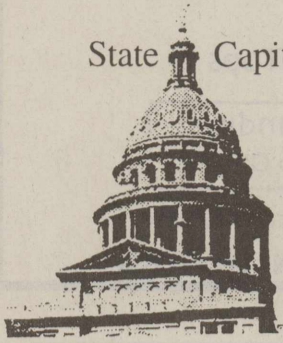
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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

#### New agency to fight for Texas military sites

AUSTIN—While the U.S. moves toward disarming Iraq one way or the other, community leaders across Texas are getting ready for another sort of war.

In addition to whatever may happen with Iraq, concerns are growing over the potential for collateral damage in the Lone Star State when the military starts shutting down bases across the country.

Coming in two years is what will be a fight for economic well-being for some Texas cities and counties. In 2005, the Department of Defense plans to abandon about 25 percent of its military installations to free money for more modern weapons.

Texas has high vulnerability: Eighteen installations currently employ nearly a quarter million people.

With that risk in mind, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations has recommended a new state agency called the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

The new agency would be created from a merger of the current Office of Defense Affairs, the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission and the Texas Aerospace Commission.

That, of course, will take legislative action.

Other states worried about base closures are ahead of Texas in their preparation, the Senate report said.

"If the Legislature does not assist communities in securing their local bases during this next session," the report said, "Texas must be prepared to lose installations, infrastructure and missions to competitor states, such as California, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi."

Those states, the report continued, are already up and running in their efforts to keep their air bases, forts and naval facilities.

#### Another coming fight...

The most recent Scripps Howard Texas Poll shows that insurance—specifically its availability and cost—is the top issue on the minds of Texans.

"Insurance is something that affects virtually every family in the state," Republican Rep. John Smithee of Amarillo, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, said recently.

Statewide concern with the issue

is reflected in the number of bills dealing with insurance issues that already have been filed. The count already exceeds two dozen.

Among those proposed measures are a package of eight bills that Sen. Troy Fraser will sponsor. Fraser, a Republican from Horseshoe Bay, is head of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

The set piece of the package is Senate Bill 14, which would compel all insurance companies to submit their rates to the state for approval.

The bill's intent is to repair a figurative break in the regulatory fence line that enabled insurance companies to shift customers to unregulated firms.

Those subsidiaries ended up with 95 percent of the homeowners insurance market and nearly a third of the auto insurance market.

The senator said in a press conference last week that he also would sponsor a bill that would keep insurance companies from abandoning one segment of their business (costly homeowners insurance is the biggie), while keeping more financially-attractive lines, particularly auto insurance.

Other bills in Fraser's repair kit deal with water damage and mold coverage issues.

#### Testing third graders...

For the first time, this spring Texas third-graders will be taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

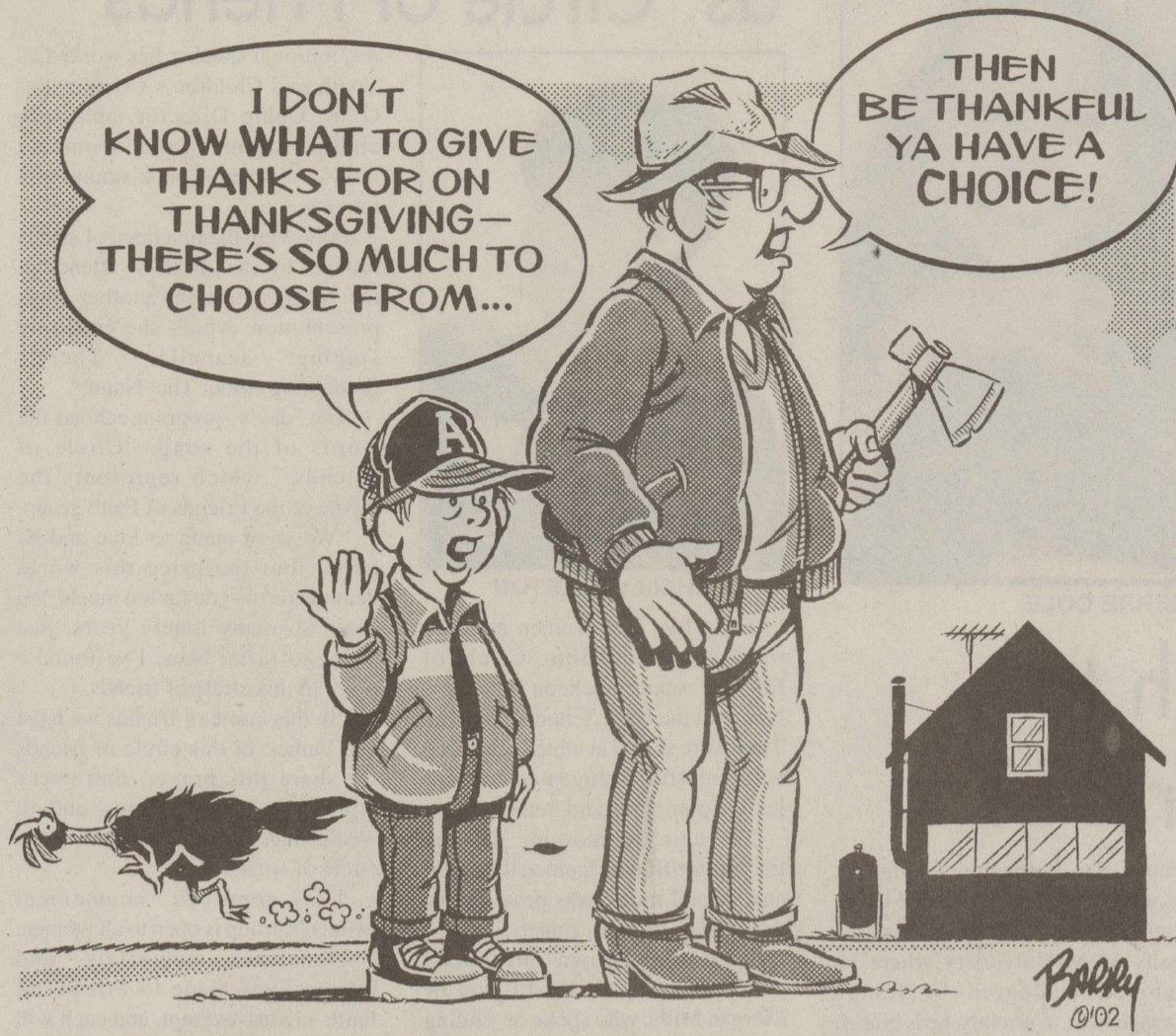
If they pass it, they get to go to the fourth grade. If not, they get to spend another year in third grade while their friends move on.

The State Board of Education voted 12-3 last week that third-graders would have to get 56 percent of their answers correct to make the cut.

The recommendation had been that the passing point be 67 percent.

Those percentages are more than numbers: At the 56 percent level, an estimated 42,000 third-graders across the state could be held back if they don't pass the test after three tries. At the 67 percent standard, the estimated failure level would be 64,400 students.

To put those numbers in perspective, Baby Boomers in the Legislature and in education had to make a grade of 70 or above to pass, long before skills tests were invented. Of course, that's if they weren't good football players...



### From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

#### Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell. I have been married 26 years. I attended school at Weinert, Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University.

No one knows that I once sneaked into the church attic and stayed through the whole Sunday service watching everyone through the ceiling.

My favorite TV show is anything on the Weather Channel.

My favorite type of music is Classic Rock. My favorite song is "When I'm Sixty-Four" by the Beatles.

I like to travel, ski and read.

The last book I read was *The Lazarus File*. I am now reading *Thin Air*.

My favorite place in Texas is San Antonio. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Scotland.

By best quality is listening. My worst quality is impatience.

I hate it when people refuse to be accountable for their own actions.

My greatest personal accomplishment is thirty years in my profession.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the small town shopping, like Flatlands, The Drug Store, Richardson's, etc.

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Watch for the identity of this

mystery reader soon.

#### Update

Last week's mystery reader was Haskell native, John Sam Rike, III, son of the late John S. Rike and Agnes Cox Rike.

He and his wife, Mary Rike, are the parents of two sons, James and Fred. Perhaps as a reflection of their dad's keen interest in the sport, James is a basketball coach and teacher in Athens and James is a basketball coach in Denton. Fred and his wife have two young daughters.

After fifteen years of working for Rolling Plains P.C.A. in farm and ranch loans, John retired a year ago, ending a thirty-four year career in the banking business. In retirement, he stays busy as an agent with Rike Realty, owned and operated by Mary Rike, broker.

A fan of western rodeos, he is vice-president of the Texas Cowboy Reunion Old Timers' Association.

Community minded, he is also active on the Haskell Education Foundation Board.

A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, he serves on the church Administrative Council, teaches the Friendly Fellows Sunday Class and is on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

Every one who guessed John Sam's identity can go to the head of

the class.

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#### Thoughts for the Week

At this time of our national Thanksgiving week and the harvest of our fall crops, we might consider the following prayer, adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

"Great spirit, who has blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and has commanded us to work with quietness, and eat our own bread; Bless the labors of those who till the fields and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth."

Also appropriate, in this season of our local harvest and this season of unrest and unknowing in our nation and world, are the thoughts of this excerpt from the writings of W. E. B. Du Bois.

"It is the wind and rain, O God, the cold and the storm that make this earth of Thine to blossom and bear its fruit. So in our lives it is storm and stress and hurt and suffering that make real men and women bring the world's work to its highest perfection. Let us learn then, in these growing years, to respect the harder sterner aspects of life together, with its joy and laughter, and to weave them all into the great web which hangs holy to the Lord."

## Prepare for adverse winter weather now

With winter fast approaching, every Texan should prepare for adverse weather such as snow, dense fog and bitter cold temperatures.

Buddy McIntyre, National Weather Service, Meteorologist in Charge, says, "The official National Weather Service Outlook for this winter calls for near normal temperatures with above normal precipitation. Moderate El Ninos have a tendency to produce above normal precipitation."

Data from the Department of Public Safety's Accident Records compiled between 1991 and 2000,

indicated approximately 70 Texans die each year from accidents caused by the adverse winter weather. "Motorists need to slow down to the conditions of the roadway," said DPS Information Officer, Richard Treece. "Motorists should not look at the speed limits and assume the speed limit is the safe speed."

Remember patchy freezing drizzle can kill. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees, even a little mist or drizzle can create slick bridges and roads. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges.

Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your electrical heating source in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials. If you have a gas furnace, be sure to install carbon monoxide detectors. Always install smoke detectors, they could save your life.

Always have a way to receive automatic winter weather warnings for your area through NOAA Weather Radio while you are away from your TV or PC. Once alerted by NOAA Weather Radio, tune into your favorite TV station, radio

station, or web site for the latest weather watches or warnings.

Dress warmly. Most of the heat is released through your extremities and head. Don't over exert yourself in cold weather. During the season it's a good idea to carry along in your vehicle some extra nonperishable food, just in case you get stranded in winter's icy grip.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,  
Warden James Frawner reports that the response to the appeal for books to be donated to the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center has been outstanding.

A large number of books were donated and they are now being catalogued and put to use by the librarian at the prison.

Such generosity is very much appreciated and the books will provide enjoyment and pleasure to the detainees and inmates at the facility.

James Elam  
Development Corp. of Haskell

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago

November 26, 1992

The Haskell Indians defeated the Seymour Lady Panthers by a score of 58-22. Teresa Diaz and Shana McKenzie scored 18 points each. Holly Hobgood scored 8 points and Veronica Gonzalez scored 6.

The Haskell team won fourth place in the district 4-H Horse Judging contest held in Seymour. Team members are Brittany Bartley, Roni Morrow, Hegan Lamb and Landon Terry.

Paint Creek landed three players on the district 10A all-district football team. Ends Donnie Waters and Will Duniven and corner back George Mayen were first-team selections on defense.

#### 20 Years Ago

December 2, 1982

The Federal Land Bank has three new employees. The new employees are Dale Bullinger, president; Lynn Cook, vice president; and Laquita Liles, office assistant.

Mabel Overton of the Paint Creek Extension Homemakers Club was presented as Club Woman of the Year at the Annual Extension Homemakers Information Day held Nov. 17.

James A. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, received the Eagle Award Nov. 21. Sam Pace, ex-scoutmaster of Troop 136, made the presentation.

#### 30 Years Ago

November 30, 1972

Gold Star Awards were presented to Kyle Wilfong of Haskell and Carol Dudensing of Sagerton at the Haskell County 4-H Awards banquet. The awards were presented by County Judge B. O. Roberson.

Jill Fincher, senior HHS student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fincher, was named Football Sweetheart. Phillip Josselet, also a senior and son of Mrs. and Mrs. Herman Josselet, was named Football Hero.

Tim Pringle lead the Indian scoring attack in two games this week. Pringle was high point both games with a total of 37 points. The Indians beat Hawley and Rule.

#### 40 Years Ago

November 29, 1962

Marine Private Dwight D. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stone of Haskell, recently completed four weeks of individual combat training with an infantry training regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Five students of Mrs. Porter's history III class brought the panel discussion to the Junior High PTA meeting on "Citizenship and Freedom of the Press." The students were Barry O'Neal, Martin Rueffer, Judy Sego, Sue Long and Bassett Owens.

David Hiebert, Ronnie Frierson, Louisa Herren, Jane Bell, June Bell, Jane Bynum and Ted Dement, all students in McMurry College in Abilene, were home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

#### 50 Years Ago

November 27, 1952

Donald R. Perry of Haskell and a junior at West Texas State is a candidate for Most Handsome Man on the WT campus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perry of Haskell.

Members of the Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening, Nov. 24 in the home of Mrs. Bill Pogue for their Thanksgiving social. Hostesses for the occasion were Faye Stiewert, Opal Gilliam, Sybil Cousins, Ann Darnell and Alice Larned.

#### 90 Years Ago

November 30, 1912

Virgil Hudson shipped a car of 60 fat hogs to the Fort Worth market Monday. These hogs were raised by Charley Cook of Rule and were fattened on peanuts and finished on maize. Hudson said they were the finest lot of hogs he had ever shipped.

The Stamford College basketball team defeated the Haskell High School team here Monday 30 to 40.

Public weigher Lige Northcutt reports that the yards here have weighed 6,000 bales of cotton up to the present and he estimates receipts will run at least 1,500 bales more.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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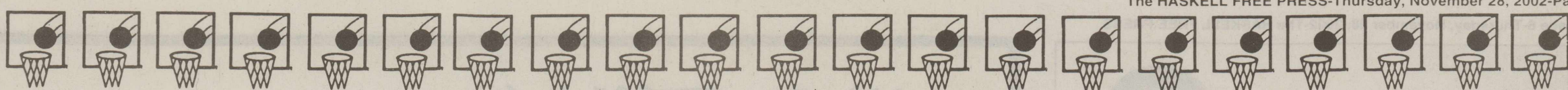
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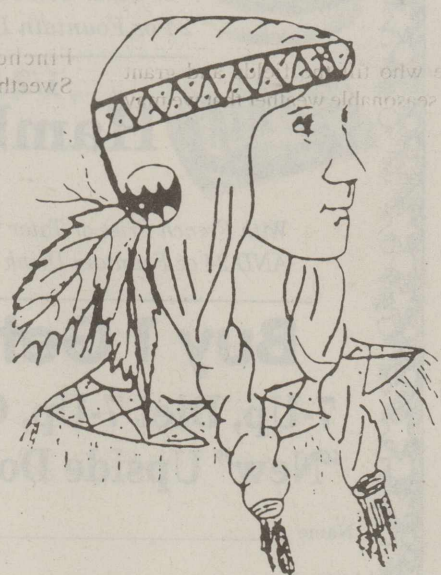
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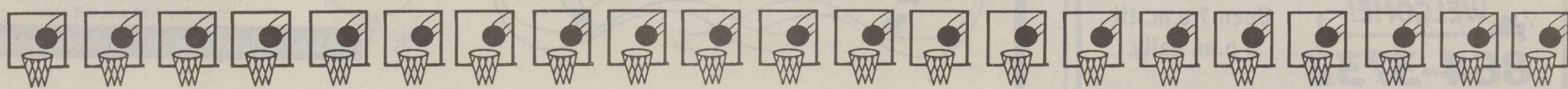
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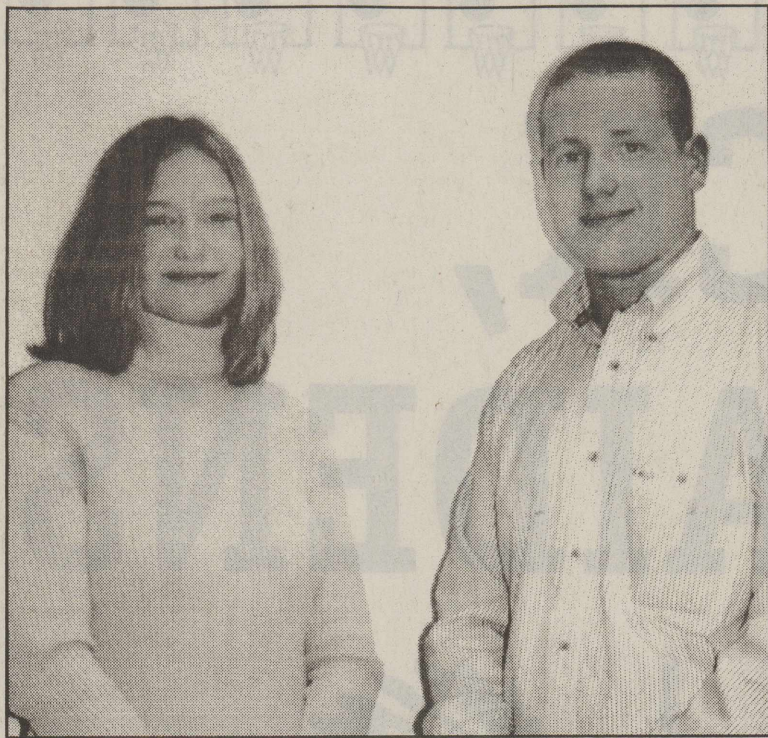
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**STATE 4-H WINNERS**—Abby Dudensing of the Rule 4-H Club and Ross Bullinger of the Haskell 4-H Club, received honors on the state level for their 4-H Record Books. Dudensing's 4-H Food & Nutritional Record Book placed 1st in the state judging, earning her a trip to the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington D. C., Nov. 28-Dec. 3. Bullinger's 4-H Clothing and Textiles Record Book was awarded 6th place during the State contest.

## Dudensing places first at state with record book

Abby Dudensing will be one of thirty-seven Texas 4-H'ers participating in the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference Nov. 28-Dec. 3 in Washington D.C. She qualified for this opportunity of a lifetime by having a first place 4-H Food & Nutrition record book for the 2001-02 4-H year.

Her record book placed first on both the County and District levels allowing it to advance to State judging where it was judged along with eleven other books from each of the Extension Districts in the state. Her entry was chosen the top ranking record book in the 4-H Food & Nutrition category.

The group, along with their six chaperones, will meet at the Houston Airport Marriott in the Houston Bush International Airport Nov. 28 to prepare for their trip to Washington D.C. While in Washington D.C. the delegation will stay at the National 4-H Center located in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Sights the group will visit include: Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery and the Washington National Cathedral. Tours planned include a VIP tour of the White House and tours of Mount Vernon, the Capitol, and the Supreme Court. They will have a legislative luncheon with their Representative where they will visit with their Representative about the Texas 4-H program as well as their local and county 4-H programs. They will attend a performance at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and will eat dinner at the MCI Sports Center, the Watergate Hotel, Union Station and at the Hard Rock Cafe. They will also visit the Washington National Zoo.

Dudensing received \$500 from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and \$200 from Morrison Milling Company to help defray her expenses for the conference. The Haskell County Extension Education

Association presented her with \$100 in recognition of this outstanding honor.

She is the 16 year old daughter of Lynn Dale and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton. A Junior at Rule High School, she is active in many school activities. Last year she was voted "Most Spirited" for Rule High School.

She has been an active member of the Rule 4-H club since joining when she was in the 4th grade. During her 4-H career she has been involved in not only the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project, but she has also been involved in five other project areas: clothing and textiles, public speaking, leadership, photography, gardening and horticulture. Because of her active participation in the Food & Nutrition Project, she has been selected to serve on the State 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Team. Dudensing's 2001 Food Show recipe, "Steak or Chicken Roll Ups," was selected for publication in the Texas Hereford Journal. Last year having a District winning Food & Nutrition Record Book entitled her to participate in the Kansas City Global 4-H Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

A quote from the story she wrote for her Record Book sums up what 4-H and this honor means to her: "Participation in 4-H has helped me struggle through times of being too busy, being complacent, being discouraged, having a lack of confidence, or feeling inexperienced. I have learned always to work hard and do my best because, in the end, there is a reward, or perhaps, a learning experience. I have experienced much in 4-H and in life. I know I am a better person for it. If I have really worked hard, prepared and done my best, I can be content with myself."

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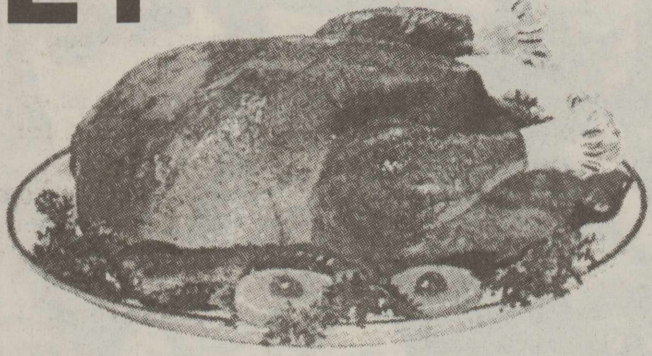
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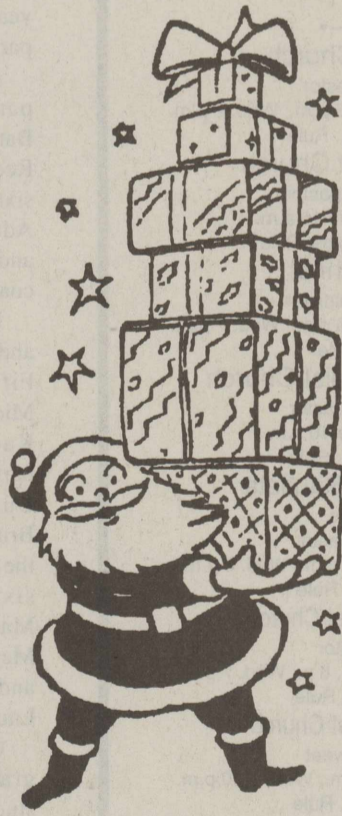
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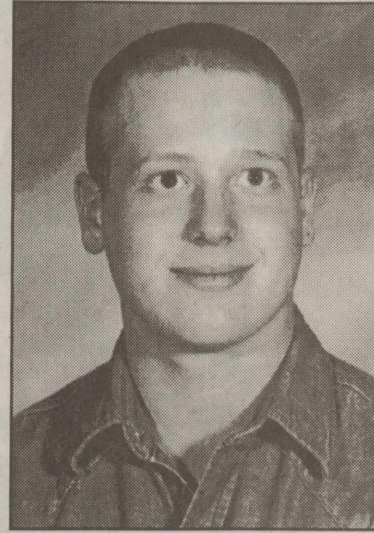
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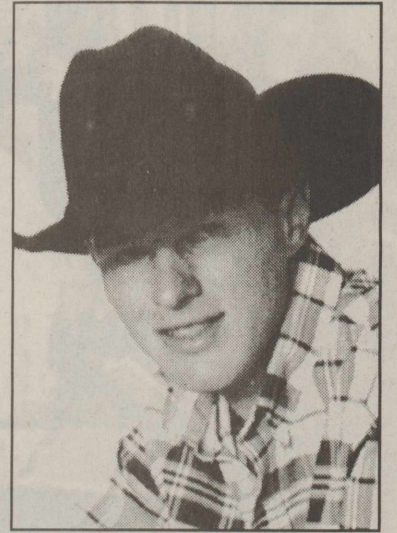
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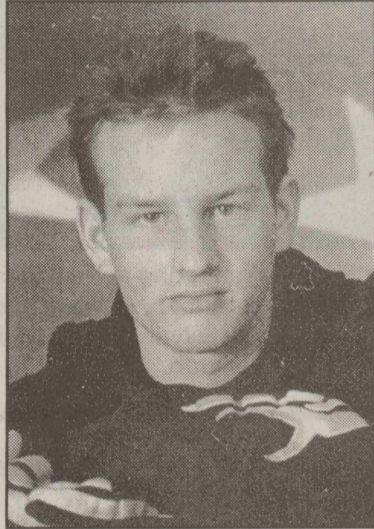
## Students visit Rotary Club



ROSS BULLINGER



RUSTY HOWARD



WILLIAM COOPER

Ross Bullinger is the son of Dale and Valiene Bullinger of Haskell.

In school he is active in the FFA, Fellowship of Christian Students and the National Honor Society.

Recognitions he has received include the 4-H Gold Star Award, Boy Scout Eagle Scout, FFA Lone Star Degree and National Qualifier in Range and Pasture Judging.

His favorite activities are working in 4-H, hunting, riding horses and

tooling leather.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend West Texas A&M in Canyon or Texas A&M University, to get a degree in range management and wildlife management and become a wildlife specialist.

Rusty Howard is the son of Bobby and Kim Howard of Haskell.

He attends the First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in FFA. His favorite pastimes include hunting, fishing, and showing steers and pigs.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend Tarleton State University to become a welder, game warden or go into game management.

William Cooper is the son of Rick and Cindy Cooper of Haskell.

He earned the Horticulture Award two years.

Among his favorite things to do are working on cars, hanging out with friends and joy riding.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend A. I. of Dallas.

## Borger student named to UIL All-Star cast

Joshua Burke of Borger, son of Ronnie and Linda Burke of Borger and Sally Koch of Haskell was named to the All-Star Cast for his performance in the UIL One-Act Play competition held Nov. 16 at River Road High School.

An 8th grade student at Borger Middle School, his group performed "The Mystery of the Peanut Butter

Spaceman" written by Phil Gilbreath. He is also a member of the cast in a play to be presented at Borger High School's Christmas program in December by the Borger High School drama class and students from Borger Middle School.

Burke is the grandson of Faris Letz of Old Glory.

## ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec. 2

Lunch-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, English peas, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Dec. 4

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check  
 Lunch-Meatballs/mushroom gravy, au gratin potatoes, club

spinach, green beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Dec. 6

Lunch-Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles, mayo/mustard/ketchup, pinto beans, potato salad, blueberry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

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



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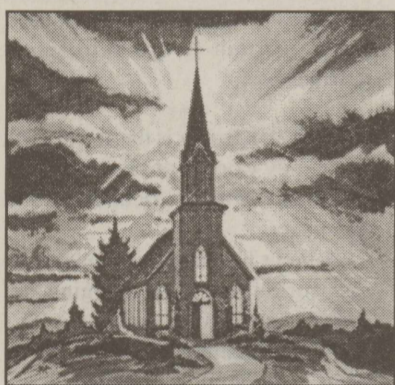


AT DISTRICT UIL—Haskell Elementary students competing at the fall contests held at Eula, between district schools Eastland, Cisco, Eula, Stamford, Anson, Hawley and Haskell were: back row, l-r, Brittany Garison, Haley Chavez, Brady Leach, Faith Silvas, Hanna Wallace, Megan Bailey and Paige Adams. Front, Garrett Brueggeman and Lauren Newton.



DISTRICT UIL—Haskell students who competed at the fall district competitions in Eula, with students from Eastland, Cisco, Eula, Stamford, Anson and Hawley were: back row, l-r, Carson Hadaway, Dawn Skinner, Lonnie Alvarez, Codi Foster and Kayce Wilcox. Sitting on bean bags are Ashlee Short, Aubrey Bassett, Nathan Meredith, Jordan Burson, Brooke Bullinger and Meagan Kimbrough. Front is Brooke Hall.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



**GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE**

We don't appreciate our health  
Until it's here no more,  
And anything we've known as wealth  
We manage to ignore.  
We take advantage of our friends  
With selfishness and greed,  
But then we try to make amends  
If ever we're in need.

And when it comes to loved ones dear,  
Whom we've relied upon,  
We often hurt them while they're here,  
Then grieve when they are gone.  
So let's be thankful for the things  
The Lord saw fit to give:  
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Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

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Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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Kyle Gulledd, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
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#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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Melissa Bemis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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Deborah Nissen, pastor  
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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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

## Elementary students compete at UIL event

Eula schools were the site for this year's fall competition between district schools Eastland, Cisco, Eula, Stamford, Anson, Hawley and Haskell. Contests were divided into three days, Mon. and Tues., Nov. 4 and 5, and Mon., Nov. 11.

Judith Chapman coached the fourth grade Art Contest team of Brooke Hall, Dawn Skinner, Meagan Kimbrough and alternate Marco Gonzales. The team won first place in the district. The fifth grade Art Contest team placed third. Members were Aubrey Bassett, Kayce Wilcox and Samantha Galloway.

Calculator Applications was coached by Bonnie Fouts. Participants included Paige Adams, Hanna Wallace, Miranda Ashley and Brittany Garison, who placed fourth.

Second graders were coached by Rhonda Hanson in Creative Writing. Participants were Cannon Edwards, Cailey Foster, Brett Shelton and first place winner, Carson Hadaway. Hanson also coached the second grade Oral Readers: Maci Colley, Carson Hadaway, Morgan Frierson and Cailey Foster. This was the first year for Haskell second graders to participate in this contest.

Fifth grade Dictionary Skills participants were McKenzie Barrington, Miranda Johnson, Tyler Reese and Samantha Galloway. The sixth grade participants were Paige Adams, Haley Chavez, Claire Isbell and Faith Silvas. Both groups were coached by Tonya Cypert.

Debbie Earles coached the fifth and sixth grade Listening Contest. Fifth grade participants were Michael Crain, Jordan Burson and Katie Grand. Sixth grade participants were Brandon Wilson, Duste Wolfe, Megan Bailey and Brittany Garison, who placed first in the district. Earles also coached the sixth grade participants in the Mathematics Contest. They were Megan Bailey, Samantha Rodriguez and second place district winner, Lauren Newton.

Coach of the fifth grade and sixth grade Maps, Graphs, & Charts students was LaKay Hoover. The fifth graders were McKenzie Barrington, Shambrie Rodriguez, Breanna Villa and substitute, Michael Crain. Sixth graders included Haley Chavez, Meghan Kloog and Brett Siegfried.

The fourth grade Music Memory team was coached by Martha Jarred. Members were Garrett Brueggeman, Paige Adams, Megan Bailey and Lauren Newton. These students placed fourth in the district.

Paula Everett coached both the fourth and fifth grade Number Sense students. Fourth graders who participated were Codi Foster, third place; Nathan Meredith, sixth place; Jessica Rodriguez, Andrew Sammons and Cody Beanson. Fifth graders who participated were Brooke Bullinger, Ethan Frierson, Shambrie Rodriguez and Kayce

Wilcox. Paige Adams, Kimie Hutchison, Brett Siegfried and Hanna Wallace participated in the sixth grade Number Sense Contest coached by Bonnie Fouts. Hanna Wallace placed fifth in the district.

Third graders who participated in the Oral Reading Contest were Andrew Rodriguez, Casey Calhoun, Carley Calhoun and Ryan Anderson. Caron Yates was their coach.

Susan Lefevre had two winners in the Oral Reading Contest for fourth grade. Participants included Sara Weise, Ashlee Short, Codi Foster, second; and Dawn Skinner, third.

Fifth grade Oral Readers included Aubrey Bassett, Jordan Burson, Miranda Johnson and Shambrie Rodriguez. They were coached by Renee McClellan. Caron Yates coached the sixth grade oral readers. They were Lauren Newton, Ashton Rutkowski and Hope Reid.

JoNell Roberts coached the Ready Writers of fourth grade. They included Nathan Meredith, Angelica Gonzales, and Codi Foster, who placed first in the district. The fifth grade Ready Writers, coached by Tonya Cypert, were Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson, who placed sixth, and Aubrey Bassett, who placed second.

Third grade Ready Writers were coached by Melodee Christian and included Lisa Hibbits, MacKenzie Thomas, Lynna Billington and Sasha Walker. Tonya Cypert worked with the sixth grade students who competed in Ready Writing. They were Paige Adams, Ashton Rutkowski, Lauren Newton, and Haley Chavez, who placed fifth in the district.

Third grade Spelling Contest participants were Felicia Walker, Jasmine Klose, Garrett Brueggeman, who placed second, and Brady Leach, who placed fourth. Their coach was Donna Waggoner. In the fourth grade Spelling Contest, Ashley Bullard, Angelica Gonzales, Nathan Meredith, who placed sixth, and Brooke Hall, who placed first in the district, were coached by JoNell Roberts.

Renee McClellan worked with the fifth grade Spellers. They were Brooke Bullinger, Derrick Coleman, Veronica Benton, who placed sixth, and Aubrey Bassett, who placed first in the district. The sixth grade Spellers included Claire Isbell, Hope Reid, Faith Silvas, who placed sixth, and Haley Chavez, who placed first. Sherry Adams coached the sixth grade spellers.

In the overall elementary results for grades 2-5, Haskell came in third behind second place Eula and first place Anson. Cisco placed fourth, Stamford fifth, Hawley sixth, and Eastland seventh. Sixth graders' winning points went to the junior high level for grades six through eight.

Jimmy Lisle, principal, would like to congratulate all the students who tried out for UIL events and all the teachers who worked with the students.

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## Be safe when deep frying the turkey

Deep fried turkey is becoming a popular holiday dish cooked at home. But improperly prepared, it can have a less than desirable taste and can create a safety hazard to your home and guests.

"Safety is something you always need to think about when deep frying anything," said Dr. Clay King, professor of nutrition and food sciences at Texas Woman's University. "Commercial kitchens have hoods and built-in fire extinguishing equipment if things get out-of-hand. Most residential kitchens don't."

While water boils at 212 degrees, frying oils don't even look hot at 300 degrees. With that in mind, Dr. King advises anyone who deep fries this holiday season to keep children, guests and pets out of the cooking area—be it indoors or out.

"Hot water burns, but hot oil not only burns, it sticks to your skin. No one wants a holiday gathering to turn into a holiday tragedy," Dr. King said.

Most deep fryers designed for turkeys are intended for outdoor use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the recommended distance from the fryer to overhangs and buildings. Use the fryer on a flat surface, but not on a wooden deck. Using a fryer on a concrete surface is fine, providing you don't mind oil stains.

"And always keep a fire extinguisher close. Oils do have

flash point and if they reach that temperature they can burst into flames," Dr. King said.

It is possible to deep-fry a turkey on a kitchen stove but it is usually inadvisable because of the logistics of lowering a large bird into a tall pot of hot oil.

Once the safety issues have been addressed, the next consideration should be the oil used for the frying.

"Most people think cooking with Canola is healthy. Often Canola oil is hydrogenated to make it more stable and extend its shelf life," Dr. King said. Due to this type of processing, there are now trans fatty acids in the oil, which according to recent research, means the oil is not heart healthy.

Dr. King recommends using cotton seed oil or peanut oil to deep fry a turkey. "Cotton seed oil and peanut oil are non-hydrogenated and much better for you. In fact, Crisco used to be made of cotton seed oil until about the 1940s," Dr. King said. "Peanut oil is more expensive than cotton seed oil, but it's easier to find. You'll find cotton seed oil where commercial kitchens buy their supplies."

The pot for deep frying also is important, and most pots for deep frying a turkey should be at least 40 quarts—about five gallons of oil will be needed—and have a basket for lowering and lifting the bird. A 10-pound or smaller turkey deep-fries better than larger birds.

Many deep fried turkey recipes recommend a frying temperature of 350 degrees. The metal a pot is made from will determine how quickly the oil will heat and how much it will cool when the bird is lowered in.

Although a heavy metal pot, like cast iron, takes longer to heat, once it is hot it maintains its temperature even when the bird is lowered into the oil. Stainless steel and aluminum pots heat faster and cool faster, which means the oil will cool more when the turkey is placed in them. That cooling factor means a longer cooking time, which can mean a less desirable taste, Dr. King said.

Consult the owner's manual about cooking times, but generally, cook the turkey three minutes per pound.

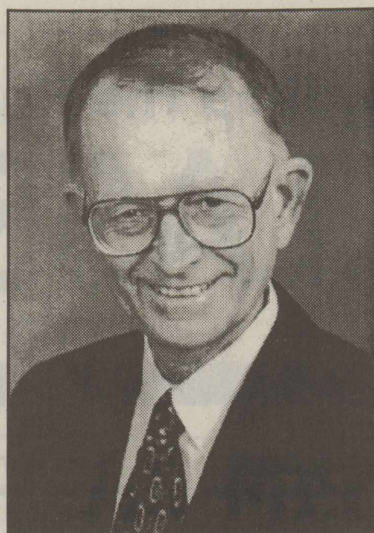
And while a turkey is frying, never leave it unattended. "Safety first," Dr. King said.

"Deep frying a turkey isn't as unhealthy as it might sound," Dr. King added.

"Deep fried turkey is moist and delicious and not at all greasy. The inside of the bird steams, and that keeps the nutrients and flavors in. When you boil or bake, many of those nutrients and flavors escape."

Marinades and other seasonings injected into the turkey and a dry rub on the outside can provide additional flavor.

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## Methodists hold Futuring Conference

Herb Miller, an internationally recognized authority on congregational health and effectiveness, held a "Futuring Conference" at Haskell First United Methodist Church, Fri., Sat., and Sun., Nov. 22-24.

A well-known author, Miller writes a syndicated column read by more than one million church leaders. Among the books he has written are, *Fishing on the Asphalt*, *Church Personality Matters!* and *Connecting With God*.

Over the past 30 years, Miller has flown five million miles to conduct planning consultations with more than 700 congregations in 25 denominations across the United States.

His ministries during the past four decades include service as Pastor of congregations in Arkansas, Iowa and New Mexico. He has been a Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is equivalent to being a bishop in other denominations. He has been a college professor, and has conducted lectureships in seminaries of many denominations. He has also conducted research for several denominations and the U. S. Army.

Miller and his wife, Barbara, live in Lubbock. They have two children and three grandchildren.



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