Basketball games

HASKELL **VG-B** in Haskell Tournament Dec. 4-6

JVG-B in Hawley Tournament Dec. 4-6

Boys 7th-8th-9th vs Anson Mon., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Girls 7th-8th vs Anson Mon., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. at Anson

Girls 9th vs Clyde Mon., Dec. 8, 6 p.m. at Clyde

JVG-B, VG-B vs Roby Tues., Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at Roby

PAINT CREEK Paint Creek in Woodson Tournament Dec. 4-6

Paint Creek JH vs Rochester Mon., Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m. at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs Moran Tues., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. at Paint Creek

Calendar

Office to close early

The offices of The Haskell Free Press will close at 11 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 11.

Christmas program

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold Christmas on the square Sat., Dec. 6. Pictures with Santa, story time with Mrs. Claus, sleigh rides with Santa and Christmas tattoos will be among the day's events.

Krispy Kreme donuts

The Haskell Chapter of the National Honor Society will sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts Sat., Dec. 6 from 6:30 a.m. on the square in Haskell during the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas on the Square. The group will also sell Christmas tattoos from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat. Tattoos are 50 cents each. Tattoos will also be available Dec. 16 at the Maiden's home basketball game.

Christmas in Rule

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a living nativity scene at the Slim Sorrells Park Sun., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Carols will be sung and refreshments will be served. Santa will make a

Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a home and yard lighting contest. Judging date is Sat., Dec. 13. To enter call City Hall at 996-2214 before 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 12. Prizes will be awarded.

Santa letters

Deadline for Santa letters is Mon., Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Santa letters will be published in the Christmas edition of the Haskell Free Press, Thurs., Dec. 25. Benefit concert

The Weinert Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a family style country music concert Sun., Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Weinert School. Funds will help support the Weinert Volunteer Fire Department. For tickets call 940-886-7870.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for their annual Christmas party. Those attending should bring a salad, handmade gift to exchange and a toy or gift for the Goodfellows.

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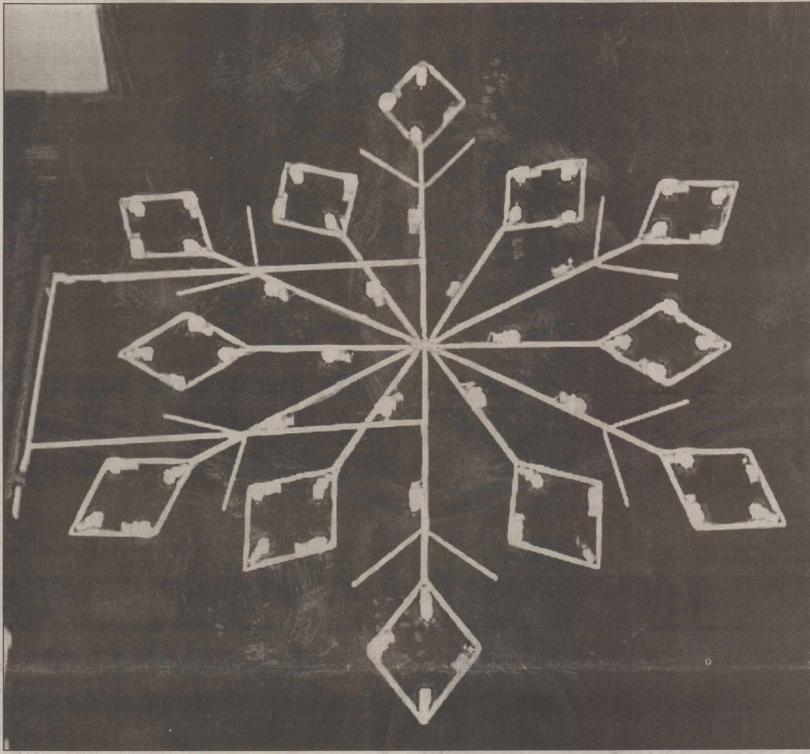
Shop Haskell during Saturday on the Square

Free Press

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NEW HOLIDAY DECOR SHINES IN CITY- A sparkling snowflake is one of eight new decorations lighting up the night sky on poles around the Haskell County Courthouse this week. The new decorations, bought on sale for \$208.00 each, were purchased with donations made to the Christmas Decorations Fund, and from the city parks funds. Donations for the purchase of additional new Christmas decorations for the city in the future may be included with the payment of monthly city water bills.

hool consolidation agreement approved

The Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD held a joint school board meeting Tues., Nov. 25 to finalize a local consolidation agreement. Both boards unanimously approved the agreement.

The consolidation agreement is the product of months of discussions and negotiations. The terms and conditions of the proposed consolidation between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD are spelled out in this agreement.

The next step will be for both school boards to call consolidation elections in their respective communities. The election date will be Sat., Feb. 7, 2004. The consolidation of two or more school districts cannot occur without voter approval in each of the communities

Letters to Santa due Dec. 8

Hey Kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 North First Street or mailed to Santa Claus at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

The deadline for having the letter printed in the newspaper is 5:00 p.m. Mon., Dec. 8. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 25 edition.

Both school districts have been struggling with declining enrollment and reduced funding. The two school

boards have agreed that a consolidation agreement between the two districts will be an effective means for both districts to deal with

A copy of the proposed agreement is published elsewhere in this edition

Goodfellows program seeks donations

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has been in previous years, with a sincere effort being made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec 6 and Sat., Dec. 13, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell

City Hall between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lion's Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes, and the Fire Department will handle delivery of the packages.

community project by donating food, toys or clothes, is asked to contact any member of the Lion's Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First Street, or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell,

Anyone wishing to help with this

Merchants to host Christmas on the square Saturday

Beginning early Sat., Dec. 6, the Christmas on the Square activities planned by participating merchants and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will feature a variety of fun opportunities for Haskell families.

From 6:30 to 11:30 a.m., the National Honor society will sell Krispy Kreme Donuts.

Christmas tattoos will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

Santa train rides around the square will be a treat, brought by the Haskell Fire Department, from 10:00 a.m to 12:00

A Story Time with Mrs. Claus will be held at Henderson Bookstore at 3:00 p.m.

Kids may have pictures made with Santa Claus from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Flatlands.

Drawings for Christmas bucks and gift certificates will be held at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Tickets for the drawings are being

given by participating merchants. As shoppers visit participating merchants they can get a card and on Sat., Dec, 6, have it stamped at five participating merchants to qualify for winning double Santa bucks at the 4:00 p.m. drawing. You must be present at the drawings to win.

Christmas **Home Tour**

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held Sun., Dec. 7 from 2:00 to 5:00

The five homes on this year's tour include those of Bob and Darlene Smith, Misty McMeans, Lance and Rhonda Hanson, Daniel Riley, and John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski.

Tickets for the tour will be \$5.00 and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project office or at the door of any of the homes the day of the tour.

The Noah Project-North holds the annual tour to help support their local program. All proceeds benefit victims of family violence.

For more information call Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551.

Physician receives special Hope Award

Haskell physician, Dr. William (Bill) McSmith, was recently awarded the prestigious Hope Award given by the Noah Project each year for someone who has "gone above and beyond" by providing services directly to a victim of family

The award was made during the Domestic Violence Seminar held at the Abilene Civic Center by the Noah Project. Inc., along with the Abilene Police Department and Taylor County Sheriff's Office for all law enforcement and health care personnel and others who are interested.

Dr. McSmith was nominated for the Hope Award by Haskell Noah

Project-North director, Donna Sue Anders, who said that, "On several occasions through the years, he has donated office calls, lab work and Xrays for some of our clients. He always treats our clients with compassion and understanding."

Anders added that Dr. McSmith has donated to the Noah Project-North both materially and financially, often providing free care.

"He also helps provide musical entertainment at our annual variety shows with his drum playing and singing and is a supporter of our program year after year. These are the reasons why we think he deserves the Hope Award."



DOCTOR AWARDED-Haskell's Dr. Bill McSmith accepts the Noah Project's Hope Award, given for going Above and Beyond, presented to him by Dee Wilson, Executive Director of Noah Project, Inc. of Abilene, during the Domestic Violence Seminar.

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TAX **PLANNING**

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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• A gift made by check isn't complete until the recipient actually deposits or cashes the check. Plan accordingly when making yearend gifts, especially if you want such gifts to be counted toward this year's gift-tax exclusion.

•For a gift to be valid, you must part with ownership. Pay special attention to gifts of stock in the family business or gifts of your personal residence.

•Carefully consider the type of asset before you give it away. Property that has substantially appreciated in value may not be a good candidate for giving. Keeping it may allow for a step-up in basis in your estate. If you own stock or other property that has declined in value since you acquired it, you may be better off selling the property and giving away the proceeds. Giving away a life insurance policy can be an excellent strategy, but it's subject to some

Of course, you should never make a substantial gift unless you can afford to part with the property. And any gift-giving program should be part of an overall estate plan. Call us if you'd like assistance with your gift and estate planning.

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Test your deer IQ

by Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agent With deer season fast approaching, consider what you really know about deer. See how you fare with the following quiz. Answers are at the end (but, don't peek!).

1. How many permanent teeth should an adult deer have? (a) 24 (b) 32 (c) 36 (d) 38

2. Where would you look on a buck to find its vomeronasal organ? (a) base of eye (b) between its hooves (c) scrotum (d) roof of its mouth

3. White-tailed and mule deer will interbreed, and the resulting cross is fertile. True or False

4. How many teats does a doe have? (a) none (b) two (c) four (d)

5. How many parts are there to a deer's stomach? (a) just one (b) two (c) three (d) four

6. Which of the following structures is responsible for the "eyeshine" of a deer when a spotlight illuminates a deer at night? (a) fovea centralis (b) pineal gland_(c) tapetum (d) glandus reflectorus (e) Q-beamus detectus

7. What is the gestation period in white-tailed deer? (a) 205 days (b) 240 days (c) 280 days (d) 310 days

8. The metatarsal gland in deer is located about midway between the hoof and the hock on the outside of the leg. What is its function? (a) alarm notification (b) signals deer's status in the herd (c) produces pheromones involved with the "rut" (d) the function is unknown

9. About how many deer are estimated to live in Texas? (a) 200,000 head (b) 800,000 head (c) 1.8 million head (d) 4 million head

10. Which of the following woody plant species provides the most desirable browse for white-tailed deer in Texas? (a) hackberry (b) shinoak (c) liveoak (d) blueberry

Answers: 1.b 2.d 3.True 4.c 5.d 6.c 7.a 8.d 9.d 10.a

Obituaries

Bobbie M. Brewick

University. She had an extraordinary love of people, loved variety and creative challenges.

She had a diverse career in a number of different industries. serving as Supervisor of Housekeeping at Stamford Hospital, copywriter at KTXS, and secretary to the head of the English department of Hardin-Simmons University. She later moved to Dallas and while at Reserve Life Insurance Company as a personnel director, she met her husband, Dennis. For some 30 years, she expanded her working career to include fashion and home decorating, in the Apparel Mart, Trade Center, and World Trade Center while also working in real estate sales. She worked faithfully at raising

money and helping in any way she could to make a difference and help people. Since the early 70's, she has worked tirelessly as a volunteer, coordinating and assuming leadership roles for various causes. She staffed a newly created office for fund-raising to benefit Hardin-Simmons University. In 1995, she served as event coordinator for World AIDS Day quilt display. In 2000, she personally secured thousands of dollars for an AIDS auction. Since 1992, she had worked diligently with White Rock Friends AIDS Ministry, White Rock Friends dedicated a cookbook to her for her guidance, ideas, hard work and enthusiasm.

Her faith, family and friends sustained her through her long illness. She attended Scofield Memorial Church

Preceding her in death were her father, Ralph W. Merchant of Haskell and one son, Robert Bruce Baize.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Dennis M. Brewick; one son, Russ Baize of Stamford; her mother, Helen Tanner of Aledo; two sisters, Donna Osment of Aledo and Mrs. Charles (Jeanne M.) Alexander of Tallahassee, Florida; three grandchildren, Chad Baize of Stamford, Casey Baize of Big Lake and Samantha Baize of Wall; one niece, Lisa Propst; one nephew, Brad Alexander of Bentonville, Arkansas; one great niece and three great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Van Baize, Rocky Moore, Dale Dixon, Billy Davis, Mabry Brock and Bo (Borden) Worsham. Honorary pallbearers will be Euclid Appling, Billy Joe McKeever, Buddy Mueller, Dr. Warren Dozier, Jimmy White, Squee Kimbrough, Kipp Milliron, Jimmy Joy and Jerry Gholson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Scofield Memorial Church, 7730 Abrams, Dallas, Texas 75231 or Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204. PD. NOTICE



Fri., Nov. 21, 151 students of Haskell Elementary School's second through fifth grades participated in their annual Jump Rope For Heart jump-a-thon. Through donations collected by the event, students raised \$5,706.40 for the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease and stroke.

BOBBIE M. BREWICK

Brewick will be held Thurs., Dec. 4

at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church

in Haskell. Burial will be in Willow

Cemetery under the direction of

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Memorial services were held Mon.,

Dec. 4 at Scofield Memorial Church

at her home Fri., Nov. 28 after a long

and courageous battle with cancer.

from Haskell high School and later

Brewick passed away peacefully

Born in Haskell, she graduated

Hardin-Simmons

Funeral services for Bobbie M.

"This year's event was a great success," said Tiffany Thomas, P.E. teacher/Jump Rope For Heart coordinator. "I am very proud of all the jumpers and we all had a lot of

Thomas said this was the second

year for the third graders to be involved in the event and that they answered the challenge by collecting almost half of the total money themselves. They, along with their teachers will receive a pizza party before the Christmas break.

Each student participating in the event received a certificate and bookmark. Students collecting donations will receive prizes from the American Heart Association for

their efforts. The top collectors in each grade will also receive extra incentives from some of the local merchants.

Top collectors were: Shelton Toliver, second grade; Cole Ray Hutchinson, third grade; Felysha Walker, fourth grade and overall top collector; Nathan Meredith, fifth

Jump Rope For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



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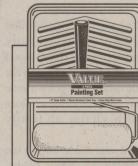


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MILDRED ROBERTSON Mildred Robertson of Haskell was honored Sept. 27, by the local

Association (TEEA) for her sixty years of membership and service to

The special recognition was made during the club's annual Information Day meeting held at Levis and Lace in Haskell. Seventeen members

Starting her club career in 1943, when the organization for women was known as the Home Demonstration Club, Robertson has served in every office in the club, and has taken an active part in programs and projects through out the years.

Former Haskell County Agent, Lou Gilly said, "Not many get to be a part for 60 years. We are honored to have her as a part of all of us."

Holiday arranging is topic of Progressive Study Club program

The Progressive Study of Haskell met in the Haskell National Bank Community Room, Thurs., Nov. 13 for a program on holiday arrangements.

Following the welcome to members and guests by club president, Julia Harrell, guest speaker, Shirley Welch of Conner Floral was introduced by Olelta Cornelius.

Raised in Rochester, Welch graduated from high school and raised her family in Munday. The owner of Plants Etc. for 10 years, she purchased Conner Floral two years ago. Together, she and her floral designer, Claudia Bryant of O'Brien, have over 25 years of experience in the floral business.

Displaying numerous wreaths for the holiday season, Welch demonstrated the making of a holiday wreath, followed by a question and answer session. A gift of appreciation from the club was presented to her by Eva Dunnam.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Lois Redwine, Jill Druesedow, Ruby Smith and Jeannie

Erna and Helmut Quiram of

Duncanville; Richard and Verlene

Whiteley, Robby and Emilie Hughes

and Kody and Madison, all of Alvin

visited last week in the home of Meta

Debbie, Rickey, Todd and Kaylee of

Lubbock were in Haskell over the

Thanksgiving holidays visiting their

parents and grandparents, Lewis and

Thanksgiving holidays in Temple

with daughter and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Phillip Cockerell and boys.

Joyce Hawkins spent the

Jonathan and Candis Tatum were

Suzanne Wollard of Bryan and

and Carl Rueffer.

Joyce Thomas.

In a business meeting, a report of the Chicken Spaghetti Supper was given by second vice-president, Kathryn Schonerstedt and treasurer, Bettie Wainscott. Approximately 480 meals were served at the annual supper in October.

The Constitution of the Study Club was reviewed and presented to members and guests with a skit.

Four new members welcomed into the club and presented yearbooks by first vice-president, Joe Ann Thane were Alice Ballard, Lynn Dodson, Pam Terry and Fonda New-

In her Federation Counselor's report, Frances Lane reported that club member, Mary Kaigler, was recognized in the GFWC Texas Clubwoman Magazine's fall issue, for her state chairman's report on conservation special projects. Also, Lane reported that TFWC is placing extra emphasis on clubs assisting libraries.

To conclude the program, Bettie Wainscott led the group in the reading of the Club Collect.

brought back their household and are

Grapeland, visited with Judy Hicks

in Abilene for Thanksgiving. Judy

brought Faye home in Friday and

Thanksgiving were Jake and Katy

Roysdon of Mansfield, Gary and

Letha Walters of Abilene, and

Clarence and Bo Tatum and Rylie,

Brian and Tamara Hearn and

during the Thanksgiving holidays

was her son, Kenneth Hilliard of

Visiting with Bernice Hilliard

Visiting Charlene Hawkins during

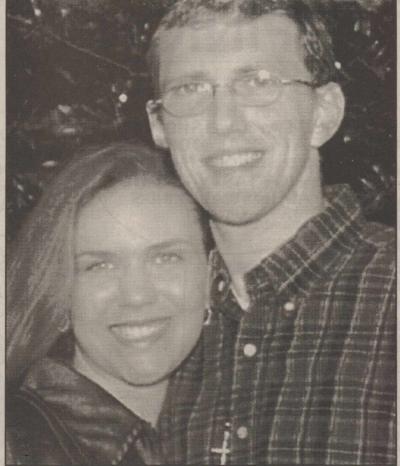
Faye Gray and son, Lynn of

getting settled in.

Lynn returned home.

children, all of Haskell.

By Joyce Hawkins



LAUREN HUTCHINSON - RUSSELL STANLEY

Hutchinson, Stanley plan Dec. wedding

Dieter and Leisa Hutchinson of Haskell are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lauren Hutchinson, to Russell Stanley.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Dr. Richard and Linda Stanley of Abilene. His grandparents are Frances Stanley of Abilene and J. L. and Joy Smith of San Augustine. Grandparents of the bride-elect

are Sonny and Carolyn Reynolds of Haskell and Lester Hutchinson of

The engaged couple are both attending Baylor University. A December wedding is planned

Food manager's course to be offered Jan. 26

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Statistics indicate that food-borne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized and 5,000 will die due to a food-borne illness.

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diabetic For more information, contact Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-

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·Shaking •Fast Heartbeat

Sweating

 Anxious Dizziness

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What Can You Do?

•Drink 1/2 glass OJ, skim milk •Test Blood Glucose. If symptoms don't stop, CALL YOUR DOCTOR. •Within 30 minutes after

symptoms go away, eat a light snack

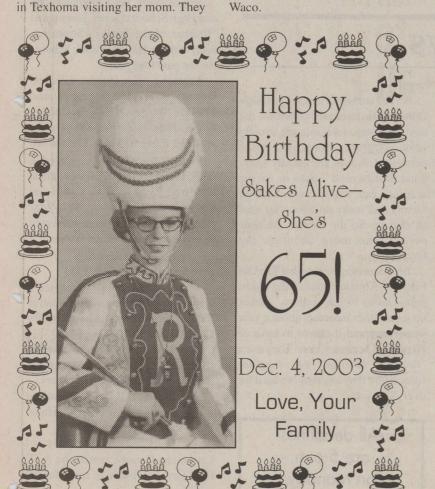
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Government grows fourth arm-litigation

AUSTIN-If it's been a while since you studied government (they used to call it civics), there's been a slight change in how things work.

Used to be, there were three branches of government at both the federal and state level-the executive, the legislative and the judicial.

Those who framed our Constitution envisioned a governmental system of checks and balances. If a judge or judges ruled an action taken by either of the other two branches to be unconstitutional. that was that.

Now, in a figurative sense, the fourth branch of government is litigation. One example is redistricting, a constitutional requirement of the legislative branch. But in Texas, a federal lawsuit will be the final arbiter.

The same thing is happening with the complicated issue of school finance. Gov. Rick Perry has said he will call a special session some time next spring to come up with a new way to finance public school districts in Texas. But a large number of both poor and wealthy school districts have joined forces in a lawsuit aimed at equalizing funding.

The only thing students of Texas politics can write down in their notebook right now is that in 2005, somehow, the way we support public schools likely will change.

TPEA asks for help...

The next regular session of the Legislature is more than a year away, but the Texas Public Employees Association already is gearing up to fight for more pay for state workers.

During the last session, a state budget shortfall resulted in a minibudget shortfall for the state's then-200,000 or so person work force. Several thousand employees lost their jobs through layoffs and reorganizations.

Lawmakers offered no pay raise and reduced benefits. That reduction, the Employees Retirement System estimates, amounts to about a \$900

annual cut in pay

One manifestation of TPEA's focus on 2005 is a slick re-do of its magazine, Texas Public Employee.

The association has hired a public relations firm to do all it can to show the people of Texas that they get their money's worth from state employees.

In the most recent issue of that magazine, Andy Homer, TPEA's director of government relations, said the association has sent letters to Perry and the 10 members of the Legislative Budget Board asking that they consider a process called budget execution to shift funds and give state workers their first pay raise in years. That would enable state employees to get some relief prior to Sept. 1, 2005.

Rest In Peace...

In one of the first programs of its kind in the nation, the Texas Historical Commission has staff traveling the state to record and investigate historic cemeteries.

Funded by a grant from another state agency, the Department of Transportation, THC employees are expanding the Texas Historic Sites Atlas by adding information on historic cemeteries. They're calling it the R.I.P. program.

The agency currently is focusing on cemeteries in the state's fastestgrowing counties, where historic sites in general are the most vulnerable. The program is expected to continue into 2005.

The atlas of historic sites can be viewed by going to the THC Web site,

www.thc.state.tx.us. Insurance costs compared...

When you write that check for auto insurance, especially if you have a teenage driver living under your roof, you may think it's pretty expensive. But take heart-Texans only pay the 19th highest premiums in the nation.

According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the range of auto premiums in the U.S. is from \$586 to \$1,182 a year. The median national cost for liability, collision and comprehensive was \$817, only \$3 a year below the figure for Texas.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear editor,

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our Jump Rope For Heart jump-a-thon this year. The kids

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collected \$5,706.40 and I am extremely proud of them. I would especially like to thank the kids and their parents for sharing them with me and allowing them to collect

most frequently diagnosed tickborne problem in the United States, there may be skin lesions or rashes. If left untreated, severe damage to the joint, heart and nervous system may result. In addition, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, spread by ticks, can

cause serious illness and even death if not treated quickly. Exposure to the bacteria that causes tularemia, yet another tick-borne disease, also can occur from handling carcasses of wild rabbits and rodents.

Hunters should take precautions

to prevent exposure to disease

Plague, common in rodent populations of West Texas, is transmitted to people by fleas or by direct contact with infected animals such as prairie dogs, squirrels, cats, rats and mice. This dreaded disease sometimes includes the presence of painful swollen lymph nodes. Without quick treatment, this may result in death.

'Many of these diseases begin with flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, headache and body aches," Fonken said. "However, symptoms can worsen quickly and affect various systems of the body.'

The best way to avoid getting these diseases is to protect yourself against insect bites:

*Use insect repellent containing DEET, following package directions

*Stay on trails and avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

*Wear protective clothing such as a hat, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-covered clothes to easily spot ticks,

*Check your body carefully for ticks every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body from head to toe.

Infected rodents such as rats and mice spread hantavirus infection to people. A rodent may have the virus in its droppings, urine and saliva. From there, the virus can spread in the air on dust particles. "You can

become infected by inhaling dust that contains the virus," said Fonken. "Cleaning cabins, sheds or barns without a mask can increase your chances of coming in contact with hantavirus.'

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection are much like those of the flu. The disease may lead to extreme difficulty with breathing, possibly leading to death. Patients may recover through supportive treatment, but antibiotics will not cure a hantavirus infection.

Deer hunters need to be aware that deer can share the bacterium that causes anthrax in people and that feral hogs can carry brucellosis. Care should be taken when handling all wild-animal carcasses, including wearing latex gloves when field dressing those animals.

Rabies is a viral infection of the nervous system that may affect almost any warm-blooded animal. "It is impossible to tell by looking at an animal whether it is infected with the rabies virus, so avoid contact with any wild animals. Especially do not try to assist injured animals or touch dead ones," warned Fonken. "If you see an obviously sick animal or suffer an animal bite or scratch, contact a game warden, a park employee, or an animal control or law enforcement officer as soon as possible."

Rabies is present in many wildanimal populations in Texas, especially skunks, bats, raccoons, coyotes and foxes. Humans usually are infected through a bite by a rabid animal. Rabies is always fatal once symptoms begin, which is why you should immediately consult a doctor if any animal bites you.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 2, 1993

Casey Coleman was winner of the Student Council's "Sexy Legs" contest. J. J. Comedy 'crowned' the champion by placing a garter on his

Twenty-nine outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the Rolling Plains were honored in Vernon. Honored from Haskell County were Heather Stewart and Michael Salinas.

Haskell native Sam Watson was chosen as new administrator for the City of Haskell.

20 Years Ago December 1, 1983

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Kim Jones of Rochester, in the senior division with nutritious snacks and desserts, was first place winner in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show. Top junior division winner was Michelle Scoggins in breads and cereals.

Fred Barnett made All-District first team on offense as a tackle and on defense as an end. Kendell Solomon and Robert Ivey also made first team offense. First team defensive honors went to Keith Reed, lineman; Patrick McCoy, end; Sam Toliver, linebacker and Doug Lanier, back: Todd Harris was named All-District Kicker.

30 Years Ago **December 6, 1973**

Roy Isbell of Haskell graduated from the Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin. He is a Texas Highway Patrolman in Borger.

Artie May Burkett retired last year after a 47-year teaching career, with the biggest portion of her employment being in the Haskell school system. She devoted herself in innumerable ways to her community and its people, and received many awards and honors for her efforts.

Dan Wilson of Haskell pledged to Lambda Chi Alpha, a national social fraternity at West Texas State University in Canyon. Pam Wilson of Rule was named to the Texas Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi, national honor society at Hardin-Simmons University.

40 Years Ago **December 5, 1963**

David May, a senior member of the Rule Bobcats football team, and Kenny Gayle Ross, a winsome miss who is a high school junior, were crowned Football Hero and Football Sweetheart.

Greg Thompson and dog won first place among entries in the Rotarysponsored pet segment of the Haskell Christmas parade.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gilmore of Haskell were among 3,000 John Deere dealership personnel honored during visits to John Deere facilities.

50 Years Ago December 3, 1953

Emilee Griffith, Haskell County's state 4-H dairy foods demonstration winner, was named as national

Royce Smith, head football coach and High School teacher, was named Teacher of the Week.' Smith has been with the Haskell Public Schools for the past four years.

Marlene Crofford, Haskell County 4-H club member and Thelma Wirges, Haskell County home demonstration agent were awarded a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Awards for 25-year membership of the Haskell Lions Club were made to Alfred Pierson, T. C. Cahill and Courtney Hunt. Ten-year membership awards were presented to Bill Richey and W. O. Holden.

100 Years Ago December 5, 1903

Capt. B. H. Dodson accepted a position as traveling representative for the American Standard Jewelry Company.

J. S. Fox returned home from the Cliff community where he completed a nice residence for Mell Lowery.

A Junior B. Y. P. U. was organized at the Baptist Church with Hazel Hudson as superintendent.

E. H. Lindsey, recently of Comanche County, rented the A. T. Ford farm southwest of town for the coming year.

around longer than you might imagine, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "The U.S. government started weather forecasting in the 1870s when Congress established a National Weather Service," says Odins.

As thousands of Texas hunters

and hikers take to the woods and

fields in pursuit of deer, doves and

the great outdoors, they are not alone.

Billions of critters that can carry

diseases will be out there, too,

bringing an increased risk of

exposure to diseases transmitted by

ticks, fleas and mosquitos and

diseases spread by wild animals,

cautions the Texas Department of

wildlife are less likely to cause

problems if people know what

they're dealing with, what the

symptoms of infection are and some

simple precautions they can take to

protect themselves," said Eric

Fonken, veterinarian with TDH's

encephalitis and is spread through the

bite of an infected mosquito.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of

the brain and meningitis is an

inflammation of the covering of the

brain or spinal cord that may be

caused by one of several mosquito-

borne viruses. Symptoms can

include intense headache, high fever,

nausea, muscle tenderness, partial

unconsciousness and even coma.

Although unlikely, death can occur.

363 human cases of West Nile virus

meningoencephalitis in 75 counties

the year, including 27 deaths.

As of Nov. 13, TDH had recorded

With Lyme disease, which is the

West Nile virus can cause

zoonosis control division.

"But, encounters with insects and

Health (TDH).

"It was aimed primarily for military uses. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was established in 1970 and

more, or sometimes a season, such as summer, or the kind we are most familiar with, the 4- or 5-day forecast. Meteorologists use various charts based on air currents, fronts, satellite images and other data to make their forecasts."

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member; toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521. James and Joyce Elam\$50

accuracy rate tends to slip because factors that make up a forecast tend to change. So the shorter the time period, the more accurate the

It's interesting to note that The Old Farmer's Almanac, one of the oldest publications in the country, makes up its weather forecasts about a year in advance and it claims to have an 80 percent accuracy rate. They use a 'secret' method of weather forecasting they say they've used for over 200 years."

> All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

Weathers Whys target? **Weather Forecasting** had under it a number of agencies, among them the National Weather A: The answer is usually yes, says Q: How accurate is long-range Odins. "On forecasts of within the Service. But the goal was still the weather forecasting? A: Weather forecasting has been next 24 hours, forecasts are usually same-trying to give an accurate very accurate. Forecasts made prediction of weather forecasting. Weather forecasting is done to between 1-3 days are usually fairly cover long ranges, such as a year or good. But beyond 7 days or so, the

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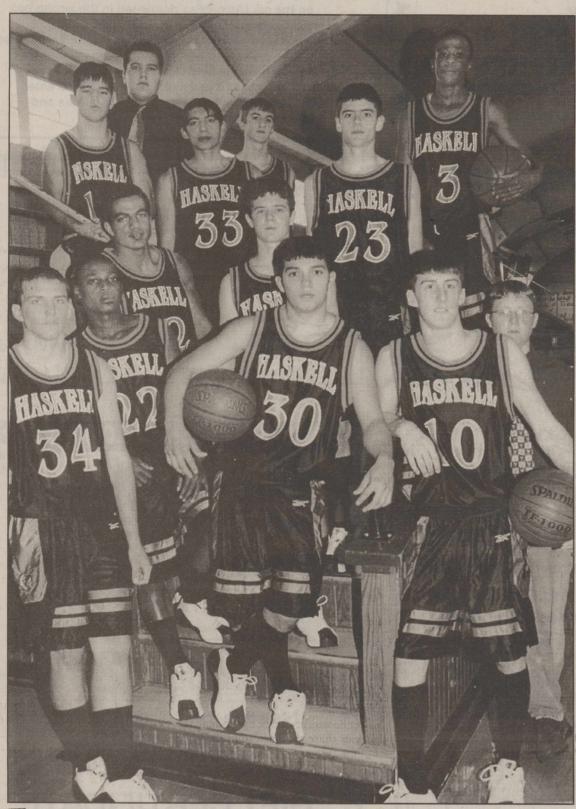
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Front, I-r: Nate Webb, Philip Collins, L. J. McCullouch, Austin Coker, Osiel Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Jared Webb. Back: Brandon McClatchey, Drew Garison, Miguel Chavez, Kory Foster, Ross Hairgrove and Jakaan Hodge.

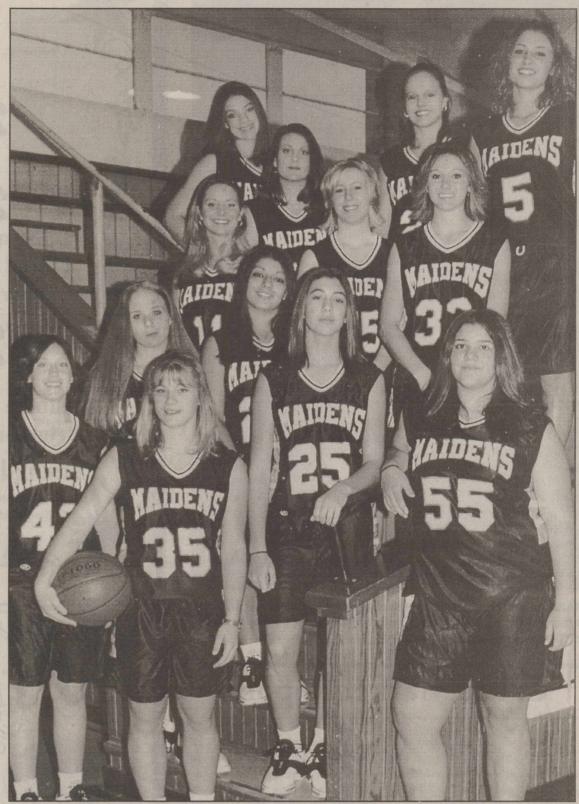
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Tues., Dec. 9 • 4 p.m.

JV & Varsity Boys

vs Roby at Roby



Front, I-r: Callie Thomasson, Meagan Wallace, Kerri Newton, Consuelo Gonzalez, Mollie McKnight, Morgan Acosta. Back: Brittany Rutkowski, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Bird, Melody Kennedy, Monica Buerger, Lynzie Harlan and Calina Kendall.

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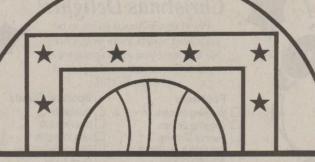
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MAIDEN WITH A MISSION-Haskell Varsity Maiden, Brittany Rutkowski, gets set to launch a three-pointer in the Maidens' 47 to 46 win over Throckmorton, Nov. 18. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 502 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Nov. 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 56 sellers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$3 higher, stockers \$2 to \$4 higher, feeders \$1 to \$3 higher.

Cows: fat, .42-.54; cutters, .45-.57; canners, .25-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .58-.64; feeders, .75-.89; utility, .50-.60.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.29; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.23; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.10; 600-700 lbs., .90-1.05; 700-800 lbs., .85-.98; 800-up lbs., .77-.93.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.12-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .87-1.00; 600-up lbs., .74-.95.

Bred heifers medium frame, 600-

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 725-850; aged or small, 550-

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 800-

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 224 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Dec. 1, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 46 sellers and 23 buyers were present.

Steady on all cows, short run due to holidays.

Cows: fat, .44-.52; cutters, .45-.55; canners, .30-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .53-.64; feeders, .78-.90; utility, .45-.55.

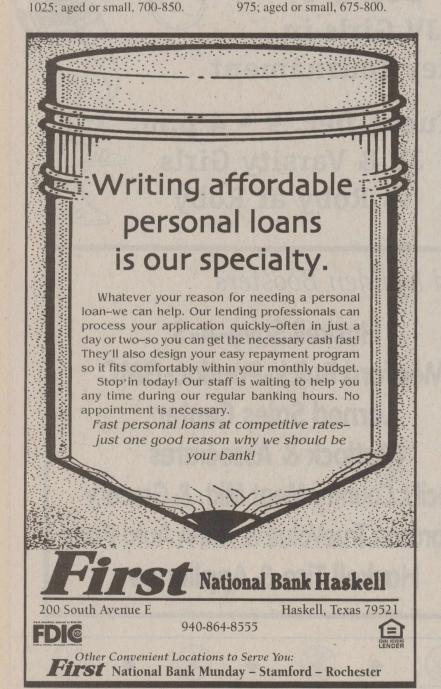
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Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.12; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.00; 600-up lbs., .75-.94.

Bred heifers medium frame, 550-

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 725-845; aged or small, 475-

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 850-975; aged or small, 675-800.









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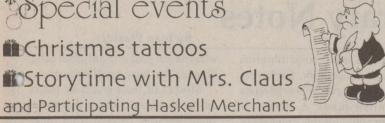
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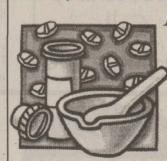
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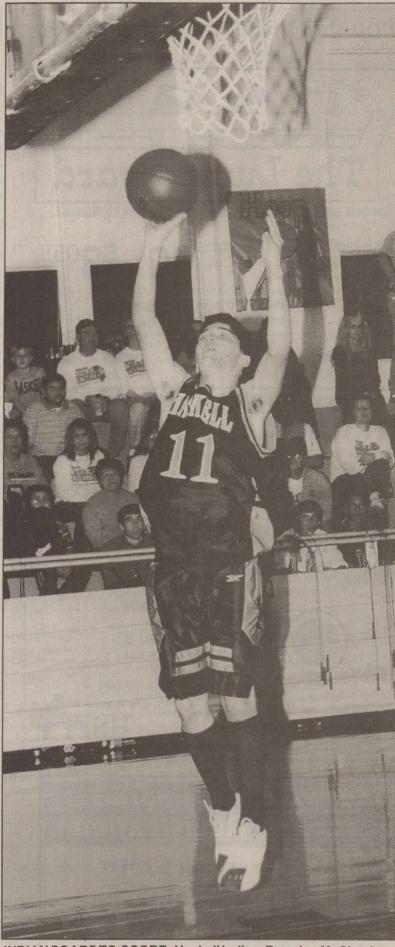
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INDIAN SOARS TO SCORE-Haskell Indian, Brandon McClatchey, goes up for a basket in the Varsity Indian's 83 to 38 winning game with Throckmorton, Tues., Nov. 18.

Area Basketball scores

Haskell 62, Seymour 36 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 14, McKnight 11, Kendall 10, Bird 9, Harlan 9, Gonzalez 5, Rutkowski 3, Newton 1.

JV score: Haskell 36, Seymour

*** Woodson 54, Rule 52 Scoring for Rule: Brown 16,

Smith 12, Marquis 11, Hertel 6, M. Lehrmann 5, J. Lehrmann 2. JV score: Woodson 30, Rule 24.

Trent 63, Rochester 61

21, Saucedo 14, Martin 13, Turner 9, Brown 2, McGee 2.

Boys

Haskell 49, Seymour 45 Scoring for Haskell: Hairgrove 13, Hodge 8, Foster 6, Mitchell 4, Garcia 4, Webb 4, Chavez 4, Collins 2, McCulloch 2, McClatchey 2.

Rule 49, Woodson 46 Scoring for Rule: Kyle Kittley 16, Dudensing 9, Turner 8, Brown 8, Kolt Kittley 6, Kade Kittley 2.

Trent 72, Rochester 41 Scoring for Rochester: McGee 14, Saucedo 13, Self 11, Hall 3.



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Egg prices on the rise

A new certification program announced by the United Egg Producers (UEP) to bring significant animal welfare changes to the egg industry, will also bring a raise in the price of eggs.

The guidelines were announced by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) and the National Council of Chain Restaurants (NCCR) as part of a comprehensive animal welfare

The new guidelines place top priority on comfort, health and safety of the chickens, including increased cage space per hen, standards for molting procedures, trimming of chicks beaks, maintaining a constant supply of fresh food, water and air, ventilation, daily inspection of each bird, proper handling and transportation of birds and training instruction to avoid injury to the animals. All certified egg producers will be audited yearly.

To date, 95% of the egg producers in the United States have adopted the recommended certification standards. There are an estimated 292 million laying hens in the United States, and a mandatory 5% capacity loss has been enforced in the first phase. With 14 million hens being pulled out of the egg laying process, egg supplies are tight, leading to an expected climb in egg prices during the peak holiday seasons.

Births

Jaron Benjamin Langford, son of Brandon and Heidi Langford of Haskell, was born at 9:22 p.m., Oct. 23. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Danny and Gaynell Langford of Rule and Danny and Donna Myers of Haskell.

Dawn and Paul Cox of Madrid, Spain, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Wallace Cox, born Nov. 18, at the Baylor Health Care System in Grapevine.

Maternal grandparents are Nita and Bill Isler of Eagle Lake, and great grandmother, Pearl Isler of Brownsville.

Paternal grandparents are Jo and Wallace Cox of Haskell and great grandmother, Alice Cherry of Normal, Illinois

> All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday



ROADEO FINALISTS-Bobby Howard, left, and Joe Swinney, center, of the Abilene District's Haskell County maintenance section, finalists in the section's Truck Rodeo, represented Haskell County in the district-wide roadeo in Abilene, where they competed against 34 other drivers for the honor of representing the district in the state event. With them is Jonnie Hise, Haskell County maintenance section supervisor. The event is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the fleet safety training. Drivers are tested on vehicle inspection, stop line, alley dock and straight line.

Library Notes

By Joan Frazier

With the help of the Friends of the Library group, the Haskell County Library received a grant from the Libri Foundation's Books for Children grant program. The Friends provided the "seed" money of \$350.00, and the Libri Foundation matched it at a 2 to 1 ratio.

From a list sent by the Foundation of 717 titles of award-winning books, the library staff selected the books we would like to have in the library collection. Haskell received 64 books valued at \$1,068.03. These books are the "best of the best," and will make a tremendous difference to the children and young adult

sections of the library. Each book came with a bookplate stating, "This book is donated to the Haskell County Library by the Haskell Friends of the Library and the Libri Foundation." The quality of these books is amazing. They should last the library for years, and many youngsters will have the privilege of reading award-winning books that we would have been unable to purchase with our regular book budget.

The Libri Foundation provides

assistance to small rural libraries throughout the country. Each year this grant comes available to libraries with limited funds. A library is eligible to apply for this grant every three or four years, if an organization is willing to raise "seed money" needed to apply for the grant.

"Loan Star Libraries" is a new program that was developed a couple of years ago by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to assist small rural libraries in purchasing supplies, materials or furniture that they would be unable to purchase under normal budget conditions. This is direct aid to libraries from the State of Texas. This year we received \$1,665.00 from the plan and with it we have purchased the entire "Hank the Cowdog" books and tapes, a child's computer desk, beanbags for the children's section, and book-racks. In order to receive this money, each year the library has to send a plan of service to the state. Jenil grandle

We have also received a grant from the Tocker Foundation to purchase Texas books. This grant amount was \$1,500.00. Darrell Tocker heads up this Foundation

By Joan Frazier

whose main goal is to aid small rural libraries that have small budgets.

Most of all, these grants are based on the budgeted amount that these small libraries receive from local funds. These grants are very important to small rural libraries with funding availabilities being as they are in these difficult times.

Recent gifts to the library include: Audiotapes in memory of R. D. "Sonny" Tanner.

Donation in honor of Frances Lane's 90th birthday.

Memorials to Friends of the Library: Mattie Felker English, Royce Adkins, Giles M. Kemp, Ozelle Frierson and Nellie Kate Frazier. Edna Callaway, Raja Hassen, Fadwa Hassen, Weldon Norman, Albert Barnett, Annie Marshall, Bennie Ammons, Ella Bell Burson and Darel Anderson.

Books in memory of Nadine

Donation by Wal-Mart, \$600.00

for children's books. Donation in lieu of Christmas,

cards: Joan Frazier. See you at the Library.

Get ready for winter weather

Winter weather in Texas can be treacherous, with temperatures falling suddenly as storms blow in from the north.

Designating Dec. 2 as Winter Awareness Day, The Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service joined together to urge Texans to prepare their homes and cars for severe winter weather.

"Roads can become treacherous in icy weather. Severe ice storms can knock out power, making it important to have emergency supplies on hand in your home," said DPS State Coordinator Jack Colley.

To Subscribe, Call 940-864-2686 He recommends taking the following prepardness steps:

*Winterize your home by

insulating pipes near outside walls and by sealing leaks that might expose pipes to cold air.

*Always have a way to receive winter weather forecasts and warnings because weather can change rapidly.

*Make sure that heating systems, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well ventilated and in good working condition.

*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 this winter.

*Winterize your vehicle by checking wipers, tires, lights and fluid levels. Lubricate doors and trunk locks to avoid freezing.

*Prepare a travel disaster supply kit containing food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear, extra clothing, flashlights with extra batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit.

*Travelers should keep their gas tank at least half full and should make alternative travel plans in case bad weather forces trip delays. Do not, travel when such conditions threaten.

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

*Check on friends and family members whose health or ageespecially the very young and very old-may put them at greater risk from cold weather or freezing temperatures.

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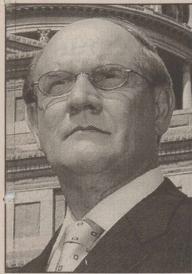
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Josselet named top manager

The State Office of Risk Management (SORM) Executive Director, Ron Josselet, was named Risk Manager of the Year by the Texas Public Risk Manager Association (Texas PRIMA) during the group's annual conference in Houston in November.

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Texas PRIMA also selected ORM's Safety Puzzle as the recipient of a Risk Management Achievement Award.

A 1966 graduate of Haskell High School, Josselet was chosen as the state's top risk manager from the group's more than 500 members for his outstanding leadership ability and accomplishments. He also serves as Texas PRIMA's president-elect.

In addition to a plaque and statuette, Josselet was present letters of congratulations from Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Speaker of the House Tom Craddick.

Also during the luncheon, members of SORM's Agency Outreach and Training and Risk Assessment and Loss Prevention divisions accepted an achievement award for their work on SORM's Safety Puzzle.

The puzzle is an online tool for helping State of Texas agencies solve the sometimes puzzling issues of afety. The puzzle includes information and important links in the areas of slips, trips, and falls, management commitment, and notary pubic.

SORM was created by the 75th Texas Legislature to provide risk management services to State of Texas agencies and to administer worker's compensation claims for State of Texas employees.

Texas PRIMA is a state chapter of the National Public Risk Management Association, and serves the interests of its member entities, their designated representatives and the general public, by promoting and encouraging effective risk management in public agencies and by promoting and advancing the profession of risk management as an integral part of public administration.

Glaucoma can cause blindness

Glaucoma is a leading eye disease that causes blindness. The most notable symptom of glaucoma is loss of peripheral vision. However, most patients don't notice the problem until it is revealed in an eye exam. This is why it is so important to have regular eye checkups.

According to Dr. George Chiou, professor at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, high eye pressure is one of the major factors to induce glaucoma. The disease also results from reduced blood flow in the eye or inflammation of nerve tissues causing degeneration of retina neurons and the eye nerve head.

Therefore, the medical treatment of glaucoma is grouped into three categories: (1) drugs to reduce eye pressure (these drugs can also be used to treat eye hypertension); (2) drugs to improve/facilitate eye blood flow so that the nutrients can be delivered efficiently to the nerve tissues of the eye; and (3) drugs to prevent degeneration of eye neurons, which

are called neuroprotection agents.

However, if medication does not work well, particularly in narrow angle glaucoma, surgery and/or laser treatment may be necessary.

Haskell students do well in UIL competition

Haskell Elementary grades 2-5 recently won first, and sixth graders placed second in the Middle School Division of the District Academic meet.

On Tues., Nov. 11, thirty nine students participating in various University Interscholastic League (UIL) events, left Haskell to attend the District Academic Meet in Eula. The following Monday, Nov. 17, students and their teacher/coaches returned to finish competition at Eula Elementary and Eula Middle School.

Competing in the district meet were Anson, Cisco, Eastland, Eula, Haskell, Hawley and Stamford.

Trish Johnson coached the fifth grade Art contest, which is a team event. Team members included Ashlee Short, Megan Kimbrough, Dawn Skinner and Brooke Hall, who produced a perfect paper. This team placed second in the district.

Second grade Creative Writing participants, coached by Michelle Dunnam, were Dana Rodriquez, who placed third, Kaley Mathis, Shelton Toliver and Emily Fouts.

Tonya Cypert coached the fifth grade Dictionary Skills students, Sara Weise, Ashlee Short, Jessica Rodriquez and Codi Beth Foster, who placed first in the district.

The fifth grade Listening students, coached by Debbie Earles, were Cody Benson, Angelica Gonzales, Nathan Meredith and Clarissa Walker.

Kelsie Adams represented Haskell Elementary fifth graders in the Maps, Graphs, and Charts contest, coached by LaKay Gibbs.

Melodee Christian's third grade Music Memory team, made up of Maci Colley, Carson Hadaway, David Newton and Brett Shelton placed first in the district. Christian's fourth grade Music Memory team also placed first. The fourth graders were Carley Calhoun, Cailey Foster, Garrett Brueggeman and Felysha Walker.

Fourth graders, coached by Paula Everett, did an outstanding job in the event of Number Sense. Placing fourth was Ryan Anderson, placing second was Casey Calhoun and placing first Swash Garrette Brueggeman 19001 oals avail 5W

Three Haskell fifth graders participating in Number Sense were Jessica Rodriquez, Nathan Meredith, who placed fourth and Codi Beth Foster, who placed second. Cody Benson was the substitute. Everett was their coach.

Caron Yates coached the fourth grade Oral Readers, Felysha Walker, Casey Calhoun, Laycee Tullos, who placed sixth and Ryan Anderson, who placed third.

who placed third.

Fifth grade Oral Readers included
Sara Weise, Dawn Skinner, Codi
Foster and Ashlee Short, who placed
sixth in the district. They were

coached by Trish Johnson.

Brett Shelton, Cailey Foster, Maci
Colley and Ashlee Adams were
coached in third grade Ready Writing
by Melodee Christian. Winning third
in the district was Cailey Foster. First

place winner was Ashley Adams.

JoNell Roberts coached the fourth grade Ready Writing students, Ryan Anderson, Garrett Brueggemen, who placed third, and Lisa Hibbitts, who placed first in the district.

Fifth grade students competing in Ready Writing were Ashley Bullard, and Angelica Gonzales, who placed third in the district. They were coached by Tonya Cypert.

Participating in the third grade Spelling contest were Carson Hadaway, who placed sixth in district, Ashley Adams, Madison Mayfield and Kalyn Wheatley. Donna Waggoner coached the event.

Two fourth graders participating in the Spelling contest were Lynna Billington and Garrett Brueggeman, who placed first in the district. They were coached by JoNell Roberts.

Fifth graders participating in Spelling, coached by Sherry Adams, were Leslie Crosson, Angelica Gonzales, who placed fifth, Kayce Strickland, who placed fourth, and Brooke Hall, who placed first.

Second graders participating in Oral Reading were Jessica Boggs, Micah Thomas, Kaley Mathis, who placed second in district and Hunter Hall, who placed first in the district. Rhonda Hanson was their coach.

Coached by Caron Yates, third grade Oral Readers participating were Caleb Thomasson, Cailey Foster, Gabriel Torres and Maci Colley, who placed fourth in the district.

Haskell Elementary sixth graders were considered middle school students by the six other schools in the district, and their scores were recorded with the middle school division of the UIL academic contests. The middle school placed second overall in the district. The following students and their teachers/ coaches participated in the meet.

Instructed by Bonnie Fouts, the sixth grade Calculator students were Ethan Frierson, who placed fifth, Tyler Reese, Shambrie Rodriquez and Kayce Wilcox. This team of students also placed second overall in the district as a team.

Breanna Villa, substitute, Tyler Reese, Miranda Johnson and Brooke Bullinger, who placed fourth in district, competed in Dictionary Skills. They were coached by Tonya Cypert.

Participating in the Listening event were sixth graders, Kayce Wilcox, Jordan Burson, Aubrey Bassett, who placed fifth and Miranda Johnson, who placed first. They were coached by Debbie Earles.

Sixth grade participants in the Maps, Graphs, and Charts events included McKenzie Barrington, Katie Grand and Derrick Coleman. They were coached by LaKay Gibbs.

Coached by Debbie Earles, sixth grade students participating in the Mathematics events were Breanna Villa, Ethan Frierson, Brooke Bullinger and Aubrey Bassett, who placed fourth in the district.

Coached by Bonnie Fouts, sixth

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graders entering in the Number Sense event were Shambrie Rodriquez, Ethan Frierson, James Williams and Brooke Bullinger, who placed first in the district.

Sixth graders entering in Oral Reading included Lauren Lampe. Shambrie Rodriquez, Brie Torres and Kayce Wilcox. They were coached by Caron Yates

In Ready Writing, sixth graders entering were Aubrey Bassett, Brooke Bullinger, who placed first in the district, Miranda Johnson and Jordan Burson. Tonya Cypert was their coach.

In Spelling, coached by Sherry Adams, sixth graders Derrick Coleman placed sixth, Veronica Benton placed fifth and Aubrey Bassett placed second.

In announcing the results of the District Academic Meet, Debbie Earles, Haskell Elementary UIL Director, said that first, second and third place winners at the district level will receive gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively. Fourth through sixth place winners receive ribbons. These should be delivered

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 1, 2003				
Haskell				
Haskell Co-op Gin	725			
Haskell County Gin	1,197			
O'Brien				
O'Brien Co-op Gin	5,362			
Rule				
Rule Co-op Gin	1,622			
Sagerton Gin	650			
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Griff's Gin	500			
Weinert Gin	1,382			
Total Bales	11,438			

Be safe during the holidays

by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Safety should not be forgotten during the holiday. Dry Christmas trees can become a fire hazard. A fresh tree will have a sticky trunk and needles that do not bend, break, or fall off easily.

Faulty lights and cords are the leading cause of Christmas tree fires. Be sure and inspect strings of lights, and discard any cords that are damaged.

Use flame resistant decorations as an added precaution. Also, make sure candles are never left unattended. soon from the host schools Eula Elementary and Eula Middle School.

Haskell Elementary School.

Haskell Elementary School

Principle, Jim Lisle, congratulated all students who tried out for the different events, all students who were chosen to attend the district

meet, and all the students and their teachers who worked so hard and invested so much time towards becoming excellent in their events.

"The Haskell students represented their school and their hometown extremely well." he said.

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Santa will make a visit, and refreshments will be furnished by the Bobcat Club (formerly the Lions Club) and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Home and Yard Lighting Contest. Date for the judging is set for Sat., Dec. 13. Prizes will be \$50.00 first place; \$35.00 second place and \$25.00 third place.

To enter, call City Hall, 996-2214, before 4:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 12. There is no fee to enter, but it will help the judges to know the addresses.

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Haskell School Menu

Dec. 8-12 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagels Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket Wednesday: Cereal, toast Thursday: Strawberry poptarts Friday: Sausage/biscuit

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 ham

Lunch

and cheese. Monday: Steak fingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, chips, pears

Wednesday: Secondary: turkey/ giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, bread, candied yams, fruit salad; elementary: chili dogs, cheese, pickles, tater tots, brownies

Thursday: Chalupas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sunshine

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/ tomato/pickle, French fries, orange

Paint Creek School Menu

December 8-12 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Pancakes Wednesday: French toast Thursday: Toast, cereal

Friday: Donuts

Lunch Milk is served daily.

cob, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, bread, fruit cups

Tuesday: Ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, salad, cake Wednesday: Pizza, corn, salad, jello

Thursday: Burritos, nachos, salad, salsa, pudding

Friday: Turkey/dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH ENCOURAGES US TO BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE

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

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

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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Christian Church Dusty Garison, minister Sun, Morn, 9:45 a,, 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Allen Brooks, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

Art Flores, Interim pastor

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 George Roney Sat. Mass 7 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. 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church 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

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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 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

Gazebo or Pavillion Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. 1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

·--WEINERT-First Baptist Church J. C. Baker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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·-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., 5 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

Wendall Fergerson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegs 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

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

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

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Lunch-Hamburgers/ cheeseburgers, pinto beans, sliced onions/pickles/lettuce, mayo or mustard, potato chips or Fritos, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee

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by Jane Rowan Haskell Co. Extension Agent

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NO. 11,159 DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD

Plaintiff, V LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN

C. MOORE; Defendants. IN THE DISTRICT COURT, 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE, Defendants, and to all whom it may

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and Commissioners' Courts 2125 212 petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD, Plaintiff, was filed against LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES: JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND. MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE, Defendants, on November 14, 2003, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered 11,159, and entitled DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD VS. LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED JONES MATTHEWS &

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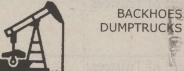
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MATTHEWS; AND NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE. This lawsuit is a suit for the appointment of a receiver under the provisions of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 64.091 to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on the interest of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Haskell County, Texas:

125 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 9, Block 1, H. & T. C. RR. Co. Survey, A-190, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land described in Warranty Deed dated January 13, 1941, from E. C. Watson, to Mrs. Minnie W. Berry, recorded in Volume 149, Page 293, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2003.

PENNY YOUNG **ANDERSON** Clerk of the 39th Judicial District Court Haskell, Texas By: Penny Anderson

48-51c

NO. 11,160 DELTA OIL & GAS LTD, Plaintiff, V. C. W. HARDY; LLOYD HAROLD JONES & WIFE, **ELLEN JONES; JAKIE TED** JONES MATTHEWS & HUSBAND, ROBERT MATTHEWS: NELLIE M. MOORE & HUSBAND, JOHN C. MOORE; H. O. CREMER; AND THOMAS F. KIEFER;

IN THE DISTRICT COURT 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

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I want to express my sincere appreciation to all those who attended and supported the Benefit Dance held for me at Irby Hall last Saturday. Special thanks goes to those who provided the Hall, and to Terry Joe Brueggeman and Dee Whitfield who hosted the event. Words can't express my feelings of gratitude for the efforts of my brother, Bill Green, Danny Letz and The Letz Dance Band, and other musicians who provided music for the evening. Your donations, words of encouragement, and prayers strengthen me as I go forward with my treatment. Thank you.

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ATTENDING STATE MEETING-Haskell members of Texas Extension Education Association who attended the State TEEA meeting held in Plano were: back, I-r, Geraldine Baker, Mary Lou Gilleland, Mildred Robertson, Lena Tidwell and Sue McGee. Front, Flossie Bates and Alice Yates. Not pictured are Dolores Medford and Lou Gilly, former Haskell County Extension Agent.

Producers wanting advance payments need to sign up now

Producers wanting to receive advance direct payments in December under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) must sign their 2004 DCP contracts before the end of the year, according to the head of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency.

"The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 introduced the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, which requires producers to sign a new contract every year," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, executive director of the Haskell County FSA. "This a change from the old Production Flexibility Contracts, which were good for seven years."

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program offers eligible farmers and ranchers direct cash payments based on acres and yields established for each farm. Producers can elect to receive their direct payments as a lump sum in October or as two partial payments—an advance payment of up to 50 percent of the total and a final payment for the remainder.

When electing to receive two partial payments, Brzozowski said, "the producer also selects the month in which to receive the advance payment—that's where timing is critical," he said.

"Producers who, for tax or other purposes, want to receive an advance payment this month, have to sign

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their 2004 DCP contracts in the next few weeks so the advance direct payments can be issued by Dec. 31,"

Regardless of which month a producer selects for the advance direct payment, final payments are made in October, following the end of the fiscal year.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program is designed to help stabilize U. S. agriculture by providing payments to eligible producers who enroll their farms each fiscal year during the life of the current farm bill.

Both direct payments and countercyclical payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each individual farm. Direct payment rates are constant. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary with the average price of program commodities each marketing year. When crop values are high, counter-cyclical payments are zero.

Producers wanting more income in 2003 are encouraged to call the Haskell County Farm Service Agency office to book an appointment.

For more information regarding DCP and other FSA programs, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617.

Bank receives top honors

Haskell National Bank has earned top honors—a 5-Star rating—from BauerFinancial Inc. Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading independent bank rating firm.

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National Bank has earned the 5-star designation. The award is based on an analysis of current financial data as supplied by federal regulators, supplemented by historical data.

"Not only is Haskell National Bank a testament to sound banking and stellar performance, it embraces the values and work ethic that have made this country great," reports Karen Dorway, president of the research firm.

Local Consolidation Agreement between Rochester CLISD/Haskell CISD

In accordance with Chapter 13 of the Texas Education Code, which allows independent school district boards of trustees to enter into Local Consolidation Agreements, as authorized by Texas Education Code Sections 13.158 and 13.159, the Boards of Trustees of Haskell Consolidated Independent School District (Haskell CISD) and Rochester County Line Independent School District (Rochester CLISD) agree to the terms and conditions contained in this local consolidation agreement.

1. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years from the effective date of consolidation.

2. The effective date of the consolidation between Rochester CLISD and Haskell CISD will be June 1, 2004. Title to all property and all indebtedness shall transfer on the effective date of the consolidation; provided, however, Rochester CLISD agrees not to take on any new indebtedness in excess of currently budgeted expenditures, after the date of the Rochester CLISD Board meeting approving this Agreement.

3. The consolidated independent school district shall operate grades K-12 and may operate other educational programs, as appropriate.

4. The name of the consolidated district shall be Haskell Consolidated Independent School District.

5. The consolidated district will operate at least one campus within the boundaries of what is currently Rochester CLISD, with said campus serving all students in grades 7 and 8. The consolidated district's board of trustees, during the term of this agreement, will annually evaluate the feasibility of operating other grades and programs such as early childhood programs at the campus located within the boundaries of what is currently Rochester CLISD.

6. The campus located within the boundaries of the current Rochester CLISD will be named Rochester Jr. High, or another name selected by the Board of Trustees of the current Rochester CLISD, prior to the effective date of consolidation. The current Rochester CLISD Board of Trustees shall choose the mascot and colors for the campus located within the boundaries of the current Rochester CLISD.

7. "Home" athletic events for students in grades 7 and 8 will be held at the campus located within the boundaries of what is currently Rochester CLISD.

8. The consolidated district will maintain the grounds of the campus located within the boundaries of the current Rochester CLISD at the same level of care that is currently provided.

9. The Haskell CISD Board of Trustees members are elected from seven (7) single member districts. The consolidated board shall consist of seven (7) members selected from single member districts. The current seven districts will be redrawn for the consolidated district and will be subject to approval from the United Stated Department of Justice. The consolidated school district will endeavor to obtain approval for one of the new single member districts to include substantially all of the currently existing area of Rochester CLISD. Trustees of each single member district shall be elected by receiving the highest number of votes for that position. Trustees shall not be required to reside within the districts that they represent. The first trustee election utilizing the newly-created single member districts will be conducted on the uniform election date in May 2005.

10. The consolidated district will be governed by a transition board of trustees, from the effective date of the consolidation until the May 2005 board of trustee election has been canvassed and the new board of trustees members have taken the oath of office and been sworn in. This transition board of trustees will consist of the seven (7) trustees from the current Haskell CISD and two (2) trustees from the current Rochester CLISD. The current Rochester CLISD board of trustees will appoint the two (2) members to the transition board of the consolidated district.

11. Subject to the limitations below, faculty and staff currently employed by Rochester CLISD will have assurance of employment for the 2004-2005 school year under the following guidelines; provided, however, nothing in this Agreement will limit the authority of the consolidated district administration and board to make employment decisions in the best interest of the consolidated district and in accordance with all legal requirements, nor shall anything in this agreement guarantee any contract employee continued employment for more than one school year following consolidation, except as provided otherwise by individual employment contracts.

a. By the end of March 2004, Rochester CLISD will conduct a reduction in force contract termination or nonrenewal of all its probationary and term contract employees and will incur all costs for same.

b. For the 2004-2005 school year, the consolidated district will make a total salary commitment of \$405,000 to \$465,000 to employ current Rochester CLISD employees, both non-certified and certified. In succeeding years, the consolidated district will honor the then-existing legal rights of all hired employees.

c. All current Rochester CLISD non-certified/support employees will be offered at-will positions with the consolidated school district.

d. After the total salary commitment to Rochester CLISD non-certified/support employees has been determined, the funds remaining in the consolidated district's gross salary commitment will be utilized to employ current Rochester CLISD certified professional employees, under term contracts if entitled under board policy, or probationary contracts.

e. Rochester CLISD certified employees who are not hired by Haskell CISD, if they apply for future vacancies, will be given priority consideration.

f. At least one administrator and one PEIMS support person will be assigned to the campus operated within the boundaries of the current Rochester CLISD.

g. The superintendent of the consolidated school district shall be the current superintendent of Haskell

12. All funds spent by the consolidated district from the Rochester CLISD's existing \$1.2 million bond fund will be expended for improvements to the campus located within the boundaries of the current Rochester CLISD. Rochester CLISD agrees that it will not expend bond funds prior to the consolidation's effective date. The consolidated school district shall commit at least \$750,000 of the bond funds to upgrade the existing campus within the Rochester CLISD, so that the campus will be educationally appropriate for 7th and 8th grade students and their extracurricular activities.

13. The consolidated district will retire any bonded indebtedness currently attributable to Rochester CLISD.

14. During the first two (2) years of the consolidation agreement, the consolidated district will recognize covaledictorians and co-salutatorians. One valedictorian and one salutatorian from the current Rochester CLISD, and

one valedictorian and one salutatorian from the current Haskell CISD will be recognized.

15. This agreement may not be amended for five (5) years from the date of consolidation.

HASKELL CISD

16. Should any provision of this agreement be ruled illegal or unenforceable in any manner, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, as if such illegal or unenforceable language were stricken from this agreement.

Agreed: This 25th day of November, 2003.

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