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Indians win Area Championship



TAKING HOME THE TROPHY—The jubilant Haskell Indians celebrate with the prized trophy after winning the Area Championship game with the Irion County Hornets at Gordon Wood Stadium in

Brownwood, Thurs., Nov. 18. The team will face the Goldthwaite Eagles for the Regional Championship, Fri., Nov. 26, in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Football games

HASKELL
Indians vs Goldthwaite
Fri., Nov. 26, 1:30 p.m.
at Shotwell Stadium
Abilene

Basketball games

HASKELL
7th-8th B-G vs Rotan
Mon., Nov. 29, 5 p.m.
Girls There, Boys Here

9th B vs Stamford
Mon., Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m.
at Haskell

9th G vs Hawley
Mon., Nov. 29, 6:45 p.m.
at Haskell

JV-V B-G vs Stamford
Tues., Nov. 30, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

Calendar

Medical fund

A fund has been established at Haskell National Bank for Mike L. Jordan of Haskell, who is recovering from injuries received as a result of a fall.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Brisket lunch

A brisket lunch will be held Sun., Dec. 5 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to benefit Mike L. Jordan of Haskell.

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The Haskell Indians entered the Area Championship game at 10-1, and the Irion County Hornets entered at 10-0. The two teams faced off at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood, Thursday night.

Earmarked for being as even as possible, this game proved to be nearly that. However, games are played in two halves, and the Indians dominated the last half.

Coming back from intermission, and receiving the kickoff, Haskell started on its own 30 yard line. Using Josh Barbee as a decoy, the Indian QB, Brandon McClatchey, would get the call and raced 70 yards to pay dirt with only 13 seconds ticked off the clock. Nate Webb would skillfully add the PAT kick. This TD, added to the second quarter TD by Barbee on a 4-yard run and a successful PAT

kick by Webb, would give the Indians a 14-0 lead over the once undefeated Hornets.

Haskell had put together a 77-yard drive in 11 plays to gain the initial score at the 8:22 mark of the second quarter, to lead at intermission, 7 to 0.

Haskell vs Goldthwaite
Fri., Nov. 26 • 1:30 p.m.
Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

The Indians would bookend the third quarter, scoring on their opening play and on their last play of the quarter. For this area game, the third quarter was beautiful for the home side. Haskell used a 5-play, 52-yard drive to close this quarter of play and

put the game out of reach by the score of 21-0.

Quarterback McClatchey would sail high over the offensive line to get the one-yard TD run. Webb would hit the 'Hat Trick' with his third successful extra-point kick.

During the fourth quarter, Haskell closed the door on Irion County two different times, when defensive end, Jon Dulaney, intercepted a pass by Matt Carter, the Hornets' QB, on the third play of the quarter. The second pass interception not only took the sting from the Hornets, but the stinger as well. Linebacker, Cameron Short, came up with the second Haskell "Pick." As stated before, kneeling the

ball down for a win is a sweet as it gets; The Haskell Indians—Area Champs, 21 to 0, and a 11-1 record for the 2004 season, and more to go.

Haskell had 43 rushes for 286 yards, with Brandon McClatchey getting 146 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns. He also had 2 completions on 3 passes for 23 yards.

Josh Barbee had 16 carries for 79 yards and one TD. Cameron Short got 30 yards on 7 rushes. Josh Rodriguez had 3 rushes for 11 yards. Ronald Coleman had 10 yards on one rush. Brad Blanks had 3 rushes for 10 yards. Nate Webb caught one pass for 9 yards, and Short caught one for 14 yards.

The Indian defense unit played with a lot of energy and heart. Irion County, a strong passing and running team, was shut out by the Indian defense. Webb was credited for 8 tackles, Jon Dulaney and Josh Rodriguez had 7. Dulaney and Short had one pass interception each, and Ray Cuellar had 10 tackles, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble. This hard-hitting defense again stung like the red ants.

The Haskell Indians will play the Goldthwaite Eagles for the regional championship Fri., Nov. 26. The game will be played at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Kickoff time is set for 1:30 p.m.



BARBEE CARRIES—Haskell's #3, Josh Barbee, makes yardage in one of his sixteen carries for 79 yards in the Indians' winning area game with Irion County at Brownwood. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Obituaries

Birdie Lee Lewis Benford



BIRDIE BENFORD

Funeral services for Birdie Lee Lewis Benford, 88, of Haskell were held Sun., Nov. 21 at Greater Independent Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. T. L. Griffin officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Benford died Wed., Nov. 17 at a local hospital.

Born June 27, 1916 in Calvert, she was the daughter of Major and Alice Collett Lewis, Sr. She married Arthur

Benford. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the Greater Independent Baptist Church where she loved working as a Pastor's Aid.

Survivors include her sister, Mae Lou Yeldell of Haskell; brother-in-law, L. C. Johnson, Sr. of Haskell; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third Street, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Ruben Ozuna



RUBEN OZUNA

19. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Ozuna died Tues., Nov. 16.

Born Jan. 22, 1967 in Haskell, he was the son of Dominga and George Ozuna, Sr. A 1986 graduate of Haskell, he worked for the City of Haskell for 11 years. He moved to the Dallas area in 1996 where he lived and worked until 2002. He then moved to Runaway Bay. A loving son, brother, uncle and friend, he never met a stranger and he touched many lives. He will be missed by all. He was a beloved fan of the Texas Longhorns.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Ozuna, Sr.

Survivors include his beloved and

caring mother, Dominga Ozuna of Haskell; four brothers, Freddie Ozuna and wife, Martha of Haskell, George Ozuna, Jr. and Tony Ozuna, both of Abilene, Paul Ozuna and wife, Rose of Tuscola; four sisters, Mary Rodriguez and husband, Thomas and Gloria Villa and husband, David, all of Haskell, Angie Camacho and husband Sie, Candy Swanner and husband, David of Abilene; six nephews, thirteen nieces, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Louie Torres, Marty Decker, Carlos Aldaco, Leonard Villarreal, Johnny Gonzalez and Robert Gonzalez. Honorary pallbearers were Steven Rodriguez and Patrick Rodriguez. PD. NOTICE

Beatrice Sparkman



BEATRICE SPARKMAN

in Haskell with Fred Selby officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

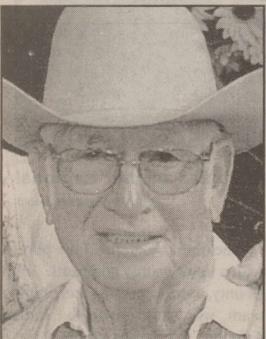
Mrs. Sparkman died Wed., Nov. 17 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Born Dec. 18, 1919 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Charles and Jesse Barton. She married Johnny Sparkman June 9, 1940. She was a loving mother and loved to sew and cook for her children. She was never a complainer and loved to be around her family. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband,

Johnny Sparkman Jr. of Abilene; two daughters, Penny Isbell and husband, Kenneth of Cedar Hill and Jo Ann Meeks Garza and husband, J. R. of Abilene; seven grandchildren, Clifford Isbell and wife, Kevin of Grapevine, Steven and wife, Belinda Isbell of Killeen, Timmy Isbell and wife, Nickie of Burleson, Darena Isbell and friend, Brian of Glenn Heights, Dusty Meeks and wife, Sandy of Abilene, Rusty Meeks and wife, Emily of Mertz, Shannon Meeks of Pacific Heights, California; seventeen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. PD. NOTICE

Curtis Elton Weise



CURTIS WEISE

in Haskell with Pastor Ronald Rennegarbe officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Weise died Wed., Nov. 17 at his residence.

Born Dec. 5, 1929 in the Irby community of Haskell County, he was the son of William Wilt and Lena Steinfath Weise. He married Betty Jane Vahlenkamp Jan. 8, 1956 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton. He was retired from the ASCS office after thirty-one years of service. He continued to raise cattle and farm. He had lived in Haskell County all of his life. He was a member of Sons of Hermann Lodge in Old Glory and TASC. He proudly served six years

in the Texas Army National Guard.

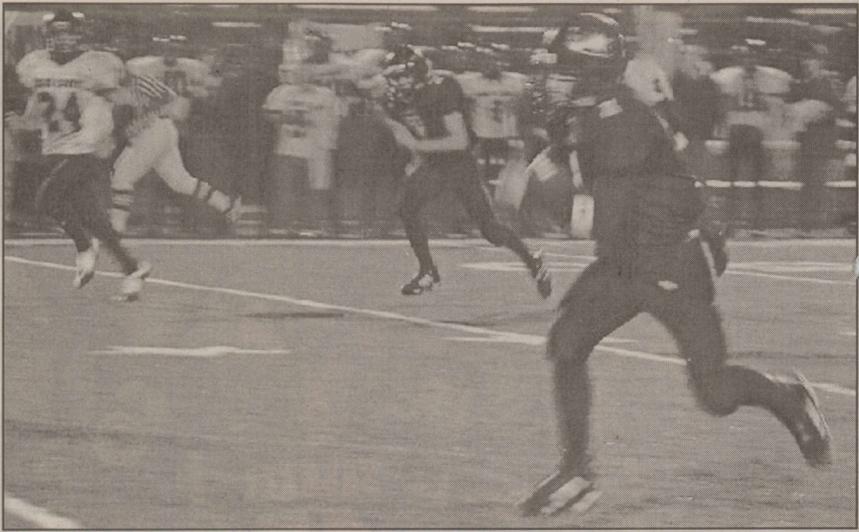
He was preceded in death by his son, Curtis Dwain Weise; two sisters, Lillian Smith and Lydia Moeller; and his parents and grandparents.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Weise of Haskell; two daughters, Peggy Weise of Abilene and Pamela Massey and husband, Johnny of Abilene; brothers, Leonard Weise and Wilton Weise, both of Haskell; sister, Alene Bredthauer of Haskell; grandchildren, Cody Baker and Kyla Massey of Abilene.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 7630 U.S. Hwy. 380 East, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE



STINGING THE HORNETS—Haskell's #6, Cameron Short, rushes through a nest of Irion County Hornets to gather 30 yards in the Area Championship game in Brownwood. Photo by Bill Blankenship



END ZONE BOUND—Haskell Indian #1, Brandon McClatchey, heads for the goal line on a 70 yard touchdown run, in the Area Championship game with Irion County, Nov. 18. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

Talking Turkey

As you sit down to your traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and dressing, here's one more thing to be thankful for: the Agricultural Research Service. That's because if not for the scientists at ARS, that big center platter on your dining room table might be piled high with ham or fish or hamburgers—anything but turkey.

ARS earned its permanent place in the Turkey Hall of Fame (or would have, if such a place had existed) right after World War II, when the turkey industry went into a tailspin because the birds back then tended to be too big for smaller families—and even more importantly, too big for the smaller refrigerators and ovens available then.

Scientists at ARS' Beltsville (Md.) Agricultural Research Center

came to the rescue by developing the Beltsville Small White, which, as its name suggests, was a smaller, meatier type of bird. The Beltsville Small White debuted in grocery stores in the late 1940s, and today its genetics are part of the pedigree of virtually every turkey sold in the United States.

But the ARS scientists haven't rested on their laurels where turkey's concerned. For one thing, producing enough turkeys to satisfy the market is no simple task. The problem lies in turkey reproduction—or, rather, a lack of it. For decades, turkey breeders have been meeting our demands for more breast meat on those birds by steadily producing bigger, meatier birds through advanced genetic selection.

The result, however, has been that turkey toms can run about 85 pounds in size, whereas the turkey hen might weigh about 20 pounds when she's ready to lay eggs. This significant size difference makes natural mating difficult, so commercial turkey producers these days rely solely on artificial insemination, which is labor-intensive, tricky—and somewhat overwhelming when you've got 33,000 hens (a typical total for a commercial turkey farm) ready for reproductive duty.

To complicate matters, turkey sperm doesn't keep forever; in fact it's good for only a few hours if it's outside the hen's reproductive tract. Once again, ARS scientists at Beltsville stepped in with a solution by developing, in the 1970s, the Beltsville Poultry Semen Extender, which allows turkey semen to remain good for up to 24 hours after collection. (Incidentally, the ARS techniques for extending the life of turkey semen have been used at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland to increase populations of endangered species such as the bald eagle and the whooping crane.)

Nor does a turkey egg in hand mean a turkey headed for the table. Those turkey hens each lay only about 70 to 100 eggs per year, and every year millions of those eggs fail to hatch—another obstacle that ARS researchers have tackled, leading to the identification of a critical five-day period of cold storage of the turkey eggs as part of the problem.

These days, the ARS scientists are turning "high-tech" loose on turkey reproduction problems, specifically "functional genomics." That's a fancy term for studying the function of specific genes in a particular cell, and how those genes might act differently within the cell as conditions change.

One mystery is why those same turkey sperm that survive for only a few hours outside the hen can live for up to 75 days inside a special site in the hen's reproductive tract, called the oviductal sperm-storage tubules. If the scientists can figure out how the sperm can survive so long inside the hen, they might be able to use that information to help keep sperm alive longer outside the hen. For example, if the researchers can identify which genes are "turned on" and what they're up to while the sperm are tucked away in the hen's reproductive system, this could yield clues about which proteins are produced under those special circumstances—and perhaps those proteins could be added to the turkey sperm extenders.

In olden days, the Pilgrims had to go out and track down their Thanksgiving turkeys. But I'd bet you would agree today's ARS scientists are working just as hard as those Pilgrims ever did to make sure you have a big, beautiful bird on your table this holiday season!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Bank receives 5-star rating

Haskell National Bank has been rated 5-stars by BauerFinancial Inc., the nation's leading independent bank rating firm, giving it the distinction of being one of the strongest banks in the nation. What's more, it has earned this 5-star rating fifty consecutive times. The rating is based on an evaluation of the most recent financial data filed with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial Inc.

"Big banks don't elicit the same trustworthiness as community banks," remarks Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "I

believe Don Powell, the Chairman of the FDIC, said it best at the American Banker's Association annual convention: 'Americans will continue to want locally controlled financial institutions that understand their needs and participate in their way of life . . . They are part of the fabric of our traditions of self-reliance, homeownership and entrepreneurship.'"

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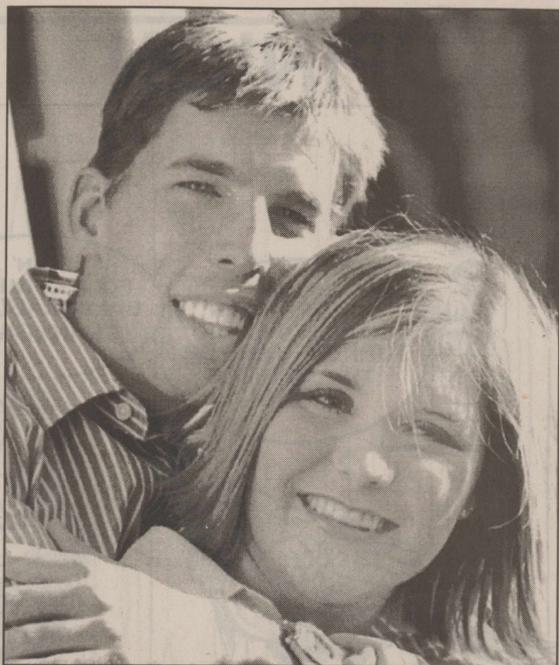
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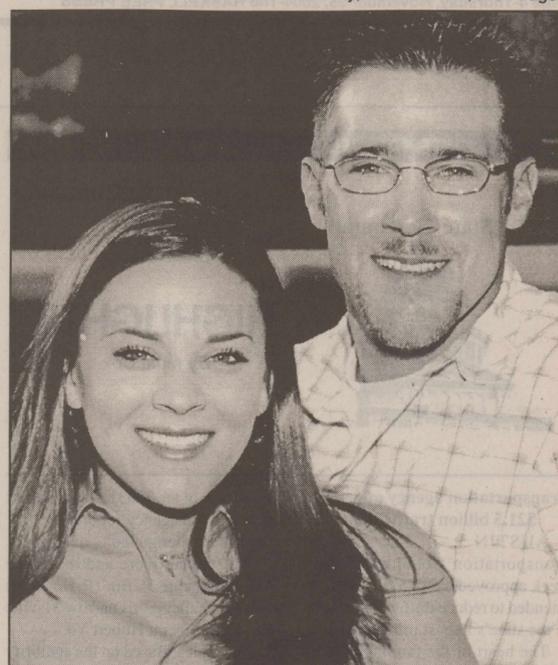
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VISITING THE SCARE CROW—Max Weise poses for the camera at the picture booth provided by Haskell teacher, Amanda Hadaway's class during the Fall Festival, held in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.



LOGAN STANLEY – COURTNEY WILLIAMS



MIRANDA TURNER – JODY HARVEY

Food safety needed during holiday events

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Celebrating with food and fun is a way many folks enjoy spending the holiday season. Of course, a popular way to have a party occasion is to invite friends and family to a snacking buffet of holiday perfection. However, the type of food service where foods are left out for long periods of time leaves the door open for uninvited guests such as foodborne illness bacteria that can reside in the buffet foods.

Jane Rowan, with Texas Cooperative Extension offers the following tips for keeping food safe during holiday events.

If you are cooking foods ahead of time for the entertaining event, be sure to cook foods thoroughly to a proper temperature.

To store for later reheating, divide cooked foods into smaller portions or pieces and place in shallow containers to store in the refrigerator or freezer promptly. This means planning ahead of time for adequate refrigerator or freezer storage room.

Reheat foods to be served hot to 165 degrees F. Do not use warming trays, slow cookers or chafing dishes to reheat food. Do this in traditional cooking equipment to assure that foods reach 165 degrees quickly. Then place in the warming devices on the buffet.

Use a food thermometer to check internal temperature of reheated foods such as casseroles, dips, stews, etc. to be sure that the warming devices are keeping them at 140 degrees F. If not, do not leave foods out for more than two hours even in the warming devices.

Foods to be kept cold, such as meat, seafood, egg or dairy spreads, dips or salads should be kept below 40 degrees F. in adequate safe storage containers. One of the best ways to serve cold foods on a buffet safely is to use a serving dish nestled in a bowl full of ice.

One tip that makes food safety more controllable is to use smaller platters or serving dishes, and replace them often on the buffet with foods straight out of reheating or the refrigerator.

Never place fresh food on a serving dish that contained food that has been sitting out. It's best instead to replace empty platters with fresh ones.

Remember, that not only is temperature a concern, but many people's hands may have been taking food from the dish which has been sitting out. People's hands can contain germs. Always use clean utensils for each serving platter as well.

Discard any perishable party foods such as meat, poultry, egg or seafood dishes, appetizers or dips if they have been on the buffet for an extended time.

As a host or hostess, it is your responsibility to keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and replace or discard any questionable items.

Other basic safe food handling guidelines are suggested for food safety for all occasions.

Always wash hands before and after handling food.

Keep all kitchen surfaces, utensils and dishes clean when storing and serving food.

Never reuse a serving dish or utensil that came into contact with raw foods, or even with foods that have been on the buffet line for a long time.

Never leave foods in the temperature danger zone for more than two hours. This temperature range of 40 to 140 degrees F is perfect for the growth of serious bacteria that can cause foodborne illness.

For more information on holiday food safety, contact the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546.

Williams, Stanley to marry June 11

Benny and Lu Ann Williams of Merkel have announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney Ann Williams, to Logan Hyatt Stanley, both of San Angelo.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Dr. Johnny Richard and Cinda Stanley of Big Spring. His grandparents are Delbert and Barbara Stanley and Jo Fitz Koop, all of Big Spring, and the late William 'Heston' Fitz and John Koop.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Betty Dodson of Haskell and the late Leon "Dobber" Dodson, Herman T. 'Cotton'

Williams and Anna Paul Williams.

A 2001 graduate of Merkel High School and a 2004 graduate of McMurry University, with a degree in Communication and Political Science, the bride-elect is attending St. Mary's University School of Law.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Forsan High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Zoology and Chemistry. He is attending the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Dentistry.

The June 11 wedding in Horseshoe Bay will be held at the Church at Horseshoe Bay.

Christmas Tour of Homes set Dec. 5

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

The beautifully decorated homes featured on this year's tour include: James and Frankie Alvis, 1301 North Ave. E (The Old Weaver Home); Jimmy and Missy Burson, 1307 North Ave. F; Dr. Cliff and Chi Chi Ray, 706 North 18th; Denton and Dee

Dee Bates, 402 South Ave. H; Jennabeth Kimbrough's "This Ole House," 701 North Ave F. Maine Street Antiques at 1507 1/2 North Ave. E will also be open during the tour.

Refreshments will be served at the home of Denton and Dee Bates.

Tickets for the tour are \$5.00 each, and may be purchased at any of the homes the day of the tour.

Funds received for decorations

Those making donations to the City Christmas Decoration Fund, set up last year to help defray the costs of replacing the City's aging downtown decorations include:

Charles and Leatrice Swenson Richardson's

Geneva Robertson in memory of Lavoid Robertson, Martin Robertson, Layton Robertson, Mancel

Robertson and Harris Robertson Louetta Davis in memory of Austin Coker, Janet Thane, Frank Jordan, Johnny Becker and Doris St. John.

Anyone wishing to assist this project may send donations to the City of Haskell Christmas Decoration Fund, P. O. Box 1003, Haskell.

December wedding to unite Turner, Harvey

Mike Turner of Tulia, and Julia Turner of Dimmit, have announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Miranda Turner, to Jody Harvey, son of Brian Harvey of Fort Worth, and Kent and Sharla Smith of Rule.

A 1999 graduate of Dimmit High School, the bride-elect is attending Hardin-Simmons University, and will graduate in Dec. 2005 with a

Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Rule High School, and is attending Hardin-Simmons University. He will graduate in Dec. 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in All-Level Physical Education. He is employed with the YWCA of Abilene.

The wedding is planned Dec. 18, at First Baptist Church in Tulia.

Delta Kappa Gamma meets

The November meeting of Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society met Nov. 7 at Haskell First United Methodist Church.

Addressing the group, Janis Besselaar, Area XVI Coordinator of Delta Kappa Gamma, which supplies a bond and a support for women educators, stressed the link that connects not just the chapter

members with each other, but also with members around the world.

During the session, members exchanged ideas on the direction of the development of Beta Chi.

The next meeting of Beta Chi will be Dec. 5, at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. A program will be given on organ donations.

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Art by Kenneth Wyatt

A showing and sale of the art of Kenneth Wyatt will be sponsored by the
First United Methodist Church
at 630 West Main in Munday
Sat., Dec. 4 from 9:00-5:00 and Sun., Dec. 5 from 1-5
in the church's Fellowship Hall

Christmas Cards, Note Cards, Illustrated Books, Sculptures, and both Unframed and Framed Prints will be offered at the sale.

Wyatt, nationally known for his multiple range of paintings, paints for everyone from western to religious art. With work in offices, homes, churches and museums throughout the country, he is probably best known for his paintings of the Twelve Apostles—one of the works to be on display at the showing.

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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Transportation agency approves \$21.5 billion traffic plan

AUSTIN - The Texas Transportation Commission last week approved a \$21.5 billion plan intended to reduce traffic congestion in the state's largest urban areas.

The heart of the funding plan is something brand new for the state, the parceling of money to metropolitan areas for transportation projects that local officials deem a top priority. Since the transportation agency's creation in 1917, spending decisions have been made based on what the commission considered the most important uses, not necessarily what locals wanted.

Formally known as the Metropolitan Mobility Plan, the plan uses various new financing options approved by the 78th Legislature—including \$3 billion in bond sale proceeds—to leverage the necessary funding to start badly needed construction projects years ahead of previous schedules.

For more information on the plan, including specific projects, check the department's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Rate decreases still on hold...

A state district court ruled Nov. 8 that a portion of the 2003 law allowing for immediate homeowners' relief was unconstitutional, effectively putting a hold on \$243 million the Texas Department of Insurance ordered refunded to policyholders.

Insurance agency officials said they disagreed with the court's ruling and were exploring all legal options.

In August 2003, the agency ordered State Farm to reduce its rate by 12 percent and Farmers Insurance by 17.5 percent. The rollbacks had been on hold pending legal challenges.

The Nov. 8 ruling applies only to the immediate rate reduction provision of Senate Bill 14. The

remainder of the 2003 reforms are not affected, the agency reported.

Heflin challenge looks unlikely...
It's looking more and more like Rep. Talmadge Heflin (R-Houston) will not challenge his narrow 31-vote loss to Democrat Hubert Vo.

Two clues: Based on the seniority system, Rep. Edmund Kuempel (R-Seguín) has been assigned Heflin's larger Capitol office; last Friday, House Speaker Tom Craddick appointed Rep. Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. That was Heflin's job, one of the most powerful in the Legislature.

More time in the classroom...

When the 79th Legislature convenes on Jan. 11, lawmakers will face no shortage of hot issues. Few bills will be of more interest to parents of school age children than Sen. Eddie Lucio's (D-Brownsville) recently filed SB 106.

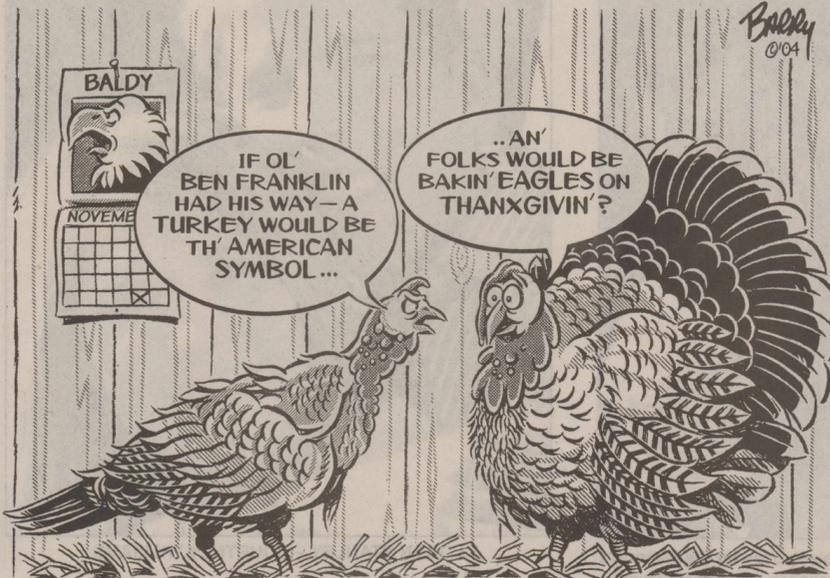
The measure would allow school districts to add 15 minutes or a half hour to the school day. That would enable districts to continue to meet the required level of classroom instruction while cutting six or 12 days off the attendance calendar. School starts could then be moved to the traditional time of early September.

Last September, the comptroller's office estimated that the current August school start dates cost \$790 million, factoring in everything from air-conditioning bills to lost income.

No 20-20 vision yet on Rule of 85 talk...

The possibility of the Legislature changing the state retirement system's Rule of 80 to a Rule of 85 so far is merely a rumor making the rounds of state agencies in Austin.

No bills concerning such a change have been filed. Interested state employees can keep up with the issue through the Texas Public Employees Association or the Employees Retirement System.



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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

After being diagnosed with the debilitating disease of pulmonary fibrosis, Haskell resident, Paul Clayton, began to write a journal of his thoughts, as a way to refocus his energies on other matters. The following observations were written in May 2002. We hope that writing them helped to make his day as good as reading them has made our day. Again, we thank him for sharing a good slice of life with us.

by Paul Clayton

Saturdays are confusing in Haskell. About the only people who pay any attention to getting off their jobs are the school teachers. The merchants are in their stores. Most salaried folks work swing shifts and have trouble figuring out what day of the week it is.

The automobile agency stays open on Saturday morning. Their shop hands are on the job. Oddly enough, the shop hands are all busy.

A huge diesel, rattling pickup pulls into the service lane and a man wearing a straw hat that looks like it got caught in a mud storm, rambles out of the cab. Takes him a minute after his feet are on the ground to straighten his legs. All signs of a cowboy from the 6666's.

Face looks familiar. Got the mustache and bushy hair stick'n out from under the brim of the hat. He stands around looking like he wished someone would come over and tell him to get back to the ranch.

After some minutes I walk over, extend my hand, ask him his name, telling him that he has a familiar face and I should know him. After an exchange of names, I inquire as to his working on the 6666's. "Nope," he replies. "Those folks expect you to work. I got me a job with the Highway Department."

Later at Cecil's, Saturday's crowd

expands to include some of the local businessmen. This is a perfect opportunity for the cattlemen and farmers to get their jabs in without fear of reprisal.

The local banker is perched on the desk that Cecil's dad made. Beautiful piece of furniture with a sign stating "Stay Off."

The cowboys are in the back of the store, where eggs, bacon, sausage and potatoes are being cooked by one of the locals. These are served on a couple of slices of bread, along with the humor of the cook, "Now these ain't rooster eggs."

A cattleman hollers at the banker, "Want some breakfast?," to which the banker replies, "Nope. My wife feeds me before I leave the house."

In a few minutes, the cattleman good naturedly hollers, "You gonna do anything today?"

"Nope," responds the banker. "It's my day off."

"That ain't bad for a banker. One honest answer out of two," says the cattleman under his breath.

Monday, May 17, 2002

Each morning when I waken early, I follow the road to Cecil's, our local convenience store that serves breakfast, where I partake of a cup of excellent coffee and indulge in reading the newspapers. There are other places in Haskell that serve coffee and offer newspapers. However, there are no other places that offer the personalities who frequent Cecil's.

The agricultural activity of the season can be determined by observing the attire of men and their equipment. During the cattle shipping season, the boots and spurs are worn by men who are, for the time, termed "cattlemen." During the planting season of wheat, these same men are known as farmers. Same as

in the season of planting and harvesting cotton.

There are those men, who by their foot attire, can be labeled as cattlemen, also known as cowboys most of the year. Their boots tell the tale. The sloped heel and the often worn spurs, usually with dried cow dung smeared on both, tell the tale.

Pickups with horse and cattle trailers attached cover the parking area around Cecil's. Saddled horses await patiently as their owners take on food inside the store. Along with the nourishment, and furnished without a price, is the banter of the occupants.

Good natured ribbing of the banker and other businessmen tell the state of the immediate financial situation of the area. When prices of cattle, wheat or cotton are down, the good natured ribbing can sometimes turn from humorous to vindictive.

Respected by their peers are the men who are successful in each sector of agriculture. These men have uncanny knowledge of how to make a living dealing in cattle or crops. Cecil's offers a place where these knowledgeable men can be approached for an opinion without fear of refusal.

Long-standing friendships are refurbished daily, as opinions are exchanged over coffee or soda. These friendships are what has sustained this part of Texas. These convenience stores have replaced the city cafes each community has known but are now a part of history.

Before the city cafe we knew the hardware store and the sidewalk bench as a place of gathering. In each case, the people made the difference.

I'm glad I live where this way of life still exists; a way of exchanging ideas, shared thoughts and appreciation of individuals.

Click it campaign underway in Texas

During the regional "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization underway through Nov. 28, travelers in Texas and across the region will risk getting a ticket if they are ignoring state safety belt laws, according to Terry Pence, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Observation surveys show safety belt use stands at only 83.2 percent in Texas. That means a lot of unbuckled motorists are putting themselves at high risk of injury and death in a crash that can happen anywhere anytime, impacting family and friends," he said.

This month National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and its partners are continuing the "Buckle Up in Your Truck" educational campaign to increase safety belt use in pickup trucks, according to South Central Region NHTSA Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris. "Immediately after the first awareness period in May 2004, pickup truck belt use increased more than 8 percentage points in the region. Advertising and media messages were aimed toward males ages 21-39, a group with low belt use. Evaluation surveys showed that males in that age group showed the sharpest increase in awareness," she said.

NHTSA records show that well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. In Texas, safety belt use by drivers and passengers in pickup trucks is more than 5 percentage points lower than in other passenger vehicles.

"The safety belt use law in Texas and the other states in our region applies to pickup truck passengers as well as drivers, but passengers continue to have even lower safety belt use than drivers," Chakiris said. "Wearing safety belts gives drivers and passengers the edge for survival in a crash," she said.

"Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars. Safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by 70 to 80 percent," she said.

"If a man you love is riding unbuckled in a car, SUV, van or truck, do something about it. Beg. Plead. Whatever it takes. Tell him you don't want to get along without him," she said.

For more information about safety belts, child safety seats and booster seats, call Safe Riders toll-free 1-800-252-8255.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

November 24, 1994

Walter Richard (Bill) Hager, Sr. was honored with a surprise 90th birthday party at his home by his family. A large family dinner prepared by his family included a beautiful birthday cake.

Eight Haskell County Maintenance Section employees were among 172 Texas Department of Transportation workers in the Abilene district who earned safe driving awards. They were Bobby Medford, 23 years; Ben Barrers, 22 years; Ricky Martin, 19 years; Don Thompson and Bennie Harvey, 16 years; Mike Poteet and James McFadden, 15 years; and Danny Kierepka, 10 years.

20 Years Ago

November 22, 1984

The Weinert Bulldogs pulled off the biggest six-man upset of the year by defeating the two-time State Champion Highland Hornets, ending their 36-game winning streak by a score of 48-20. Junior quarterback

Shannon Forehand showed why he is an all-state candidate as he hit 11 of 16 passes for 283 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Val King of Rule, a member of the Haskell Chapter of Future Farmers of America placed first at the FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest at the Area Leadership Contest hosted by Big Springs. Kelly McGuire of Weinert FFA placed second.

30 Years Ago

November 28, 1974

Melba Howard and Joyce Thomas, members of the Haskell Chapter of the Texas CowBelles, were named to serve on a state committee.

Gustave A. Rueffer was presented with a 50 year pin recognizing 50 years of membership in Sons of Hermann Lodge.

40 Years Ago

November 26, 1964

Offensive and defensive all-district football teams in District 5-AA were selected by the coaches of

the seven-school district. Haskell placed one man, Joe Josselet, as defensive halfback. Gary Conner, James Ivy, Josselet and Dickie Frierson were named for honorable mention on the offensive all-district team. Honorably mentioned on the defensive team were Frankie White, Conner and Josselet.

Two Haskell Legionnaires named members of the National Americanism Council of the American Legion were R. V. Black and Porter Oakes.

Crowned queen and king of the Mattson grade school for the Harvest Festival were Judy Wittenborn and Allen Moeller. Reigning as high school royalty were Kathy Moeller and Jimmy Aycock.

50 Years Ago

November 25, 1954

Two sets of twins were born at Haskell County Hospital a little over an hour apart. First twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meyner. Mr. and Mrs. Louis

Whitaker, were parents of the second set of twins, both boys.

A group of Haskell businessmen attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Farmers National Bank in Seymour. They were A. C. Pierson, W. R. (Roy) Johnson, Chesley Phillips and A. M. Turner.

Don Mullins, described by Wichita Falls sports writer, Bud Worsham as "Haskell High's jet-propelled tailback" was recognized as "Back of the Week" by the Wichita Falls Times and Record News in their 10th weekly Schoolboy Honor Roll.

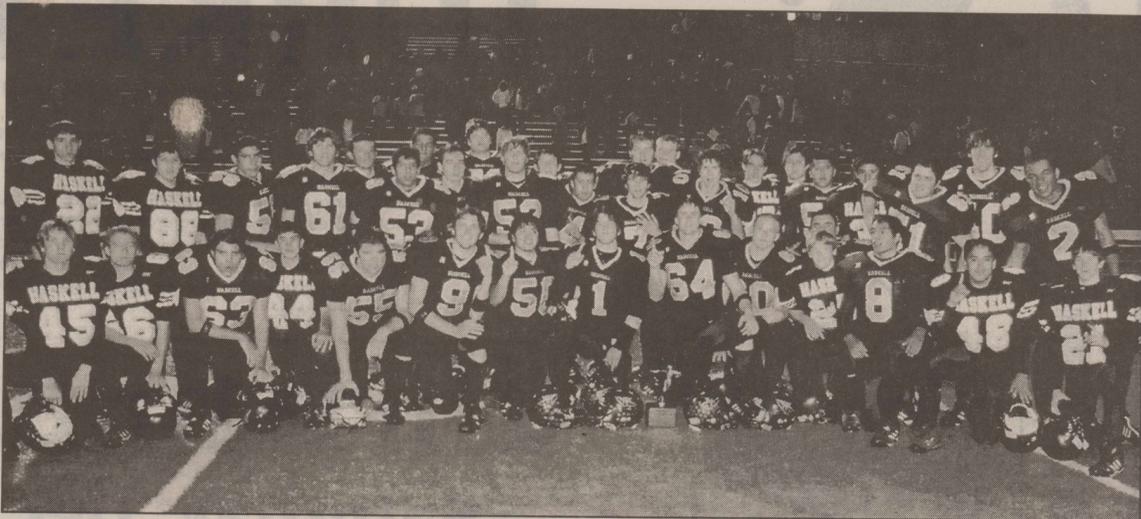
100 Years Ago

November 26, 1904

Judge P. D. Sanders purchased the interest of Oscar Martin in the abstract farm of Martin & Wilson, and formed a partnership with H. S. Wilson. They will continue the abstract business as partners.

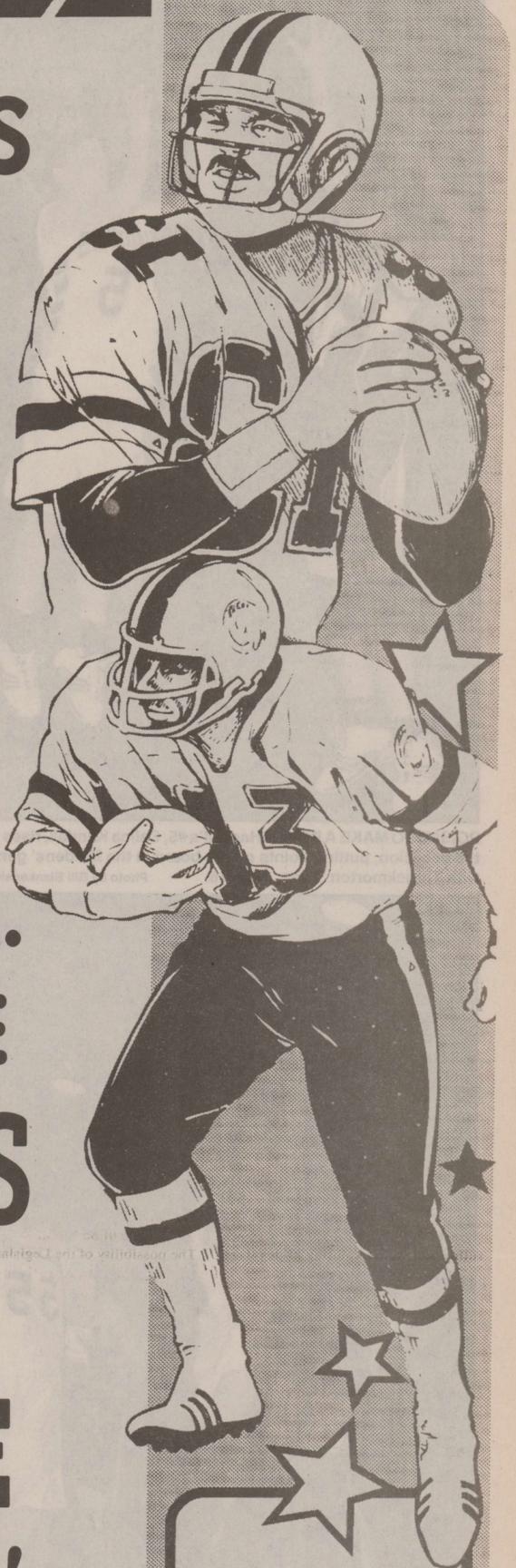
S. J. Shy filed his bond as Commissioner of Precinct 3, and is now a full-fledged county official. Also, Tom D. Whitford filed his bond as Justice of the Peace in Prec. 5.

2004 Haskell Indians



2004 HASKELL INDIANS - AREA CHAMPS

Photo by Bobbie J.



Area Champs!

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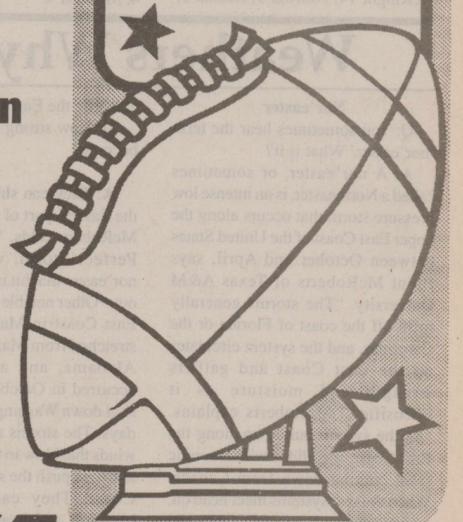
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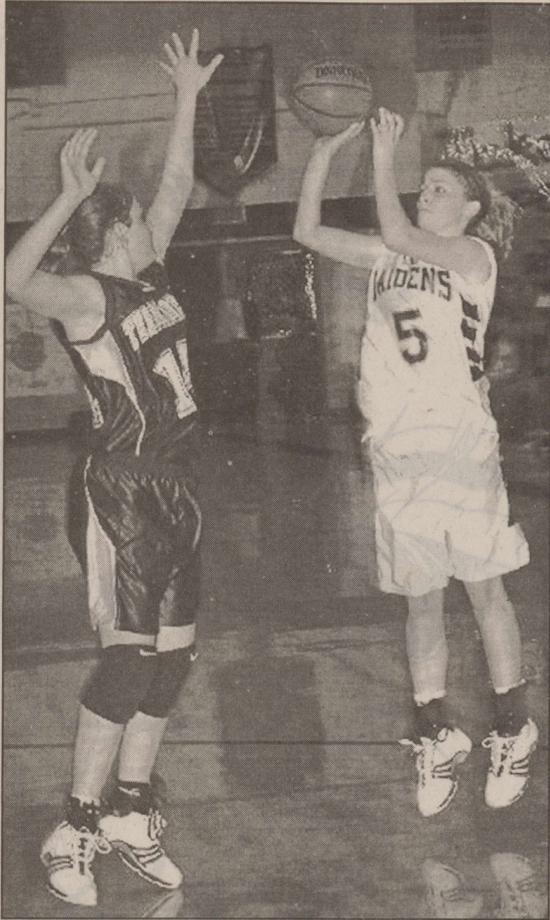
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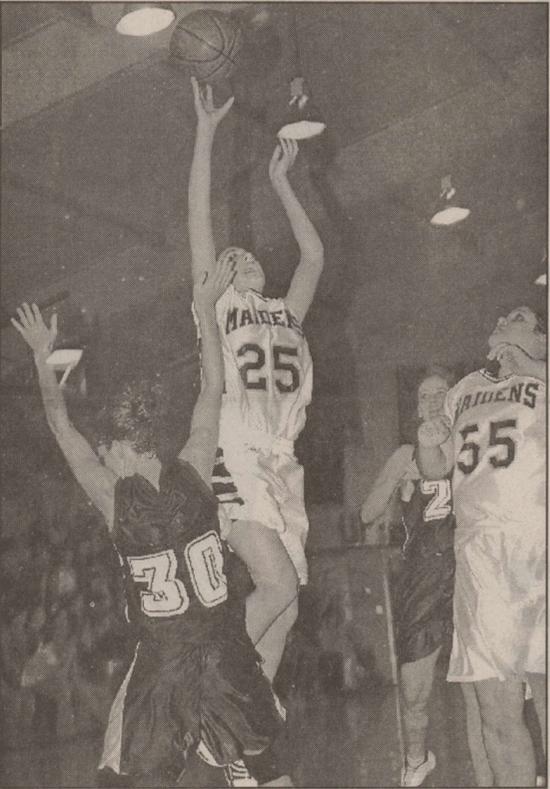
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Go Tribe!





POISED TO MAKE A POINT—Haskell's #5, Calina Kendall, rises to the occasion, putting points on the board in the Maidens' game with Throckmorton Tues., Nov. 16. Photo by Bill Blankenship



GOLLY MISS MOLLIE!—Haskell Maiden, #25, Mollie McKnight, soars above the crowd to tip in another basket in the Varsity Girls game with Throckmorton, Nov. 16. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Basketball scores

Girls	Haskell 52, Throckmorton 31 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 14, Buerger 13, Acosta 8, McKnight 7, Wallace 4, Tribbey 4, Pannell 2. JV score: Haskell 35, Throckmorton 10.	Tribbey 7, Wallace 6, Kendall 6, Pannell 4, Buerger 2. Scoring for Rule: Smith 10, Lisle 3, Brown 3, Johnson 2, Sheets 2. JV score: Haskell 40, Rule 17.
Boys	Haskell 72, Rule 22 Scoring for Haskell: Bartley 16, McKnight 14, Newton 9, Acosta 8,	Seymour 60, Haskell JV 49 Scoring for Haskell JV: Hodge 25, Chavez 7, Kilgore 5, Foster 4, Lara 4, Mitchell 4.

Weathers Whys

Nor'easter
Q: You sometimes hear the term 'nor'easter.' What is it?
A: A nor'easter, or sometimes called a Northeaster, is an intense low pressure storm that occurs along the upper East Coast of the United States between October and April, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The storms generally form off the coast of Florida or the Carolinas, and the system circulates up the East Coast and gathers strength and moisture as it intensifies," McRoberts explains. "As the system builds up along the East Coast, it collides with an arctic front coming down from Canada. When the two systems meet head on, a very intense storm can form and bring heavy snows and gusty winds

all along the East Coast."
Q: How strong does a nor'easter become?
A: They can shut down much of the Eastern part of the U.S. for days, McRoberts adds. "The movie, The Perfect Storm, was based on a nor'easter that hit in 1991," he points out. "Other notable nor'easters hit the East Coast in March of 1993 that stretched from Maine as far south as Alabama, and another big one occurred in October of 1979 and it shut down Washington, D.C. for five days. The storms are named for the winds that blow in from the northeast and then push the system up the East Coast. They can cause severe blizzards and heavy beach erosion when they occur."

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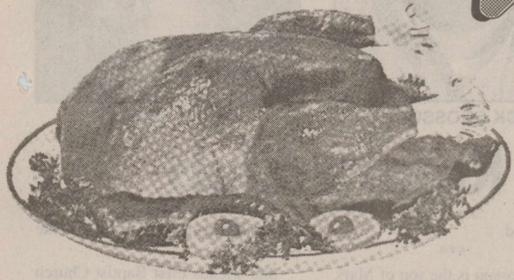
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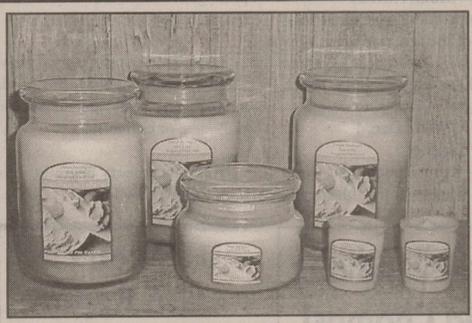
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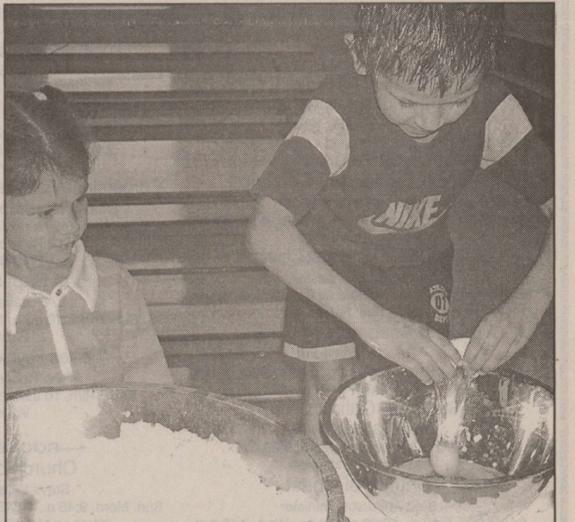
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CHAMPIONS—Rochester FFA member, Ross Short, exhibited the Champion Duroc Barrow at the 2004 State Fair of Texas. He is the son of Larry and Linda Short of Rochester, and the grandson of Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Warren and Jane Short of Rochester.



STITCHING UP A WELCOME—Haskell freshman, Ashley Ausborn, sews a banner for the Veteran's breakfast ceremony, held Thurs., Nov. 11. The activity was done in teacher Wanda Thompson's class in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.



MAKING COOKIES—Ankit Bhakta successfully cracks an egg, while Shelby Stiewert looks on in Missy Burson's Headstart class, as they learn how to follow directions and measure ingredients while baking cookies. The event was done in coordination with a Learn & Serve Project.

New IDs to prevent theft

With identity theft as the major fraud reported by Americans in 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a new identity card for veterans that will safeguard confidential information.

"The new identification card ensures veterans' personal information is protected," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "It also helps prevent the theft of important benefits and services from veterans that they earned by their service to our country."

The card, formally known as the Veterans Identity Card, will have veterans' photos on the front and identify them as enrollees in the VA's health care system.

Encrypted on a magnetic tape on the back of the card will be the veteran's Social Security number, date of birth and a control number. The magnetic strip also records

whether the veteran has a service-connected disability.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. The Federal Trade Commission listed identity theft as the number one fraud reported by consumers in 2003. Requests from veterans and their congressional representatives were instrumental in bringing about these latest changes.

"The new card ensures the security of veterans' personal information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans receive the benefits and services they've earned," said Kristin Cunningham of the business office for VA's health care system.

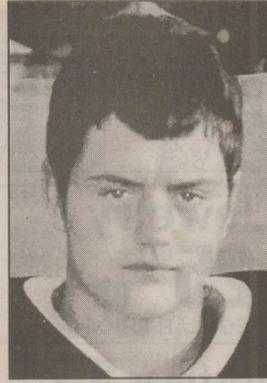
Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified. VA hopes to complete the conversion to the new, safer card by mid-November.

The existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

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NEW GIRL SCOUT TROOP—Meeting at Paint Creek First Baptist Church, Mon., Nov. 1, for the first ever Girl Scout meeting at Paint Creek School, were Troop #77, leader Linda Beshirs and helper Judy Davenport. The group, which will be having two meetings a month, consists of eight scouts and one Brownie, l-r, back, Addie Exum and Kaitlyn Fowler. Front row, Caitlin Medford, Sara Edwards, Katherine Bosnjak, Samantha Wade, Katrina Buerger, Haley Myers and Rebecca Foreman.



JOSH TIDROW

Josh Tidrow is the son of Ricky and Gale Tidrow of Haskell.

He attends East Side Baptist Church.

In school he is active in football, baseball, and is on the War Whoop staff.

His favorite things to do are hunting and fishing.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas State Technical College or South Plains Jr. College



NICK CROSSON

in Levelland.

Nick Crosson is the son of Mark and Tammy Crosson of Haskell.

He attends the Foursquare Church.

In school he is active in FFA and the DCP work program.

He is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

In addition to attending school, he has been employed by Sonic Drive In for the last three years.

His favorite leisure-time activities are hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends and playing video games.

After finishing high school, he plans to attend college, possibly at South Plains in Levelland or Cisco Jr. College in Abilene.

Britta Manske is the daughter of



BRITTA MANSKE

Deborah Huggins and Ernie Manske of Stamford.

She attends First Baptist Church in Stamford.

At Paint Creek School she is active as FFA president, 4-H vice-president, Student Council secretary, and a member of FCCLA.

Special awards and recognitions she has received include the 4-H Gold Star Award, showing the Grand Champion Chester in Houston Stock Show, being in the Top Five Juniors, and on the National Honor Roll.

Her favorite hobbies are shopping and scrapbook making.

After finishing high school, she plans to attend Cisco Junior College for two years, then transfer to Hardin-Simmons University to become an elementary teacher.

Students visit Rotary Club

This Week's Devotional Message:



WE CAN ALL FIND GOOD REASONS TO GIVE OUR THANKS

Though fortune seems to pass you by,
There's something that you can't deny:
At times we all have things go wrong,
But manage still to get along.
If you can somehow pay each bill,
And no one at your house is ill,
And if your children get good grades
And don't indulge in escapades,

And if you have just one good friend,
In case misfortune should descend,
Then you have blessings by the score,
Of things you should be thankful for.
Your house of worship will convey
This message for Thanksgiving Day,
So let us all, with one accord,
Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

—Gloria Nowak

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, 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

Joe and Loretha Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Hennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
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.
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 Foney
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.
114 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

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New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
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Rev. William Hodge
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1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

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Church in the Park

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Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
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Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

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

Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Philip Houston, 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 Greason, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
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

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza

Tuesday: Pig in a blanket

Wednesday: Cereal, poptart

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Blueberry muffin

Lunch

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

and ham.

Monday: Chicken nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, garden salad, corn, peanut butter pie

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, garden salad, breadstick, pears

Thursday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, apple wedges

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, orange slices

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: French toast

Tuesday: Toast or cereal

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Cinnamon rolls

Friday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, jello

Tuesday: Macaroni and beef, spinach, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Wednesday: Tacos, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, cookies

Thursday: Stew and cornbread or turkey sandwich, cobbler

Friday: Hot dogs, fries, pork-n-beans, pudding

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Nov. 29

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Chicken tetrazini, new potatoes/gravy, green beans, tomato wedges, sliced onions, garlic bread, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Dec. 1

Gospel singing
Lunch—King Ranch, okra and tomatoes, sliced onions, blackeyed

peas, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Dec. 3

Lunch—Steak fritters, gravy, cheese potatoes, green beans, garden salad, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 18, 2004

Haskell

Haskell County Gin 300

Haskell Co-op Gin 27

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op Gin 3,400

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin 850

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Total Bales 4,835

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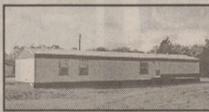
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In addition, times will be set when parents and family members will be

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All of the programs will be made available to students and their families at no charge.

More information may be obtained by contacting Tommie Isbell at 940-864-8535 ext. 266, or 325-721-5903, to schedule an appointment and begin the enrollment process.

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a Christmas parade Sat., Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. around the square in Haskell. To enter, call the chamber at 864-2477. Prizes will be awarded.

Santa Letters due Dec. 13

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. 13. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 23 edition.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 165 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 20, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

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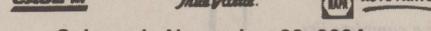
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