

Football games

HASKELL
7-8-JV Indians vs Stamford
Thurs., Oct. 12, 4 p.m.
at Rochester
Indians vs Stamford
Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.
at Stamford

PAINT CREEK
JH Pirates vs Lueders-Avoca
Thurs., Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
Pirates OPEN
Fri., Oct. 13

RULE
JH-JV Bobcats vs Throckmorton
Thurs., Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m.
at Rule
Bobcats vs Throckmorton
Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.
at Throckmorton

Calendar

Health fair

The annual Haskell Health Fair is set Tues., Oct. 24 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, located east of the Hospital at 1 Ave. N, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 940-864-2851.

Pancake supper

The Haskell Lions Club will host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper Fri., Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haskell High School Cafeteria before the Anson/Haskell football game. Cost is \$6 per person. Tickets are available at Sport-About, Haskell National Bank, State Farm Insurance, Kay's Cleaners, Haskell Inn, Santa Rosa and the Haskell Healthcare Center.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Nuts and candy

The Paint Creek Girls Scout Troop 1077 is selling canned nuts and candy through Oct. 13. Contact any troop member or call 864-5748 to place an order.

Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is taking prepaid orders for Christmas poinsettias. Cost is \$12 each. Delivery will be after the Thanksgiving holidays. Call 940-864-2551 to place an order or contact any advisory committee member. Proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell and area counties.

Friends of Faith

A planning meeting for Friends of Faith Nov. 4 meeting will be held Mon., Oct. 16 at the Haskell High School Auditorium from 5:30 to 6 p.m. All ladies are invited to participate in the planning.

Resource fair

A community resource fair will be held Tues., Oct. 17 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Haskell Elementary School sponsored by Region 14 ESC Head Start. Parents will have the opportunity to meet and visit with a variety of community agencies and learn about the services and resources available in our community. Call 325-675-8602 or 325-675-8634 for more information.

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Go Indians

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"The People's Choice"

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TREATS FROM 4-H'ERS—Rule 4-H Club members recently went Trick or Treating for Food and picked up approximately 700 lbs. of food and other items. The items were donated to the Noah Project-North, that serves the area's victims of family violence.

Delivering and receiving the food for the club were from left, Lynn Dale Dudensing of Rule, Donna Sue Anders of the Noah Project, Renee Dudensing of Rule, Elaina Mathis of Rule and Janis Brzozowski of Noah Project.

Indians defeat Badgers 46-32

Haskell wasted no time to establish their rushing offense against the Merkel Badgers. Receiving the opening kick, Haskell scored on the fifth play with a 20-yard run by running back, Travis Adams. The PAT try for a two-point conversion failed.

Merkel retaliated immediately, but failed to convert the PAT. Merkel would score again in the first quarter of action between two of the undefeated teams in District 5AA play. The Badgers would recover a fumble and carry the pigskin to pay dirt. The PAT failed.

Before the quarter ended, Haskell's running back Adams would score on a 9-yard run and would add the two point conversion. At the quarter's end, Haskell led 14-

12. Neither team scored in the second quarter of play. It was 14-12 at the half in favor of the "good guys," the Haskell Indians.

During the explosive second half of football, the Indians would have the football on 8 possessions. Haskell would cross the goal line on 6 of the 8 possessions. Using a 17-play, 77-yard drive to open the third quarter, Haskell's Adams would get his third TD on a 9-yard run. The PAT failed. Running back Greg Guzman would add the next TD on a 16-yard run, and would tack on the two-point conversion to give the Indians a 28 to 12 lead. Merkel would add 6 points to their score by the end of the quarter.

On the Indians' first possession of the 4th and final quarter, running

back Justin Rodriguez would score on a 5-yard run. The 2-point conversion was no good. With 4:41 left in the game, Rodriguez would again score on a 25-yard run, but the Indians failed on the two-point conversion PAT.

Down, but not out, the Badgers put 14 points on the board toward the end of the quarter; however, the Indians got the last score of the evening. Adams scored his 4th TD on a 12-yard run with 1:23 left in the game. The PAT failed.

Haskell's defensive unit and special teams caused a number of Merkel fumbles. Randall Pace recovered two fumbles and Vicente Castillo got one. Justin Rodriguez had one "pick."

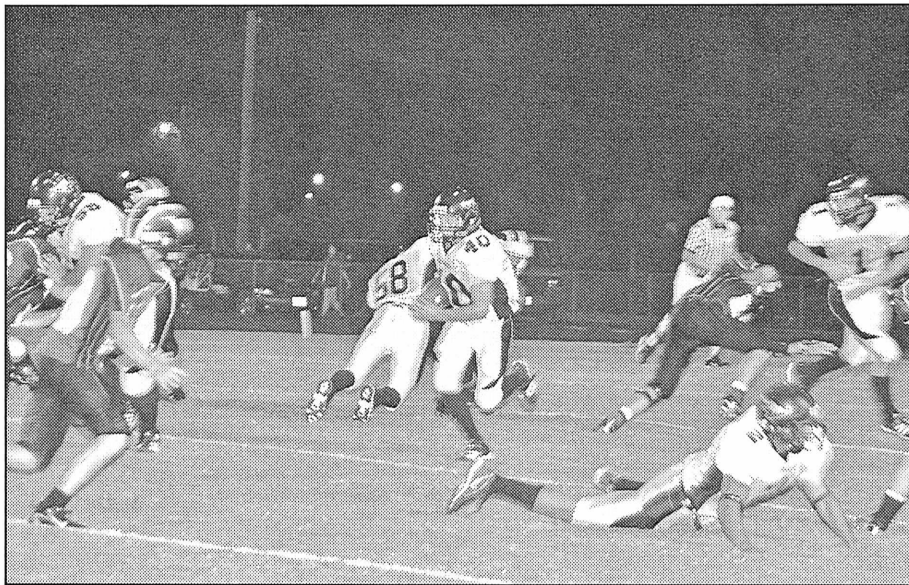
Haskell controlled the game with their offensive rushing attack. Having 73 rushes for 486 yards is impressive. QB Matt Brown got 80 yards on 24

carries. Adams 141 yards on 24 carries and 4 TDs. Guzman got one TD on 175 yards in 19 carries. Rodriguez got 90 yards on 7 carries with 2 TDs. Haskell's offensive front, the linemen, do an outstanding job on this Indian rushing attack.

Haskell will travel to Stamford Friday to take on the 2 and 0 Bulldogs. The Indians are 2 and 0 also in the 5 AA play. This will be a battle for leadership in District 5AA between two good teams. Kick off time is 7:30 Friday.

The Merkel JV defeated the JV Indians. The 8th grade Warriors won their game with the 8th grade Badgers. The 7th grade Warriors lost a close game to Merkel 7th grade.

The 8th grade Warriors and the JV Indians will host the 8th and JV Bulldogs in Rochester on Thursday. Games start at 5:00 p.m.



OPENING UP WITH COUNT—Haskell's running back, Travis Adams, #40, scores on a 20-yard run in 5th play of the opening kick-off in the District game with the Merkel Badgers.

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Calendar

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Oct. 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. Immunizations will also be offered Tues., Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the Haskell Health Fair at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, 1 Avenue N. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Benefit tournament

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will be held in Haskell Oct. 14-15 at the high school boy's baseball field to benefit patients in the Haskell area who are in need of medical funds. To enter the tournament, RSVP to Bobby at 864-2532 or Trey at 325-201-8212 by Oct. 7.

Rochester parties

Rochester parties

Jim Hollingsworth and family will host a 'brothers and sisters' reunion during Rochester homecoming Oct. 13-14 at their home at 312 CR 146 in Rule. Friends are invited to drop by during the festivities.

Rochester classes of '61-'64 and anyone who would like to come will meet at 6:30 Sat., Oct. 14 at the home of Dolan and Sharon Sanderson Brinson on Cemetery Road in the former home of Lois and Cracker Ballard. The classes of '54-'55 and '57 will meet Sat., Oct. 14 at the home of Ray and Betty Ruth Russell White at 406 Carothers, next to the storage buildings on Main Street.

Rochester class of 1956 and any others will have a class party Sat., Oct. 14 after the evening meal at the home of Alvie and Sharon Jones, 373 CR 153.

A noon meal will be served Sat., Oct. 14 during Rochester homecoming from the school's concession stand by the Committee Helping Haskell County. The meal will consist of chicken spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert.

Obituaries

Gladys Euvone Fouts O'Neal



GLADYS O'NEAL

Funeral services for Gladys Euvone Fouts O'Neal, 88, of Haskell were held Fri., Oct. 6 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. O'Neal died Tues., Oct. 3. Born Aug. 23, 1918 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Edgar Franklin Fouts and Bessie Mae Glenn Fouts. At the age of six, she attended kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. Finley. She started in public school at seven. Mrs. Myrtle Crow was her teacher. She

finished high school in 1936.

In the fall of 1936, she entered Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. In 1938 and 1939, she worked as Deputy Co. Clerk and also for the Co. agent, G.R. Shumann, in the County Agent's office. On Sept. 3, 1939, she married Lee Roy O'Neal. In 1942, he was inducted into the Air Corps and she stayed with him whenever she could. She worked a year in Mobile, Alabama as a dispatcher for A.J.N. Railroad Co.

After the war ended, they moved to Haskell and entered the grocery business. Two sons, Barry and Randy, were born in Haskell in 1946 and 1951. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1955, she began her teaching career and taught at Haskell Junior High School until 1981.

She has always been active in the First Baptist Church where she was a member of the Ruth Sunday School Class. She was baptized in 1929. She worked in W.M.U. and with the youth. She was a member of the Progressive Study Club for 59 years, the Haskell Garden Club, and the Brazos West Art Club. When the art club was organized in Rule, she was

elected as the first president. She wrote the "Green Thumb" article for the Haskell Free Press from 1987-2000. She was an artist and taught art for 14 years. Mrs. Hubert Bell, principal of the school, furnished her room with the necessary items for teaching art the first time in Haskell schools. In 1981, she retired but continued doing her art with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy; her parents, Ed and Bessie Fouts; her younger sister, Eddie Bess David; and brothers-in-law, Bill Lee and Wilton Davis.

Survivors include her sister, Frances Lee of Wichita Falls; sons, Barry and Randy, their wives, Norma and Paula; five grandchildren, Ben O'Neal and wife Jennifer, Nathan O'Neal and wife Meg, Rachel O'Neal Carpenter and husband Travis, Jay O'Neal and Lindsay O'Neal; numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Memorials may be made to Haskell Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 761, Haskell, Texas 79521 for the care of the cemetery; First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521; or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Ivy Jewel 'Eunice' Redwine Sonnamaker



EUNICE SONNAMAKER

Graveside services for Ivy Jewel 'Eunice' Redwine Sonnamaker, 94,

lifelong Haskell County resident, were held Sat., Oct. 7 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Joe Welsh officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Sonnamaker died Thurs., Oct. 5 in Abilene.

Born March 16, 1912 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Samuel Jackson Redwine and Eunice Curtis Redwine. She married Virgil Ernest Sonnamaker June 24, 1942 and they shared nearly 50 years of marriage honoring, loving, sharing and working together side by side. She worked briefly as a telephone operator and had also worked at The Personality Shoppe. The majority of her life was spent as a dedicated and loving caregiver to her family, many times sacrificing her own needs and

desires for those of others. In later years, she was a resident of the Schleicher County Nursing Center in Eldorado and most recently had lived at the Sears Methodist Nursing Center in Abilene. She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and a son, Jackie Virgil Sonnamaker; and numerous siblings.

Survivors include her daughter, Peggy Middlebrook and husband Bill of Haskell; grandchildren, Bryan Middlebrook of McKinney and Gena Shadle of Abilene; seven great grandchildren, Joshua, Kayley, Matthew, Dax, Geena-Leeza, Mychellya, Brody and Joshua; and numerous nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Willie Kenneth Currie

Funeral services for Willie Kenneth Currie, 64, of Haskell were held Wed., Oct. 11 at Howard Cemetery with Rev. Truitt Kuenstler officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Currie died Mon., Oct. 9 in Abilene. Born April 30, 1942 in Lamesa, he was the son of the late Willie Nolan Currie and Mamie Welty Currie. He married Bonney Campbell Currie Dec. 3, 1960 in Roby. He worked as a mechanic in Haskell for 10 years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Nolan Currie.

Survivors include his wife, Bonney Currie of Haskell; mother, Mamie Welty Currie of Abilene; daughters, Lynda Currie and Renea Currie, both of Abilene, and Jean Woodal and Beverly Adkins and husband, Bud, all of Haskell; brother, C.V. Currie of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and five step great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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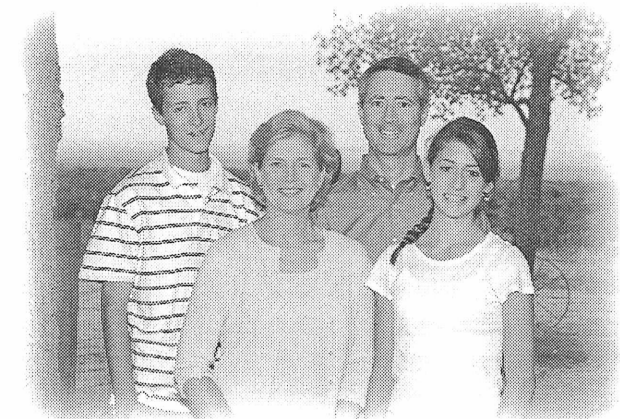
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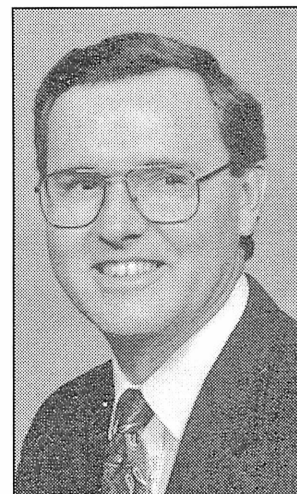
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Kenny Tanner Farm Bureau agent in Haskell County awarded LUTCF designation



The Texas Farm Bureau and Southern Farm Bureau Life are proud to announce that Kenny Tanner, Agency Manager of the Haskell County Farm Bureau has recently received the LUTCF (Life Underwriting Training council Fellow) designation. The LUTCF designation is conferred upon only those who can meet or exceed the exacting qualification standards determined by two professional organizations which jointly sponsor LUTCF: The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and The American College.

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BRAIN BOOSTER BAGS—Beta Chi Chapter members delivered Brain Booster Bags of school supplies to the Noah Project-North to distribute to school children in need. Donna Sue Anders, center, of the Noah Project received bags from club members, Judy Burnett, left, and Jo Cox. The club is affiliated with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Chapter donates supplies

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its October meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Munday to fill "Brain

Booster Bags" with school supplies for elementary students.

These bags were donated to the Noah Project which serves several

surrounding counties. Often times students are without the necessary school supplies they need. The Noah Project distribute the bags to students in need.

The club voted on new members, distributed new year books and presented a gift to newlywed, Martha Taylor.

Erma Liles was presented a certificate and a star with 'Shine' written stop it. Liles has been a 'shining' example for 67 years.

Imitation Stats to perform Oct. 17

The Imitation Stats will be performing at the 9th Annual Stamford Chamber Banquet and Silent Auction Tues., Oct. 17, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at The Stagecoach Inn.

The Imitation Stats are a quartet from Seymour that was formed in late 1980 and began performing for the public in 1981. The group has performed for numerous events. In March, they will perform at the Airstream International Convention.

Group members are Billie Gene Young, Rosanne Priddy, Bobby Bohanon, Cory Butler, Baldo Campos, Joe Pat Wright, with the quartet consisting of Sid Winn, Royce Miller, Tim Nix and Curtis Priddy.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available from the Chamber Office or board members. For information, call the Chamber Office at 325-773-2411.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn of Panhandle visited with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum Saturday evening. They had been to the Weinert homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. David Muhle of Rochester visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair Wednesday night.

Moellers to hold reunion Oct. 14

The Moeller family will hold their 42nd annual reunion Sat., Oct. 14 at the Weinert School in Weinert.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 3 p.m.

An auction will be conducted to help with expenses for next year's reunion. Those attending should bring items for the auction such as canned goods, homemade items,

crafts, baked items, etc.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Families attending should bring a basket of food to share with everyone.

A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Dan Green of Weinert.

All family and friends are invited to attend the activities.

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Write In Kris Fouts for Haskell County Attorney

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Gubernatorial candidates square-off in live debate

AUSTIN—Four candidates for governor met in Dallas Oct. 6 for the only public debate in the race, but this column gets an Austin dateline because one of the four will occupy the governor's mansion come 2007.

While fans prepared for the Texas-OU football game to be played the next day in the Cotton Bowl and millions of other Texans attended high school football games, others caught the broadcast of the evening debate.

Reporters asked questions. Among the topics were crime, border security and immigration control, toll roads, and health and education.

Democratic challenger Chris Bell, whose job it was to appear competent, trustworthy and in command of the facts, seemed to accomplish those things.

Kinky Friedman, whose hat and cigar set him apart from the other candidates in the eyes of the TV audience, needed to show that he offers an alternative to anyone who is or wants to be a career politician. That, he did.

State Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn, who like Friedman is running as an independent, needed to convince the audience that she could do a better job at leading Texas than Gov. Rick Perry. She accused Perry of being too close to lobbyists and not delivering on promises.

The standard game plan for an incumbent (Gov. Perry) in a campaign debate is defend his record, talk about the future and maintain composure while under attack. He seemed to do that.

Libertarian candidate James Werner stayed at home in Austin and listened to the debate on the radio. He was not allowed to participate because his statewide polling numbers were too low.

Whether any candidate said anything to change minds and win new votes is hard to calculate.

There's about a month left until election day Nov. 7, when the numbers that really count will be recorded.

New hotline for TAKS problems

Data gathered by a testing security company show that nearly 700 Texas public schools had "unusual data patterns" or "testing irregularities" in the 2005 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Testing irregularities include similar answers on scan forms, erasure marks on similar questions, similar response patterns and unusual gains in scores.

To deal with possible compromises to the exam, Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley created a five-member "task force on test integrity" and named an inspector general to lead the effort.

After reviewing findings in an initial round of on-site campus visits, the task force recommended actions such as:

- Allowing inspector general Michael Donley, a lawyer and former U.S. Air Force security officer, to refine questions asked in on-site interviews,

- Increasing the number of people interviewed on sites,

- Offering a hotline for teachers to anonymously report questionable practices or outright infractions.

Since the Texas Legislature adopted benchmarks for public education in the mid-1980s, alleged practices known as "teaching to the test" have placed a question mark on the validity of TAKS and its previous incarnations.

Smoking rules change in Austin

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks struck down part of Austin's 2005 indoor anti-smoking ordinance.

Pursuant to the ruling, it is no longer up to barkeepers and restaurant owners to enforce the ordinance.

Now, if Austin police happen to catch smokers lighting up indoors, those people will be ticketed.

Managers of some eating and drinking spots that prefer to remain free of cigarette smoke are politely asking smokers to take it outside.

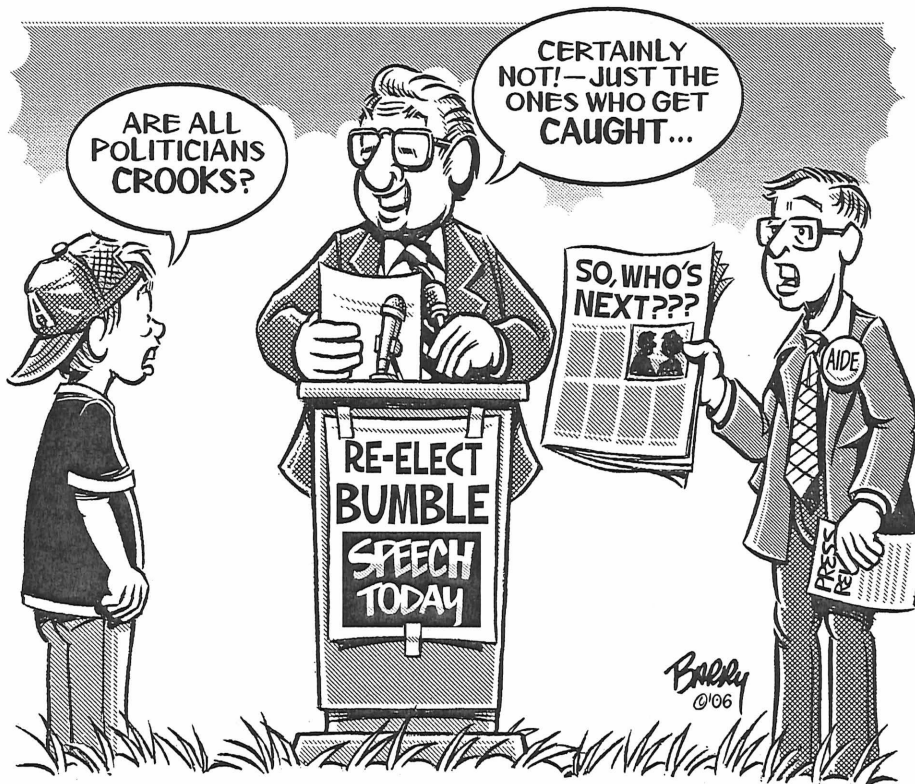
Record year for well plugging

The Texas Railroad Commission reports there are 362,950 known oil and gas wells in the state, and 11,287 of them have been declared abandoned.

In fiscal year 2006, which ended Aug. 31, the agency plugged 1,824 of the abandoned wells - a record. The previous high came in 2005, with 1,710 wells plugged.

Comptroller predicts surplus

An early estimate by the office of the state comptroller projects a \$4.3 billion revenue surplus when the current biennium ends in August 2007. A sharp increase in sales tax collections got credit for the surplus.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago October 10, 1996

Haskell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary volunteers were awarded service pins and bars. Receiving recognition were E.C. Collins, Jenny Collins, Ruby Martin, Debbie Kreger, Don Kreger, Oleta Cornelius, Marie Culberth, Clara Tibbets Gholson, Alma Counts, Charles Swenson, Latrice Swenson, Alma Solomon and Travis Solomon.

Roy and Becky Wilson hosted their 10th year anniversary open house at the Crooked River lodge house.

Visiting with Susie Jackson, Birdie Benford and Mae Lou Yeldell were nieces and nephews of their sister, the late Josephine Scott and grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis, Sr. of Cleburne.

20 Years Ago October 9, 1986

Cub Scoutmaster Jim Bob Mickler received a pie in the face, compliments of Matt Perry, following the Cub Scouts' father-son cake auction.

Early arrivals at Haskell Elementary School had to do a double take. A prankster had put a for sale sign on the school yard.

Six bales of cotton, produced by Fritz Steinfath in the Irby community, east of Haskell, were ginned by Farmers Co-op Gin in Haskell. The bales represented the first ginned in Haskell in 1986.

Officers of the Haskell VFD Auxiliary were Margaret Tatum, president; Jo Ann Watson, vice president; Nene Comedy, secretary-treasurer; and Lisa Shaw, chaplain/historian.

30 Years Ago October 14, 1976

Kim and Kathy Campbell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell, are leading both Junior High and High School bands this year. It is believed that this is the first time these two bands have had sisters for drum majors at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bland and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller attended the Abilene Arts and Craft Show.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Greene were in Winnsboro to attend the Autumn Trails Arts and Craft Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Knight and Linda of Austin visited Mrs. Knight parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Riley.

40 Years Ago October 6, 1966

During the Weinert homecoming game, Sandra Mathison was crowned homecoming queen during half time activities.

Gene Hunter, owner operator of Hunter's Men's Wear and Dry Cleaning, was re-elected president of the Haskell County Sheriff's Posse.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Roberts of Clint were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Couch.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fouts, Mrs. L.R. O'Neal of Haskell, Mrs. W.A. Lee of Wichita Falls and Mrs. W.O. Davis of Dallas, honored their parents with a reception for their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Alexander and son, Jim of Kermit visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Matthews.

50 Years Ago October 11, 1956

As the result of a community wide project sponsored by the Quarterback Club, Indian football stadium will have an attractive new

restraining fence surrounding the playing field.

A memorial picture, in bronze, of the late Dr. E.M. Kimbrough has been placed in the Haskell Co. Hospital as a tribute to the outstanding Haskell physician and surgeon. A bronze plaque in memory of Dr. Kimbrough also has been placed in the science room of the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparkman and son Terry Wayne of Clovis, New Mexico spent the weekend with Mr. Sparkman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sparkman, and attended the Weinert Homecoming.

100 Years Ago October 6, 1906

The usual first Monday crowd was in town Monday selling and trading horses, etc., and a good many of the farmers were on the lookout for cotton pickers.

The Haskell street fair committee has decided to have a fiddler's contest during the fair and requests that all fiddlers who will take part in the contest notify the committee.

Commissioner W.S. Fouts of the south side was in town and said that the worms had damaged the cotton in his neighborhood considerably.

Mrs. S.W. Scot returned from an extended visit with her father, A.H. Tandy, in Oklahoma.

W.T. McDaniel's gin turned out 40 bales of cotton. McDaniel said he could have handled 20 bales more, as his plant has a top capacity of 60 bales per day.

E.L. Riding, a prominent farmer of the northeast part of the county, was in town. In speaking of the cotton crop, he said he had 50 acres in cotton that was good for a half bale per acre.

USDA grants broadband loans

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner has announced that nearly \$30 million in loans will be provided to telecommunications firms in Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas. The funds are provided under the USDA Rural Development's Broadband Access and Telecommunications Programs.

"Since 1949 USDA has been providing long term financing to build and maintain communications infrastructure that is the cornerstone of rural America's telecommunications system," said Conner. "These loans continue a long tradition of ensuring that rural residents fully participate in commercial and educational opportunities that can be provided only by reliable broadband and telecommunications services."

USDA Rural Development's Telecommunications program creates public-private partnerships to finance the construction of

telecommunications infrastructure in rural America. Rural Development makes loans to finance the improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of telecommunications facilities in rural areas.

In Joshua, Texas, Alenco Communications, Inc. will receive a loan of \$11,244,000 to connect new subscribers, build new distribution lines, fiber optic cable systems and install fire suppression equipment at various sites. Services will be upgraded in 15 counties.

USDA Rural Development's Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program provides loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Priority is given to applications that are proposed to serve areas where no residential broadband service

currently exists. The program was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and 62 loans for more than \$1.1 billion have been made since the program was created.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$72 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Over 1.2 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Online People Locator Services and Data Banks

My office has received numerous complaints about online databases that post and sell personal information. Naturally, citizens are concerned about their personal information falling into the wrong hands. The proliferation of identity theft has compounded such fears.

While this office shares our constituents' concerns regarding privacy, these "people locator" services and databases are not violating the law. They obtain information on individuals by making open records requests from governmental entities. The majority of the information is obtained from court records, real estate transactions and change of address forms.

Currently, there are no laws that prevent private information sellers from collecting and selling public records to other companies and individuals. In this respect, these businesses are similar to established information brokers like credit reporting agencies.

As you know, I am a firm supporter of open government, and the Texas Public Information Act does allow businesses to collect information for their databases.

However, there are a few steps that you can take to better protect yourself. First, use caution before submitting personal information to Internet sites. Before doing so, familiarize yourself with the company's privacy policy. The policy should detail how they use personal information and if they sell personal data to third parties.

You may also want to verify the level of technical security, like encryption software, utilized on the Web site to protect your data. The better the security, the safer your information is from hackers. Most Web sites include this information in their privacy policy.

Online information providers should also have instructions on how you may remove your information from the Web site. If a company does not honor a request that follows their own stated procedures for getting your information removed, you may file a complaint with my office.

You may also want to contact the three major credit bureaus and request that they DO NOT provide your personal information to any third party marketing companies. You may do this by calling one number for all three major credit bureaus: 888-567-8688.

Write to your creditors and ask to be removed from their solicitation lists and to have your personal information withheld from their affiliates. Contact the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service and request that they remove your name and home address from national mailing lists.

You should also check your credit report frequently. A recent amendment to the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act entitles consumers to receive a free credit report each year. You can contact the Annual Credit Report Request Service to order your free credit report.

If you are a victim of identity theft, file a report with your local police department. You should then contact the three major credit bureaus to file a fraud alert in your credit file. You can also obtain information on identity theft by contacting the Federal Trade Commission. You may also contact my office for a free Identity Theft Kit.

Correction

Misti Rodela was hired by Haskell County to work at the Experienced Citizens Center at a Commissioners' Court meeting held Sept. 26. Information in the Oct. 5 issue of the Haskell Free Press was incorrect.

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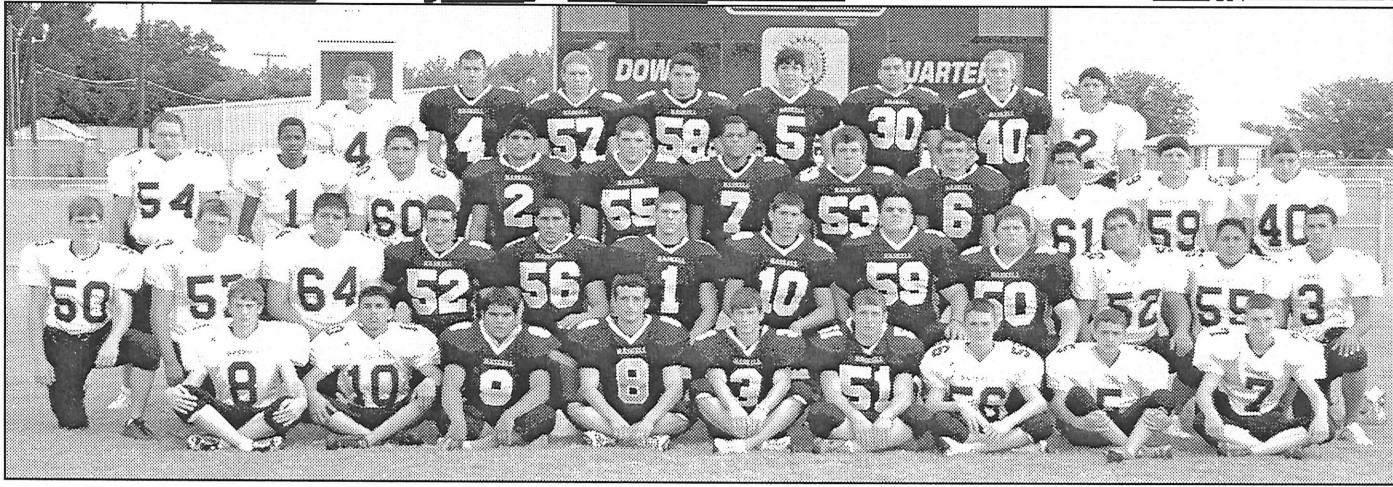
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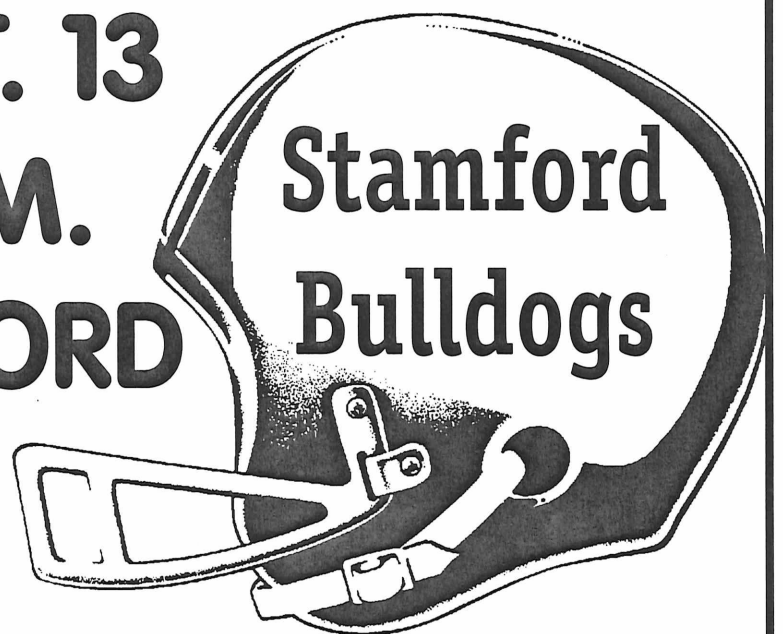
2006 HASKELL INDIANS: front row, l-r, #8 JV Steven Fillmon, #10 JV Raul Villarreal, #9 V Gerardo Torres, #8 V Justin Rodriguez, #3 V Weston Rutkowski, #51 V Cody Wyrick, #56 JV Tyler Reese, #5 JV Tyler Rodriguez and #7 JV Ethan Frierson. Second row, #50 JV A.J. Benton, #57 JV Andrew Crail, #64 JV Lee Hernandez, #52 V Josh Kimmel, #56 V Scott Agraz, #1 V Matt Brown, #10 V Derek Agraz, #59 V Billy Lusk, #50 V Rylie Tatum, #52 JV Brett Siegfried, #55 D. J. Rodriguez, #3 JV Stephen Guevara. Third row,

#54 JV Cody McClemore, #1 JV E.J. Ned Jr., #60 JV Justin Amaro, #2 V Vicente Castillo, #55 V Gary Frierson, #7 V D.J. McCulloch, #53 V Clyde Frierson, #6 V Aaron Rodriguez, #61 JV Ruben Robledo, #59 JV Donald Morris, #40 JV Clint Hamilton. Back row, #4 JV James Williams, #4 V Anthony Hernandez, #57 V Randall Pace, #58 V Moses Munoz, #5 V Gregg Guzman, #30 V Josh Rodriguez, #40 V Travis Adams and #2 JV Austin Marshall.

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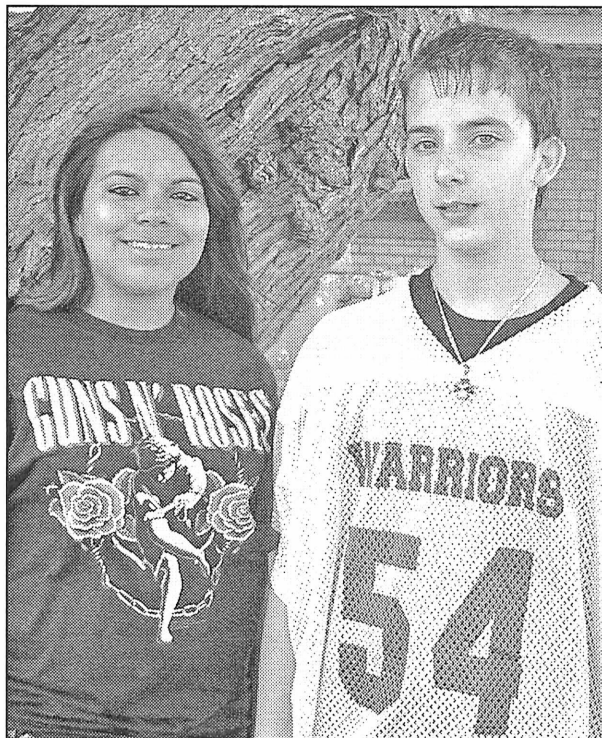
BBQ cookoff set in Stamford October 20-21

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce host the 4th Annual "Hell or High Water BBQ for Bucks Cook-Off" Oct. 20-21, at the Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds in Stamford. Cookers will arrive and set up Friday. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five places in each

of the following: brisket, chicken, ribs and beans.

A Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned event, top meat finishers will qualify for the National Championship Barbecue Cook-Off to be held in Meridian in August.

For additional information, call Staci Robertson at 325-773-2705.



CLASS FAVORITES—Named class favorites for seventh grade at Rochester Junior High are Valerie Gonzalez, left, and Clint Howard.



RUNNING BACK SCORING—Haskell Indian running back, Justin Rodriguez, #8, takes the ball in on a 25-yard run to gain score in the District 5AA game with Merkel. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

On May 31, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") and each city within Atmos' service territory, to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers in the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed revisions to the rates and riders will impact all classes of service, and each of Atmos' approximately 1,500,000 customers (1,371,625 residential, 121,643 commercial, 235 industrial, and 715 transportation customers).

The Company has requested a systemwide increase of its revenues to \$1,758.7 million, resulting in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$60.9 million or 3.6%, including gas costs, or 14.1% excluding gas cost. In addition, the Company has requested that it recover its rate case expenses and any rate case expenses for cities that are ordered by the Commission. The proposed change in revenues constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by state law.

The monthly bills of typical customers would be affected by the proposed changes as follows:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference	Percentage Increase With Gas Cost	Percentage Increase Without Gas Cost
Residential Customer (R)	\$75.00*	\$79.02*	\$4.02	5.36%	21.48%
Commercial Customer (C)	\$326.64*	\$344.80*	\$18.16	5.56%	40.53%
Industrial Customer (I)	\$3,360.85*	\$3,367.95*	\$7.10	0.21%	5.26%
Transportation Customer (T)	\$569.54	\$576.64	\$7.10	1.25%	5.26%

*Includes gas cost of \$8.6452 per Mcf (2005 average cost)

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

The Company is also requesting approval of its revised depreciation rates, a weather normalization adjustment rider based on 10-year normal weather, a revenue stabilization adjustment rider, the recovery of uncollectible gas cost as well as the cost of required odorant for natural gas through Rider GCR instead of through base rates, and updated upstream pipeline cost allocation factors. The Company is further requesting rate design changes to Rates R, C, I and T. In addition, the Company is seeking a determination that its interim rate adjustments for 2003, 2004, and 2005 are just and reasonable in accordance with Texas Utilities Code § 104.301; the impact of these interim rate adjustments is reflected in the table above.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-800-460-3030. Affected persons may view a copy of the Statement of Intent at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1800, Dallas, Texas 75240, or at the Commission's offices located at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711. At any time within 30 days following the date on which Atmos' proposed rate changes would become effective, affected persons may file written comments or protests with the Commission at the following address:

Docket Services Section
Office of General Counsel (Re: Gas Utilities Docket No. 9670)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, TX 78711-2967

Pursuant to an order entered by the Commission on May 16, 2006, the proceeding initiated by Atmos at the Commission is being consolidated with all appeals from all other municipal rate proceedings, including those initiated by the filing of the Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 1, 2006. Rates in unincorporated areas will become effective when rates become effective within the nearest incorporated municipality. The Commission hearing on the merits of Atmos' request will begin on or after October 31, 2006.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el sistema de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-800-460-3030.

USDA announces new managed haying and grazing rules for Texas

FSA Administrator Teresa Lasseter has said that in some states USDA will limit managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres from once every three years to once in every ten years. The change is part of a settlement that also changes the definition of primary nesting and brood rearing season back to pre-2002 Farm Bill dates.

"The settlement is limited to certain states and does not affect emergency haying and grazing," said Lasseter.

"Under the agreement, USDA also plans to conduct an additional environmental analysis as soon as possible with respect to managed haying and grazing on CRP acreage."

The federal government settled with the National Wildlife Federation and several of its state affiliates regarding a complaint filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington state. The complaint, filed Oct. 21, 2004, challenged certain provisions of managed haying and grazing on CRP acreage.

The lawsuit alleged that the managed haying and grazing practices violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Food Security Act of 1985, and the Administrative Procedure Act. Specifically, the lawsuit challenged the frequency allowed for managed haying and grazing on CRP acreage. It also challenged the dates set to define primary nesting and brood rearing seasons that limited the activity.

The settlement is limited to certain states. It applies to new contracts, including re-enrollments, in those states approved after Sept. 25, 2006, and also applies to contract extensions in those states approved after that date if the participant had not previously been approved under the CRP contract for managed haying

and grazing.

Under the settlement agreement, pending the completion of a NEPA analysis, the following requirements apply to the affected contracts:

- The frequency of managed haying is limited to no more than once every 10 years in all or a portion of the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon (east of the Cascade Mountain range), South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington (east of the Cascade Mountain range) and Wyoming.

- The frequency of managed grazing is limited to no more than once every 10 years in all or a portion of Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon (east of the Cascade Mountain range), Utah and Washington (east of the Cascade Mountain range).

- The frequency of managed grazing is limited to no more than once every five years in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North

Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

- The primary nesting season dates revert to pre-2002 Farm Bill levels for: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The primary nesting season dates for Indiana change to April 1 to August 1.

The planned additional environmental analysis will address managed haying and grazing in the states affected by the agreement. FSA expects to complete the analysis within 24 months.

Additional information on the settlement agreement, including a map depicting the geographic locations, is available online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/353646-.pdf (settlement agreement) and http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/settlement_agreement_states.pdf (map).

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 941 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Oct. 7, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Packers, steady \$2 higher. Feeders, steady. Stockers \$2-4 lower. Bred cows, steady to \$100 higher. Special consignment sale Oct. 21.

Cows: fat, .42-.46; cutters, .40-.48; canners, .27-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.61, feeders, .60-.82, utility, .45-.55.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.60-1.75; 300-

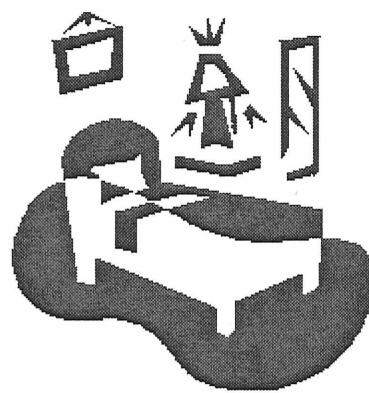
400 lbs., 1.25-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.42; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.21; 600-700 lbs., .98-1.12; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.12; 800-up lbs., .95-1.05.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.52; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.12-1.26; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.10; 600-up lbs., .92-1.07.

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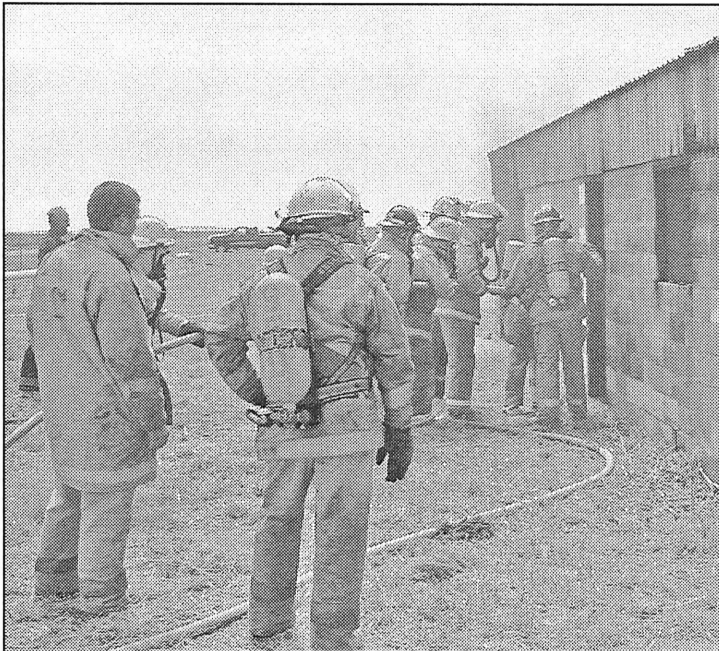
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Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15 and it's the perfect time to learn about fire prevention in and around your home.

Prevent fire danger in your home:



Firemen work to put out a house fire. Have you had a fire drill in your home?

1. Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.
2. Take special care with fireplaces. Use a spark screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation. Fireplace fires are very common.
3. Keep combustible items away from all heating units.
4. At any sign of electrical trouble, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by a good electrician.
5. Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed wires.
6. Keep matches and cigarette lighters away from children.

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4. Install spark arrester on chimney.
5. Keep roof and gutters clean.
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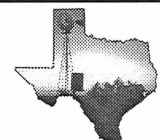
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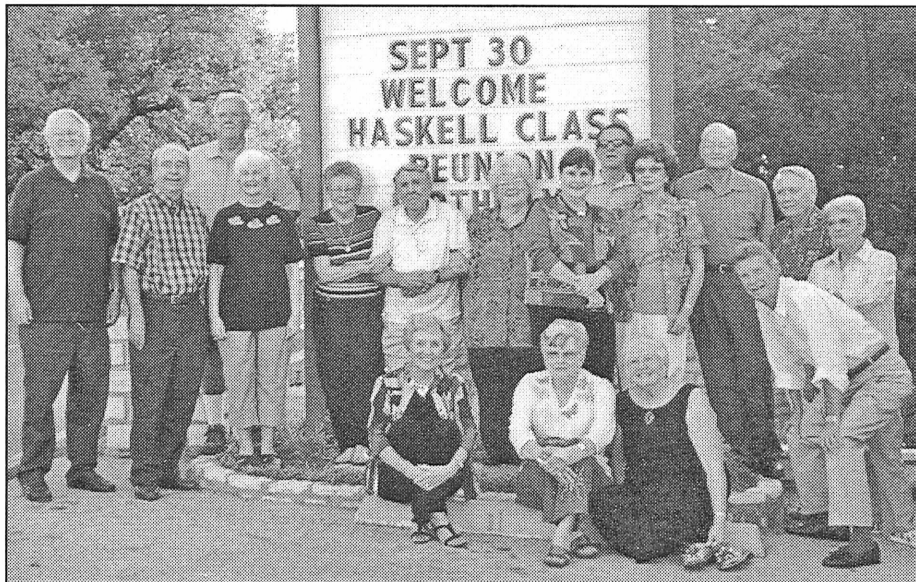
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CLASS MEETS—The Haskell class of 1952 met recently in Granbury for a class reunion. Attending were l-r, Miles Ladu, Robert Bruce Reynolds, Bobby Wilson, Brenda Baccus, Jane King With, Edgbert Smith, Betty Redwine Ladu, Janice Reynolds, James Fowler, Bobbe Fowler, Eldon Amonett, Clinton Baccus, Nanette Weaver Perry and Wayne Latimer. Seated, Mary Cobb Latimer, Billie, and Margaret Kimbrough.

Class of 1952 meets for reunion in Granbury

For the second time, the 1952 graduating class of Haskell High School, along with some spouses and friends, spent a weekend at Granbury, sharing memories. In 2002 they gathered to celebrate

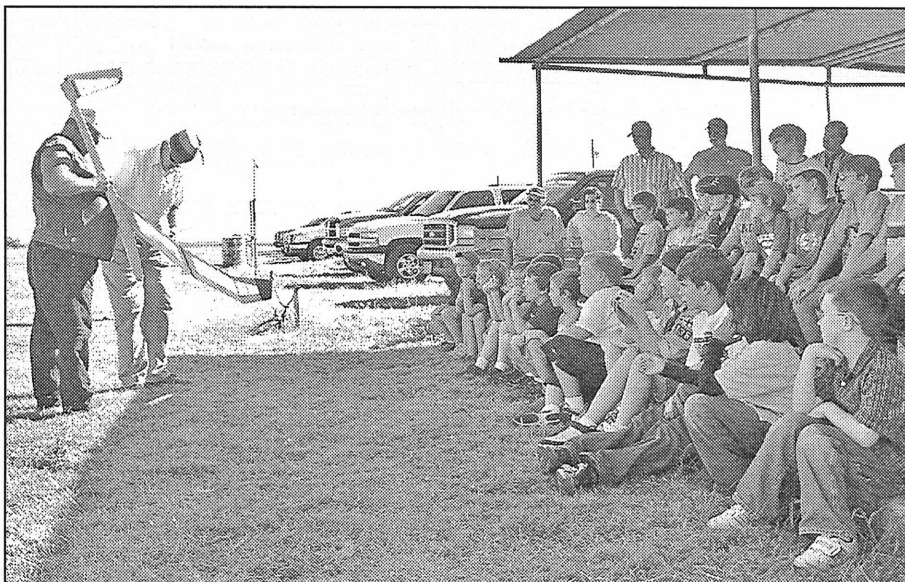
their 50th graduation anniversary, with hosts Mary Von Cobb Latimer and husband Wayne, and Bobby and Carolyn Wilson.

Friday, Sept. 30, the group met at the Wilson's for their 54th

anniversary and dined at Spring Creek Barbeque. On Saturday the former classmates attended the 50's show at the Granbury Live theatre. They reassembled at the Latimer's home for hors d'oeuvres, and later went to the Granbury County Club for dinner. The high light of the evening was comedy skits performed by Betty Joy Redwine and husband, Miles Ladu.

Eleven of the 17 graduates were present. In attendance were Eldon Ammonett, Bobby Wilson, Betty Joy Redwine Ladu, James Fowler, Edgbert Smith, Mary Von Cobb Latimer, Felipe Arredondo, Robert Bruce Reynolds, Clifton Baccus, Nanette Weaver Perry and Jane King With. Three other Haskell students, not members of the 1952 graduating group, were Margaret Kimbrough, Weldon Kennedy, and Nelle King Brown.

Those who were unable to attend were Florene and Lorene Crow, Jo Ann Bryan, Keith Wheatley and Willard Mullins. Sid Woodson, deceased, was a member of the class.



FLYING SCHOOL—Members of Haskell's Cub Scout Pack 136 attended a learning session Tues., Oct. 3 at the Texas Chief's model airplane flying field. Tony Haynes, standing left, and Ervin Frierson gave the scouts information about flying gliders and power planes. The weather refused to cooperate bringing too much wind to fly the planes, so scouts were invited to come another time for a flying demonstration. Other instructors on hand to help with the demonstration were Gary Davis and Mike Wilson.

Paint Creek ISD releases honor rolls

Paint Creek ISD has announced its A and A-B honor rolls for the first six weeks.

First grade: A: Breanna Bruce, Xaviar Bruce, Cheyenne Elias, Bayden Graham, Alex Martinez, Devery Reed, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White. A-B: Audrey Cochran and Amber Conn

Second grade: A: Catherine Lemond and Samantha Martinez. A-B: Kristine Hunt.

Third grade: A-B: Taydon Benson and Taylor Hunt.

Fourth grade: A-B: Si Exum. Fifth grade: A-B: Caitlin Medford and Chris Richardson.

Sixth grade: A: Katie Jones. A-B: Cheyenne Buerger, Danielle Oliver, Krista Powell and Charitie Winterstein.

Seventh grade: A: Katrina Buerger, Addie Exum, Caleb McCord and Haley Myers. A-B: Dylan Cooper and Daren Wilson.

Eighth grade: A: Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop. A-B: Dillon

Emert, Denton Reed and Briana Wigley.

Ninth grade: A-B: Brennan Meddford and Jessica Pendergraft.

Tenth grade: A: Taylor Exum, Lacey Stephens and Caleb Whitfield.

Eleventh grade: A: Kailey McCord and Miranda Powell. A-B: Jessica Blackburn, Charlie Myers and Rusty Rogers.

Twelfth grade: A: Cassidy Cooper. A-B: Kristen Barr, Malinda Brueggeman and Paula Isbell.

Lenders have new program

Lenders will soon have the ability to underwrite USDA Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans using the new Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS). GUS was developed by USDA Rural Development to automate a manual underwriting process, which considers loan applications for approval. A unique GUS feature is that it determines a borrower's income and a property's eligibility for the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program. "The Guaranteed Rural Housing Program not only provides decent

and affordable housing, but is an important component of USDA's economic development efforts," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "The availability of affordable housing is often a key element in whether a business decides to locate or remain in a rural community."

GUS will enable participating lenders to receive faster loan decisions, streamlined documentation requirements, better quality loans, more consistency in program delivery, and will fulfill legal requirements under the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and the Freedom to E-File Act.

USDA Rural Development began a national market test of GUS on Aug. 1, 2006, with eight lenders. In Texas, Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation piloted the

program under the direction of David Hail, Vice President. Additional lenders will be added to the market test later this year in preparation for full GUS implementation in January 2007. Guaranteed Loans are made to qualifying low- and moderate-income families to purchase homes in rural areas. The loans are made by mortgage lenders, such as banks, credit unions and mortgage companies.

The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>, or call the State Office Housing Program at 254-742-9770. Allied Mortgage Capital Corporation can be reached at 2602 Ridge Road, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas 75087, 972-772-5140, or at www.alliedmtgcapital.com.

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- Santa Rosa is owned and controlled by their members. Increased local control keeps the cooperative in the community.

- Santa Rosa profits are returned to members. Which means the money is kept in the community.

- Santa Rosa strives to use the most up-to-date technology to offer you the best products and services possible.



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Misty Gibson
RN, BSN

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH... AT HOME!

Brought to You By:

Haskell Home Health Agency

Dear Misty,
My husband and I are taking a few herbal remedies in addition to our regular medications. Namely, we are taking alfalfa, Ma Huang and St. John's Wort. Should we be concerned about any interactions?

Herbs are getting wide-spread publicity by the press and some can be useful, but be aware of false claims, exaggerations, and misrepresentations. We hear about the curative or restorative powers of herbal remedies, but statements about side effects and interactions are largely avoided.

You possibly should be concerned because adverse interactions of homeopathic herbs with pharmaceuticals take place with alarming frequency. This can result in increased or decreased potency of prescription drugs.

For example, two of the most commonly prescribed drugs, Coumadin and Lanoxin are easily displaced from the body's binding sites by herbal products. If an herb disrupts this binding process and frees more of the drug, the serum level of the drug can be raised as much as 33% with resulting serious consequences.

As far as the herbs you are taking:

Alfalfa: Acts as a dietary fiber, but it may absorb drugs and prevent them from being fully effective.

Ma Huang: AKA Ephedra, it has stimulant effects on the nervous system and heart. It may raise blood pressures dangerously high causing such adverse events as headaches and even strokes. Several states are pushing for a ban. Be careful with this one.

St. John's Wort: Used for mild to moderate depression. Avoid taking in conjunction with tricyclic antidepressants such as imipramine and amitriptyline, and MAO inhibitors such as phenelzine and tranylcypromine.

The bottom line is, if you're taking any herbal remedies and are concerned about possible interactions with your regular prescription drugs, consult with the physician.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH—AT HOME is brought to you by Haskell Home Health Agency providing home care services in Haskell, Knox, Stonevall, Throckmorton and Jones Counties



Home Care: Keeping Texans Proud & Independent

Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of September.

Minor in possession: 1 case.
Traffic: 1 case.
Driving under the influence: 1 case.
Possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.: 1 case.
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 1 case.
Driving while license invalid: 1 case.
Public intoxication: 3 cases.

Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense: 1 case.

Jail time: 1 case.

Surety withdrawal: 1 case.

Aggravated assault with deadly weapon: 1 case.

Theft by check: 6 cases.

Assault, family violence: 1 case.

Prohibited substance in a correction facility: 1 case.

Abandon/endanger child neglect: 1 case.

Motion to revoke probation: 1 case.

260 calls were made to 911 during the month of September.

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Livestock on the move are subject to TAHC regulations

Texas hunters or ranchers hauling horses or other livestock from Wyoming this fall should be aware of regulations affecting the animals' entry or re-entry into Texas, says Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Vesicular stomatitis (VS), a viral disease that can affect horses, cattle, swine, deer, sheep or goats, has been confirmed in 12 horses and 10 cattle on a total of nine premises in Natrona and Converse counties in southeast Wyoming. As of late September, these are the only cases confirmed in the U.S. in 2006.

To help prevent the spread of VS, Texas livestock health regulations prohibit the entry of horses, cattle, swine, (live) deer, sheep or goats from VS-quarantined premises or areas. Animals may enter Texas from non-quarantined areas of an affected state, provided an accredited veterinarian in that state examines the animals and determines that they are not exhibiting evidence of vesicular stomatitis and writes the following statement on a current or new certificate of veterinary inspection: "the animals represented on this health certificate have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis."

"VS can cause susceptible livestock to develop blisters and lesions in the mouth, on the muzzle or teats, or above the hooves," said Dr. Hillman. "When the disease affects cattle or other cloven-hoofed animals, animal health officials and producers are immediately concerned, as these clinical signs mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the world's costliest, highly contagious disease. Horses, though not susceptible to FMD, certainly can become infected with VS, and it can take several weeks for animals to heal. During this time, the painful sores may cause affected animals to become lame, or refuse to eat, drink or allow their offspring to nurse."

"There is no vaccine for VS, so

prevention is the key, and that includes controlling insects such as culicoides gnats and black flies, which are the primary vectors for the disease, and keeping infected animals away from 'clean' stock, as infection also can be spread from animal to animal," explained Dr. Hillman.

"If blisters or lesions appear in livestock of any species, the owner or manager should contact their accredited veterinarian or the Texas Animal Health Commission as soon as possible, so a disease investigation can be launched," he said. "Laboratory testing to confirm the diagnosis can be run at no charge to the livestock owner." Treatment of VS-infected animals consists of supportive care, and in some cases, antibiotics to prevent secondary infections in the open sores. Although VS is rarely fatal, production losses can be substantial, particularly in dairies. In nearly all states, VS-infected animals and their herd mates are quarantined until at

least 30 days after all lesions have healed.

In addition to causing animals to suffer, VS can result in trade embargoes with Canada and European countries, where VS is not seen. Animal health authorities want to prevent introduction of a new disease that may impact the health of their livestock. Dr. Hillman said VS outbreaks in the U.S. occur randomly, mostly in the Southwest. In 2005, VS-infected livestock were confirmed on 445 premises in nine states, including one in Texas. In 2004, Texas had 15 of the 294 premises with VS-infected animals. Other affected premises were in New Mexico and Colorado. The cases in 2004 were the first confirmed since 1998.

Dr. Hillman said more information about VS is available on the TAHC web site at: <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

The TAHC headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by hail on July 11, 2006, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties are three of the six contiguous counties that have been designated as disaster counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johann eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses and physical losses caused by hail on July 11, 2006.

McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must

have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until April 23, 2007 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

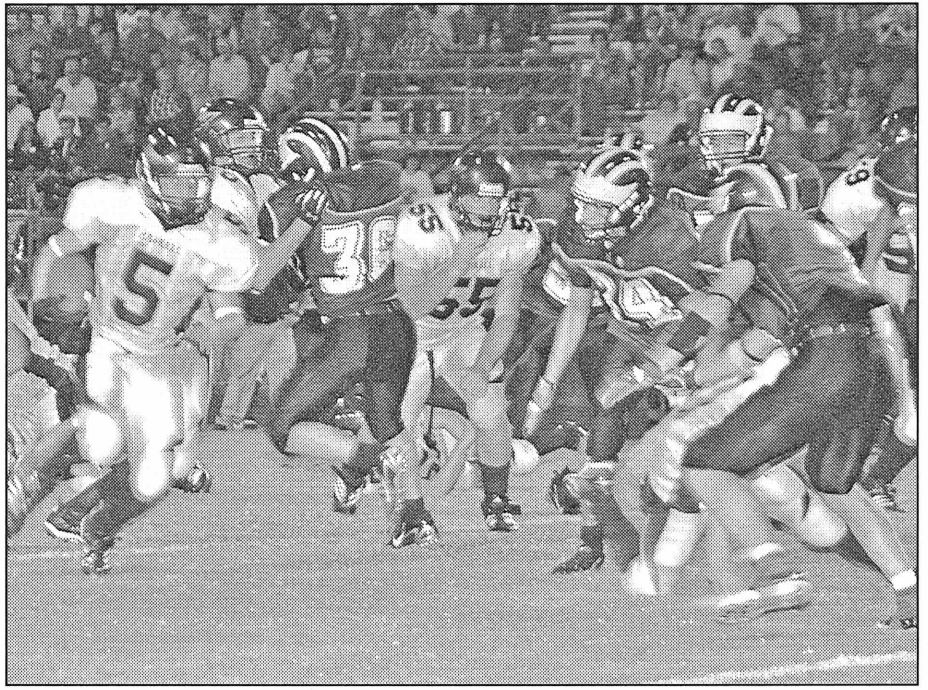
FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farms who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

ACT deadline

College-bound high school students can take the ACT college admission exam on Dec. 9, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark or online registration is Nov. 3. The late registration deadline is Nov. 16 (an additional \$19 fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or they can register online on ACT's student website (www.actstudent.org).



RUNNING AROUND MERKEL—Haskell running back Greg Guzman, #5, skirts a bunch of Badgers on a 16-yard run to score a TD and added on the two-point conversion, Fri., Oct. 6.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Fire prevention tips

Every 18 seconds a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States. Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined. Fire claims more than 4,400 lives a year and home fire deaths now account for 83 percent of all U.S. fire deaths. These fires cause about 8.6 billion dollars in property damage. Ironically, most people feel safest from fire in their own homes, yet, that's where most fire deaths occur.

With October being Fire Prevention Month, it is essential to take the time to ask these questions—Have I taken precautions to prevent a fire? Do my family and I know what to do during a fire? What do I do after a fire?

Here are some tips on how to avoid a fire:

- Keep home free from debris, such as old newspapers, oily rags and other flammable materials.
- Check with contractor prior to building a new home to make sure the materials used will resist fire.
- Make sure electrical wiring and appliances meet building codes and standards set by Underwriters Laboratories, an insurance testing group.
- Don't use a match, candle or other open flame for light in dark corners of an attic or closet.
- One of the quickest ways to invite a fire is to run an extension under a rug.
- Never smoke or allow smoking in your home. Anyone who does smoke at home should never smoke in bed and never dump ashtrays into wastebaskets—put them outside in enclosed containers.

•Check the labels on lacquers, hair sprays, and other products. Sometimes they contain highly flammable mixtures.

•If you have small children, never leave them unattended. Teach your children fire safety. More than one-third of the children killed in fires at home are alone when a fire breaks out.

Now let's consider how you can survive a fire:

•Have fire drills in your home. Every room in the house, especially the bedrooms, should have two escape routes.

•The door to the room should be closed. This will shut off draft that could send the fire roaring into the room after a window is opened for escaping.

•To avoid inhaling heavy smoke, crouch close to the floor, and cover your nose and mouth with a dampened towel or pillow case.

•When you buy a fire alarm system, fire extinguisher, or smoke alarm, make sure it bears the label of the Underwriters Laboratories or the Factory Mutual System. Both firms thoroughly test fire protection merchandise.

•Clothing fires are especially dangerous for the children and the elderly. Nearly all fabrics will burn, but heavy fabrics with a smooth surface resist burning better than the lightweight, long napped materials.

•Ensure all infant clothing should be flame retardant.

•If your clothing does catch fire, never run. Instead, roll on the ground or floor and try to smother the fire.

The best kind of fire insurance for virtually everyone is a homeowners policy. Homeowners insurance

protects you and your property not only from fire but also from theft, wind, water damage, liability lawsuits and many other hazards.

It is a good idea to take an inventory of your personal property long before a fire strikes. Keep the list in a safe place outside your home. This will make it much easier for you to compile a list of the destroyed or damaged items.

Be sure your coverage is adequate on both your home and personal property. If you have remodeled or made additions to your home, did you increase the insurance to reflect that?

If fire does strike your home, use these tips for quick recovery and maximum protection.

•Contact your insurance agent immediately. If you wait, that means a delay in getting resettled. Your agent will be able to give you valuable advice on how to prevent further damage to your home.

•To prevent theft and weather damage, close up broken windows and opening in the walls and roof.

•Contact the major utilities. Be sure the gas is turned off.

•Reroute your telephone calls to another number.

•If its winter, emergency home heating will keep water pipes and water between walls from freezing. This will help limit the cost of damage.

•To prevent further water damage, make sure that drains are unplugged so water can escape.

•Deodorize the house. You need to do this because carbon molecules formed in the intense heat will cling to walls, furniture and clothing.

•Choose an experienced licensed and bonded contractor

Cotton checks need TDA endorsement

Rolling Plains Central producers who recently sold cotton and were given a check with the Texas Department of Agriculture named as a joint payee must obtain an endorsement from TDA before cashing or depositing the check.

Endorsements may be obtained at the Rolling Plains Central District Office in Haskell, 940-864-8544. For other office locations that may be near you, call the Abilene Headquarters at 866-672-2800.

In general, assessments must be paid before an endorsement will be given, but if other parties are named

on the check, producers should call one of the offices listed below to find out what procedures to follow.

Although both TDA and the foundation will make every attempt to be as accessible as possible, producers are highly encouraged to call before going to any office. This will help ensure that someone is available to assist them and that their visit can be handled efficiently.

TDA staff will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and at other times with an appointment.

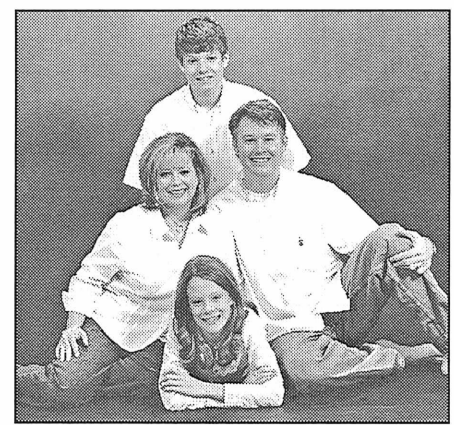
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 Monday ~ Wednesday
 11:45 a.m. Meal and Noon Service
 6:00 p.m. Children's Hot Supper (Tuesday)
 6:00 p.m. Pizza Supper (Wednesday)
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
A nursery will be provided each night for children ages birth - 4.

For more information
 Call
First Baptist Church
864-2581


In Observance of Co-op Month

Big Country Electric Cooperative invites you to their **Open House on Fri., Oct. 13.**

Come and Go from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Free gifts for Members •Refreshments will be served.
- Brightly colored Safety Trick or Treat bags for the Kids

Come join us in celebrating Co-op month at one of our three offices located in Roby, Stamford or Snyder.



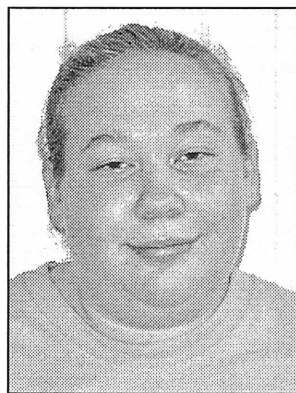
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Haskell School Menu

Oct. 16-20 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Funnel cake
Wednesday: Pop tarts
Thursday: Cheese omelet, toast
Friday: Sausage, biscuit

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: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Tony's stuffed ham/cheese sandwich, garden salad, baby carrots, assorted chips, pickle spear, orange wedges
Wednesday: Enchiladas, salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, pineapple tidbits
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, raw broccoli with ranch dressing, banana pudding
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, homemade cookie

Students visit Rotary Club



MELANIE BISHOP

Melanie Bishop is the daughter of Shannon and Cheryl Bishop of Stamford. She attends Temple Baptist Church. At Paint Creek School she is active in FFA, FCCLA, the Yearbook, FCS or FCA. Special awards and recognitions she has received include the Spirit Award, Basketball award and FFA award. Her favorite leisure-time activities are talking on the phone and hanging out with people. Her future plans after high school include attending Cisco Jr. College and majoring in cosmetology.

Paint Creek School Menu

Oct. 16-20 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal or toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Cereal or toast

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Vegetable beef soup,

grilled cheese sandwiches or cornbread, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, corn on cob, grilled onions and peppers, salsa, pudding with cookies
Wednesday: Pork fried rice, green beans, salad, applesauce cake
Thursday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, cookies
Friday: Chili pie, refried beans, corn, salad, fruit

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This Week's Devotional Message:



EVERY PRAYER SHOULD CONTAIN A WORD OF GRATITUDE

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a 'shopping list' of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and will grant the things that are right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

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

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Rennegarbe, 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
Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim 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
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., 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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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

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

First Baptist Church
Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Clovie Dever
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
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 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
Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.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
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Oct. 16
Lunch—King ranch, buttered corn, green beans, onion slice, bread slice, Devil's food cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Tues., Oct. 17
Bingo 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 18
Lunch—Salmon patty, scalloped

potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Oct. 20
Lunch—Chop beef on bun, chips, onions, pickles, bread slice, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE
OF INTENT TO REQUEST
RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Haskell
P.O. Box 1003
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To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:
Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named municipality will request the Texas Department of Agriculture to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, for the following project:

Infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Road) Improvements-SE Part of Community, Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. TCF Contract No. 725032.

Finding of No Significant Impact
It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named municipality had decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The reason for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: All environmental concerns could be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record respecting this project has been made by the above named municipality which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments on Finding
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the municipality to the Office of the Mayor within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the municipality will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds
The City of Haskell will undertake the project described above with Texas Capital Fund Program funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Haskell is certifying to the Texas Department of Agriculture that the City of Haskell and Ken Lane, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision

making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification that, upon its approval, the City of Haskell may use Texas Capital Fund Program funds, and the Texas Department of Agriculture will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds
The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying officer of the contractor approved by TDA, or (b) that the contractor's environmental review file for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR 58) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Ken Lane, Mayor
City of Haskell
P.O. Box 1003
Haskell, Texas 79521 41c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT IN A
PRODUCTIVE FORMATION
Chesapeake Operating, Inc., P. O. Box 18486, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a porous formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Strawn Formation in its Cloud (Strawn Sand Unit) Lease, Well Numbers 309, 401, 212, 210. The proposed injection wells are located 5 miles West Northwest of Haskell, Texas in the Herrin (Burson Sand, Upper) Field, in Haskell County, Texas. The fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4844 to 4868 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 41c

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6154-68-001 for JOINT AND CRACK SEAL in SHACKELFORD County, etc. will be opened on November 7, 2006 at 2:15 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$183,708.20.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 21534
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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The contract documents may be examined at the following locations: North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, 135 N. Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas or Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas.

Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faces or copies of bids sheets will be accepted.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Jacob & Martin, Ltd., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 325-695-1070 upon payment of \$40.00 for plans and specifications, non

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North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority
By: Joe Clonts, President

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office will be taking bids on a new 2007 pickup. 1. Full size; 2. Crew cab; 3. 4x4; 4. 5.3 engine or bigger; 5. Rubber floor mats; 6. Trailer towing package; 7. Electric windows and door locks; 8. Automatic; 9. Cruise control; 10. AM & FM with CD player; 11. Cloth seats; 12. Split seats in front; 13. SWB.

Bids will be a straight bid, no trade in; and one with trade in of 2003 4 door SWB. Bids can be sent to the County Judge's Office, Haskell County Courthouse. Bids will be opened in open court on October 24, 2006. 40-41c

Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of a welded steel ground storage tank will be received by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, until noon, Oct. 24, 2006, at the NCTMWA Office, 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received for three different sized tanks. NCTMWA will build only one tank and the tank will have a capacity of either 100,000 gallons, 300,000 gallons or 500,000 gallons. The contractor may bid one, two, or all three sizes. The tank contract consists of the construction of one welded ground storage tank including the crushed base subgrade, concrete ring, foundation, coating, sterilization

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0007-01-053 for SEAL COAT in CALLAHAN County, etc. will be opened on November 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 21537
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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Dear Friends,
We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness shown to us during the past several days as we celebrated the life of our mother, Gladys O'Neal.
A community with the sweet spirit shown by the people of Haskell is a precious thing. Mother loved Haskell and its people.
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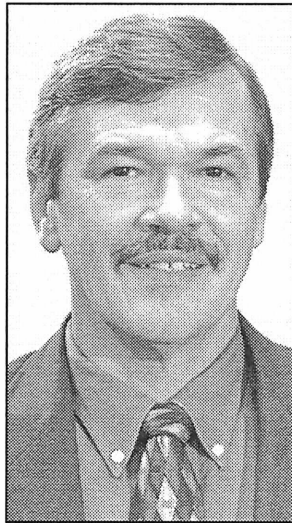
Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Mary Yates Murphy, center with plaque, was named Citizen of the Year during the Weinert Centennial and Homecoming held last weekend in Weinert. Serving as officers for the event were from left, Michelle Raynes Johnson, Laurie Hester Irby, Kelly Earp Hutchinson, Shanna Murphy White, Stacia Adams Leach, Donna Griffis Waggoner and Kim Forehand Bowman. More than 300 registered during the homecoming and a parade featured 62 entries with 19 floats.



FLOAT WINNER—The Class of 1958 won the Grand Champion award at the Weinert Centennial and Homecoming parade held Sat., Oct. 7.



ROGER COX

Gospel meeting set here Oct. 22-25

A gospel meeting will be held at the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E, Oct. 22-25, with special guest speaker Roger Cox speaking on the theme, "The Prodigal Son."

Sunday morning at 10:30 the topic will be "God's Amazing Love."

Sunday evening an area wide worship service will begin at 5:30 with congregational singing. At 6:00, the speaker's theme will be "The Rebellious Son." This will be followed at 7:00 with a Fellowship meal served in the Activity Building Gym, with stew, cornbread, drinks and desserts provided.

Monday evening services will be at 7:00 with the topic of "The Reunion." Tues., Oct. 24, the message will be on "The Other Son." Wednesday morning at 10:00 will be "Ladies Bible Class."

Wednesday evening at 7:00 the speaker will bring a message on "The Power of Forgiveness."

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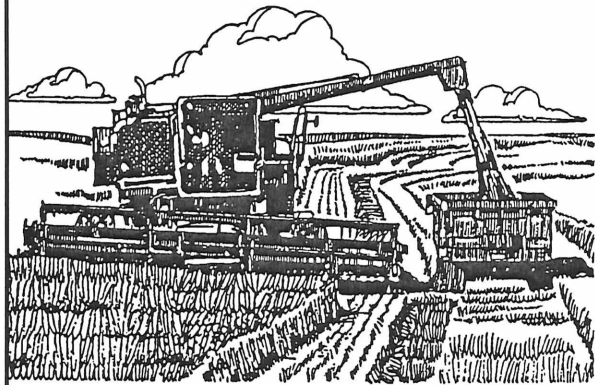
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