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Football games

HASKELL
7-8-JV Indians vs Coahoma
Thurs., Nov. 9, 5 p.m.
at Rochester
Indians vs Coahoma
Fri., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
at Coahoma

PAINT CREEK
JH Pirates vs Lueders-Avoca
Thurs., Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
at Lueders-Avoca
Pirates vs Moran
Fri., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE
JH-JV Bobcats vs Aspermont
Thurs., Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.
at Aspermont
Bobcats vs Aspermont
Fri., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

Basketball games

HASKELL
7th-8th G vs Stamford
Mon., Nov. 13, 5 p.m.
at Rochester
JV-V G vs Throckmorton
Tues., Nov. 14, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
VG-VB vs Moran
Tues., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE
JVG-VG vs Munday
Fri., Nov. 10, TBA
at Rule
JVG-VG vs Paducah
Tues., Nov. 14, 6 p.m.
at Paducah

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 23 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 16 at 5 p.m.

Veterans breakfast

Haskell Elementary School will honor all veterans Fri., Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria with a flag raising ceremony followed by breakfast.

Old Timers luncheon

The TCR Old Timers Association will host a luncheon Fri., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the TCR Bunkhouse in Stamford. Tickets for the meal of Old Timer's Stew, cornbread, dessert and drink are \$7 each. Takeouts are available. Call 864-2411 for tickets.

Veterans lunch

A free lunch to honor all veterans will be served Fri., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Activity Building Gym, 510 N. Ave. E in Haskell. The lunch is for all veterans and their spouses in honor of their service to our country.

Concert

A Christian concert by 'Escape' will be held Sat., Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Rule High School auditorium. Admission is an offering of whatever attendees wish to give. Call Bobby Robinson at 940-997-9003 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

An enchilada dinner will be served Fri., Nov. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Proceeds will benefit the medical fund for Faye Trevino of Weinert.

Pep rally

The Haskell pep rally will be held Fri., Nov. 10 at 11:45 in the high school gym. This is the last district game and the pep rally will include the traditional 'Senior Walk' and the announcement of the Football Hero and Sweetheart.

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Flags to fly for Vets at Willow Cemetery

Over 450 U.S. flags have again been placed on veterans' headstones at the Willow Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day, Sat., Nov. 11, by the Progress Study Club of Haskell, assisted by Haskell High School students in the distribution of the flags.



FLAGS FOR VETERANS—Beginning their flag project of placing over 450 flags at the graves of veterans in Willow Cemetery, members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club join veteran Gene Plunkett as he places the flag at the grave of veteran Abe Turner. From the left are Ruby Turner, Oleta Cornelius, Tinka Nelson, veteran Plunkett, Darlene Smith and Lynn Dodson.

The placement of the flags was said to be much easier this year, thanks a good rain and to the donation of PVC pipe by Richardson's of Haskell, installation of the pipe by Benny Gibbs, Haskell County Community Service Supervisor, and additional flags by the Veterans Association.

Dorothy and Hess Hartsfield have been busy photographing all headstones in the county's cemeteries, for website documentation, and last year they walked the Willow Cemetery, mapping the veteran's graves, making this project much easier.

The Study Club encourages everyone to stop by the cemetery on Sat., Nov. 11 to see the moving, beautiful sight of the flags. They also invite everyone who has participated in this endeavor, and all those veterans who have served the country, to be their guests on Thurs., Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, as the club honors the veterans and gives special recognition of women in the military.

All donations of flags and assistance will be welcomed by the club, as the need grows, not only for Willow Cemetery, but also for other cemeteries. "Without the caring generosity of those who have donated funds, flags and time, this memorial would not be possible," said club member, Dorothy Hartsfield.

Indians clinch District title

After playing winning football in Class A for the past two seasons, the Haskell Indians moved up into Class AA football this season, and promptly won the District 5AA Championship. Haskell put to rest any doubt as to who was the champion, with a resounding win over the Hawley Bearcats, 41 to 3.

What started out as a jubilant celebration, when Hawley took a 3 to 0 lead on a 26-yard field goal, ended with total demise, caused by a thundering ground game of 359 yards by the Indians.

Running back Greg Guzman got things started for Haskell on a 48-yard run with 8:08 left to play in the second quarter. Gerrardo Torres added the PAT kick, and the Indians led 7 to 3. QB Matt Brown would score on a 6-yard run, and Torres would add another point with his perfect PAT kick. Haskell got in the

end zone with only 25 seconds to play in the first half, when running back Justin Rodriguez scampered 48 yards to pay dirt. Torres nailed another PAT kick. Haskell had put 21 points up on the scoreboard, all in the second quarter of play in this Big Country Game of the Week.

When play resumed after the intermission, Haskell dominated the game on defense. The Tribe gave up only 15 yards on the ground, and 22 yards via the air, during the last half of football. Haskell added 14 points during the third quarter of action, with running back Travis Adams getting 6 points on a 5-yard run, and 12 seconds later, Rodriguez getting 6 points on a 7-yard run. Torres added both extra points. To set up the second score in so short time, Haskell's Randall Pace recovered the football on the kick-off fumble.

The Indians had the ball on the 7 yard line, and one play later, moved the score to 35 to 3.

Early in the fourth and final quarter, Rodriguez got a one-yard TD run. Haskell closed the door on the Cats in this final home game of the 2006 season, when QB Brown took a knee to end the game on Hawley's 9-yard line.

The Indians had 51 rushes for 359 yards on the ground. QB Brown had 13 rushes for 50 yards and one TD.

Adams had 62 yards on 13 carries and one TD. Guzman got 181 yards by 14 rushes, and one TD. Justin Rodriguez got 3 TDs on 6 carries and 54 yards. Josh Rodriguez had 12 yards on 5 carries. Brown was 1 of 2 with 12 yards via the air.

Haskell moves its record to 9 and 0 for the season and 6 and 0 in District 5-AA play. The Indians will close out regular season play in Coahoma, Fri., Nov. 10. Kick-off time is 7:30 p.m. As is said, "The

only thing sweeter than winning is winning on the road."

The 7th and 8th grade Warriors lost to Hawley's 7th and 8th grades. The Haskell JVs also lost to Hawley. All three groups will close out their 2006 season on Thursday evening. The Warriors, 7th and 8th, will play in Coahoma. Games start at 4:30 p.m. The Indian JV will play at Indian Field. Kick-off time is 5:00 p.m.

Sunday donations to help children have Christmas

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is holding a fundraiser for the annual "Christmas for Kids" project. Each year this project provides clothing and toys at Christmas for needy children in Haskell County. Last year 41 families and 86 children received Christmas presents through Christmas for Kids.

This year members of Haskell County churches will again have an opportunity to donate the amount they wish on Sun., Nov. 12. The goal of the board is to have at least

one dollar a person donated on Sunday. If your church has not been contacted and is interested in taking part, contact Betsy McManamon at 864-2194.

Anyone not affiliated with a local church is welcome to send donations to Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS office) at 500 S. 10th, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Your donation could make a big difference in a child's Christmas. The board greatly appreciates the continued support of the people of Haskell County.



RIBBON CUTTING—Kris Fouts cuts the ribbon formally opening her law office, The Fouts Law Firm P.C.—Kris Fouts, located at 112-1/2 North Avenue E in Haskell. Joining her for the ceremony is her husband, Mike Fouts, fourth from left, and Haskell Chamber members, l-r, Ruby Turner, Shane Hadaway, Myra Rainey, Lorie Rodriguez and Steve King.

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Tips for saving for college

The American dream is built on the idea that hard work and education are key to better opportunities and a more financially secure way of life. However, for too many families, this dream is being pushed further and further out of reach as college costs continue to rise faster than everything else, including their paychecks.

"The cost of a college education for kids born in 2006 will range from \$130,000 at a few public colleges up to \$400,000 at the more elite private ones according to our estimates," says Ray Andrée, president of Kitchen Table Advice LLC (www.KitchenTableAdvice.com), a federally registered investment advisory firm devoted to helping regular folks save enough for retirement, college and beyond by serving up low-cost and Practical Financial PlanningK advice.

"Let's face it, parents everywhere are a little more than overwhelmed by the prospects of paying for their kids' college education."

"But, before stressing out over the numbers and simply giving up saving for college altogether, you need to

know that saving for college has a lot less to do about being wealthy than you might think," says Andrée. "Sure, every parent worries about having enough salted away to send their kids to college. On the other hand, aren't we putting the cart before the horse if all we're dreaming-or worrying-about is having oodles of cash on hand to send the little tykes off to an expensive Ivy League college?"

Once parents start looking closely at their spending and, of course, whether they're saving anything at all, they may be pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to sock away a little for college.

Andrée suggests the following to make saving for college easier:

- The early bird gets the worm. There is no substitute for time and the magic of compound interest that makes the little bit you save today turn into a whole bunch in the future. And, it's easy to get started. "Consider giving up an immediate pleasure today for the gift of education down the road," Andrée says. He suggests skipping a few

meals out on the town each month, and putting the same amount into a 529 College Savings Plan or Coverdell Education Savings Account or ESA. "Believe it or not, if both parents were able save \$50 from their paychecks for 18 years, the family could be sitting pretty with as much as \$130,000 for college expenses after investing in a decent mutual fund."

- Regular as clockwork. "Get with it and then stick to it. It's best to save a little out of each paycheck. Get into the habit of regularly saving first, and then you can increase the amount over time. Just get started! If you have trouble finding room in your budget for a regular investment, think about other ways to find the money," he explains. For example, if your child goes from daycare into grammar school, why not put that money into a regular 529 College Savings Plan? Or, earmark a portion of your annual tax refund toward an ESA.

- Make it an (extended) family affair. "Get your friends, family and the children's grandparents involved. At holidays and birthdays, ask for gifts toward the college fund instead of the latest toy," he recommends.

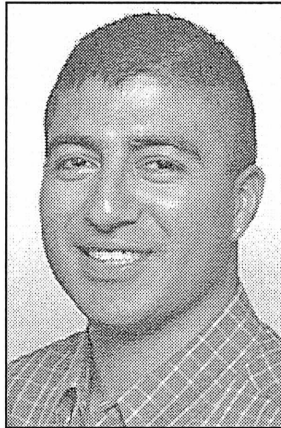
- Professional help is affordable. Andrée notes that college savings should be part of an overall financial plan, and there are many ways to approach it. "A professional financial advisor can help you develop a long-term plan to work toward your family's financial goals," he says. "The guidance and just keeping on track with your financial goals are reasons enough to make hiring a professional worthwhile and affordable."

Andrée points out that saving for college isn't just about getting a degree, but teaching your children how to save is also an integral part. He suggests getting a piggy bank where kids can save their parents extra change at bedtime. "Teaching your kids to be good savers will make you a better saver, too."

"Education is so important to ensure that our children will be happy and successful in life. Unfortunately, it doesn't come cheap," Andrée says. "By starting a savings program today, you'll make certain those dreams become a reality tomorrow."

Obituaries

James Thomas Gonzalez



JAMES GONZALEZ

Funeral services for James Thomas Gonzalez, 25, of Knox City were held Fri., Nov. 3 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father George Roney officiating. Rosary was held Thurs., Nov. 2 at the church. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Gonzalez died Tues., Oct. 31 in Lubbock.

Born July 15, 1981 in Haskell, he was the son of Jaime and Silveria Gonzalez. He graduated from Haskell High School in 2000. He married Sandra Ruiz Oct. 18, 2001 in Abilene. He worked for Basic Well Service and was a member of

St. George Catholic Church. He was a loving father, husband, son, brother and friend. His smile and laughter will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; son, James Jacob of Knox City; his parents, Jaime and Silveria Gonzalez of Haskell; three sisters, Veronica Garcia, Consuelo Gonzalez and Laurie Gonzales, all of Haskell; one brother, Emmanuel Gonzalez of Haskell; his maternal grandfather, Roque L. Gonzales of Haskell and paternal grandfather, Thomas Gonzalez of Rio Verde, Mexico; two nieces, several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

PD. NOTICE

Gloria Jean Johnson

Graveside services for Gloria Jean Johnson, 56, of Haskell were held Sun., Nov. 5 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. J.C. Amburn officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Johnson died Thurs., Nov. 2 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 7, 1949 in Haskell, she was the daughter of James Alfred Bartley Jr. and Charise Goble Bartley. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, James Bartley.

Survivors include her husband, Gayle Johnson of Old Glory; daughter, Amanda Johnson and son, Shannon Matura, both of Haskell; grandchildren, Abigail Ortiz, Astrid Guzman, Andrew Matura, Elizabeth Matura, Isiah Matura and Destiney Matura; brother, Bobby Bartley of Rochester; sisters, Ruby Bartley of Rule, Kelly Bartley McEwen and Melissa Moore of Andrews.

PD. NOTICE

Texas Workforce Commission defines contract labor

"Contract labor" may be the most widely used misnomer in business today and poses a growing concern for Texas employers—tax penalties that could have been avoided.

One of the most frequently asked questions of the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Office Representing Employers regards the definition of contract labor. Although the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act does not directly define "independent contractor," it does set forth a broadly inclusive test, known as the "direction or control" or "common law" test.

The Texas Labor Code creates the presumption of employment based on the performance of a service for wages, and the burden for

proving otherwise is on the recipient of those services. In basic terms, an employee is someone over whose work an employer exercises direction or control. Employers need to be aware that there are extensive wage reporting and tax responsibilities that accrue as a result of the employer/employee relationship. It is important for employers to understand the differences between employees and independent contractors, as there are also interest payments and financial penalties levied against those who attempt to circumvent unemployment taxes.

An independent contractor is self-employed, bears responsibility for his or her own taxes and expenses, and is not subject to an employer's direction and control. The distinction depends upon much more than what the parties call themselves.

TWC has the legal obligation to collect taxes on the wages of all individuals who qualify as employees under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Each year, hundreds of employers are required to participate in Unemployment Insurance appeals cases that involve questions arising over the classification of independent contract workers. At issue is whether a given worker is considered an employee or an independent contractor. TWC is charged with auditing businesses to ensure that employee wages are being reported and that proper taxes are being paid on those wages. When TWC determines that an individual who has been classified as an independent contractor is really an employee, then back taxes, penalties and interest are assessed.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is notified of TWC's findings via a federal reporting program. The IRS will then investigate those same employers for compliance with federal laws.

In determining if an individual is an employee or an independent contractor, TWC uses a 20 common law factor test which can be found at www.texasworkforce.org.

The following comparison outlines the differences in each classification of workers:

Significant Differences Between Employees and Independent Contractors Employer/Employee

- Worker asserts he is an employee or seems unsure of his status
- Worker has no DBA (Doing Business As), does not own his own company, has no client base, and/or has no business cards or independent advertising
- Worker performs services on an ongoing basis for the employer
- Worker's services are directly integrated in the primary service supplied by the employer
- Pay is by hourly wage or salary,

rather than by the job

- Pay is unilaterally set by the employer
- Employer supervises the worker in the details of the projects or assignments
- Employer provides the facilities, tools, equipment and/or supplies for the work
- Employer provides office space and clerical help to the worker at no cost
- Worker requires training and periodic supervision
- Worker is subject to routine quality control checks
- Worker is required to furnish regular reports to the employer
- Worker has no right to engage assistants to help him perform the contract services, or if the worker hires assistants, the employer pays their wages
- Employer reimburses the worker for expenses associated with the job
- Worker is covered by all or part of the employer's benefits plan and liability insurance
- Worker does not determine the hours or the details of the work

Independent Contractor

- Contractor asserts self-employment and generally maintains client list or customer base
- Contractor is usually hired locally where the customer performs the project
- Contractor performs a service the customer is not qualified or able to supply
- Work is generally performed at customer site and/or contractor's office/home
- Tools and equipment are furnished by contractor or customer
- Supplies are furnished by contractor without reimbursement from customer
- Contractor is highly skilled and requires no training or supervision
- Contractor and customer are interested only in the outcome of the work, not in the details of how the work is done
- Contractor has some voice in determining the hours of performing the work
- Work is not on a continuous basis, but rather on a job-to-job basis
- Pay is generally by the job and is negotiated with the contractor
- Contractor invoices the customer for work performed
- Payment is to the contractor
- Contractor has the right to hire assistants and to pay them out of pocket
- Contractor is not reimbursed for expenses
- Contractor is not covered by the customer's benefit plan
- Contractor maintains own errors and omissions liability insurance
- Contractor is not required to submit performance, cost, or progress reports other than invoices or perhaps work or progress reports verified and signed by the employer's clients.

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QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION—Haskell 4-H'ers competing in the 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl on Nov. 2 were, l-r, Emmalee McCormick, Jenny Dudensing, Crissy Bassett and Carson Hadaway.

Haskell Co. 4-H members compete in District Quiz Bowl

4-H members from across the Rolling Plains District competed in the 2006 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest Thurs., Nov. 2 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

Approximately 95 youth, participating in teams, took part in the competitive game testing their knowledge of nutrition, food safety, and food economics.

Both Junior and Senior age 4-H'ers competed in their divisions with the top three Senior teams advancing to the state contest to be

held during State 4-H Roundup at College Station in June. The contest is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Participating from Haskell County were Emmalee McCormick, Crissy Bassett and Carson Hadaway, all of Haskell and Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton. Attending the event with the girls were Renee Dudensing, Kim Bassett, Janet McCormick and County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan.

'Escape' to bring performances to Rule

The Rule High School annual staff invites everyone to attend a concert by the Christian singing group, "Escape," who will be in concert in the Rule High School auditorium Sat., Nov. 11, at 6 p.m.

The group will also be at the Rule-Aspermont football game Fri. night, Nov. 10, where they will sing the national anthem before the game and present a brief halftime show from the field.

"Escape" is a Christian vocal music group, offering a fresh, unique approach to a cappella

music, with their four different voices blending together. They have been performing together for eight years, and have performed at churches and other locations in Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

They last appeared in Rule in two concerts in 2004.

Everyone is invited to the concert Sat. night, where admission will be an offering of whatever attendees wish to give. Call Bobby Robinson at 940-997-9003 for more information.

Don't spoil feast

As the holidays near, the one thing you do not want to serve to family and friends is food-borne illness, which is any disease carried by food. Contamination is primarily due to incorrect holding temperatures and allowing foods to come in contact with unsanitary surfaces, including hands. Symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and/or fever.

To prevent food-borne illness, UT Southwestern Medical Center nutritionist Vickie Vaclavik recommends keeping all food at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

"Temperatures in between cold or hot are in the temperature danger zone and are not acceptable for holding food for more than a few hours," she says. "Microorganism growth is too likely after four hours of accumulated time in this danger zone."

Vaclavik also recommends good hygiene by washing hands often and using a clean or disposable towel for drying. In addition, holiday chefs should avoid cross contamination by using clean utensils on all cooked foods.



KRISTEL JOHNSON - COY HISE

Johnson, Hise to marry Nov. 11

Pete and Mary Helen Johnson of Lufkin are announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristel Johnson, to Coy Hise, son of Vonnie and

Jerrie Sue Hise of Vernon.

The couple plans a Nov. 11 wedding at the Johnson residence in Lufkin.

Births

Brad and Jacy West of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Caden Bradley West born Oct. 17, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 6.5 oz. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed home by big brother, Colby West; and his aunts

and uncles.

Grandparents are Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell and Gene and Dorothy West of Mesquite.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

4 Texas cities make safe list

AUSTIN - Candidates fired final salvos of commercials and weaved through the state to get in last-minute words with voters the week before election day, Nov. 7.

Timing spoils this week's State Capital Highlights because it is mailed the day before election day. Next week's column will include election results.

Austin ranked 5th safest city

In an annual ranking of the 25 safest cities in America, Austin placed fifth among cities with a population of more than 500,000.

The ranking, compiled by Morgan Quitno, is based on FBI crime statistics.

Other high-ranked big cities in Texas include El Paso, third; San Antonio, seventh; and Fort Worth, ninth.

Two cities made the "most dangerous" list: Dallas placed sixth, and Houston, 10th.

Toll roads open in capital area

A certain kind of Texan never wants to come to Austin.

Another kind loves the capital city and seizes any opportunity to come. And yet another kind will come here but only if absolutely necessary. The last two kinds will soon note changes if they ride here on two or more wheels.

New toll roads, started in 2002 as the Central Texas Turnpike Project, have opened to the north and east of the city. These toll roads, State Highways 45 and 130, and a section of Loop 1 (MoPac), are meant to relieve traffic on Interstate Highway 35. The part of IH-35 that goes through Austin is one of the busiest and most dangerous stretches of highway in America.

Until Dec. 31, to encourage use of the system, tolls will not be collected. On Jan. 1, tolls will be collected for drivers paying cash at toll booths. TxTAG users will begin paying half the posted tolls in February. In March they will pay the regular toll of 10 percent less than the cash rate.

Red light cameras to be tested

Another thing visitors might not notice but should know about is that the Austin City Council on Nov. 2 approved a two-month pilot program to test red-light cameras at intersections around the city.

The goal is to have cameras up and running in February. After the

test period, the city will position cameras at more than a dozen intersections around town. Tickets will be sent to the permanent addresses recorded for the plates.

The American Civil Liberties Union has lodged a protest, arguing that such a surveillance system would constitute an invasion of drivers' privacy and a warrantless search.

It also might be a due-process issue if a person ticketed for running a red light could not face a flesh-and-blood accuser in a court of law.

Teachers to receive incentive pay

More than 1,100 Texas schools will share \$95.5 million in Texas Educator Excellence Grants under a program created by the Texas Legislature last spring to give incentive pay to teachers.

Each of the state's 1,119 qualified schools will receive \$40,000 to \$300,000 depending on the size of their student population on their campus.

To qualify, schools must have ranked in the top half of the state in the percentage of educationally disadvantaged students for their school type and have been rated exemplary or recognized or ranked in the top quartile performance level for improvement in math and reading.

Court lifts injunction against AG

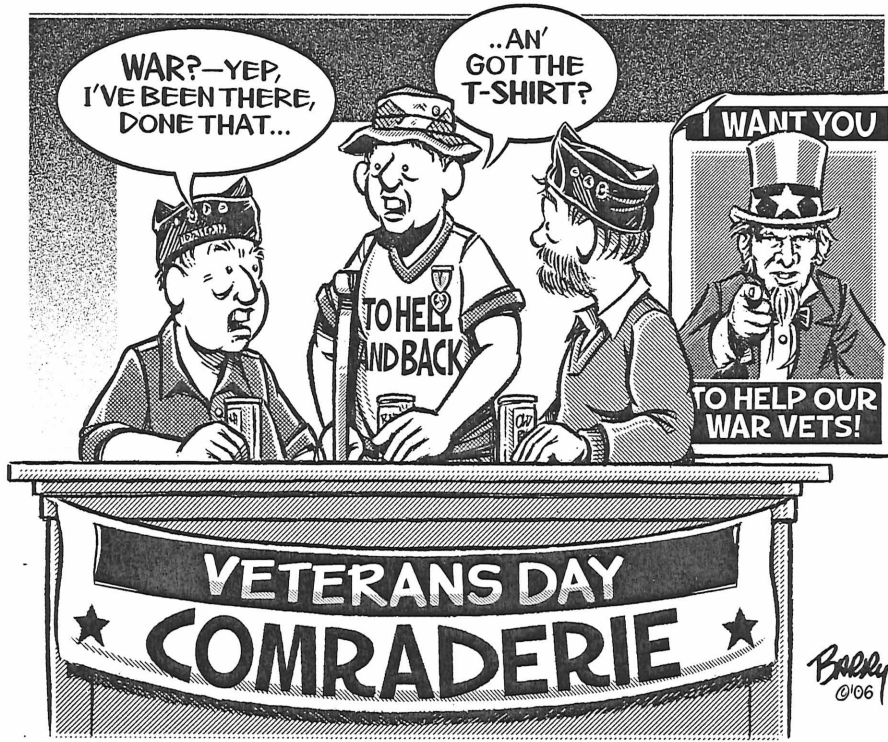
On Nov. 3, the last day of early voting, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans lifted a lower court injunction that ordered Attorney General Greg Abbott to stop prosecuting people who help elderly and disabled voters cast mail-in ballots.

McKinney named A&M finalist

Mike McKinney, a top executive at the University of Texas Health Science Center, has been named sole finalist for the position of Texas A&M System chancellor by the Texas A&M Board of Regents. McKinney is a former state representative and former chief of staff to Gov. Rick Perry. Robert McTeer announced his retirement as chancellor in August.

Public can watch border cams

Eight of the state's 15 surveillance cameras along the Mexican border are running. The public is welcome to watch the sites by logging on to the test site, www.texasborderwatch.com.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 7, 1996

Ryan Nanny was named Band Beau and Jacy Cypert was selected Band Sweetheart during the half time activities of the Haskell-Holliday game.

The winners of the Cub Scout Parent-Son Cake Bake and their categories were biggest cake, Ryan Barnes; smallest cake, A.J. Shaw; best tasting cake, Kendall Mitchell; ugliest cake, Daniel Rodriguez; most unique cake, Charlie Smith; tallest cake, Rylie Tatum; judge's choice, Samuel Bitner; most scout spirit, Jared Webb; biggest flop, Ramon Cuellar; Halloween theme, Scott Kennedy; best university theme, Matthew Brown.

Alvin and Margie Dorner of Haskell have returned from a 3,000 mile, nine day trip through the Great Smoky Mountains.

20 Years Ago November 6, 1986

Charity Bradley celebrated her 100th birthday at Rice Springs Care Home. She was born Nov. 11, 1886.

Dr. Luther B. Clegg, professor of education at TCU, visited in Haskell. He is writing a book on rural schools and talked with Mrs. Sam Herren, Mrs. Norman Nanny and Fred Brown.

Joey Thomas was crowned King at the powder puff football game. He was escorted by Shanna Mueller.

30 Years Ago November 4, 1976

Jack Medford, pro at Haskell Country Club, announced that Edna Anderson and Kenneth Jones were the most improved golfers.

Brenda Whitworth, Linda

Wallace and Martha Toliver attended the Cameo Guild Fall Festival of Beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lackey of Fort Worth visited with his mother, Beulah Lackey.

Dorothy Spann of Munday, visited her aunt, Mrs. Tommye Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bill Holden of Denton, visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Shaw.

Russ Lewis and Kim Campbell were presented with the 4-H Gold Star Boy and Girl awards during the annual awards banquet.

40 Years Ago November 3, 1966

Diane Hester was appointed editor of the Haskell High School yearbook, The Chieftain.

Kenny Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Miller of Haskell and Steve Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper of Haskell, were guest entertainers on Pigskin Pix.

Mrs. Claude Ashley visited in the home of her son, Olin Ashley of Odessa.

Thornton Gilmore and Paul Hiebert were featured in "Meet the Senior Indians" in the newspaper.

Faye Jetton, Fay Fowler and Leona Carter attended the State Licensed Vocational Nurses Convention.

50 Years Ago November 8, 1956

According to records in the office of Elizabeth Stewart, county tax assessor-collector, 23 new cars were registered in Haskell County during the month of October.

Guests in the home of W.D. Hellums over the weekend were

their daughter, Wynelle Hellums and her aunt, Mrs. E.F. McGaughey of Dallas.

Mrs. J.R. Barnett and daughter, Mary Spiller, left for a visit to Miami, Florida.

A meeting of the Future Teachers of Haskell was held. Officers nominated were president, Norma Jean Gipson; vice president, Janice Hester; secretary, Sara Sue Roberson; treasurer, Vicki Medley and historian, Gayle Spain.

Selected as Band Sweetheart was Valta Pierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Pierson. Pierson was escorted by, co-captains Robert Starr and John Ivan Clifton of the Indians.

Chosen for the title of Football Sweetheart was Geneva Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Franklin. Her escort was Bill Holley, Football Hero.

100 Years Ago November 3, 1906

J.U. Fields and Henry Alexander made a business trip to Seymour the early part of the week.

J.E. Burt finished laying the concrete sidewalk in front of the new building on the south side of the square.

A Houston real estate concern is investigation the possibility of securing sufficient farm land in Haskell County for the establishment of a German and Swede colony.

Simmons Livery Stable has added a new wagonette transfer which meets all trains coming into and leaving Haskell and can conveniently accommodate ten passengers and their baggage.

Keeping the holiday merry

As we approach the holiday season, your community bankers encourage you to take precautions to ensure your personal safety as well as your financial safety.

Holiday shopping safety:

- Be sure to park as close to the door as possible, especially after dark.

- Park in well-lighted areas and always be aware of your surroundings.

- Make sure your purse is closed at all times. An open handbag is an easy target for someone walking behind you or standing behind you in a line. They could easily reach in and grab your wallet before you even realize it.

- Be sure not to overload yourself with packages. Should an emergency arise, you don't want to be fumbling with packages and possibly drop your keys.

- Try not to park next to a van, as you could easily be pulled in through the sliding door.

- If shopping alone, walk to your car with authority, purpose and confidence. Have your keys ready and if you have a remote control, unlock your door as you are walking up to it so you can get into your car quickly. After you get into your car, re-lock the doors. Don't sit in your car with your door open while you are arranging your packages.

ATM safety. When stopping to make an ATM withdrawal before heading off on your shopping trip, keep these safeguards in mind:

- Make sure your ATM is in a well-lighted area and be aware of your surroundings.

- Try to make your ATM transactions during daylight hours.

- A drive-up ATM is generally safer than a walk-up facility. But if you have an uneasy feeling, drive to another ATM location.

Financial safeguards:

- Try to avoid the last minute crowds by shopping early to avoid impulse buying.

- Ask about refund policies before you buy, and save all receipts.

- Set a budget and stick to it. By not overspending, you will avoid the stress of trying to find the financial resources to pay for gifts long after the holidays are over.

- When shopping online, be sure to deal with reputable companies and order only on a secure server.

- Using debit and credit cards when holiday shopping is always safer than carrying around a large amount of cash.

- By deducting the money straight from your bank account with a debit card, you bypass the chance of racking up a big balance on your credit card.

We are always at risk, but should take steps to minimize the chances of bad things happening. Early preparation and planning will allow you to handle and react to emergencies and ensure you a safe and happy holiday season and beyond.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
Just a comment on how nice the Haskell area kids are. We had about 300 come by Trickling and Treating on Halloween night. The costumes and kids were great, cute and a barrel

of fun. They all seemed to be having a fun time—as we did.

We are already looking forward to next year.

It was a Happy Halloween.

Bob and Darlene Smith

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Frequently Asked Questions about Credit Cards

Each year my office hears from thousands of Texans who have questions about credit cards— from the amount of interest they can be charged to whether businesses can impose surcharges if a consumer pays for a good or service with a credit card.

Consumers with questions about their credit card should first consult the credit card agreement. These can be long documents in very fine print. Even though it may take time, make sure you read it thoroughly, ideally before signing up for a card.

Many consumers complain that they were lured into high interest credit cards by promotions that touted low or even "zero interest" offers. But often these rates last a few months and are subject to change for a number of reasons which are specified in the agreement.

TERMS AND INTEREST

While Texas law provides for a

limit on credit card interest, this applies only if the bank issuing the card is chartered in Texas. Most credit card companies today are based in states that do not impose such limits, and under federal law are able to charge substantially more, even to consumers who reside outside the state with a high or no interest cap. While consumers with good credit histories are generally offered a relatively low rate, many things can trigger a substantial increase, such as being even a single day late on a payment.

Consumers should also be aware that many credit card companies regularly monitor their overall creditworthiness. This means that the interest can be raised if the consumer is delinquent in paying a debt unrelated to the card, such as an auto loan or mortgage. Furthermore, most credit card agreements allow the issuer to periodically change the rate at its discretion.

Keep a close watch on each

month's statement to find out if the rate has suddenly changed. This might happen even if you've been making timely payments on the card and all other outstanding debt. You might want to contact the credit card company and question them on any sudden rise in interest, and ask if you can negotiate a better rate.

Just as credit card companies are permitted to raise the interest rate, they are generally allowed to change other terms, including late fees and the minimum amount due. Again, if there is an abrupt change in any terms from one statement to the next, contact your credit card company to find out why, and see if they are willing to reinstate the original terms.

DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CREDIT CARD USERS

In Texas, a business cannot penalize consumers who pay for a good or service by using a credit card. Businesses that add a surcharge to those who pay by credit card might be violating provisions

of the Texas Finance Code. Usually those fees can only be charged by government entities, such as for the payment of property or other taxes or other fees required by a government agency.

However, businesses in Texas can discount the regular retail price of an item for consumers who pay cash instead of using a credit card. Consumers who are charged extra for using a credit card should report it to my office by calling us at 1-800-252-8011 or filing a complaint online at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Similarly, businesses that accept credit cards are generally forbidden from setting a minimum amount to be charged to the card. While there is no law that prohibits this practice, virtually all agreements that merchants have with credit card companies prevent the business from imposing a minimum charge for card users. If you are faced with this, report it to your credit card company.

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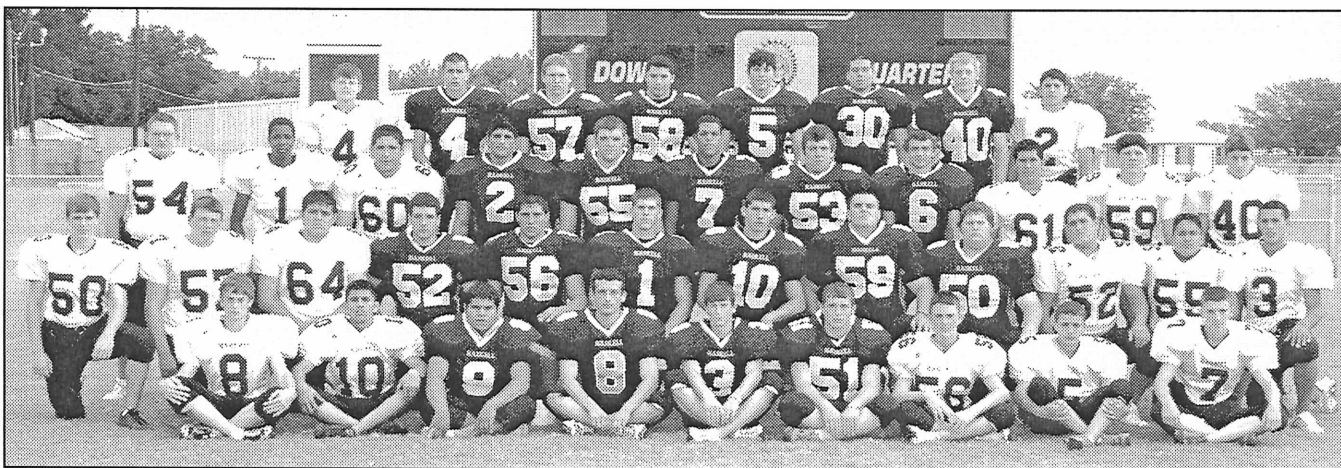
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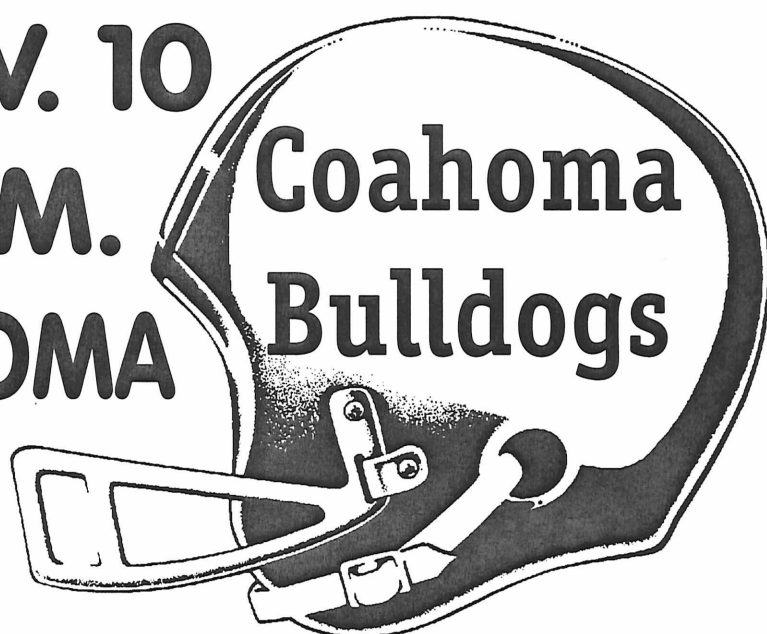


2006 HASKELL INDIANS: front row, l-r, #8 JV Steven Fillmon, #10 JV Raul Villarreal, #9 V Gerardo Torres, #8 V Justin Rodriguez, #3 V Weston Rutkowski, #51 V Cody Wyrick, #56 JV Tyler Reese, #5 JV Tyler Rodriguez and #7 JV Ethan Frierson. Second row, #50 JV A.J. Benton, #57 JV Andrew Crail, #64 JV Lee 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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Go Indians!

Weathers Whys

Weather and pain headaches. Can this happen?
Q: Some people say that changes in the weather give them
A: The answer is probably yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas

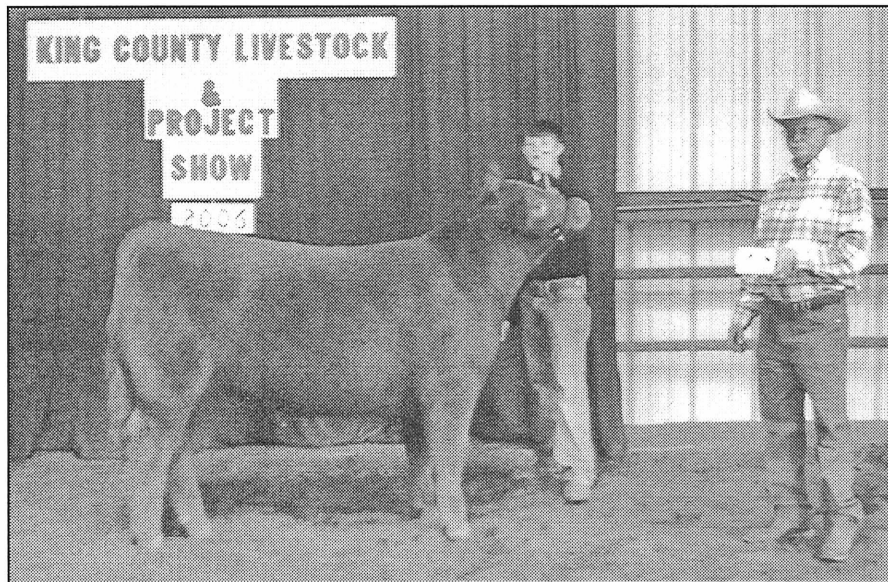
A&M University. There have been several studies on this topic, but the results have not been consistent.

"There is something called 'the weather factor' that doctors believe does contribute to pain, specifically headaches," McRoberts explains. "Doctors in one well-known clinic in Chicago report that people often say they have headaches—even migraine headaches—before or during storms. This is probably attributed to a drop in the barometric pressure, and when the pressure drops, some believe it can bring about more headaches. It's a theory that has never been confirmed conclusively, however."

Q: What are the other effects of air pressure?

A: There have been studies done that show that a dropping of air pressure can actually cause pregnant women to go into labor, he adds.

"The theory by researchers is that the expanding air pressure can trigger labor pains," he notes. "The subject of pain and weather is one that needs a lot more research. If changing air pressure does indeed tend to cause pain in some individuals, they may have to consider moving. Severe storm areas such as the South, Southwest and Midwest have frequent pressure changes. The areas that have the least are Hawaii and most of southern California."



CHAMPION STEER—FFA member James Williams, displays his Limousine calf, **Bullet**, which won Grand Championship Steer at the King County Livestock Project Show, Sat., Nov. 4. Tommy Antilley, steer judge, holds Williams' belt buckle. This is the second year Williams has won this show. He is the son of Greg and Jo Ann Williams of Haskell.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 749 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 4, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Packers, \$2-4 lower. Stockers, \$4-8 lower. Feeders, \$3-5 lower. Bred cows and pairs, \$25 higher.

Cows: fat, .42-.46; cutters, .41-.47; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.58; feeders, .60-.72, utility, .45-.53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.45-1.60; 300-

400 lbs., 1.27-1.52; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.32; 500-600 lbs., .98-1.17; 600-700 lbs., .95-1.12; 700-800 lbs., .90-1.01; 800-up lbs., .85-.92.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.17; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .94-1.02; 600-up lbs., .85-.97.

Bred cows young to middle aged 650-885; aged or small, 450-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 885-1190; older, 550-800.

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Go Texan

By George Ayres, Texas Department of Agriculture

Enjoy a Seasonal Favorite—the Texas chrysanthemum

Long live the queen! The queen of the fall flowers, that is. Here at the Texas Department of Agriculture, we're talking about the chrysanthemum, the colorful and much-loved mum.

For many of us, our first introduction to the chrysanthemum was a corsage for special events such

as homecoming football games. Those were the days! The chrysanthemum is still an event favorite and remains the most widely grown potted plant in the country. It's also one of the longest lasting of all cut flowers. The latter attribute, along with the flowers' artistic allure, makes mums highly favored by floral arrangers.

In fact, in the United States, the chrysanthemum is the largest commercially produced flower because of its ease of cultivation, ability to bloom on schedule, diversity of bloom forms and colors and overall holding quality of the blooms.

There are 61 producers in Texas today, and in 2005 they sold 3 million chrysanthemum pots worth a wholesale value of \$5.6 million.

The chrysanthemum was first introduced into the United States during colonial times, but the flower was first cultivated in China as a flowering herb and is described in writings as early as the 15th century B.C.

In fact, Chinese pottery depicted the chrysanthemum much the same as we know it today. As an herb, it was believed to have the power of life. Legend has it that the boiled roots were used as a headache remedy; young sprouts and petals were eaten in salads; and leaves were brewed for a festive drink.

There are so many varieties of chrysanthemums today that a system of classification is used to categorize and identify them. The classification is based on the type of florets and their growth patterns.

As a landscaping plant, the chrysanthemum makes a beautiful fall display for many home gardens. With skill and artistry, many varied effects can be achieved, even within a limited growing area. Chrysanthemums can accentuate an entranceway, provide the fall colors to a season-long growing bed or dominate a growing area with the many varied shapes, sizes, and colors. Used in this fashion, chrysanthemums provide an outstanding climax to the season before the season changes and winter arrives.

With gorgeous blooms that last three weeks or more, picking a healthy, fresh pot chrysanthemum, or "mum," may be the beginning of a beautiful long-term relationship.

Here are several things to look for to ensure you're getting the best

value when you select your mum:

- Select a plant with dark green foliage and without damaged or broken flowers.

- Choose a healthy plant that doesn't wobble in the pot and isn't too top-heavy.

- Find a chrysanthemum with flowers one-half to three-fourths open. Flowers that haven't opened yet might not bloom at home, while flowers that are fully open might not last as long at home.

- Avoid wilting plants or plants with bugs.

Care for your fresh pot mum: Water: Moderately moist soil is preferred. Water thoroughly when just the soil surface is dry to the touch, but do not let the plant stand in water.

Light: Chrysanthemums prefer a bright light location.

Temperature: Chrysanthemums prefer a moderate climate of 65 degrees F to 75 degrees F during the day, and 60 degrees F to 70 degrees F at night. Cooler nights (50 degrees F to 60 degrees F) help maximize a mum's bloom time of up to three weeks.

Helpful tips: If a chrysanthemum plant is bought in its bud stage, it will need bright light near a sunny window to encourage the buds to open. Once on full bloom, it may tolerate lower light. If a chrysanthemum plant develops yellow leaves and black flower centers, it is an indication that the light is too low. Be sure to avoid direct, full sunlight, which can burn the flowers.

When you buy potted chrysanthemums grown in Texas, you're getting the healthiest, freshest plants available on the market. Distance does make a difference, and buying a plant grown locally means less travel time for your chrysanthemum to ship directly to your local retailer—best of all, it's already acclimated to the ever-changing Texas weather. Look for the distinctive GO TEXAN logo—a glowing brand in the shape of Texas—to help you find chrysanthemums from Texas at a glance.

To learn more about where to find Texas-grown chrysanthemums, find out more about the incredible array of our Texas-grown plants, or to order TDA's horticulture publications, visit the GO TEXAN Web site at www.gotexan.org or call 877-99GO-TEX.

Time for flu shots

Getting a flu shot is a great way to ward off seasonal flu this winter.

Flu season typically lasts from December to March, but the ideal time for "high-risk" people to be inoculated with the flu vaccine through mid-November, says Dr. James Luby, an infectious disease expert at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Although vaccine shortages have been experienced in the past, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting no short supplies this season.

The vaccine begins to protect within about two weeks after a flu shot.

"It is an effective way to prevent influenza, reduce its severity or decrease the risk of complications,

such as pneumonia," Dr. Luby says.

The CDC recommends vaccination for children ages 6 months to 5 years old, pregnant women, people aged 50 and older or people of any age with chronic medical conditions. The federal agency also recommends vaccination for people who live with, or care for, at-risk people.

Experts also urge everyone to follow these tips to stay healthy:

- Avoid close contact with sick people; avoid close contact with others when sick.

- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

- Wash your hands often.

- Try not to touch your nose, eyes or mouth.

RULE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 472,444	\$ 13,624	\$ 486,068
State Program Revenues	981,093	41,551	1,022,644
Federal Program Revenues	-	194,583	194,583
Total Revenues	1,453,537	249,758	1,703,295
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	860,677	165,541	1,026,218
Instructional Resources and Media Services	3,421	51	3,472
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	861	-	861
School Leadership	75,148	102	75,250
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	55,777	2,241	58,018
Health Services	7,962	-	7,962
Student (Pupil) Transportation	41,107	574	41,681
Food Services	2,735	78,915	81,650
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	60,654	125	60,779
General Administration	123,208	208	123,416
Plant Maintenance and Operations	152,338	926	153,264
Data Processing Services	44,380	208	44,588
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	55,997	-	55,997
Total Expenditures	1,484,265	248,891	1,733,156
Net Change in Fund Balances	(30,728)	867	(29,861)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,501,502	2,421	1,503,923
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,470,774	\$ 3,288	\$ 1,474,062

VETERANS DAY

A Special Thanks To All Our Veterans

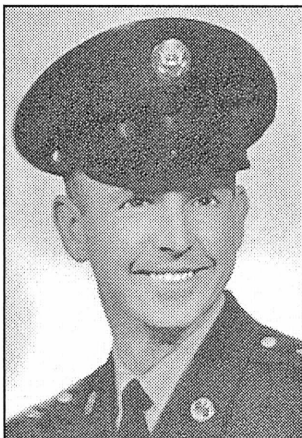
We salute all of the Veterans of Haskell County and pay tribute to all of the American heroes, whose names we may not know, but whose efforts have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the many

freedoms that we have today. To all those brave servicemen, who paid with their bodies and souls, we pay our respects and offer our gratitude. Their contributions have not been forgotten.

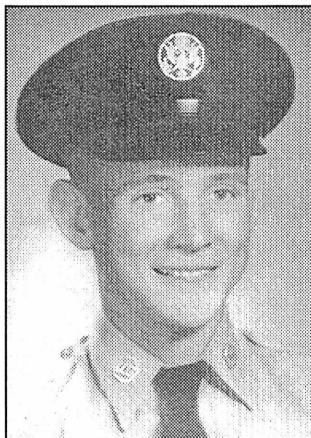
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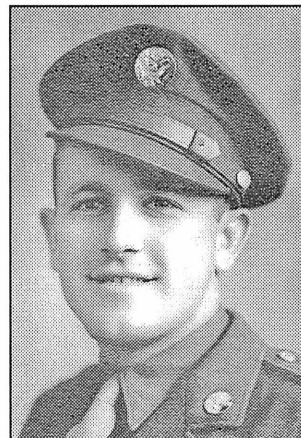
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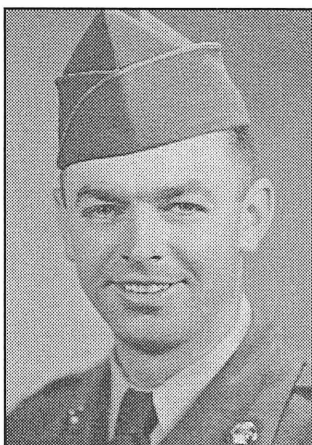
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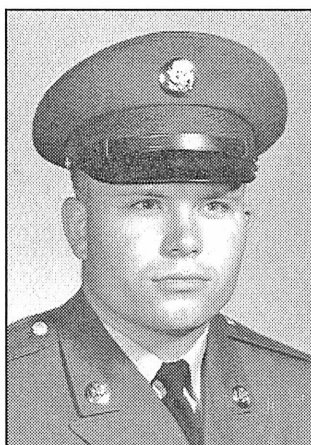
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Holiday visits may expose truths about aging parents and their needs

The holidays are a wonderful, joyous time for families to visit and re-connect. It can also be quite an eye opener when children discover their parent(s) may need some assistance, or perhaps, should no longer be living alone all together. But determining if assistance is required, and locating necessary services, can prove to be a daunting task for many.

"There are many home care services and housing options available for families to tap into today," said Cheryl Culbertson, owner and founder of the Texas based Internet site Elder Options of Texas (www.elderoptionsoftexas.com). "The problem is not knowing what services exist and how to locate them. Moving to an assisted living facility or nursing home isn't always the answer." The Internet can be a useful tool especially for families who live a long distance away, as services can be easily located, making contact and arranging for services by telephone much easier.

When visiting your parents over the holidays look for the following warning signs that may indicate they need assistance. The community and service options that follow can then lead you in the right direction.

•Bills piling up/mishandling finances: If your parent is having trouble managing money, he or she is not alone. An estimated 500,000 older people in the United States need help with their financial affairs. As a result, a new field is evolving to provide daily money management services on a fee-for-service basis

(www.aadmm.com).

•Untidy house and appearance: Parent generally keeps a neat and tidy home. Dirty dishes and clutter are now noticeable. May be clues of forgetfulness, lack of interest and depression.

•Food in the refrigerator is uneaten or spoiled: Could be signs that shopping, cooking and cleaning are becoming difficult tasks. Your parent might be eating just enough to get by and suffer nutritionally. Losing weight can be another sign that a parent is not eating a nutritious diet.

•Signs of scorching on the bottoms of pots and pans: A possible sign of short-term memory loss. This could be an indication they are forgetting about pots left on the stove, causing a fire hazard, and threatening both the individuals' and the surrounding neighbors' safety.

•Behavioral changes: Exhibiting inappropriate behavior by being unusually loud or quiet, paranoid, agitated or making phone calls at all hours.

•Forgetfulness: If they tell you a favorite story for the hundredth time, don't worry. If they forget to take medications, forget what they're doing in mid-stream (such as putting something in the oven and then forgetting to the oven on), or forget whether they've eaten, there might be a problem.

•Making repeated phone calls at odd hours: When a parent telephones friends or family at odd hours, it may be a sign of loneliness and isolation. Arranging for trips to the local senior center or for daily check-in phone calls could make all the difference. Many local sheriff and police departments offer a Telephone Reassurance Program also referred to as "Are You O.K.?", a free community service that makes a daily computer generated telephone call to the participant to check on their welfare.

•Problems with mobility: Bumping into furniture, difficulty getting in and out of bed or falling may indicate dizziness, illness, vision problems or a side effect of their medication.

•Self-neglect: Neglected personal hygiene resulting in wearing dirty clothes, body odor, bad breath, neglected nails/teeth or sores on the skin.

•Symptoms of depression: Not a

normal part of aging. It is a medical condition that can and should be treated at any age. Should depression be a concern, seek professional medical advice starting with the parent's personal physician, who will first check to see if there are any medical or drug-related reasons for the depression. After a complete exam their physician may suggest talking to a mental health specialist, such as a Geriatric Psychiatrist, a physician who specializes in mental health issues for aged persons (www.aagppa.org) or (www.gmhfonline.org/gmhf).

If any of the above signs are noticeable the current situation definitely needs to be addressed as an older persons health can quickly deteriorate quite in as little as three months. Once adult children decide that a parent needs assistance, the next step is determining what kind: adult daycare, meal delivery, psychiatric counseling, home health services, home safety modifications, interaction at a senior center, or installing an emergency response service are a few things that can make a big difference to an older adult living alone. Assisted living isn't always the only answer. The following are a few options to consider:

•Geriatric Care Managers: These highly trained professionals work closely with families to determine the type of services needed, or if moving to a care facility is in their best interest. They can often be instrumental in helping the parent understand the need for change. Professional geriatric care managers are usually licensed nurses or social workers that specialize in geriatrics. Some families, especially when living long distance, hire a geriatric care manager to evaluate and assess a parent's needs, then coordinate the necessary care through available community resources. Rates vary depending on the part of the country service is provided, and where the care manager is located. Texas care managers charge an average of \$75-150 per hour, with some charging a flat fee for the initial assessment, and then billing hourly for services. To learn more, or to locate a geriatric care manager, contact the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (www.caremanager.org).

•Emergency Response Devices: Many families have the fear of an elderly parent falling and sustaining an injury, valid worries as one-third of senior citizens aged 65 or older, nearly 12 million people, experience falls each year. Almost 5,000 die from falls in the home. Investing in a home emergency response device can offer everyone peace of mind. Most are sold privately. The Texas Department of

State Health Services Personal Emergency Response System providers program may be able to provide further assistance (www.dshs.state.tx.us/pers/pers_consumer.shtm).

•Non-Medical In-Home Care: Should a parent be able to remain at home with the assistance of support services, non-medical in-home care is an option. Services range from companionship, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, meal preparation, bill paying, and transportation to appointments. Assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, and toileting are also provided. Most home care companies bond and insure their caregivers and perform multiple background checks before hiring. Most charge privately. Some accept long-term care insurance with rates ranging from \$14.00 to \$22.00 an hour with \$16.50 per hour being the average. Some may require a four-hour to 20 hour per week minimum. For low income senior's home care can be provided through the Texas Area Agencies on Aging. Services are free, partially funded by a variety of local contributions and funds received from the Older Americans Act (www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/aaa_directory.html).

•Tax Credit Senior Apartment Communities: For parents on a modest income who are still quite active and independent, but find house maintenance or over-all expense a problem, Tax Credit Senior Apartment Communities are another option. Unlike most publicly subsidized housing programs designed to assist the elderly, the housing tax credit program does not provide tenants with governmental rent subsidies, but rather provides for a more affordable monthly rental rate. Not only do tax credit communities make it more affordable for lower income seniors to continue a quality lifestyle, but these apartment homes offer landscaped grounds, swimming pools, Internet cafe's, fitness centers, and libraries naming just a few of the many amenities. The advertised term "affordable" is the term to look for. Qualifications are based on income. Residents must qualify and

make no more than 60 percent of the area median income. The program's rent and income levels vary from county to county depending on area research, what the developer wants and what Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs will approve regarding the bonds that are issued. To locate a list of some Texas tax credit communities, visit www.elderoptionsoftexas.com/affordable_senior_apartment_communities.htm.

•Residential Care Assisted Living Homes: If it's determined your parent should no longer live alone, another option many are unaware of are residential care homes. Generally care is provided in a private home in a residential neighborhood. Nutritious meals, supervision and assistance with personal care such as bathing, dressing, and grooming are provided. Texas residential care homes do not have to be licensed if they serve less than four residents or if all the residents are related to the proprietor. The Department of Aging and Disability Services license larger homes.

There are two primary types of homes: Type A & Type B.

Type A: The resident must be physically and mentally capable of evacuating the facility unassisted. This resident does not require routine attendance during nighttime sleeping hours, and must be capable of following directions under emergency conditions.

Type B: The resident may require staff assistance to evacuate and may be incapable of following directions under emergency conditions. They may require attendance during nighttime sleeping hours. The resident may not be permanently bedfast, but may require assistance in transferring to and from a wheelchair. Texas Organization of Residential Care Homes (www.torch.com).

•Moving and Downsizing Services: When the need to move arises from the family home of several years, many rely on the professional services of a senior moving specialists. Many are members of the National

Association of Senior Move Managers (www.nasmm.org) offering a wide range of pre-move, and moving day coordination services. Some even assist with the selling of the home working in conjunction with a Seniors Real Estate Specialists (www.seniorsrealestate.com).

•Elder Law Attorneys: Focusing on the special needs of older persons and people with disabilities, elder law attorneys represent the rapidly growing senior population afflicted with Alzheimer's and other incapacitating illnesses. Elder law attorneys often provide unique expertise that even the most financially knowledgeable can benefit from. For example, some might have geriatric case managers, nurses, social workers, or other specialists on-call. These professionals can provide guidance on such issues as medical care, senior housing, managing finances, and more. Long-term financial and medical planning is especially important for an illness like Alzheimer's, in which people with the disease may live for 10 years or longer and care can be incredibly costly. If you decide an elder care attorney is right for you look for someone with expertise in your areas of need. Elder law attorneys are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (www.naela.org).

•Respite Care/Spousal Care Giving: 34 million adults, 16 percent of population, provide care to adults age 50+, with many elderly themselves. If one of your parents is caring for the other, encourage or assist them in arranging for respite. National Respite Care Locator (www.respitelocator.org). The Well Spouse Association is a non-profit organization offering support for spousal caregivers (www.wellspouse.org).

Going home for the holidays should be a joyous occasion but it can also be the first step to ensuring your parent's needs are being met—a step that can only be accomplished by knowing what to look for, who to call, and how to locate needed services.

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- Stay sociable as you age, maintain and increase your network of friends and acquaintances.
- Keep in contact with old friends and neighbors if you move in with a relative or change to a new address.
- Develop a "buddy system" with a friend outside the home. Plan for at least a weekly contact and share openly with this person.
- Ask friends to visit you at home. Even a brief visit can allow observations of your well-being.
- Accept new opportunities for activities. They can bring new friends.
- Participate in community activities as long as you are able.
- Volunteer or become a member or office of an organization. Participate regularly.
- Have your own telephone, post and open your own mail. If your mail is being intercepted, discuss the problem with postal authorities.
- Stay organized. Keep your belongings neat and orderly. Make sure others are aware that you know where everything is kept.
- Take care of your personal needs. Keep regular medical, dental, barber, hairdresser, and other personal appointments.
- Arrange to have your Social Security or pension check deposited directly to a bank account.
- Get legal advice about arrangements you can make now for possible future disability, including powers of attorney, guardianships, or conservatorships.
- Keep records, accounts, and property available for examination by someone you trust, as well as by the person you or the court has designated to manage your affairs.
- Review your will periodically.

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.

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- Cut the food into small bites.
- Provide diversity.
- Offer a balanced diet.
- Assist the person in eating.
- Provide a light diet with abundant fruits and vegetables, including prunes, to help avoid constipation.

they may wander at night.

Dr. Rosenberg offers the following tips to promote calmer evenings and encourage sleep for those with Alzheimer's:

- Keep a light on.
- After lunchtime, avoid stimulants such as coffee.
- Avoid liquids after 5 p.m.
- Provide a light dinner meal.
- Reassure the patient if he or she awakens with anxiety.
- Avoid dehydration.
- Consult with a physician about whether a mild sedative may be required.

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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.

Museum fund-raiser

The Rochester Heritage Museum is selling T-shirts, cookbooks and history books. The 2006 Rochester 100th Birthday T-Shirt has the name of every Rochester graduate on the back. The T-shirts are \$10 and available in S-2XL. The 1981 edition of "Cooking in Rochester for 75 years" cookbook has been reprinted in a 100th birthday spiral bond edition and are \$25. The 1976 "History of Rochester, When the Rails Were Laid" history book has been reprinted. The history books are \$40. Proceeds benefit the Rochester Heritage Museum. To purchase contact Jane Short 940-742-3302 or Linda Short 940-743-3325 or 940-864-2673.

Thanksgiving service

The Community Thanksgiving service will be held Sun., Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Haskell with Richard Barr speaking. The service is sponsored by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

Office closed

The Haskell County Appraisal District office will be closed Fri., Nov. 10 for Veteran's Day and Mon., Nov. 13 and Tues., Nov. 14 for staff training in Austin.

Christmas pageant

A Merry Christmas Pageant will be held Nov. 18 and 19 at the Rochester School Campus Auditorium. A luncheon will be held on Saturday for all contestants and judges. The pageant, hosted by the Committee to Help Haskell County, is open to anyone from age 0 to 12th grade with divisions for both boys and girls. Deadline for entries is Fri., Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. Entry forms may be picked up at any school campus or at the County Judge's office. Entry fee is \$20. For more information call Susan Cockerell at 864-2851 or Lynn Dodson at 864-2903.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Haskell National Bank for Darlene Swinney.

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. Entries must include lights on their float. Santa will be present for pictures with the children at no cost. Local choirs are encouraged to perform on the night of the parade for additional entertainment. All inquiries must call Lori Rodriguez at Rolling Plains Correctional Facility Monday through Friday at 864-5694.

Food drive

Citibank in Haskell is sponsoring a holiday food drive through Nov. 17. All food collected will be donated to Haskell County Food Distribution Center. Bring your items to 518 S. Second in Haskell.

Thanksgiving dinner

A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served Fri., Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Bethel Baptist Church, 300 Sunny Ave., in Rule by Compassion in Action. Take outs are available.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Thurs., Nov. 9 at noon. All members are asked to attend to complete fund-raising plans.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. til 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., Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Cheryl Smith, Abilene artist, will give a demonstration. Guests are welcome.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Tues., Nov. 14 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Dedication

A ceremony to honor Veterans and dedicate the Rochester Veterans Memorial will be held Sat., Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in Rochester. All area veterans and citizens are invited. Following the dedication, a short ceremony will be held in front of the Rochester Heritage Museum to open the 1986 Rochester time capsule.

Storm sirens

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

Thanksgiving meal

A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served at Haskell National Bank Community Room Tues., Nov. 21 beginning at 6 p.m. for all residents in Haskell County that may not be otherwise able to share in this traditional meal with their families. The meal and time of Christian fellowship is provided by a combined effort of local churches and businesses, coordinated by the Christians in Action group.

4-H club to meet

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, 304 N. 2nd, Haskell. After a brief tour, the group will return to the Haskell Co. Extension office for a business meeting, a second lesson in the Character Counts series, fellowship and refreshments. For more information, call the Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

Food drive

The Rochester First Baptist Church's Children's Department is conducting a food drive to help those in need for Christmas. Canned or non-perishable food items may be left in designated boxes at First Baptist Church in Rochester, City Grocery in Rochester and The Drug Store in Haskell. If you need someone to pickup your donation or if you know or a family in need, contact Linda Short or Sharon Mullino.

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for the Countywide Christmas Cantata will be held every Sunday at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Scout registration

Registration for those wishing to join Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts may be done at any time by calling Kay Smith at 864-3344 or Patrick Pace at 997-2216.

Puttin' on the Hits

Rule High School's musical program, 'Puttin' on the Hits!' is scheduled Wed., Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The program, featuring Bobby Robinson's Rule High School theatre arts class consists of students pantomiming, dancing to and lip-syncing to present and past popular songs. Proceeds help finance theatre arts at Rule High School. A Christmas '...Hits!' program will be present Wed., Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Admission each night is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Six-Man Football Scores

The Rule Bobcats were open last Friday night. They will play Aspermont Fri. night, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Rule.

The Paint Creek Pirates had a tough match against the Woodson Cowboys last Friday night. Woodson racked up 229 rushing yards in 13 carries to defeat the Pirates 46-0.

Paint Creek was held to 82 total yards.

The Pirates will play Moran at 7:30 p.m. Fri., Nov. 10 at Paint Creek.

Money awarded for Child ID program

Gov. Rick Perry has announced the award of \$1.8 million to the Sheriff's Association of Texas to provide Child Identification Kits that will allow Texas parents to easily record and store their child's fingerprints, DNA and physical characteristics. This information can save precious time in assisting law enforcement authorities in the event that the child goes missing.

"When a child goes missing, every second counts," Perry said. "The odds of safely recovering a missing child are best in the first few hours. With the Child ID program, parents can give law enforcement an invaluable head start in locating their precious loved ones."

Through a collaborative effort with the National Child Identification Program, the American Football Coaches Association and the Texas Association of School Administrators, Child ID kits will be disseminated across the state to K-6th grade students with a letter to their parents explaining the significance of the kit. Each kit will contain an inkless fingerprint card, two swabs to obtain a child's DNA from their saliva, and a laminated wallet card to keep an updated photograph and physical description of the child.

"Encourage every parent to take advantage of this important program," Perry said. "The process is simple, lasts five minutes, and could directly lead to the safe recovery of a missing child."

Nearly 800,000 children go missing every year across America,

most of whom are teenage runaways. Governor Perry made the announcement of the grant with Ed Smart, a national spokesman for the National Child ID program and the father of Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted in 2002 and later safely returned to her family.

Perry was also joined by TCU head football coach Gary Patterson; Kenny Hansmire, executive director, AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program; Johnny Veselka, president of the Texas Association of School Administrators; and Steve Westbrook, executive director of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. Since it was founded in 1997, the National Child ID Program has distributed more than 15 million ID kits throughout the United States, making it the largest program of its kind and the only Child ID program to gain the backing of the FBI.

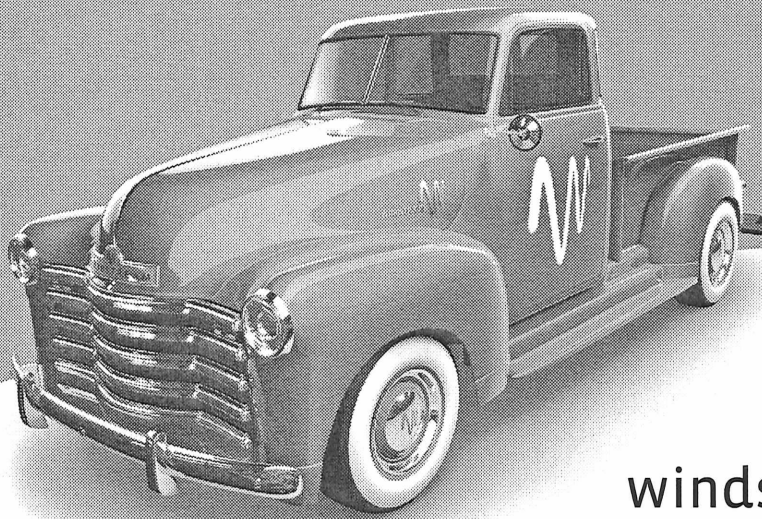
The grant, along with private donations, will support the distribution of 2 million kits to parents and guardians of school aged youth from Kindergarten through the 6th grade. These funds are awarded under the State Criminal Justice Planning Fund and are distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. The funds support programs that enhance the criminal and juvenile justice systems through various means, including law enforcement training and development, juvenile delinquency prevention programs, substance abuse treatment programs, victim services programs, and special prosecution and criminal investigation units.

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Couple celebrates 40th anniversary



ATTENDING ANNIVERSARY—Helping to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Ralph and Dora Torres were, l-r, front row, Frances Macias Silba, Gina Macias Ruiz, Dolores Macias Longoria, Catarino Macias, Jr., and honoree, Dora Macias Torres. Back, Mary Macias Ariaz, Jesse Macias, Jimmy Macias, and Joe Macias, Sr. Not pictured is John Macias.

Ralph and Dora Torres of Rule, were recently honored with a 40th wedding anniversary celebration, hosted by Dora Torres' nine brothers and sisters.

A wedding mass was held at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell, led by Father George Roney, assisted by Victor Salinas, Sr. and Joe Salinas.

The meal was served at Macias Ballroom in Haskell, owned and operated by Joe Macias, Sr., brother of Dora Torres. Decorations at the ballroom depicted the honorees' favorite things: Mickey Mouse and John Deere.

Following the meal, family members walked through an archway and were introduced to the guests.

At 8:00 p.m., a dance was held in the ballroom. The band, Grupo Viento of Anson, entertained dancers and onlookers. Midway through the dance the cakes were cut, with guests choosing from John Deere, Mickey Mouse and 3-tiered wedding cakes.



NEW PASTOR—Dan Bullock and his wife Joni were welcomed by the Weinert First Baptist Church Sun., Nov 5 as their new pastor. A student at Logston Seminary at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Dan Bullock previously pastored First Baptist Church of Magdalena, New Mexico.

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 13-17 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

- Monday:** Breakfast bagel
- Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick
- Wednesday:** Cereal, cheerz-its
- Thursday:** PB&J Uncrustable
- Friday:** Pig in a blanket

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:** Taco salad, cheese, pinto beans, salsa, sliced peaches
- Tuesday:** Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, apple wedges
- Wednesday:** Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, choice sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes, green beans, homemade bread, fruit salad
- Thursday:** Chalupas, cheese, salsa, corn, garden salad, sliced pears
- Friday:** Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, orange slice

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 13-17 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

- Monday:** Toast or cereal
- Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy
- Wednesday:** Pancakes
- Thursday:** French toast
- Friday:** Toast or cereal

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed

- potatoes, peas, rolls, pudding
- Tuesday:** Tacos, refried beans, corn on cob, salad, fruit
- Wednesday:** Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, apple crisp
- Thursday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, fries, rice krispy bars
- Friday:** Burritos, corn, salad, applesauce cake

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Nov. 13

Lunch—Ham and beans, carrots, buttered corn, onion slice, cornbread, Devil's food cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Nov. 15

Bingo 10:30
Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas,

club spinach, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Oct. 20

Lunch—Chop beef on bun, chips, pinto beans, onions, pickles, gooey cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Plan now for tax filing season

Next year's tax season is only a few months away, and the Internal Revenue Service always encourages taxpayers to take the time beforehand to gather and organize their tax records to reduce stress at tax time.

"This is the time of year that people tend to get outside in the great autumn weather—they rake leaves, clean out the garage—do the things they've been putting off until cooler temperatures. I think it's only natural for people to want to get organized at home and business during this time as well. You can avoid headaches at tax return filing time by keeping track of your receipts and other records throughout the year," said IRS spokesperson Clay Sanford. "Good recordkeeping can save a lot of time and effort when completing your return."

Generally, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. You should, however, keep any and all documents that may have had an impact on your federal tax return. Such items would include bills, receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled checks, or any other proof of payment. "Persons may select any recordkeeping structure

that is appropriate to their business that clearly shows income and expenses. Only in a few cases does the law require any special kind of records," Sanford noted.

Sanford stressed that good recordkeeping habits can have a positive impact on your business as well. "You need meaningful records to watch the development of your business. Records can show whether your business is improving, which items are selling, or what changes you need to make. Keeping thorough, accurate records can only increase the chances of business success."

Also, if you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer to complete your return quickly and accurately.

Tax records should usually be kept for three years, but some documents—for example, records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, Individual Retirement Accounts, and business or rental property—should be kept longer. For more information on what types of records to keep, see IRS publication 552, Recordkeeping for Individuals. It's available at www.irs.gov.

Forms and publications can also be ordered by calling toll-free at 1-800-TAX-FORM, and telephone assistance is available at 1-800-TAX-1040.

Go Indians!

This Week's Devotional Message:



LET'S HONOR THOSE WHO RISKED EVERYTHING FOR OUR FREEDOM

The survivors of the battles that were fought to maintain our freedom were fortunate enough to return to us, although many of them suffered permanent injuries in the process. Moreover, even those who came home with their bodies intact have had to resume their interrupted lives scarred with the memories of their nightmare experience and the resentment of those who disapproved of the wars in which they served. However, it

is unlikely that anyone ever wanted to go to war, and those who did so acted out of what they considered a duty to their country. Regardless of our feelings, we should be grateful to them and show them every consideration in return for the sacrifices which they made to us with the best of intentions. Let us further honor them by attending our house of worship, the choice of which they helped to preserve for all the rest of us.

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**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 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

Dan Bullock, 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

Clovis 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. 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

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
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

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GARAGE SALE: 1102 7th St., Rule. Sat. & Sun. 8 to 3. 45p

GARAGE SALE: Fri. & Sat. Claudia Reid residence, 2176 CR 119. 5 miles southeast of Rochester, 1 mile off FM 2407. 45p

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Public Notices

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Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids on a motor grader for Precinct #1. Specifications can be picked up at the County Judge's office at 1 Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521. Bids will be opened on November 20, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. during the regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court meeting. Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David C. Davis
Haskell County Judge
45-46c

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The City of Haskell is accepting bids on a new 2007 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 vehicle.

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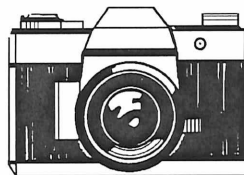
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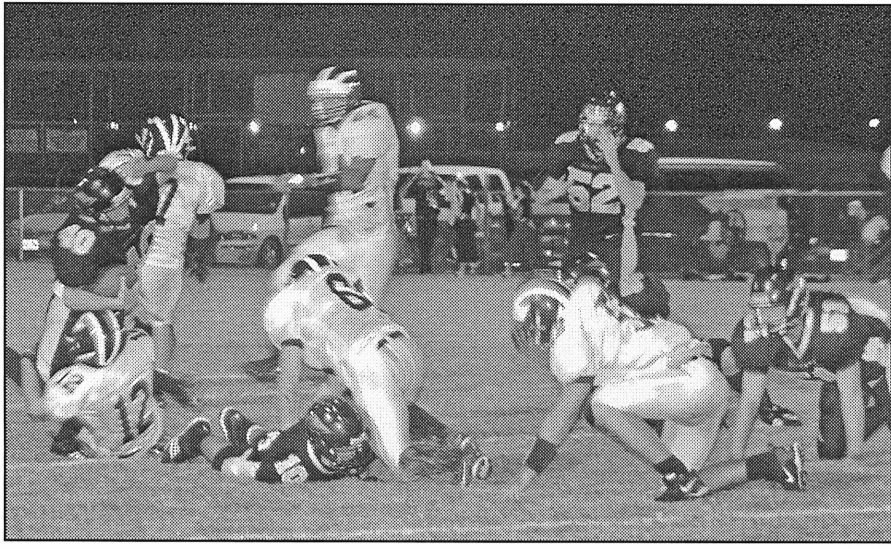
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SECOND QUARTER RUN—Haskell running back, Greg Guzman, #5, gets things started for the Indians on a 48-yard run with 8:08 to play in the second quarter, in their District 5-AA Championship game with the Hawley Bearcats at Indian Field. Photo by Bill Blankenship



ADDING YARDAGE—Making 62 yards and one touchdown in the game with Hawley, Haskell's Travis Adams, #40, adds to the decisive 41 to 3 win over the Bearcats, helping to secure the District 5-AA Championship for the Indians, Friday night. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Rochester to dedicate memorial, open time capsule on Nov. 11

Plans are being made for a formal dedication of the Rochester Veterans Memorial, rescheduled for Veterans Day, Sat., Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. The dream to build a memorial to honor the veterans of the Rochester community began many years ago and became a reality in 2004. The memorial was funded by the generosity of the community.

The Rochester Memorial "is gratefully dedicated to those from the Rochester area who served our

country in war and peace ensuring freedom into the 21st century and beyond" often paying the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country.

In 2006, dual flagpoles, donated by the Rochester Class of 2005, were added to the display. All area veterans and citizens are invited to attend the ceremony.

After the Veterans Memorial dedication, a short ceremony will be held in front of the Rochester

Heritage Museum to open the time capsule. The time capsule was sealed in December 1986 with a special plaque reading "Herein are mementoes from the people from the year 1986 to the people of the year 2006 to be opened at the celebration of Rochester's 100th Birthday."

The ceremony planned Oct. 14 during Rochester's 100th anniversary celebration was rained out.

Knox County museum sets Veteran's Day program

Final plans for a Veteran's Day program to be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Knox County Veterans Memorial are being made, and the program promises to be a memorable event to honor our veterans.

The Munday band will be providing the music; Charles Baker of Munday will be the Master of Ceremonies, and Gary Hubbard, retired U.S. Navy Veteran and pastor of the Munday Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

Travis Floyd, the Knox County Judge, will present the welcome, and American Legion Post 229 of Knox City, and VFW Post 1035 of Munday, will post the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Benjamin Elementary school students and a poem entitled "The Forgotten War," written and read by Pamela Walker, will be presented. Winning papers from a family member's military experiences will be read by students from Benjamin, Knox City and Munday.

The Gold Star family of Jesse H. Timberlake, killed in WWII, will place the memorial wreath under the archway. The chilling sound of taps and the National Anthem will conclude the program.

The Veterans History display in the Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

has become a popular event, with interesting artifacts donated for display from many Knox County Veterans. Items may be brought for display Friday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. or Saturday morning. The

posters made by the sixth grade students will also be displayed.

A hamburger meal at the Ex-Students building will be available after the program.



JOEY SAUCEDO

In the Service

Staff Sergeant Joey Saucedo, son of Janie and Ruben Saucedo of Rochester, has received the Distinguished Graduate Award after completing the Orthotic Apprenticeship Course at Sheppard Air Force Field with a final average of 91.5 percent.

The selection for the award focuses on a variety of criteria, including superior academic achievement as well as high standards of leadership, teamwork and character.

Stock show sign-up time is tonight

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Haskell County 4-H'ers need to sign up for the upcoming major stock shows including Odessa (Sand Hills), Fort Worth (Southwestern), San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Star of Texas.

The County Extension Office will host a sign-up night Nov. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. for all 4-H'ers with an animal project wishing to participate in any of the above named major stock shows. Those wishing to enter should come in, sign up, pay appropriate fees and bring a parent to sign papers.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be closed Fri., Nov. 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

We salute our nation's Veterans!

Good luck, Indians!

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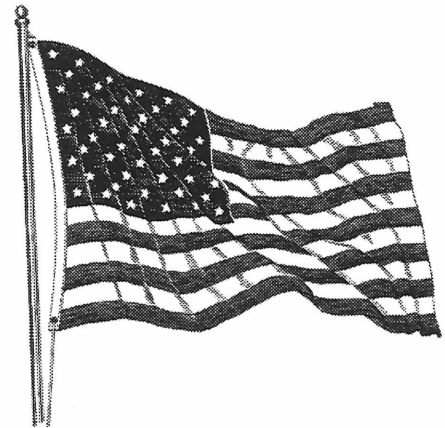
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to Abilene when you can get quality care right here at home? Let physical therapist **Dr. Rene Flores** and his trained staff help you. Do you have neck pain? Low back pain? Or how about low back pain with leg pain? Do either of your arms or legs ever tingle or feel weak? Do you need rehabilitation for a joint replacement? The list goes on and on!

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