

Basketball

HASKELL
7-8 Girls vs Munday
Mon., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
at Munday
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Mon., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
at Rochester
JVG-VG, JVB-VB vs Eula
Tues., Dec. 2, 4 p.m.
at Eula
PAINT CREEK
JH vs Jayton
Mon., Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
VG, VB vs Benjamin
Tues., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
at Benjamin
RULE
JHG-JHB vs Aspermont
Mon., Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
at Aspermont
VG-VB vs Moran
Tues., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
at Moran
JVG Open
Tues., Dec. 2

Calendar

Christmas parade

The Christmas Parade 'Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child' is set for Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. To enter, call 864-2477 or go by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office, 510 S. 2nd for an enrollment form. Hot chocolate will be served during the parade by the Lions Club. Santa will be at the gazebo for pictures following the parade.

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to Santa Claus at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfp@valornet.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Christmas edition on Dec. 25.

Christmas dinner

The Rule Community Christmas dinner hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Rule churches will be held Sun., Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. The Christmas music will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no charge for the dinner.

Game admission

Admission to the Rochester Junior High basketball game on Dec. 1 will be either the price of admission or two cans of food. The Haskell Elementary fourth grade and Haskell High School Theatre classes are participating in a learn and serve grant project collecting canned goods for the area food bank.

Tour of homes

The Noah Project-North will hold their Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes.

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Haskell begins the countdown to Christmas

by Caron Yates
To quote from a popular song, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Activities are planned and the streets and courthouse lawn are adorned with decorations.

Thomas Rodriguez and his crew are placing decorations on the city's street lights around

town. The city would like to add to or perhaps replace some of the more worn decorations now being displayed. In the spirit of community pride and giving, the city would gladly accept any donations toward this goal. No amount is too large or too small to help.

If you wish to make a

donation by check, please make it separate from your regular payment for water. Cash is also happily accepted, and may be dropped off in person or mailed to the City Hall office at P.O. Box 1003.

This will be the sixth year that Bob and Darlene Smith, who retired back to Haskell,

will again grace the courthouse lawn with an assortment of beautiful decorations. They are quite experienced, having decorated the yard of his parents, Clay and Allie Belle Smith, for eighteen years. Following the death of his mother in 2002, Smith donated the collection to the county.

Included for display this year will be approximately 80,000 lights, forty clear light trees, a new tree for the gazebo, a large nativity scene, lighted deer, many Disney characters, Santa with his sleigh and reindeer and much more. Forty large inflated decorations will be displayed, including twelve new ones for this year. Smith spends several weeks putting up, maintaining and taking down the display. He quickly points out that he appreciates the help he receives from County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Tiffen Mayfield, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith and Kenny Thompson, along with their crews. The Smiths are hopeful that the decorations are enjoyed by all, and state this is their way of saying thank you to the kind people of Haskell who have helped make their retirement so enjoyable.

The Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the lighted Christmas parade at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6. The theme for this year will be, "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child."

Judging for the parade, which will consist of several categories, including first, second, and third places, Most Original, Best Lights, Best Music, Best Holiday Spirit and Best Individual Entry.

Entries are asked to assemble a few minutes early at the Civic Center parking lot, so numbers for judging can be attached and entry forms can be turned in. Forms can also be dropped off or mailed to the Chamber office at 510 S. 2nd in Haskell.

The Lions Club will serve hot chocolate during the parade. Everyone is encouraged to stay after the parade and have a picture made with Santa at the gazebo.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 864-2477 or parade organizers Sheila Hester, Megan Cox or Christina Isbell.

Everyone is invited to be a part of the "community holiday spirit" by enjoying the decorations, taking part in the parade as a participant or observer and remembering to shop with our local merchants.



CHRISTMAS IS NEAR!—Santa and his holiday friends are proudly on display around the courthouse square thanks to help from some very special elves. Holiday activities are planned in the community as children

are anxiously beginning the countdown to the long expected visit from Santa. Shoppers are encouraged to visit their local merchants as they check off items on their lists.

Goodfellows need donations

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide

a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 13, the names of those who qualify for the

Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Donnie Rieger, vice president; and Tommy Watson, secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information.

All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Tour of Homes set Sun., Dec. 7

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be bought from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes.

On the tour this year are the homes of Mae Lou Yeldell, 1504 N. Ave. B; Darryl and Brenda Goetz, 201 N. Ave.

G; Denton and Dee Bates, 402 S. Ave. H; and Ken and Nelda Lane, 1102 N. Ave. G. Refreshments will be at Professional Pampering, Phyllis Coleman, 502 S. First St.

Proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

Time to write letters to Santa

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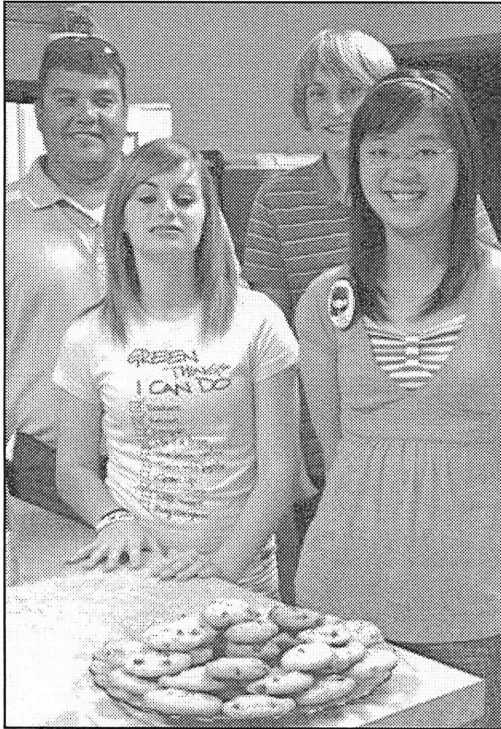
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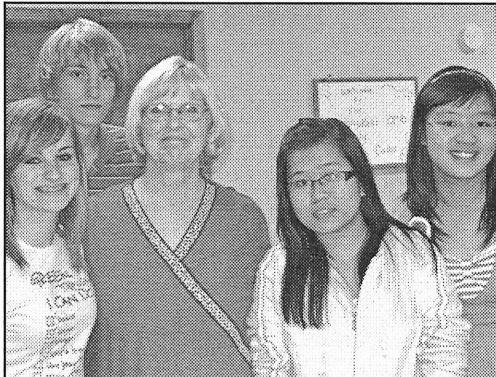


ARTS & CRAFT SHOW—Artisans and shoppers alike were busy getting in the spirit for the holiday season during the Haskell Young Homemaker's Arts and Craft Show held Sat., Nov. 22 at the Civic Center.

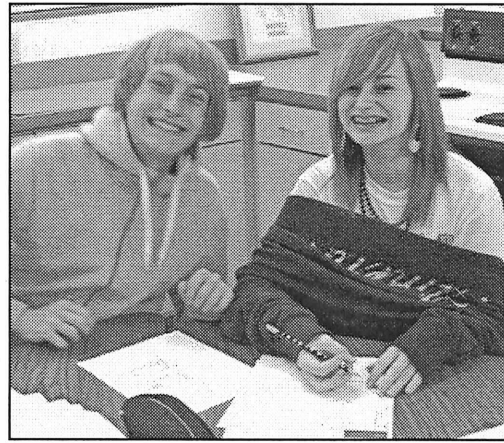
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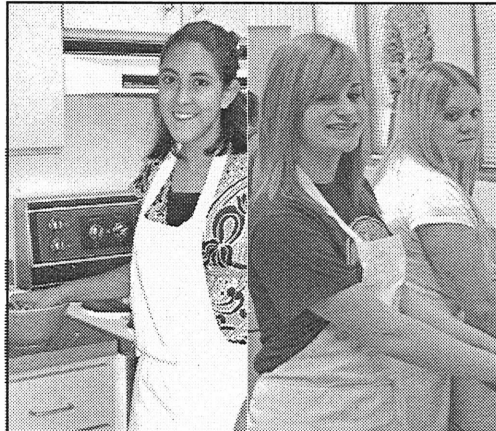
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE—Haskell CISD school board president Felix Rodriguez, left, thanks, from l-r, Lisa Hibbitts, Lasse Windeck and Kitty Cheung for the help at the open house of the Early Learning Center. Students of the food science and nutrition classes prepared, catered and served refreshments during the event. Students provided the community service and applied their knowledge of their Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills during the activity.



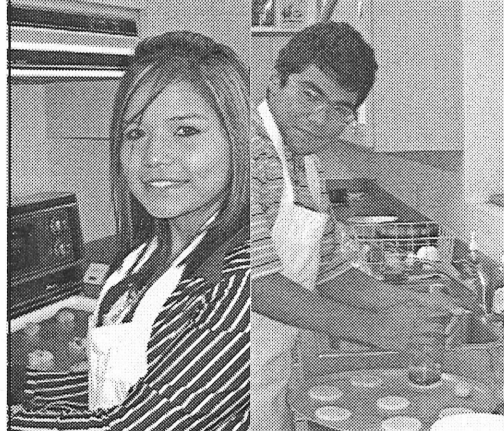
CATER EVENT—The food science and nutrition class of Haskell High School served refreshments at the Early Learning Center's open house on Sun., Nov. 2. Students were thanked by Laura Address, facility director for their help. Students are, l-r, Lisa Hibbitts, Lasse Windeck, Address, Amanda Kong and Kitty Cheung.



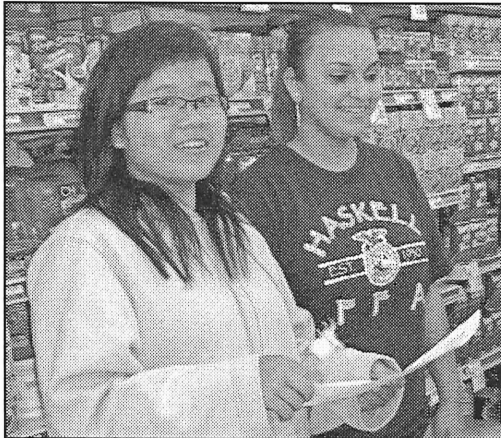
PREPARE SHOPPING LIST—Lasse Windeck, left, and Lisa Hibbitts are planning a shopping list for four batches of brownies for the Early Learning Center Open House held on Nov. 2.



HELPS WITH OPEN HOUSE—Elizabeth Camacho, left, mixes dry ingredients for cookies. Lisa Hibbitts, center, and Kayla Chambers help with clean up duties in the food science and nutrition lab. The students applied their knowledge and volunteer hours to help plan, cater and serve refreshments for the Early Learning Center open house.



BAKING COOKIES—Maria Torres, left, puts cookie dough on baking sheets for the oven while Joe Lopez presses sugar cookies. The students were involved in a service learning project class that planned, catered and served refreshments for the Early Learning Center open house.



SHOP FOR INGREDIENTS—Amanda Kong, left, and Sarah Aguilar, students of Haskell High School food science and nutrition class, shop for cinnamon for snickerdoodle cookies to be served at the open house for the Early Learning Center.

Suggestions for healthier holiday foods

The holidays are a time for fun, family and lots of food. Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts have some suggestions on how to alter recipes and make food choices for healthier holiday eating.

The sugar, fat or salt content of almost any holiday recipe can be reduced without a noticeable difference in taste, said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, AgriLife Extension nutrition specialist in College Station.

"If a recipe calls for a cup of sugar, use two-thirds of a cup," she said. "If it calls for a half-cup of oil, shortening or other fat, use one-third cup. And if a recipe says to use one-half teaspoon of salt, use one-quarter teaspoon or omit the salt entirely."

Another way to make holiday recipes more healthful is to substitute whole-grain or bran flours for recipes calling for all-purpose flour, Bielamowicz said.

"In most instances, you can replace one-quarter to one-half the amount of all-purpose flour you see in holiday recipes with whole-wheat flour," she said. "Or you can substitute oat bran or oatmeal for one-fourth of the all-purpose flour used."

Modifying more complicated recipes may not always produce the texture or flavor you want, Bielamowicz warned. So try out the new recipe before serving it to friends and family.

"Most changes in flavor or texture are typically not too significant and are well worth the tradeoff of a much healthier dish with less fat and fewer calories," she said.

"Holiday meals don't have to be high in fat or calories to be tasty," said Dr. Connie Sheppard, AgriLife Extension

agent for family and consumer sciences in Bexar County. "But low in fat doesn't always mean low in calories, so you have to consider both."

Reduced or non-fat cheese, milk, cream cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt or mayonnaise can be substituted for higher-fat counterparts, she said. And evaporated milk can be used as a substitute for cream.

Sheppard also suggested steaming or roasting vegetables and using low-fat margarine or sprays on them instead of butter.

"You can also substitute defatted broth for butter in mashed potato recipes to reduce both fat and calorie content," she said.

Turkey, especially turkey breast, provides the lowest fat and highest protein content of any traditional holiday meat, and the healthiest cooking method is baking, she said.

"If you're cooking a turkey, leave the skin on to contain the flavor, but remove it after cooking to reduce fat," Sheppard said. "And try basting it in its own juice or use a defatted broth instead of butter. And make the stuffing outside the turkey."

Putting stuffing inside a turkey allows it to absorb more oil, she said, and getting the internal temperature of

the bird high enough to cook the dressing thoroughly often leads to overcooking the outside."

To make a lower-fat dressing, use defatted broth instead of butter and either a turkey or chicken sausage if a meat ingredient is desired, Sheppard said.

"For vegetable dishes like candied sweet potatoes topped with marshmallows, try substituting mashed or baked sweet potatoes with a little brown sugar and butter substitute," Sheppard said.

"For a green bean casserole, try reduced-fat mushroom or chicken soup or defatted broth. Use low-fat or skim milk, and leave off the fried onion topping."

When baking holiday sweets, such as cookies, cakes and pastries, try using the same amount of canola or vegetable oil as the amount of butter called for in the recipe, she said.

"You can use applesauce in cakes and cookies to cut down on fat and use less sugar or a sugar substitute instead of table sugar," said Rita Avendano, AgriLife Extension assistant for the Better Living for Texans program. "And you can use yogurt in place of eggs in cakes and pies to reduce fat and eliminate cholesterol."

There also are healthier choices for those who prefer more typically Southwestern holiday fare, Sheppard added.

"For holiday barbecue fans, smoked or barbecued turkey and chicken are low-fat, high-protein alternatives, but you need to skip or go very easy on the barbecue sauce," she said.

"For those who prefer barbecue beef for the holidays, recent research shows that brisket has a healthier fatty acid composition than other cuts of beef," said Dr. Stephen Smith, a Texas AgriLife Research meat scientist at Texas A&M's department of animal science.

Beef brisket contains 'depots' or tiny reservoirs of healthy monounsaturated fatty acids, he said. Fat from the brisket of corn-fed steers contains nearly 50 percent oleic acid, and that increases the longer cattle are fed a corn-based diet.

"But while brisket has a better fatty acid composition, it still has about the same calorie content as other cuts of beef," he said.

Tamales, another traditional holiday food in the southwestern U.S., can be made with lower-fat ingredients and still retain their flavor, said Adelita Munoz, AgriLife Extension agent for family and consumer sciences for Hidalgo County.

"Combine healthy vegetables with the meat filling," she said. "These could include carrots, peas, celery or others. Use canola oil instead of shortening and lard, and use more filling than masa. You can use non-fat refried beans as a tamale filling."

AgriLife Extension offices, which are in almost every county in the state, typically have information on ways to prepare more healthful foods, including foods for people with diabetes or other health problems. Many Extension offices can set up food demonstrations for small groups at community centers, churches, schools or other public venues.

The AgriLife publication "Altering Recipes for Good Health" can be downloaded free at http://fcs.tamu.edu/food_and_nutrition/pdf/alteringrecipes.pdf.



SHOPS AND MIXES—Dylan Cooke left, shops for ingredients and Lasse Windeck mixes chocolate chip cookies in Wanda Thompson's food science class in preparation for the catering of the Early Learning Center's Open House.

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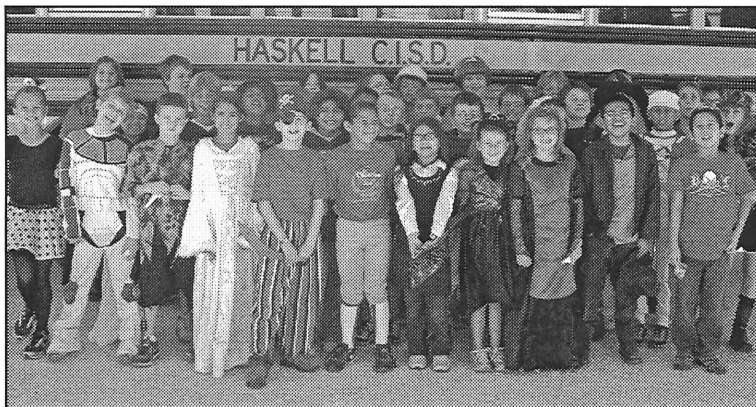
Area basketball scores

Girls	Paducah 62, Rule 28
Haskell 61	Scoring: Dudensing 18.
Colorado City 32	Benjamin 48, Rule 34
Scoring: Agraz 18, Rodgers,	Scoring: Dudensing 13,
13, Johnson 6, Reid 6, Bassett	Muniz 9, Rowan 4.
6.	
JV score: Haskell 43,	Boys
Colorad City 15.	Novice 41, Paint Creek 24
Haskell 60, Crowell 29	Scoring: Curtis Bishop
Scoring: Aubrey Bassett	15, Caleb Whitfield 4, James
10, Molly Agraz 10, Briè	Groves 3, Brett Siegfried 2.
Torres, 8.	Rule 50, Post 44
JV score: Haskell 35,	Scoring: Hall 16, Maran 14,
Crowell 13.	Clark 7, Perales 7.

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SPOOKY MUSIC—Haskell Elementary third graders sang “Spooky Songs” to students in the cafeteria on Oct. 31 and entertained the care home residents and Experienced Citizens Center attendees with their “Spooky Songs.” Care home residents each received a special “Spooky Card” made by fourth grade science students of Paula Everett. Thanks to Learn and Serve programs, students are able to learn a sense of civic duty and the rewards of volunteerism. Teachers are Tonya Cypert, Melodee Christian and Pam Gibson, music teacher. Students pictured are, l-r, front row, Kameryn Mathis, Cody Dutton, Hagen Isbell, Marina Salinas, Crow Parham, R.J. Chavez, Angelica Green, Ariel Wolf, Sarah Fouts, Servando Martinez and Javier Morales; middle row, Ariel Martinez, Griffin Buchanan, Frankie Masias, Melissa Sandoval, John Anderson, Dalton Meinzer, Riley Sloan, Chris Hall, Marilyn Naylor, Tanner Thomas, Ankit Bhakta and Riley Hardin; third row, Morgan Sanders, Turner Wade, Hollyn Hadaway, Evan Wheatley, Rocky Haggard, Lori Rodgers, Kyler Hoover, Bristol Wagner and Natalie Contreras.



PVT. LORENZO AREBALOS

In the Service

Pvt. Lorenzo Arebalos of Haskell graduated from San Diego Marine Corps Nov. 14. Arebalos is a 2008 graduate of Haskell High School.

He is the son of Arturo Arebalos Sr. and Florinda Lopez. He was honored by his family Sat., Nov. 15 with a homecoming celebration.

Arebalos will attend MCT in Camp Pendleton in California.

4-H cooks compete at food show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Two hundred and four 4-H youth representing the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the District 4-H Food Show in Vernon Sat., Nov. 15. The four first place senior winners will advance to the state competition in June 2009. Intermediate and Junior division winners do not compete beyond the district level.

Thirteen Haskell County 4-H'ers represented Haskell County in the competition. Participating in the event were:

Juniors: Main Dish, Sam Fouts, Sagerton, third place; Fruits & Vegetables, Sarah Fouts, Sagerton; Breads & Cereals, Kourtney Howard, Haskell; Nutritious Snacks, Madaline Williams, Haskell; Desserts, Cody Dutton, Haskell.

Intermediates: Main Dish, Aaron Urch, Rochester; Fruits & Vegetables, Tillie McGuire, Haskell; Nutritious Snacks, Emily Fouts, Sagerton, fifth place; Desserts, Crissy Bassett, Haskell.

Seniors: Main Dish, Stewart Urch, Rochester, third place; Fruits & Vegetables, Brooke Bullinger, Haskell, second place; Bread & Cereal, Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton, second place; Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, Molly Dudensing, Sagerton, first place.

Stewart Urch also received second place in the Senior Division Beef Award competition.

Each contestant had earned first place honors in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the district show. The dishes were judged

by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders.

Serving as judges from Haskell County were Kris Fouts, Valiene Bullinger and Renee Dudensing. Contestants were interviewed on nutritional value, preparation method and cost of preparation of their

respective recipes.

The 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H. The project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food

storage and safety.

For more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H foods and nutrition project contact the Texas AgriLife Extension, Haskell County Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.

Lodge makes donation

A donation from Old Glory Hermann Sons Lodge No. 228 will be helping with relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. The donation was made to the Hermann Sons Grand Lodge's Hurricane Ike Relief Fund, which was established in September following the devastating storm that struck the Texas Gulf Coast area. A check for \$21,751.50 will now be presented to representatives of the Salvation Army.

Operating in Texas as a fraternal benefit life insurance society since 1861, Hermann Sons is organized into 141 lodges across the state of Texas. Thousands of Hermann Sons members live in the Southeast Texas area where Hurricane Ike struck.

Old Glory Lodge was one of 79 lodges contributing to the effort. Donations also came from residents at the Hermann Sons Retirement Home in Comfort, another 17 individual donors and the Grand Lodge itself.

The Grand Lodge officers chose to support the Salvation Army because it “has a proven record of service in times of disaster,” Grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee Vogel said. “And it will be able to reach more people than we could possibly reach on our

own.” Vogel said he was very pleased with the outpouring of support from lodges and members. “I knew Hermann Sons members would come through in a big way to support their fellow Texans,” he said. “I know every Hermann Sons member is proud and honored to play a part in the hurricane recovery effort.”

But the donation to the Salvation Army isn't the only way that Hermann Sons has helped. The Grand Lodge donated 2,600 pounds of food to the San Antonio Food Bank in the days immediately following the storm. Thousands of evacuees from the Houston

and Galveston area were staying in San Antonio shelters and the San Antonio Food Bank was providing as many as 18,000 meals a day to these people.

Two pickup trucks loaded with food were delivered the morning of Sept. 16. The food included 500 pounds of hamburger meat and chicken, 80 pounds of pasta, 100 pounds of rice, 36 cases of gallon-size canned vegetables and spaghetti sauce, assorted cereals and about 2,000 packages of individually wrapped snacks like cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, animal crackers, Goldfish and Cheetos.

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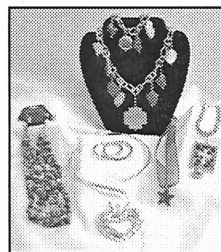
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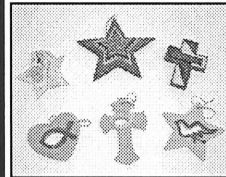
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Governor to create hurricane recovery panel
AUSTIN—In the space of three months last summer, the Texas coast suffered punishing blows from three hurricanes: Dolly, Gustav and Ike.

Because of the resulting breadth and depth of disaster in coastal counties, Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 20 announced the creation of the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal. It's an advisory panel of public and private sector experts who will create a plan to assist communities in recovery.

Perry also directed the Texas Department of Transportation to assist with debris removal in Southeast Texas.

"Two months after Ike's landfall, Texans are still sleeping in cars or tents outside of padlocked trailers," Gov. Perry said. "Mounds of debris are piled up in coastal communities, creating health hazards while Washington remains mum about whether it will provide the same level of resources it did for Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

"These situations clearly demonstrate that the federal government's recovery system is broken. I am confident this new commission will find solutions to these challenges as well as create a plan to speed recovery and accelerate economic development."

Job one is to address the housing shortage for residents whose homes were destroyed by the hurricanes.

State seeks to curb trafficking

Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transporting or obtaining of a person for labor or services for the purpose of subjecting victims to involuntary servitude, slavery or forced commercial sex acts.

On Nov. 17, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, held a news conference to announce the release of the Office of the Attorney General's new 57-page report, "The Texas Response to Human Trafficking."

The study details the impact of human trafficking on Texas and examines how changes in the law could reduce human trafficking and provide better services for victims.

Van de Putte said she plans to advance state efforts to eliminate human trafficking in Texas in the upcoming legislative session.

Abbott said, "The state of Texas must continue to focus on preventing human trafficking

and protecting its victims."
Former Texas AG Mattox dies

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox died in his sleep Nov. 20 at his home in Dripping Springs. He was 65. Mattox served as the state's chief law enforcement officer from 1983 to 1991. He also served Texas as a state representative, 1972-76, and as a U.S. congressional representative from 1976-82. He ran for governor in 1990 and lost to Ann Richards in the Democratic primary. He also ran for U.S. Senate in 1994, losing to Richard Fisher in the primary. In 1998, he tried to win back the office of attorney general, but lost to Republican John Cornyn.

Gov. Perry ordered flags to half-staff in memory of Mattox Nov. 20-21.

Another files to be next speaker

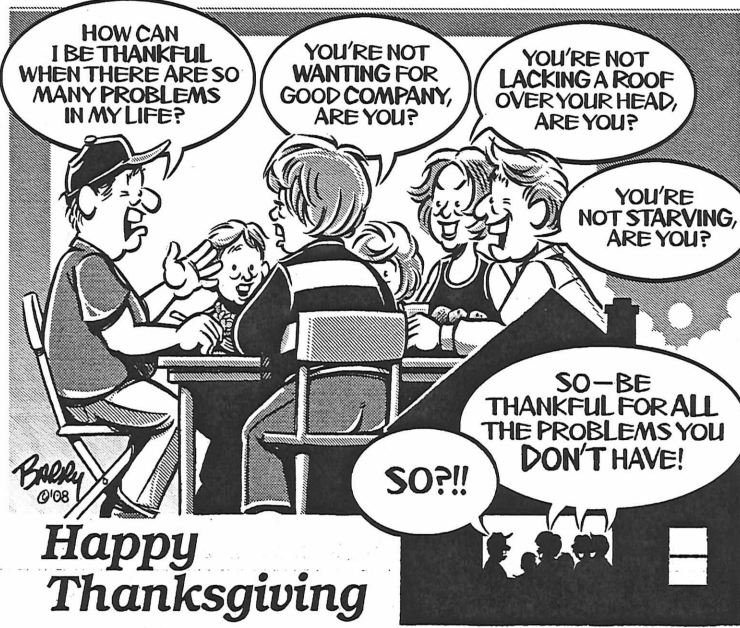
Now 10 lawmakers have filed to be the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives in the upcoming 81st regular session of the Legislature. The latest is State Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, who filed on Nov. 18.

The 150-member body will vote on opening day, Jan. 13. The list of speaker candidates presently includes incumbent House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland and Reps. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, Allan Ritter, D-Nederland, Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and Solomons.

Texas sounds call for retirees

The Texas Department of Agriculture is promoting a growing list of Texas cities and counties as friendly and attractive places for Americans looking for the perfect place to spend their golden years. So far, the agency's GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community Program presently includes 22 cities and counties, including Athens, Canyon, Clifton, Cuero, De Kalb, Duncanville, Franklin County, Gun Barrel City, Harlingen, Longview, Lufkin, Nacogdoches County, Odessa, Palestine, Panola County, Paris, Pittsburg, San Augustine County, Shelby County, Texarkana, Tulia and Winnsboro.

Created in 2005 by the Texas Legislature, the program helps smaller communities draw attention to their attributes and promotional work.



Happy Thanksgiving

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 26, 1998

Keith Chapman, son of Jack and Joy Chapman, won the 1998 Senior Pro Rodeo World Championship in Saddle Bronc Riding.

Haskell High School students, Conrad Palacios, Jr. and Lee Christian, visited the Rotary Club.

Duane Gilly, Ag Science Teacher at Haskell High School, served as a judge for the National FFA Agricultural Issues Career Development Event. Darold Roberson was named the Haskell area Ombudsman.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce attended a ribbon cutting for the opening of the new Levi's and Lace Sandwiches, Etc. Larry Bell of Abilene lead Rule sixth graders in a fun and educational program during Red Ribbon Week at Rule ISD.

20 Years Ago December 1, 1988

Texas Tech linebacker, Sam Toliver, son of Nancy and Bailey Toliver, played in the Coca Cola Japan Bowl.

Wayne Hester and Kyle Hollingsworth of Rochester performed at halftime of the Texas Tech-Lamar football game.

Roxanne Waggoner successfully completed Allsup's Assistant Manager training course in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lehmann and children of Rowlett visited Mr. and Mrs.

50 Years Ago November 27, 1958

The new golf course of the Haskell County Country Club opened officially.

David Duncan, a graduate of Haskell High School and sophomore at Austin College in Sherman, was elected class favorite.

Mrs. I.H. Harrell celebrated her 80th birthday.

Mrs. E.P. Lawson of Midland visited in the home of her sister, Claude Ashely.

Army Pvt. Delton D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Munday, completed basic combat training at Fort Hood.

A small twister hit the O.L. Howard farm east of Rule, causing \$3,000-\$4,000 in property damage.

100 Years Ago November 28, 1908

Walter Thedford of Limestone County purchased a residence in Haskell County.

Frank Hinkle has discovered marble not far from Haskell. He has several specimens that he had dressed and cut in artistic designs for monuments.

To demonstrate the superior value of cotton seed products and to encourage the use of them, the Haskell Oil Mill offered farmers a good trade for their seed.

William Oglesby received a letter from his son, Lawrence Oglesby at Gilmer, stating that a cyclone struck his farm, lighting struck his house and three tenant places on the farm were similarly wrecked.

Jack Conley has purchased the Texas Theater building and equipment.

Gary Felker and Jeanette Glass were named Football Hero and Sweetheart.

Mrs. Lewis Corzine was named "Club Woman of the Year."

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Childress of California visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Childress.

Bangs test still required

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Selling or buying cattle? A cattle brucellosis, or "Bang's" test is still required for changing ownership of adult cattle in Texas, says Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. For many years, Texas ranchers and livestock health officials worked to eradicate cattle brucellosis, a bacterial disease that can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves, or produce less milk.

"We have enjoyed Class 'Free' status for cattle brucellosis since February 2008, but testing is still required at livestock markets, special sales and private treaty sales, for at least two years," said Dr. Hillman. "This testing requirement is part of the national brucellosis program standard, and it assures that a state is clearly free of the disease and that we can quickly identify and deal with reintroduced or yet undetected infection." Slaughter testing surveillance will continue across the country for an indefinite period, to ensure that the disease is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states.

Dr. Hillman noted that cattle which are sexually intact and 18 months of age or older must be tested prior to sale. The test requires a small blood sample from the animal, collected by an accredited veterinarian, or TAHC or USDA personnel. A chute-side test is conducted at livestock markets on sale days, with laboratory confirmation by the State-Federal laboratory.

For private treaty or special sales, an accredited, private veterinary practitioner can draw the blood sample and submit the blood sample to the State-Federal laboratory, where the test will be run. Cattle owners should allow at least four days for private testing, to allow for shipping the blood sample to the laboratory, testing of the samples and receiving the test results that will be recorded on the document that will accompany the animal to the sale.

"Texas was the last state to achieve cattle brucellosis free status, but there is no guarantee we can maintain this status, if we aren't vigilant," said Dr. Hillman. He stressed that the continued testing will identify potential cases of cattle brucellosis that weren't detected during the eradication effort. Brucellosis status can be lost, if two infected herds are detected within a two-year period. It is essential that we continue to follow the national standards for the brucellosis program. Montana recently lost its brucellosis-free status, due to exposure to infected wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area, and widespread testing must be conducted to regain the ranking.

"Eradicating a disease is a livestock health victory, and that makes vigilance even more important now," said Dr. Hillman. "Don't risk buying infection. Ensure that the breeding cattle you buy have been tested."

Dr. Hillman also reminds cattle owners, especially those in the eastern portions of the state, that heifers should be vaccinated against cattle brucellosis, particularly if they will be used as breeding animals. Accredited veterinarians can administer the RB-51 vaccine to heifers between the ages of four and 12 months to provide lifelong protection against the disease.

Now is the time to winterize your home

That first chilly autumn morning is the perfect reminder that when winter arrives it can be sudden, often leaving homeowners unprepared for the troubles associated with cold weather. Southerners should take preventive action before Dec. 1. Homeowners in higher elevations should act sooner. Failure to prepare can prove costly when pipes freeze so plumbing experts recommend taking these early precautions instead of waiting until cold weather arrives.

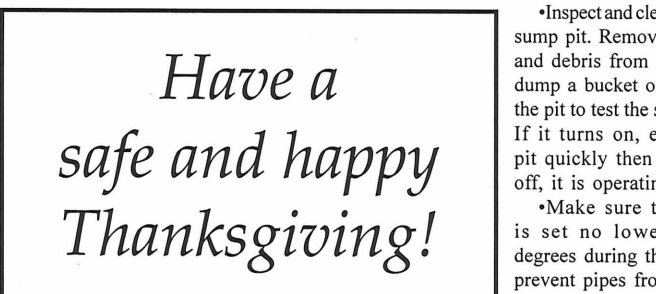
- Disconnect outside water hoses. If left connected during freezing temperatures, water in hoses will freeze and expand causing connecting faucets

and pipes to freeze and break.

- Inspect outside faucets. If dripping or leaking, make the necessary repairs or call a plumber before a hard freeze.
- Note that when pipes freeze, water pressure builds causing cracks, no matter if the pipe is made of plastic, copper or steel. Even a tiny crack can unleash 250 gallons of floodwater in a single day.
- If your home is equipped with interior shut-off valves leading to outside faucets, close them and drain water from lines.
- Cover outside faucets using a faucet insulation kit.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas. It's a lot easier to do this on a pleasant day

than when cold winds are blowing. Apply heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables around exposed pipes.

- Your water heater works harder during winter months. Drain sediment from the tank, which causes corrosion and reduces efficiency.
- Set water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit for optimum performance while reducing the risk of scalding.
- Clear leaves and debris from roof gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage throughout the winter season. You may have to do this again until the leaves are off of the surrounding trees.
- Inspect and clean basement sump pit. Remove any rocks and debris from the pit then dump a bucket of water into the pit to test the sump pump. If it turns on, empties the pit quickly then turns itself off, it is operating properly.
- Make sure the furnace is set no lower than 55 degrees during the winter to prevent pipes from freezing.



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Haskell FFA teams compete in LDE contests

Fifty-two members of the Haskell FFA competed at Stamford in the District Leadership Contest Tuesday, Nov. 18. Haskell FFA had a total of eight teams that

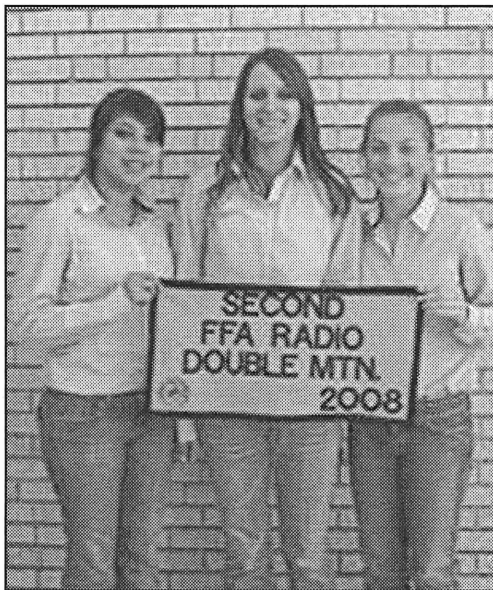
qualified to the Area II LDE Sat., Nov. 22 in Big Spring. Results of the contest are

pictured here. Haskell FFA will have a total of thirty-two members

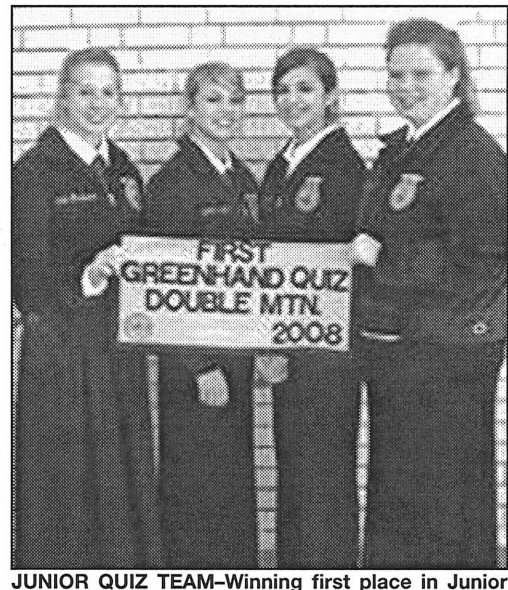
competing at the Area II LDE in Big Spring. Teams finishing first or second in Area will move on to compete at the State LDE the first weekend in December.



SENIOR SKILLS TEAM—Winning first place in Senior Skills and advancing to area are, l-r, Arabella Garcia, Harley James and Codi Foster.



RADIO TEAM—Winning second place in Radio and advancing to area are, l-r, Arabella Garcia, Harley James and Codi Foster.



JUNIOR QUIZ TEAM—Winning first place in Junior Quiz and advancing to area are, l-r, Krista McLemore, Kymbre Kupatt, Claire Carmichael and Jasmine Klose.



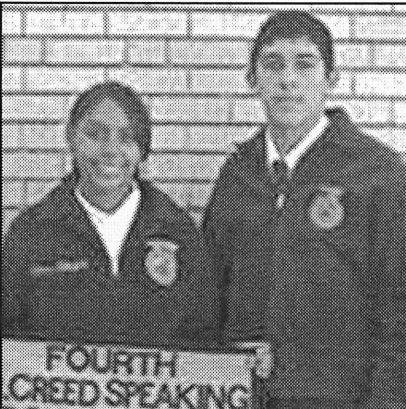
AG ISSUES TEAM—Winning second place in Ag Issues and advancing to area are, l-r, Jordan Burson, Paige Adams, Kayce Wilcox, Lauren Newton, Kimie Hutchinson, Claire Isbell and Miranda Johnson.



SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING TEAM—Winning second place in Senior Chapter Conducting and advancing to area are, l-r, Sara Weise, Amber Allen, Angelica Gonzalez, Cheslee Hearn, Pamela Walker, Marissa McGhee, Dawn Skinner and Ashlee Short.



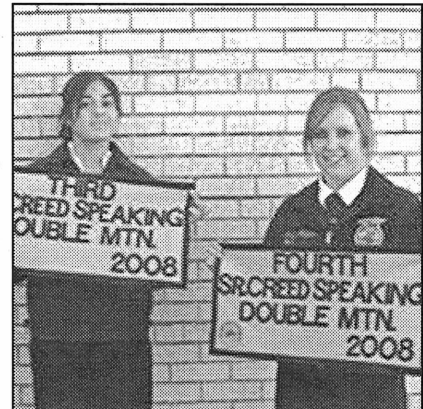
PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM—Winning second place in Public Relations and advancing to area are, l-r, Ashton Rutkowski, Brie Torres, Aerial Thane and Ashley Meier.



JUNIOR CREED TEAM—Winning fourth place in Junior Creed are, l-r, Lynna Billington and Adrian Hernandez.



JOB INTERVIEW—Cody McLemore



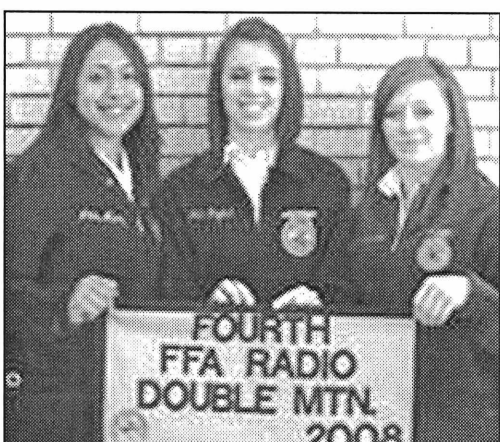
SENIOR CREED—Lynette Ortiz, left, placed third and Paige Adams placed fourth in Senior Creed.



JUNIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING TEAM—Winning second place in Junior Chapter Conducting and advancing to area are, l-r, Sasha Walker, Kymbre Kupatt, Krista McLemore, Jasmine Klose, Claire Carmichael, Mackenzie Thomas and Paige Glover.



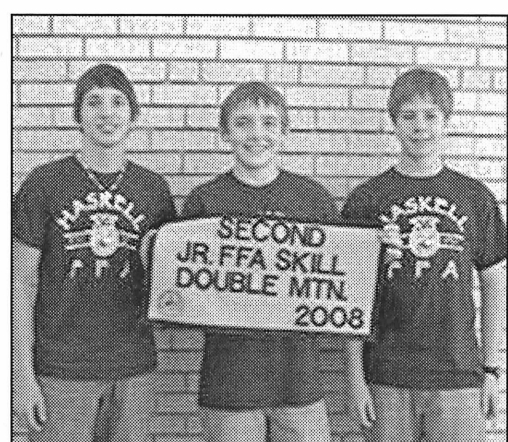
SENIOR QUIZ TEAM—Senior Quiz team members, l-r, are Candice Hill, Leslie Crosson, Ethan Frierson, Kelsie Adams, Meagan Kimbrough, Tyler Reese and Ross Wittenborn.



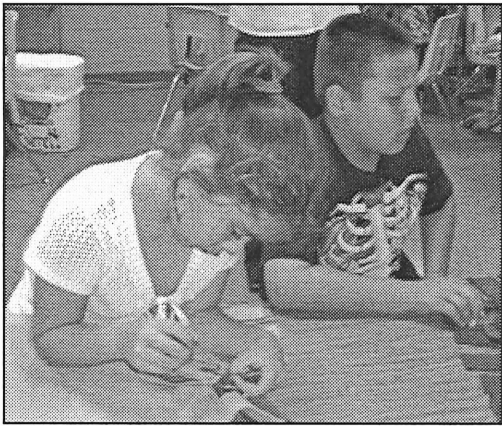
RADIO TEAM—Winning fourth place in Radio are, l-r, Lonnie Alvarez, Hanna Wallace and Hope Reid.



JUNIOR QUIZ TEAM—Members of the Junior Quiz team are, l-r, Zach Wyrick, Ryan Baumbach, Manuel Deleon and Andrew Rodriguez.



JUNIOR SKILLS TEAM—Winning second place in Junior Skills and advancing to area are, l-r, Stewart Urich, Brady Leach and Garrett Brueggeman.



MAKING BLANKETS—Haskell fourth graders recently made no sew blankets for residents of Haskell Healthcare Center. Ashley Roque, left, and Bryce Rodriguez are tying knots on one of these blankets. Measuring is a math and science TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills) objective that will be tested on the TAKS test in the spring. Hands on experiences that service learning provides helps the students receive practical experiences to retain the knowledge. Susan Sneller, consultant from the Texas Center of Service Learning, was impressed by the students' dedication and volunteerism in making Haskell a great place to live.

Paint Creek School Menu

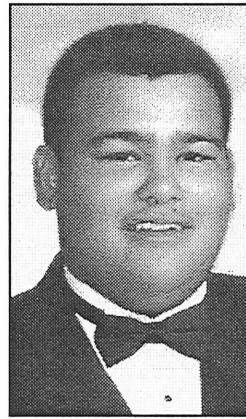
December 1-5 Breakfast
 Juice and Milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Donuts

Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs, potato wedges, pork-n-beans, fruit
Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, rolls, jell-o
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp
Thursday: Nachos grande, salad, cookies
Friday: Pizza, salad, corn, rice krispies

Haskell School Menu

December 1-5 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Glazed french toast
Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit
Wednesday: Honey Nut Cheerios
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: Pretzel roll, egg, cheese

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: Pepperoni pizza, corn, broccoli with cheese, pears
Tuesday: Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry jello
Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange slices
Thursday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, fresh fruit
Friday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, corn, garden salad, cookie



JACOB RODRIGUEZ



RUBEN ROBLEDO

Students visit Rotary Club

Jacob Rodriguez is the son of Sam and Mary Rodriguez of Haskell.

He attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School, he is active in Ag. His is on A-B honor roll and was named a class favorite.

He enjoys playing golf, being with his friends and family, and playing video games.

He plans to attend South Plains College.

Ruben Robledo is the son of Ana and Eleuterio Robledo of Haskell.

He attends Haskell Foursquare Church.

At Haskell High School, he plays football and is involved in Ag. He was received a press achievement award and an Ag mech award. He was recognized for having the best smile.

He enjoys hunting and fishing, being with his friends and playing video games.

He plans to attend Texas State Technical College.

ECC Menu

Mon., December 1
 Lunch—Meatloaf, green beans, cream potatoes, yeast roll, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Wed., December 3
 Lunch—Beef-a-roni, pinto

beans, mashed potatoes, pickles, jello, cookie, tea or coffee

Fri., December 5
 Lunch—Hamburger steak, onions, brown gravy, buttered

corn, English peas, yeast rolls, ooey gooey cake, tea or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



WE CAN ALL FIND GOOD REASONS TO GIVE OUR THANKS

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

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

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
 Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim 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. 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. 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. 9:45 a.m., 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
 Philip Sims, minister
 Sun. 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
 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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

New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 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. 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 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
 Morris R. Johnson, 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m
 Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

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

First Baptist Church
 Joseph Barrett, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
 Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. 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.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
 O'Brien

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NOTICE
 The City of Haskell is accepting bids for a contractor to dig 2 pits at the City of Haskell Landfill. The specifications on the first pit are 80 ft. wide x 18 ft. deep x 600 ft. long. The specifications for the second pit are 50 ft. wide x 18 ft. deep x 450 ft. long. Bids should be figured by the cubic yard and please list the price per cubic yard and a total dollar figure for the job. For more specifications, contact Brandon Anderson, City Administrator with the City of Haskell at 940-864-2355. Please send sealed bids to City of Haskell P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521. Sealed bids will be accepted until Noon on December 1, 2008. 47-48c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clarence Arnold Meier, Deceased, were issued on October 27, 2008, in Cause No. 4,385, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Royce Craig Meier.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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CHILD FIND
 The Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement engages in ongoing activities to locate, identify and evaluate all children who reside in the Member Districts who may have a disability covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) and, because of the disability, need special education and related services. These activities are called Child Find. Child Find activities apply to not only students in public school, but to students in private school, including religious and parochial schools and to students who are home schooled. The Haskell-Knox SSA currently

takes the following actions to locate, identify and evaluate all children residing within the Member Districts who may need special education and related services:

- Local Newspaper Notification
- Distribution of Child Find Brochures
- Participation with Child Find Activities in Wichita Falls, ESC Region IX and Abilene, ESC Region XIV
- Radio and Television Media

For additional information you may call the Director of Special Education at 940-658-3587 or write to Haskell-Knox SSA, P.O. Box 159, Knox City, Texas 79529.

Haskell-Knox SSA serves the Member Districts in Benjamin, Knox City-O'Brien, Munday, Rule and Paint Creek. 47-48c

HALLAZGO de NIÑO (CHILD FIND)
 El Haskell-Knox Compartió el Arreglo del Servicio entra en actividades progresivas localizar, identificar y evaluar a todos niños que residen en los Distritos de Miembro que puede tener una incapacidad cubrió por los Individuos con el Acto de la Mejora de la Educación de Incapacidades de 2004 (la IDEA) y, a causa de la incapacidad, necesita la educación especial y los servicios relacionados. Esta actividades Le son llamadas a Niño el Hallazgo (Child Find). Las actividades del Hallazgo de niño aplican a no sólo estudiantes en la escuela pública, pero a estudiantes en el colegio privado, inclusive escuelas religiosas y parroquiales y a estudiantes que son educados en las casa (home-schooled). El Haskell-Knox SSA toma actualmente las acciones siguientes para localizar, identificar y evaluar a todos niños que residen dentro de los Distritos de Miembro que puede necesitar la educación especial y los servicios relacionados:

- La Notificación Periodística Local
- La Distribución de Folletos de Hallazgo de Niño
- La Participación con Niño Encuentra las Actividades en Caidas de Wichita, la Región de ESC IX y Abilene, la Región de ESC XIV
- Medios de Radio y Televisión

Para información adicional usted puede llamar al Director de la Educación Especial en 940-658-3587 o escribir al Haskell-Knox SSA, el Apartado de correos 159, la Ciudad de Knox, Tejas 79529.

Haskell-Knox SSA sirve los Distritos de Miembro en Benjamin, Knox-O'Brien, Munday, Rule y Paint Creek. 47-48c

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS: Rolling Plains Correctional Facility is accepting applications for officers. Please come by the facility between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to fill out an application. You must have a H.S. Diploma or GED, valid driver's license and clear criminal history. Benefits include medical at no cost to the employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Kimberly Hammes at 940-864-5694 for additional information. EOE. 45-50c

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Public Notices

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010728001

APPLICATION. City of Haskell, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521-1003, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010728001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0026891) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 700,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately one mile south and 0.25 mile east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and U.S. Highway 380 in Haskell County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Rice Springs Branch; thence to Mule Creek; thence to Lake Stamford. TCEQ received this application on September 23, 2008. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at City of Haskell City Hall, 301 South First Street, Haskell, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director

determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone

number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests of the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which


list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Haskell at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Brandon Anderson at 940-864-2333.

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121 HWY. 380 WEST. Country Living with City Amenities! Large two bedroom, one bath on 3.5 Ac. Property has approximately 10 ft. ceilings and has been updated with beautiful decorator colors and wood floors, crown molding in living and dining, large kitchen with center island and den with a fireplace. The yard is fenced, has a water well for the lawn and storage or playhouse. Must see inside.

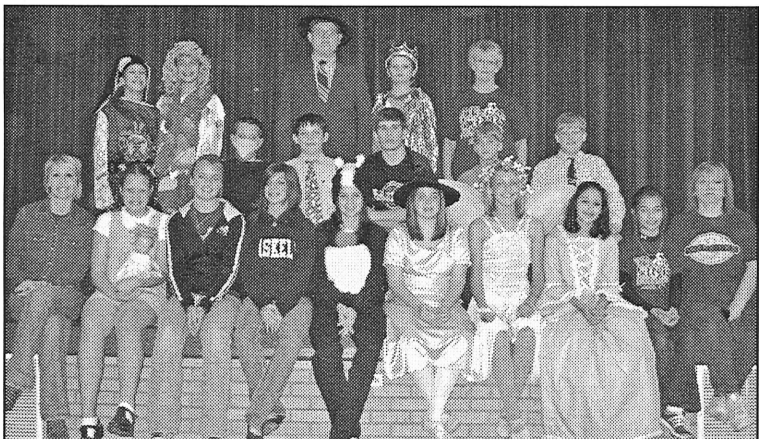
401 N. AVE. E. Very large historical brick home with formal living room, formal dining, three bedrooms with entry off of a large hallway, one bath, kitchen and back porch. There is beautiful woodwork and crown molding throughout the dwelling with 11.8 ft. tall ceilings. Property has C/HA, water well and sprinkler system. There is a detached apartment in the rear of the main home. **REDUCED.**
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ONE ACT PLAY—Members of the Rochester Junior High One Act Play performed *The Happy Scarecrow* Nov. 19 at the district competition. Play members include, front row, l-r, Belinda Peacock, co-director; Tillie McGuire, little girl; Maci Colley, crew; Morgan Frierson, crew; Taylor Burson, skunk; Emily Fouts, witch; Kaley Mathis, fairy; Meg Glover, princess; Lucy Carmichael, crew; Dorothy Hollingsworth, co-editor; middle row, Zach Tatum, scarehuman; Aaron Urich, crew; Cole Hutchinson, crew; Kyle Kimbrough, crew; Max Weise, man in audience; back row, David Newton, jester; Colton English, scarecrow; Preston Morrow, old man; Phillip Coleman, king; and Cathy Bartley, co-director.

Rochester Junior High students present OAP

Haskell, Roscoe, Hamlin and Stamford performed for the Stamford Junior High One Act Play Festival held at Anson Nov. 19.

This was Rochester Junior High's first time to enter a one-act play in district competition.

Every entry got ten points toward the District Academic UIL competition in addition to points received for individual medals.

Colton English received a medal for best actor.

Kaley Mathis and Emily Fouts were chosen to the all star cast and received medals.

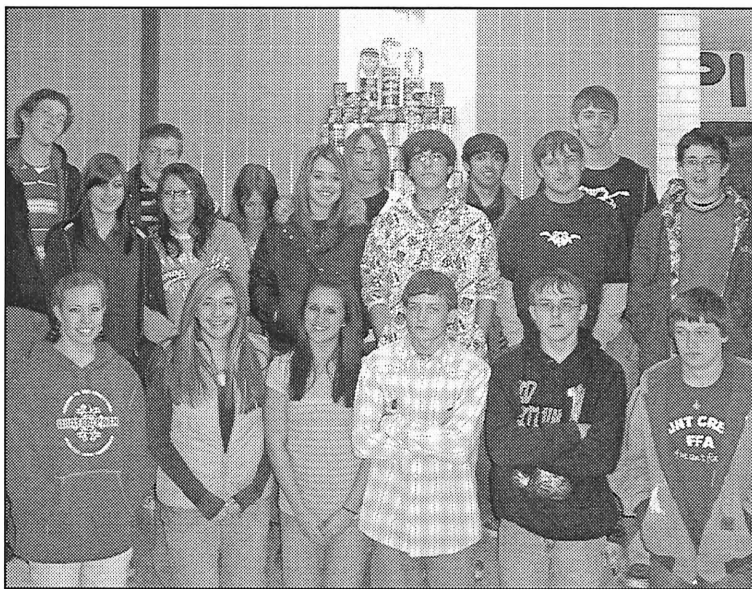
Phillip Coleman and David Newton received honorable mention medals.

Morgan Frierson received the Tech Award (one was given to each school competing).

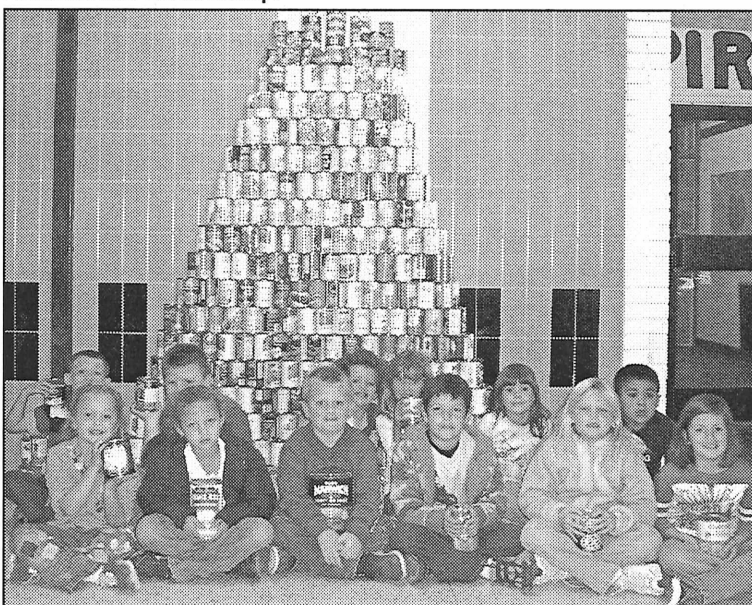
Complete cast and crew are Colton English, Kaley Mathis,

Emily Fouts, Zach Tatum, Preston Morrow, Taylor Burson, Meg Glover, Phillip Coleman, Tillie McGuire, David Newton, Max Weise, Maci Colley, Morgan Frierson, Aaron Urich, Cole Ray Hutchinson, Lucy Carmichael and Kyle Kimbrough.

Play directors for Rochester Junior High are Dorothy Hollingsworth, Belinda Peacock and Cathy Bartley.



FOOD DRIVE—Students at Paint Creek School have been collecting canned food items during the month of November to help feed those in need during the holiday season. Classes competed with each other to see who could collect the most cans. Taking the lead in the middle and high school competition were the sophomores and juniors combining for a total of 267 cans. On Wednesday, the high school students will pack up the entire collection of almost 700 cans and deliver them to food pantries in both Haskell and Stamford. High school students pictured are, front row, l-r, Shana Armstrong, Brittany Waggoner, Britney Martinez, Nathan Edwards, Dillon Emert and Denton Reed; middle row, Sina Lafere, Rosa Nieto, Jessica Pendergraft, Jordan Adkins, John Henderson and Josh White; back row, Brennan Medford, Jeremy Williams, Amy Bogle, Stevie Garner, Johnny Escamilla and Curtis Bishop.



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Prevent Thanksgiving fires

In 2006, Thanksgiving Day topped the charts once again as the peak day for home cooking fires. According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports, there were 1,400 home structure fires involving cooking equipment that year, which is more than three times the daily average.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Each year, hundreds of people in the United States are killed in fires that involve cooking equipment and thousands more are injured. Annually, these fires result in more than half a billion dollars in direct property damage to homes and

their contents.

"Cooking fires can easily be prevented by following a few simple precautions, such as staying in the kitchen when preparing a meal because fires often start when items cooking are left unattended," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "As much as unexpected guests are sometimes a part of the holidays, you don't want the fire department arriving because your feast is going up in flames."

NFPA offers these tips for safer cooking:

Stand by your pan:
•Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.

•If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

•If you are simmering, baking, boiling or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.

•Keep in mind that you should avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

No kids allowed:

•Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.

•If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles inward to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over.

•Never hold a small child while cooking.

Keep it clean:

•Keep anything that can catch fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stove top.

•Clean up food and grease from burners and the stove top.

Financial aid night set Dec. 15 in Rule

A financial aid night will be held Mon., Dec. 15, in the Rule School Library at 6:30 p.m. Don Hilton, a representative of the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Abilene, will be available to give information and answer questions about applying for financial aid to attend college. The process and standards for applying for financial aid are the same for most colleges, technical and trade schools and other post-secondary schools. The information presented is applicable no matter which school a student plans to attend.

New financial aid worksheets will be made available to you for the 2009-10 college school year. Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the Internet

will also be discussed, including how to apply for a PIN number.

Hilton will be able to give those attending the most recent updates on federal, state and college financial aid programs. Although a student may not actually apply for financial aid until January of his/her senior year, it is helpful for parents of junior students to learn about the financial aid process a year in advance. Juniors may fill out a FAFSA4caster this year in order to get a projection of possibly receiving a Pell Grant for college. This will be explained at the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Leslie Kupatt, Rule ISD Guidance Counselor at t 997-2783.

Rule ISD seeks GT students

Rule ISD conducts a program for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go by the school counselor's office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires

special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

The nomination period for

Rule ISD will be from Dec. 1-12. Contact Rule School Counselor, Leslie Kupatt, at 997-2783, if you would like to know more about the nomination process for the Rule Gifted and Talented program.

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