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JVG-B, VG-B vs Munday
Tues., Dec. 1, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek vs Highland
Tues., Dec. 1, 4 p.m.
at Paint Creek
Paint Creek JH vs Woodson
Mon., Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
at Woodson

Calendar



Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a Lunch-N-Learn for fifth and sixth grade parents at noon Dec. 3 at the Haskell Elementary Library. Partners for Children will meet at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. The meeting will focus on topics concerning fifth and sixth grade parents but all parents are invited to attend. For more information call 864-2654.

Pecan Show

The Haskell Co. Pecan Show will be held Dec. 1 at the Texas A&M Vegetable/Research Station in Munday. Judging will start at 9 a.m. Show judge is Emory Boring, III, District 3 Extension Entomologist. Entries must be turned in by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 30 to Greg Kaase, County Extension Agent-Ag at the Haskell Co. Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. For rules or more information call Kaase at 864-2658 or go by 101 S. Ave. D.

Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Nov. 28 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Rule park lighting

The annual Christmas Lighting of the Park in Rule will be held Sun., Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Lions Club building. Chamber members are asked to furnish cookies or snack and the Lions will furnish drinks. A visit from Santa Claus will begin the holiday season.

Lighting contests

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their annual house and yard lighting contest. To have your house judge, call Marsha at City Hall, 997-2214. Entry deadline is Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Prizes will be \$50, \$35 and \$25. Winners will be announced Mon., Dec. 14.

Fund raiser

The Haskell Head Start Center will help to promote the National Head Start Association by accepting \$1 donations to the organization. A donation to NHSA places a donor's name in a drawing for a hand-painted child's rocking horse. The rocking horse will be at the Center, 1303 N. Ave. I on Mon., Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are available daily from Head Start staff members Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Drawing for the horse will be held Dec. 18 in Levelland. For more information, call the Haskell Head Start Center, 940-864-8127.

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Happy Thanksgiving

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WORLD CLASS COWBOY—Keith Chapman, son of Jack and Joy Chapman of Haskell, has won the 1998 Senior Pro Rodeo World Championship in Saddle Bronc Riding. Chapman also won the

Senior Pro Rodeo National Finals Championship held Nov. 5-8 in Reno, Nevada.

Duane Gilly attends Nat'l FFA event

Duane Gilly, Ag Science Teacher at Haskell High School recently served as a judge for the National FFA Agricultural Issues Career Development Event.

The Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the 71st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. It is one of the 19 national agriculture skill and leadership events conducted annually by the National FFA Organization as part of the national FFA convention. This year 22 teams presented issues that were important to the classroom, state and national levels.

The event is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in the high school agricultural education/agribusiness classroom.

Elanco Animal Health, a division of Eli Lilly and Company, provided funds for plaques and medals for winning teams and high scoring individuals as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national organization of 447,880 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,503 local chapters located through the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skill learned in the classroom.

Bobcats lose to Groom, end great season

The Rule Bobcats saw their great season come to an end Friday night at Silverton at the hands of the 12-0 Groom Tigers in the Regional Semifinal (Area) game. The Bobcats, 10-2 on the year and ranked number 9 in the state according to the Huntress Report, could not handle the offense of the number 6-ranked Tigers, whose school is located just east of Amarillo.

Despite the strong play of the Bobcat good defense, including Cody Tibbets, Rafael Huerta, Jay Louder, Eric Robinson, Joe Sotelo, Bert Sotelo, Grant Hisey and Brian Lehmann, Groom was able to score the first two times they had the ball and the 'Cats were down

14-0 by the time the first quarter ended. The Tigers, however, knew they were in for more of a battle than they had previously experienced this season, for Rule continued to hit hard and try to stay within striking distance. Huerta was able to smother one Tiger fumble, but after two more striped cat touchdowns, the Good Guys found themselves trailing 26-0.

Others seeing action during the game were Mike Casey on offense and Richie Culpepper and Justin Coker on specialty teams. Quarterback/punter Josh Smith's kicks kept Groom pushed back close to their goal throughout the night, but their offense was good and their defense still would not

yield.

Tibbets, Rule's fine running back/linebacker, was able to score seven minutes into the second quarter on a great 35-yard effort through and around the right side, making the game tighter at halftime, 26-6, but those would regrettably be his team's final points of the year. Groom scored one more touchdown and extra points later to finalize the score at 34-6. They will meet defending state champion Borden County in Floydada on Sat. afternoon at 3:00 in the quarterfinal game. The winner of this game will then meet either Balmorhea or Samnorwood for the Region I/II championship next weekend. The state championship will be determined

on either Dec. 11 or 12.

Playing their final game for the Bobcats were senior four-year players Louder, Robinson and Michael Hunt, three-year man Huerta and first-year lineman Culpepper.

Under the leadership of third-year coach Paul Page, the Bobcats have come a long way since their 1995 season, which ended with no victories and eight losses, to this year with their District 4 Co-Championship and District 3/4 Bi-District Championship. They have every reason to be proud of themselves, because they have made Rule School and the city of Rule very proud of them.

Rule ISD sets financial aid meeting

A meeting concerning financial aid for students planning to attend college has been scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 10, in the school library, by the Rule Independent School District, for parents of Juniors and Seniors.

Mrs. Corky Swanson, Director

of Financial Aid at McMurry University will be on hand to give information and answering questions about the process and standards for receiving aid, which are the same for all colleges, technical and trade schools, and other post-secondary schools.

Noah Project's annual Tour of Homes Dec. 6

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held in Haskell, Sun., Dec. 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Local homes included in this year's tour are those of Nancy Adkisson at 707 N. Ave. F, Thelma Adkisson at 606 N. 2nd, Linda Lane Bloise at 1000 N. Ave. E, Gwen Campbell at 505 N. Ave. F, Tom and Mary Kaigler at 901 N. Ave. F, and Andrew and Debbie Ottaway at 309 Bonnie Lane.

Refreshments will be served at

the Bloise home.

Tickets for the benefit tour are \$5.00 each and are good for touring all six homes. They may be purchased from any member of the Advisory Committee, at the door of each home, or by calling 940-864-2551.

A ticket to the afternoon of viewing these varied homes will help support the ongoing work of the Noah Project in assisting women and children.

Recent updates on federal, state and school financial aids programs will be given.

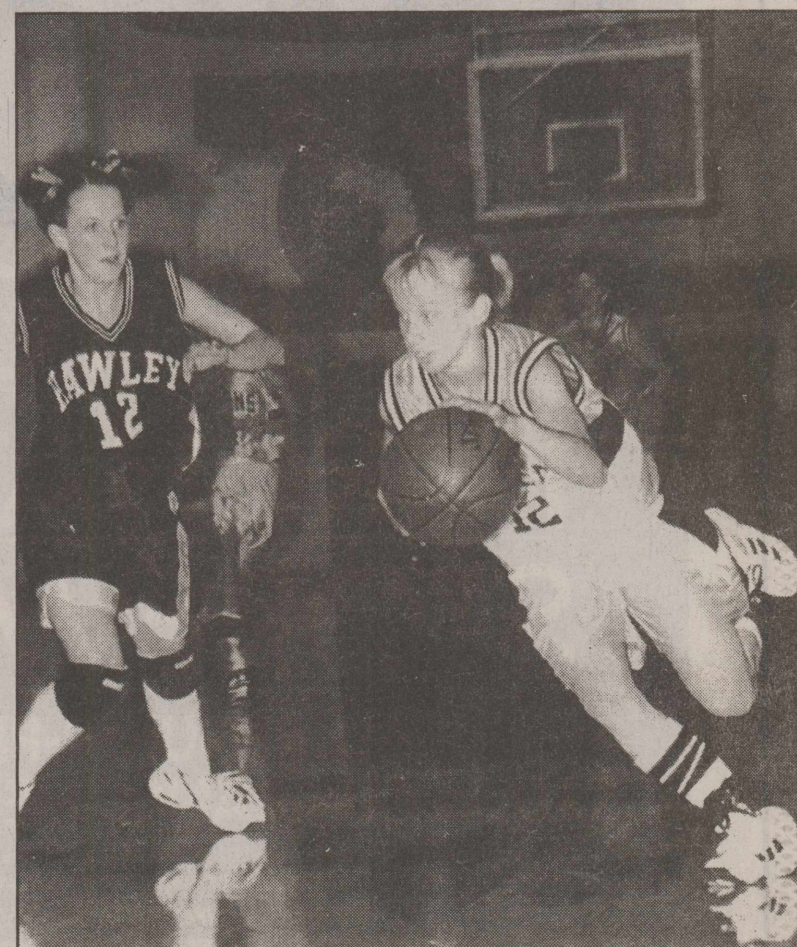
Financial aid forms for 1999-2000 are now available. Information required will be worked through item by item.

Leslie Kupatt, Rule Guidance Counselor, reminds parents and students that it is helpful for them to learn about the financial aid process a year in advance.

She may be reached for further questions at 997-2783.

Other related dates planned are: Sat. and Sun., Dec. 5-6. Financial Aid Hotline representatives from Texas colleges and universities will be available to talk by phone to answer questions about financial aid. (In English and Spanish). Toll Free (877) 782-7322, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat. and Sun., Jan. 16-17. College Info. Hotline college admission counselors will be available to answer questions about admission and aid. Toll Free (800) 347-3475, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



MAIDEN ON THE GO—Nikki Wallace drives to the basket during the Haskell Girls game with Hawley. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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NOAH PROJECT—Rule 8th graders enjoyed having guest speakers Donna Sue Anders and Janis Brzozowski present "Heart on a Chain" video on Dating Violence during Red Ribbon week at Rule ISD. Back row from the left, Anders, Melanie Navarette, Carlos Flores, Josh Navarette, Chrissy Ramirez, Tara Lisle, Trey Kittle, and Brzozowski. Front row left, Brady Standefer, Winston Stephens, Jenny Hisey, Jessica Puebla, Christina Lopez, and Justin Louder. Students in grades 7-12 heard informative class presentations from the Noah Project representatives.

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Dry eye condition worsens in winter

People with dry eyes may find the problem worsens in the winter.

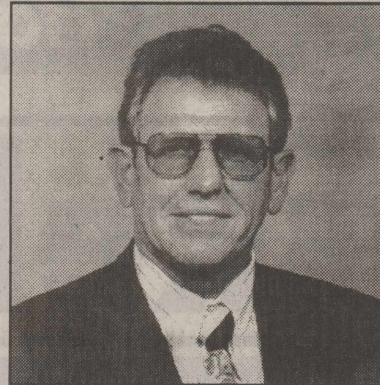
Cold, windy weather tends to exacerbate dry eye syndrome, says Dr. H. Dwight Cavanagh, professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Blasts of air from hair dryers, furnaces and car heaters and air conditioners also can make the symptoms worse," Cavanagh says. "If you have to blow dry your hair, or have a constant stream of wind or air blowing at your eyes, it's recommended that you blink frequently or, if possible, keep your eyes closed."

Cavanagh suggests an ophthalmological exam to devise a treatment for the dry eye syndrome's root cause, which usually is either a lack of tear production or excessive tear evaporation. Symptoms include a burning sensation and gritty feeling in the eyes, and extreme light sensitivity.

Obituaries

Fred Crosley 'Fritzie' Goodman



FRED 'FRITZIE' GOODMAN
Graveside services for Fred Crosley 'Fritzie' Goodman, 65, of Odessa were held Wed., Nov. 18 at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Rev. John Taylor officiating.

Goodman died Mon., Nov. 16 at his Odessa home.

Born July 18, 1933 in Linden, he moved to Odessa in 1943. He was a 1953 graduate of Odessa High School and married Frankie Davis April 25, 1954 in Odessa. He served in the U. S. Army from August 1955 until August of 1957 and later served two years in the Reserves. He was employed by Rexene for 35 years and retired from Huntsman Aug. 1, 1998.

He was a member of Vine Avenue Baptist Church where he served as Youth Director, deacon and building chairman. In 1988, he became a member of Kingston Avenue Baptist Church where he was a deacon and on numerous committees. He en-

joyed building chiming clocks and wood crafting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Hettie Goodman and two granddaughters.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Debi Goodman of Midland and Terry and Lawanda Goodman of Artesia, N.M.; two sisters, Marsha Goodman Whittemore of Rule and Marianna Goodman Whittemore and husband, Doyle, of Odessa; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews including Doy Jeter and Tommi Barbee, both of Haskell. Karen Smith of Knox City and Mark Whittemore of Kerrville.

Walter M. Zahn

Funeral services for Walter Murchison Zahn, 81, of Newberg, Oregon were held Wed., Oct. 28 at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

Mr. Zahn died Thurs., Oct. 22 at his Newberg home.

Born Oct. 26, 1916 in Haskell, he was the son of Paul and Amelia (Foster) Zahn. He was raised and educated in Texas. He served in France with the U. S. Army during World War II. After his discharge from the service, he returned to Texas to work on his father's farm. In 1950, he moved to Oregon and worked on I-84 and the construction on The Dalles Dam. He married Juanita Eppler

Dorothy Billington

Funeral services for Dorothy Billington, 75, of Haskell will be held Sat., Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial will follow in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral

Directors.

Mrs. Billington died Fri., Nov. 20 in Antioch, California.

Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

THANKSGIVING IS A TIME of reflection and heartfelt appreciation for what we have. It is also a time when we at the Office of the Attorney General would like to say "thank you" to all non-custodial parents who are paying their child support.

Texas parents work hard throughout the year to feed, clothe, educate and provide shelter for their families. Paying child support, for many parents, means providing financial care for more than one family, and we know how difficult that can be.

Money paid by non-custodial parents buys shoes, school supplies, winter clothes, and the turkey dinner that so many families will be enjoying this Thanksgiving.

A difficult job

The collection of child support is not only a tough job - it can be a disheartening one as well. In a perfect world, no one would need to devote eight hours each day to pursuing and forcing parents to assume responsibility for their own children. But it is not a perfect world and, sadly, our caseload is growing every day.

This means that many parents are not only evading the financial care of their children, they are actively running from it. And some simply cannot pay because they are unemployed, disabled or incarcerated.

We are grateful

The parents who do consistently pay their support not only make our jobs easier, they give us hope for a

brighter tomorrow. For this we are grateful.

A child whose parent pays child support has reason to give thanks. He may be able to join that club that is so important to him. She may be able to buy that uniform she so desperately wants. These children may be able to afford the lessons that will develop their talents. Most importantly, they may simply have food on their tables and heat in their homes.

The child who can say, "I have a parent who supports me," can more easily say, "I am of worth." Paying child support means more than money. For many children it means self-esteem.

You can ask any child-support employee. Nothing brightens a day more than a parent who calls to say he or she wants to send a check and asks: "Where should it be mailed?"

It might seem to some that thanking a parent for complying with a moral and legal obligation is unnecessary, that it is simply his or her responsibility. We disagree. It is not always easy for non-custodial

parents to find the money to send their payments, especially when they have new lives and new families to support. The parents that willingly pay should take pride in themselves. We are proud of them.

Again, to all of those non-custodial parents who willingly pay their child support, thank you.

For more information

If you are a non-custodial parent who is not currently paying child support, please contact us to make payment arrangements. We will work with you to ensure that your children receive the support they deserve and need. Remember, it is not just the money that matters to the children. Having a parent who cares enough to provide support means more than any amount of money could.

The Child Support Division of the Office of the Attorney General can be reached at 1-800-252-8014. Additional information is also available on the Office of the Attorney General Web-site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,103 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 21, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Fully steady on all classes of cattle. A sale will be held Sat., Nov. 28.

Cows: fat, .25-.34; cutters, .24-.31; canners, .12-.24.

Bulls: bologna, .35-41; feeder, .55-.63; utility, .32-.38.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .84-.95; 300-400 lbs., .82-.94; 400-500 lbs., .68-.88; 500-600 lbs., .63-.75; 600-700 lbs., .62-.68; 700-800 lbs., .60-.65; 800-up lbs., .54-.62.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .74-.79; 300-400 lbs., .72-.78; 400-500 lbs., .65-.70; 500-600 lbs., .63-.68; 600-up lbs., .50-.62.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 300-425.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 430-540; aged or small, 400-525.

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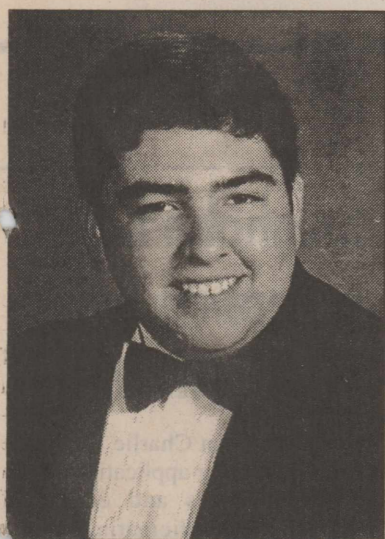
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CONRADO PALACIOS, JR.



LEE CHRISTIAN

Students visit Rotary Club

Conrado Palacios, Jr., son of Conrado and Eva Palacios, is active in FFA, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Band.

Listed in Who's Who in American High School Students in '98-99, and an Honor Student, 95-98, he has served as Class Chaplain and FFA chapter reporter, receiving various FFA awards.

At St. George Catholic Church Palacios is C.Y.O. vice-president and Deanery Representative.

Among his hobbies are fishing, reading mystery books and going to FFA conventions.

Future plans for Palacios after

high school include attending Sul Ross State University and becoming a law enforcement officer.

Lee Christian is the son of Milton and Melodee Christian.

A member of the First Baptist Church, his school activities include Band, FFA, and the National Honor Society.

Hunting and fishing are included in his leisure-time activities.

After finishing high school, Christian plans to attend Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University.

Winter sports injuries can be more severe

Cooler days of fall and winter can make injuries from sports activities even more severe. The Baylor Sports Institute at Baylor School of Medicine offers some sports medicine briefs for week-end warriors.

A regular stretching program can help you stay in the game. Tight, inflexible muscles are likely to become pulled muscles unless they are properly warmed up with stretching.

"Strained and pulled muscles are the most common injuries among people who try to cram a week's worth of exercise into a weekend," said Dr. Lon Castle, a staff physician with the Institute in Houston. "Stretching, even just five to 10 minutes a few times a week, can help athletes avoid many of these injuries."

The key is to develop a routine that targets the major muscle groups in both the arms and legs. Hamstrings, groin, quadriceps (thighs), biceps and shoulders should all receive attention.

Stretching needs to be done slowly and deliberately, holding each stretch for five to 10 seconds, Castle said. "Don't use fast, bouncing or jerking movements. These can lead to the injuries you're trying to avoid."

If you come down with the flu this winter, skip the trip to the gym. "If you can't make it in to work, you certainly shouldn't be exercising," said Dr. John Cianca, a sports-medicine specialist.

"Aerobic activity that increases the heart rate also raises your body temperature. This can make a bout with the flu worse."

Even after feeling better, it is best to ease back into your normal routine. The flu can take a toll on your energy level. When resuming your exercise regimen, adjust both the duration and intensity of the workouts. If you had symptoms for three or four days, your body needs at least a week of short, low-

intensity workouts to completely recover. Pushing too hard too soon can land you back in sick bay.

Egos aren't all that may take a beating in friendly games of pickup basketball and football. Muscles may be strained, and knees and ankles often are injured.

"You want to be the jock you once were, but that's not always realistic," said Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He also advises to stretch and warm up before play to reduce the risk of injury and to realize your limitations. If injury leaves you unable to walk, in severe pain or with moderate swelling, he advises getting to a hospital emergency department for evaluation. Otherwise, Charles said, remember RICE: rest, ice, compression and elevation. If RICE and over-the-counter pain medications don't bring relief, then see your doctor.

With the popularity of high-impact and injury-prone sports such as rollerblading and skiing, and with people continuing to exercise as they age, the opportunity for sports injuries is rising. The cause of osteoarthritis is not entirely understood, but sports injuries play a role. Arthritis may not appear for many years after the injury, with most of the cases found in people older than 45.

Dr. David Karp, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says there are many beneficial reasons to exercise. Simply use common sense and the proper equipment, including protective gear.

"Don't stress one joint all the time or try to 'push through the pain," he said. "If you are injured, seek prompt treatment. Make a plan for rehabilitation. Then stick to it. Early use of an injured joint before it heals can make things worse."



NATHAN LEDBETTER - BERTIE PAYNE

Payne, Ledbetter to marry Dec. 5

Bertie Payne of Haskell and Nathan Ledbetter of Albany have announced their engagement. The wedding will be held in the Haskell Church of God, Dec. 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bowers of Bowie. She

is a graduate of Seymour High School, and is employed at the Knox City Nursing Home.

The bridegroom's parents are Walter and Annie Ledbetter of Albany. A graduate of Albany High School, he is employed at Van Operating Oil Co. in Albany.

Winter driving can be risky

Winter is just around the corner. Although we've had mild fall weather, there is always the possibility of a "blue norther" winter storm striking quickly. This can mean bad driving conditions. And while driving in winter weather can be risky, a few precautions can make it safer.

Brenda Mitchell, traffic safety coordinator for the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation, reminds that while winter conditions don't cause collisions, they can turn small mistakes into serious ones. Driving on ice and snow is a real challenge for any driver. Stay in control, anticipate problems, and drive defensively. These rules of winter driving will help you stay safe in any kind of weather.

"Accelerating, braking, and cornering all demand extra control on snow and ice," she said. "Even more important is your ability to anticipate problems, so you don't lose control in the first place."

To significantly reduce chances of having an accident, Mitchell offers some simple rules for winter driving.

*Traction tips--Vehicles can take four to 10 times further to stop on ice than on dry pavement. Ice reduces the ability to steer, so cut speed by two-thirds on ice.

*Braking--Good tire tread and chains will help you brake safely on ice. Brakes can lock causing a vehicle to skid. Pump the brakes when stopping on ice and snow.

*Get the big picture--Trying to drive while peering through a peephole on an icy windshield is asking for disaster. Scrape and wipe off ice and fog from all windows before hitting the road.

*Position is everything--Don't park on the shoulder except in an emergency. On roads covered by snow, other drivers can mistake the shoulder for a driving lane. Use emergency lights.

Steering out of trouble--Excessive braking on ice and snow can cause brakes to lock. To restore control, take your foot off the brake pedal and let the front wheels roll again. Steer in the direction you want to go.

*Take it easy--Keep a steady speed as bridges are approached. Bridges are often icy even when the rest of the road is clear.

*Check tires--Good tires with firm tread, properly inflated, get a better bite on the road and improve ability to steer.

When bad weather threatens, the best thing to do is often just stay off the road. But if you must drive, check the forecast before getting on the road. Also make sure that the ignition, battery, lights and brakes are all in proper working order. Also check the wiper blades, antifreeze, fuel and exhaust systems, and heater/defroster.

Keeping a "survival kit" in the trunk is a wise idea. Such a kit might contain safety flares, blanket, warm clothing, window scraper and snow brush, set of jumper cables, flashlight and fresh batteries, first-aid kit, sleeping bag, tow strap or chain, and dry matches.

When driving in bad weather, tell people when you expect to leave and arrive, and the route you plan to travel. Then stick to your plan. If you become stranded, stay with your vehicle. TxDOT crews, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and other emergency workers watch for stranded motorists. Run your engine for a few minutes periodically to keep it warm. Crack a window for ventilation, layer with clothes and blankets or sleeping bag, and huddle for warmth.

"Following these tips can make for a safer and more pleasant winter driving," the TxDOT official concluded.

Dieting can be dangerous

High school and college age women may be the first to recognize that their girlfriends suffer from dangerous eating disorders.

"If young women are sensitive to the signs of anorexia and bulimia in their friends, then they will be in a position to express concern," said Dr. David Waller, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas. In his report he says they can suggest that their friends seek professional help from a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist,

preferable one with experience in treating eating disorders.

A young woman should be concerned if a friend engages in extreme dieting, continues to diet even though she has lost a great deal of weight, begins to wear clothes that hide her body shape, leaves the table early or immediately after a meal, has unpleasant breath or decaying teeth, or appears to vomit frequently, Dr. Waller said. Anorexia and bulimia are dangerous to physical and mental health and, in extreme cases, can be deadly.

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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week presented Lt. Gov-elect Rick Perry with the Senate gavel he had wielded since he took office in January 1991.

The symbolic transfer of authority shows the men are aiming for a smooth transition. Bullock leaves office in January.

Out-going Agriculture Commissioner Perry, a Republican, will take over as lieutenant governor when the Legislature convenes on Jan. 12. He will preside over the 31-seat Senate with a one-seat (16-15) GOP majority.

Bullock, who plans on working for an Austin public relations and consulting firm, said he is hopeful that party politics won't come into play with Perry at the helm.

Perry, who soon will name committees and pick chairmen, said Democrats and Republicans will share leadership roles in the Senate. Perry also said he will continue to seek advice from Bullock after he leaves office.

Insurance Benchmark Rates Cut

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has cut homeowners insurance benchmark rates by a state-wide average of 6 percent.

Benchmark rates vary among Texas' 23 rating territories, but the largest reductions occurred in the southern half of the state.

New benchmark rates for rate-regulated companies, which set their own rates within a 30-percent range above or below the benchmark, will take effect Feb. 1.

Bomer cited reduced claims compared to premiums as one reason for the benchmark rate reduction.

"Our violent weather patterns appear to have simmered down, and that's helped lower homeowners benchmark rates," Bomer said. "We can be thankful that we have dodged hurricanes for the past decade and other catastrophic windstorms in recent years."

However, Lloyds companies and reciprocal exchanges, which account for about 80 percent of the homeowners market, write at unregulated rates and are unaffected by the benchmark.

Judicial Appointments Bill Filed

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, filed legislation last week proposing a constitutional amendment to have the governor appoint appellate judges.

Under Duncan's plan, the governor would appoint supreme court, court of criminal appeals

and courts of appeals judges to six-year terms.

Appointees would have to be confirmed by the Senate. Those seeking a second six-year term would be subject to a yes-or-no, non-partisan vote.

Duncan said he filed the proposal because "Texans are tired of the perception that big money and politics have too much influence over the judicial system."

In the 1997 legislative session, Gov. George W. Bush opposed a similar measure, arguing that voters should be able to decide who their judges will be.

Other Pre-filed Bills of Interest

Like Sen. Duncan, many other Texas lawmakers filed legislation early in hopes of amending current laws. Here are a few:

■ Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, wants to require personal finance education as a condition for high school graduation.

■ Rep. John Longoria, D-San Antonio, wants public school students to receive instruction in "basic values of the United States."

■ Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, wants to establish a tax credit for companies that establish and operate a day-care center for children of employees or purchase child-care services for employees.

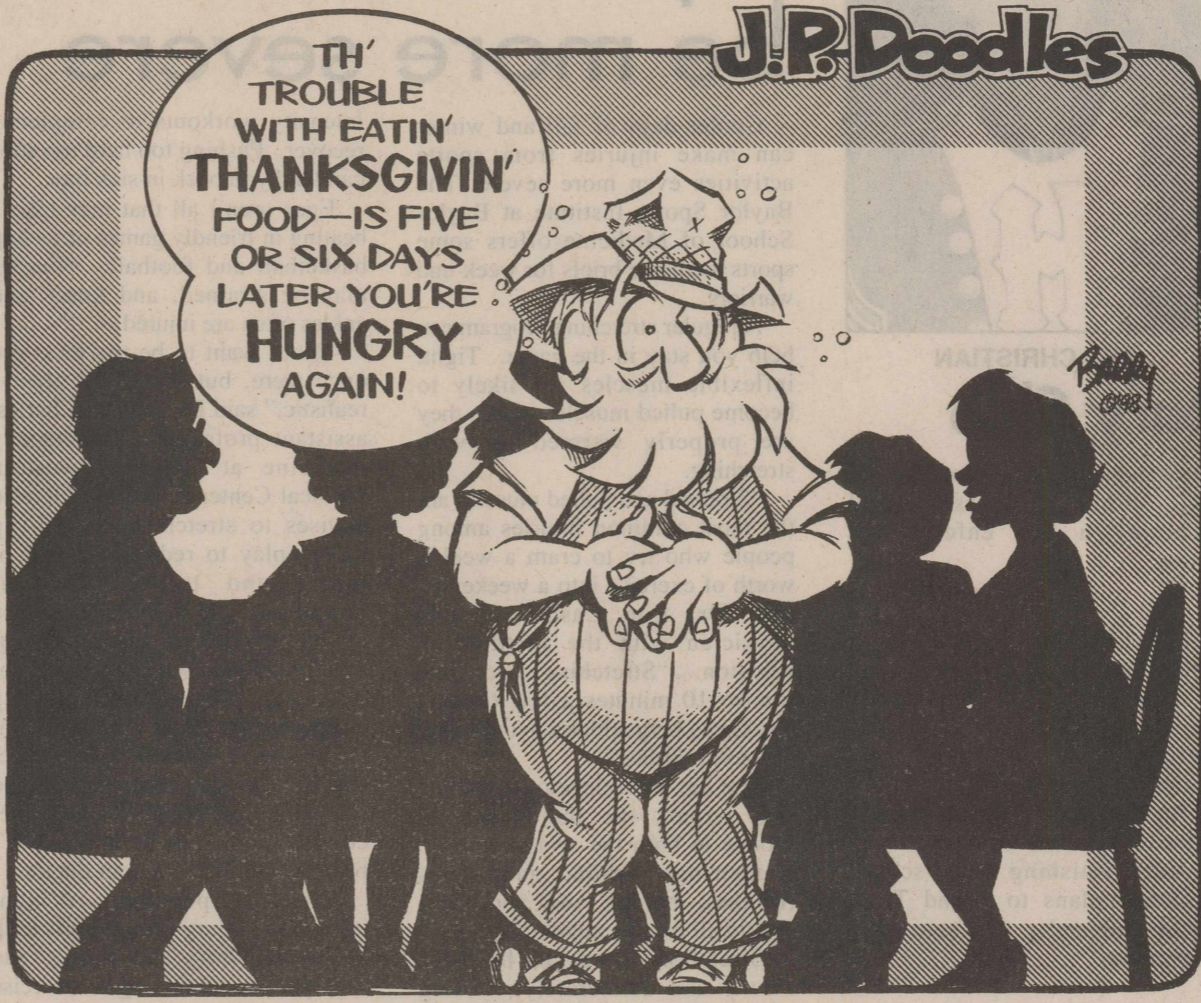
■ Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, wants to enact a hotel-motel room tax exemption for those involved in the production of a motion picture, television program or musical or video recording.

Other Highlights

■ Career criminal Kenneth Allen McDuff, 52, was put to death by lethal injection Nov. 17, after exhausting appeals for a delay of execution. McDuff was believed to be the nation's only condemned inmate ever paroled and then returned to death row for another murder.

■ The American Civil Liberties Union is backing the Ethical Cultural Fellowship, an Austin group that is suing the state to have its religious tax exemption reinstated. The group does not believe in a supreme being, which disqualifies it from receiving the tax exemption under Texas law.

■ Gov. Bush last week appointed Thomas Clowe of Waco as head of the Lottery Commission. Clowe, currently a senior vice president of Southern Union Gas Co., replaces John Hill of Houston, who resigned.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Today we pause in gratitude to thank our God for the bounty of this earth and the fruits of our labor, which we enjoy as citizens of this great country.

At one time in the history of our county, the rituals of gratitude touched nearly every aspect of human life. Our Pilgrim forefathers recognized the need to acknowledge with thanksgiving and praise the source "from whom all blessings flow." However, even though we now have a day set aside to continue this ritual, many of the patterns and habits of gratitude have been abandoned or forgotten in our busy day-to-day living. As individuals and as a people I believe that our county's core of quality has suffered because of this eroding of acknowledgement, appreciation and connectedness to the Creator.

Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, if we are honest with ourselves, we know that, based on our neglect and disrespect for the gifts and the Giver, we are all blessed beyond our deserving. Perhaps if we could learn to offer an expression of thanks in our whole way of living, every day, it would restore a measure of grace to our every day's living.

"A thankful person is thankful under all circumstances," wrote Baha'u'llah. "A complaining soul complains even if he lives in paradise." Rain or shine, we need to remember that "the earth is the Lord's, and the riches thereof."

Our forefathers humbly realized their own dependence on a higher power than just their own strength and labors. An adaptation from *The Common Book of Prayer* asks, "Great Spirit, who hast blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and hast commanded us to work with quietness and eat our own bread; Bless the labors of those who till the fields and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth. Most gracious Spirit, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drip down the dew; we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof and for all the other blessings bestowed upon us."

Abraham Joshua Heschell said, "It is gratefulness that makes the soul great." Others, in many different ways and words have voiced thanksgiving and a grateful heart. Their words seem appropriate today and might be added to our own words of prayer.

An adaptation from "An Haggadah of Liberation" says "We dedicate this meal to our hopes and dreams for the future. We dream of a world not threatened by destruction. We dream of a world in which all people are free to be themselves. We dream of a world of Peace."

It has been written that "Everywhere, hands lie open to catch us when we fall." Let us give thanks for this invisible support.

Annabelle Woodard has said, "We give thanks for the Sun even when behind clouds it shines. We give thanks for the Wind though it bend the birches low. We give thanks for Rain gentle or torrential. We give thanks for the Earth. For it Beauty and Glory and Power we give thanks. Give us Grace to be good stewards of this, our inheritance."

"Give us grateful hearts in this season of Thy Thanksgiving," wrote W.E.B. Du Bois. "May we be thankful for health and strength, for sun and rain and peace. Let us seize the day and the opportunity and strive for that greatness of spirit that measures life not by its disappointments but by its possibilities, and let us ever remember that true gratitude and appreciation shows itself neither in independence nor satisfaction but passes the gift joyfully on in larger and better form."

This Thanksgiving day may all of you enjoy the warm, sustaining fellowship of family and friends, the football, the feast, and your blessings as a citizen of this great county. And join me in a prayer of thanksgiving to the One who gave them all, asking Him to help us have the wisdom to preserve the best of it and pass it on to those yet to come.

Stenholm now accepting intern applications

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1999 Omar Burleson Internship Program in Washington, D.C.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by Jan. 8, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's Washington office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will assist the legislative staff and help research constituent inquiries.

The internship program is open to teachers, educators, and college students registered to vote in the 17th Congressional District, or students attending other universities whose home of record is within the 17th District. The interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221, from Congressman Stenholm's web page (www.house.gov/stenholm), or by writing Mr. Raymond McDaniel, Jr., Chairman, Intern Selection Committee, P. O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Applications are due by Jan. 8. They will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will notify finalists by Feb. 19. Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 13 and selections will be made at that time.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our many friends of Haskell and Weinert for their prayers and support during the loss of our home in the Guadalupe River flood of 1998.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the money tree for us, The Greater Independent Baptist Church, and those who sent special packages to ease the burden during the first few weeks.

We are very grateful to the many special people who drove 300 miles to help us shovel mud, haul garbage and pull nails during the clean up of our home.

We've received so many blessings since the flood and we will always love our friends and family in Haskell County.

Johney and Derinda Larned
Trey and Mackenzie
New Braunfels

Dear Editor:
As president of the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, I want to give you an update and to thank everyone who has helped make the Foundation a success. We have just awarded three more mini-grants. These mini-grants have been given to teachers with innovative ideas to broaden the students' horizons.

Also, this fall we have started an adult literacy GED program. We have approximately fifteen citizens of our community meeting each Mon. night learning to read English and working on passing the GED. We need volunteers to help with this program. If you would be interested in helping, contact me or Billie McKeever at the superintendent's office. This gives us a chance to make Haskell a better place to live, one person at a time.

This year we have launched a fund raising project, we refer to it as the "Brick Project." We have selected a site near the gymnasium to build a brick patio with everyone's name who donates a minimum of \$100 (tax deductible dollars) to the foundation. If you would like a brick with your name on it or a brick in memory or honor of someone, please contact us.

Again, thanks you for your help. Together, we will make Haskell an even better place to live.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 1, 1988

Two Rochester students, Wayne Hester and Kyle Hollingsworth, performed with the Texas Trombone Band in a halftime performance at the Texas-Tech-Lamar football game.

The American Heart Association Turkey Walk held recently has raised \$2,936.40. Nine walkers participated in the event which covered ten miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lehrmann and children of Rowlett visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse of Sagerton.

20 Years Ago November 30, 1978

New Christmas decorations were turned on last week. The decorations were purchased with donations and funds raised by the Haskell County Jaycees and Jayceettes. A total of 48 fixtures were installed at a total cost of about \$9,260.00.

The Haskell Indians win Bi-District, 16-13, by beating the Hamlin Pied Pipers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wheatley and children of Earth spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his

mother, Mrs. Marvin Wheatley and his brother, Johnny and family of Haskell.

30 Years Ago November 28, 1968

Barry Hobbs of Rule was named the Gold Star Boy of Haskell County and Debbie Campbell of Weinert was named the Gold Star Girl of Haskell County.

Gary Felker was named the football hero and Jeanette Glass was named football sweetheart at the recent football banquet.

Jack Conley is the new owner of the Texas Theatre.

40 Years Ago November 27, 1958

Property damage between \$3,000 and \$4,000 was caused by a small twister which hit the O. L. Howard farm east of Rule.

The Willie Peiser farm in the Mattson community received damage from the recent wind storm. Mr. Peiser, farmer and poultry raiser, lost his large brooder house, together with 2,100 of the 2,800 baby chicks he had only recently received from a hatchery.

Mrs. Tom M. French of Austin

visited here recently with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Carothers.

50 Years Ago November 25, 1948

Mrs. Doris Burson has announced the opening of "Kiddie Land" a shop specializing in smartly fashioned clothing for infants and small children.

The Friendship H.D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Leon Newton. A demonstration on Italian Hemstitch was given by Miss Louise Newman.

Mrs. Curtis Pennington, president of South Ward PTA, attended the State Convention of Parents-Teachers held in El Paso.

80 Years Ago November 30, 1918

A record breaking snow for November fell here this week, with the total estimated between 8 and 10 inches.

Dick Nolen has resumed management of Dick's Theatre after an absence of a year in military service.

R. V. Robertson returned from Houston where he attended a meeting of district and county food administrators.

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UP AND IN—Haskell Indian #12, Robert Spells goes up to dunk in two points in the game with Hawley, which ended Haskell 48, Hawley 26. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

The cool days of November are a gift. We enjoy them even knowing perhaps we'll have suddenly a bone-chilling cold spell.

Even on a clear morning sunlight, a scarecrow among fallen leaves in a deserted garden looks cold.

Fall is a great time to plant for next spring and summer. Now is the time to plant your shrubs and roses and also to divide your perennials.

If you have an amaryllis, it's time to plant the bulbs in outside beds.

Order spring-flowering bulbs early for planting in November.

If the weather is mild, it may be late November or early December before it is cool enough to plant tulips. It is best to keep the bulbs in the refrigerator for several weeks before planting.

Please save your coffee grounds. They are a good organic sod conditioner. They make your shrubs more vigorous plants and better blooming for flowers. Also put all your apple peelings and rotten apples in your beds with your shrubs.

Another good thing to do is to

dry your egg shells in the microwave or oven and crush them on your garage floor and then add them to any plant mix for calcium.

This flower mixture is to add to your beds or rows where you are planting: 4 cups of bone meal, 2 cups of gypsum, 2 cups epsom salts, 1 cup of wood ashes, 1 cup of lime, 1 Tbsp. baking powder, 4 Tbsps. of Diaperene baby powder. Just sprinkle it in your rows or beds before you plant. Be sure and mix it well in a large container.

Ornaments of different things are nice to put in our yards this time of the year. They can be an enjoyment for all winter. It might be a good idea to have them set in

Toy injuries can be fatal

Toys injure more than 150,000 children each year. But the more startling statistic is that about two dozen kids actually die from toy-related injuries. Extension family consumer science specialist Dr. Linda Ladd says avoiding toys with small parts is critical for young children. She warns parents to adhere to the labels that list the appropriate age.

Ladd says a toy that's too

concrete. So if someone admired them too much, they can't move them. An ornament becomes a part

of you, which is really what gardening is all about.

Would you like to have a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table? Do this for pleasure as well as beauty.

Fill a big bowl with apples, Indian corn and gourds. Brass candlesticks would be nice on each side of the bowl.

November gives us time to gather thoughts and give thanks.

Quote! "Spend your life lifting people up, not putting people down."

advanced for a child can be frustrating and many children will destroy the toy. So consider the child's stage of development.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends you look for sturdy construction with no sharp edges or points. Do not give a child under the age of eight any electric toy with a heating element. And discard plastic wrappings immediately.

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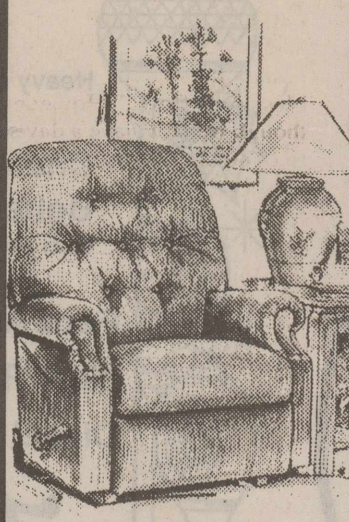
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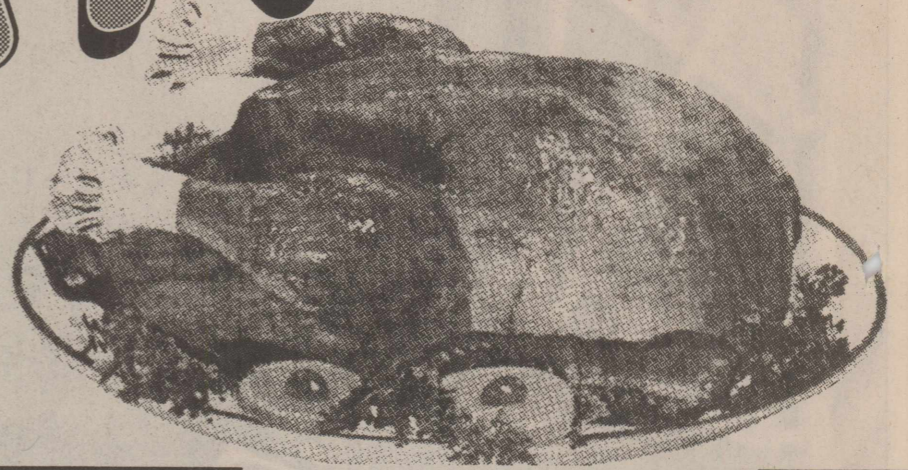


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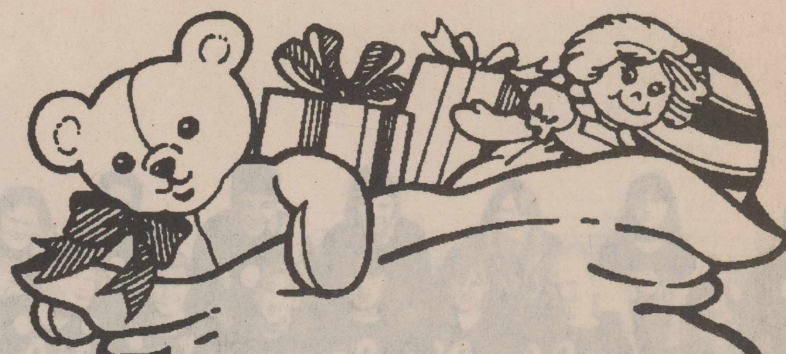
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RULE FIFTH GRADERS—Students of Mrs. Parr's class enjoyed the HAVOC program led by Larry Bell of Abilene. Back row, left are Andrew Navarette, Samantha Griffin, Candice Sorley, Keli Smith, Eric Elkin, Natalie Gaunt, Laci Louder, Mrs. Parr, and Joshua Messenger. Middle, left, Maria Amaya, Joanna Lehrmann, Jennifer Murray, Cristina Arrieta, Mackenzie Miller, Miranda Robertson, Jordan Baitz, and Jessica Messenger. Bottom row, left, Cristobal Flores, Tully Brown, Casey Judd, Jacob Manske, Emery Dudensing, Melvin Thomison, Carlos Aguinaga, and Charles Jones.



CHALLENGE PROGRAM—Larry Bell of Abilene, led Rule 6th graders in a fun and educational program during Red Ribbon Week at Rule ISD. The Higher Achievement Via Outdoor Challenges (HAVOC) is a challenge-based program designed to help students develop team-building skills, and trust. Back row, left, Cody Parsons, Craig Simpson, Larry Bell, Willie Thomison, Jeremy Louder, Samuel Turner, Jimmy Fuentes, Kolt Kittley, Alez Vasquez, and Christopher Morton. Sitting, left, Holly Wolsch, Calina Kendall, Tarah Toney, Sara Hunt, Sam Kittley, and Laci Standefer.

New treatment may be available for BPPV

A new study hopes to find the best treatment for millions of people who suffer with a type of vertigo known as benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV).

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study various treatments for BPPV.

People with BPPV have vertigo when they bend down, look up, or

roll over in bed. Vertigo makes a person feel like they are moving around or spinning when they are not. It is caused by either a severe blow to the head, a history of viral infections, or age-related changes. It is the second most common reason why people go to the doctor's office.

"Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo is the most common vestibular disorder," said Dr. Helen Cohen, a Baylor assistant professor

of otorhinolaryngology.

The vestibular system is a sensory system that has receptors located in the inner ear and tells a person when their head is moving. People need it to control balance, eye movement and to give them a sense of up and down. It contains three semi-circular canals, two small sacks called otoliths, hair bundles and crystals of calcium carbonate.

"BPPV occurs when the crystals fall out of the sack that they sit in and slide into the circular canals," said Cohen, the study's principal investigator. "We are going to try a number of different treatments to return the crystals to the otoliths where they belong."

Cohen says one technique involves rapidly moving the head back and forth in such a way that the crystals travel down the semi-circular canals and back into the otoliths. She says this treatment has already helped many people overcome their problems with BPPV.

Researchers will follow 300 patients who will receive treatment over a six month period.

"BPPV can seriously affect a person's ability to function in everyday life," said Cohen. "We hope this study reveals the best treatment to improve the quality of life for those who suffer with this ailment."

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Food for thought

"Now on whom dost thou trust?" Isaiah 36:5

Reader, this is an important question. Listen to the Christian's answer and see if it is yours. "On whom dost thou trust?" "I trust," says the Christian, "in a triune God."

I trust the Father, believing that he has chosen me from before the foundations of the world; I trust him to provide for me in providence, to teach me, to guide me, to correct me if need be and to bring me home to his own house where the many mansions are. I trust the Son. Very God of very God is he—the man Christ Jesus.

I trust in him to take away all my sins by his own sacrifice and to

adorn me with his perfect righteousness. I trust him to be my Intercessor, to present my prayers and desires before his Father's throne and I trust him to be my Advocate at the last great day, to plead my cause and to justify me. I trust him for what he is, for what he has done and for what he has promised yet to do.

And I trust the Holy Spirit—he has begun to save me from my inbred sins; I trust him to drive them all out; I trust him to curb my temper, to subdue my will, to enlighten my understanding, to check my passions, to comfort my despondency, to help my weakness, to illumine my darkness; I trust him to dwell in me as my life, to

reign in me as my King, to sanctify me wholly, spirit, soul and body and then to take me up to dwell with the saints in light for ever."

Oh, blessed trust! To trust him whose power will never be exhausted, whose love will never wane, whose kindness will never change, whose faithfulness will never fail, whose wisdom will never be nonplussed and whose perfect goodness can never know a diminution! Happy art thou, reader, if this trust is thine! So trusting, thou shalt enjoy sweet peace now and glory hereafter and the foundation of thy trust shall never be removed.

Elder abuse is silent epidemic

The pain of abuse is one that many elderly people endure in silence. Whether the abuse is intentional or unintentional, physical, psychological or financial, elder mistreatment is a silent epidemic. Yet only one in 14 cases is reported.

Elder abuse comes in many forms: battering, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, neglect of physical or financial needs, or neglect of proper health care, hygiene and nutrition. Unintentional abuse often occurs because of ignorance, inexperience or inability to provide good care. Stress, chemical dependency or mental illness of the victim or caregiver, social isolation, financial problems, family disputes, inadequate housing or a history of violence all can add to the risk of elder abuse.

Because of embarrassment, intimidation or a desire to protect the caregiver, (frequently it is an

adult child or relative), many victims stay silent about the abuse.

To stop the cycle of violence and silence, physicians of Texas Medical Association urge everyone to be aware of the signs of elder abuse and speak out. Here are some possible signs of abuse to watch for.

- *Cuts, puncture wounds, burns, bruises, or welts;
- *Injuries that have not been cared for properly;
- *Poor coloring, sunken eyes or cheeks;
- *Poor personal hygiene;
- *Fear, anxiety, agitation;
- *Isolation, withdrawal;
- *Depression;
- *Hesitation to talk openly;
- *Confusion or disorientation;
- *Caregiver's indifference or anger toward elderly person;
- *Caregiver's prevention of elderly person from seeing visitors, or their description of elderly person as a "burden".

*Caregiver's name added to bank account;

*Elder's ignorance of monthly income, frequent checks made out to "cash".

For caregivers, the stress of caring for an elderly person can lead to inadvertent abusive language or behavior. Anyone taking care of an elder should be sure to get enough rest, deal with any negative feeling they may have toward the older person, take care of their own health, communicate with family and ask for help when they need it. Most caregivers take good care of the elderly people for whom they are responsible. But the more that caregivers can do to care for themselves, the better the environment will be for all.

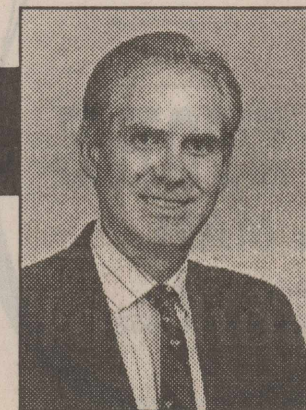
If elder abuse is suspected, call Adult Protective Services, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, at 1-800-252-5400.

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FROM SCHOOL TO WORK—Thanks to a grant awarded the Haskell CISD, Haskell 5th and 7th grade students visited the First National Bank and other local places of business during the School to Work activities to develop career awareness and employability skills.

Help is available for families with problems

How many times have you had a problem with your child and the agency you have been working with has not been able to help? For those in the eight county area of Archer, Baylor, Haskell, Knox, Stephens, Stonewall, Young and Throckmorton, there is a resource to help you. The Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG), is made up of representatives of Texas departments or commissions and of various school districts in the group's area.

Agencies represented in the CRCG are: the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services,

Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Juvenile Probation Commission, Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Texas Youth Commission, Texas Commission for the Blind, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The goal of the group is to help parents access assistance to prevent problems before they occur in school and community. The group works to develop solutions to the

problems the youth may have already experienced. However, nothing can be finally accomplished without the parent's involvement.

Any child or parents who seek assistance will receive the same confidentiality as any medical service. Discussion will not occur concerning any case outside the group without written permission.

Those seeking help are urged to contact their caseworker or agency representative and ask about presenting their case to the CRCG.

Steve Rueschenberg, Chairman of the Eight County CRCG will answer questions at 800-588-4272.

Finding cattle forage can be like searching for needle in hay stack

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
As the drought continues, finding quality forage for cattle may be like searching for a needle in a hay stack. Dr. David Bade, Texas Agricultural Extension Service forage specialist and professor, said cattle producers need to know the cost of hay and how to get their money's worth. Successful managers of grazing animals are able to cut raised or purchased feed and grazing costs to see a greater profit, Bade said. Most feeding costs occur from October to April.

He said producers can reduce their hay needs by raising or

purchasing high quality hay and by utilizing winter pastures and legumes. Some producers don't realize that when you buy quality hay, you can reduce other feeding costs, Bade said. Calculate supplemental feeding costs and add that to what you paid for the hay; that's your actual hay cost. Bade said producers should consider the condition of the cow when deciding what to feed.

A lactating cow that is in poor condition is going to need considerably more feed and a higher quality hay, he said. Producers may want to feed higher quality hay to lactating cows and lower quality

hay to dry cows in order to reduce feeding costs. Bade also said to take the weight of the hay bales into consideration. He said sorghum hays, like corn stubble will typically weigh less than coastal bermuda. In Texas, hay is usually sold by the bale, but sometimes it's cheaper to buy the alfalfa or coastal bermuda than the sorghum hay, Bade said. Producers need to calculate cost per ton and decide if the hay is worth what they are paying. Another important consideration is hay storage. Bade said storing hay in a covered area and off the ground can decrease loss by 15 percent.



LEVIS AND LACE—Cutting the ribbon for the opening of the new Levis and Lace Sandwiches, Etc. at 411 S. First St. in Haskell, were owner, Kathryn Schonestedt, left, her mother, Henrietta Rueffer, center, and assistant Janice Briggs. On the front row, extreme left are employees Lisa Schonestedt and Missy Rodriguez. Looking on are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Food safety tips for children

Children should be taught food and kitchen safety tips, especially if they will be making their own snacks at home after school.

Ione Wenzel of the Retail Food Division of Texas Department of Health suggests keeping a supply of easy-to-fix foods on hand and letting children know where they are stored.

Some of Wenzel's health and safety suggestions for children are:

*Put backpacks on the floor, not on the counters or kitchen table. Backpacks carry germs.

*Throw away any leftover lunch brought home from school. (Or better, don't bring it home at all.)

*Wash hands.
*Always use clean spoons, forks and plates.

*Wash fruits and vegetables before you take a bite.

*Do not use bread, cheese, fruits or vegetables that look bad or have even the smallest spot of mold. If food looks or smells bad, never take even a bite to see if it is still good.

*Do not leave cold items such as milk, lunch meat, hard cooked eggs or yogurt on the counter at room temperature. Put them back in the refrigerator after you make your snack.

Snacks for younger children could include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cheese and crackers, yogurt, cookies and milk, fresh fruit, pre-cut vegetables,

hard-cooked eggs, cold cereal and milk or lunch meat sandwiches. Older children also could have microwave popcorn, snacks and

meals. "When in doubt, throw it out," Wenzel said, "That's still the best advice there is."

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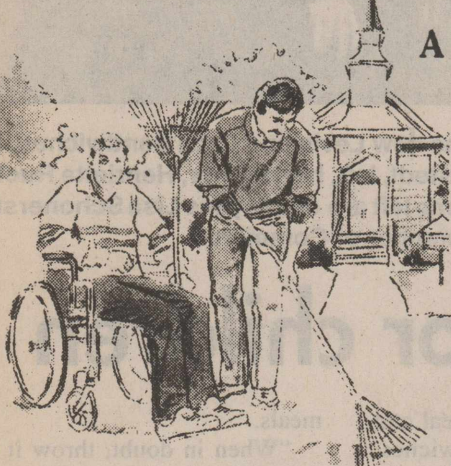
**Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Breakfast**
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Breakfast tacos
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Cinnamon toast
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Donuts
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chili, macaroni salad, pinto beans, peaches, crackers
Tuesday: Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, hot rolls
Wednesday: Beef enchiladas, broccoli and rice, salad, crackers, Jello
Thursday: Ham, tuna, cheese, pickles, chips, lettuce, Rice Krispies treats
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, cookies

Head Start Menu

Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.
Breakfast
Monday: Rice Krispies, plums
Tuesday: French toast sticks w/syrup, strawberries
Wednesday: Oatmeal, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Homemade breakfast burrito, orange slices
Friday: Toast, apple slices
Lunch
Milk served daily with lunch.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich with ham, vegetable soup, banana
Tuesday: Spaghetti with hamburger meat sauce,
lettuce/tomato salad, pear half
Wednesday: Corn dog, string cheese, spinach, orange slices
Thursday: Beef tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, peaches
Friday: Fish sticks, corn, broccoli w/cheese, bread
Snacks
Monday: Ritz crackers, orange juice
Tuesday: Peanut butter cookies, milk
Wednesday: Apple muffin, milk
Thursday: Carrot sticks, Ranch dip, crackers, apple juice
Friday: Lemon cookies, orange juice

This Week's Devotional Message:

A LACK OF FAITH CAN BE THE WORST HANDICAP OF ALL



We usually think of handicapped people as the blind, the deaf, and those in wheelchairs, and we should do whatever we can to make life easier for them and help them maintain their dignity and self-reliance. These people are usually excellent prospects for employment, and they will give their all to the work to prove themselves capable of it.

However, there are other handicaps that are not so obvious; because they are mental in nature. The worst one of all is a lack of faith. Those with physical handicaps soon discover God's sustaining power, and they can be a shining example to the rest of us. Thank Him at your House of Worship for this lesson in faith and courage.

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- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Vergil Smith
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, 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 Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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 - Weinert Methodist Church**
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowmover
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**
Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Andrew
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
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
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- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
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Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 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**
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
 - New Life Baptist Mission**
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
 - Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
 - West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: Toast/jelly
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, buttered toast/jelly
Wednesday: Blueberry muffins
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Corn dogs, macaroni/cheese, baked beans, applesauce, cookies
Tuesday: Pizza, cole slaw, seasoned corn, fruit Jello
Wednesday: Chicken on bun, French fries, pickle spears, cherry dessert
Thursday: Taco salad, grated cheese, lettuce/tomatoes, pinto beans, diced pears
Friday: Hamburger, curly fries, hamburger trimmings, apple

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, Nov. 30
Lunch-Steak/gravy, potatoes, beets, mixed greens, banana cake 1:00 p.m. China painting
Wednesday, Dec. 2
11:00 a.m. Outreach Home Health exercise and blood pressure check
Lunch-Ham/raisin sauce, macaroni salad, peas & carrots, peaches, oatmeal cookie
Friday, Dec. 4
BBQ chicken, potatoes AuGratin, cabbage slaw, green fruit cobbler
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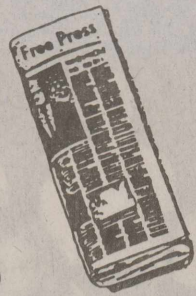
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Bend Conglomerate Formation, Bogard Waterflood Unit Lease, Well Number 502. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles west of Rochester in the Tom Darling (Congl.) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5,860 to 5,884 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 48c

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Sealed proposals for: Mowing Highway Right of Way in various counties throughout the Abilene District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at: 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas until respective bid opening time on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 then publicly opened and read.

All prospective bidders are advised that there will not be a pre-bidders conference for this contract.

Bidding proposals and plan viewing will be available on and after Monday, November 2, 1998 at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office located at: 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas. Telephone 915-676-6852. Contact: Saundra J. Collins. Usual rights reserved. 47-48c

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.665 km to construct bridge and approaches on CR 143 at California Creek to 2.15 miles East of FM 600 covered by BR 97(114)OX, on CR 158 at Thompson Creek covered by BR 96(78)OX, on CR 137 at California Creek covered by BR 96(79)OX and on CR 372 at California Creek covered by BR 96(80)OX in Haskell and Jones Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., December 9, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Joe Higgins, Area Engineer, Hamlin, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved. 8-D-122034 8-76-0908-22-008, etc. 47-48c

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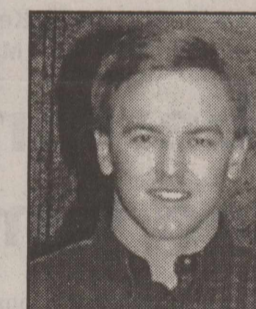
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MAIDEN SCORING—Indian Maiden #40, Shayne McKenzie shoots over a Hawley defender in the Haskell Varsity Girls game which ended Hawley 38, Maidens 33. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Darold Roberson named Haskell area Ombudsman

The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging advocates, Ombudsmen, over-see the quality of life given to resident at long-term care facilities.

Usually the first question the Ombudsman hears is, "What is an Ombudsman?" The first response is always, someone who protects the rights of the elderly who are unable to protect themselves. They make sure that resident's dignity, self-determination and freedom of choice is preserved while the elderly person lives at those homes.

Dedication and patience, are required of Ombudsmen, who volunteer to identify, investigate, and resolve complaints in the facilities. Training for the job requires 36 hours of learning the rights of the elderly and State regulations of long-term care, along with a 90 day intern period, before being certified.

Ombudsmen remind residents at the nursing facilities that they never give up any rights when they move into a nursing home. Many times the job of the volunteer is to listen to the residents and make sure their needs are fulfilled by the staff of the home. Every complaint is followed through and most are resolved. If the complaint concerns serious neglect, physical, mental or emotional abuse the Ombudsman will not hesitate to report it to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Although unable to give referrals, the Ombudsmen help

families who are trying to find the best nursing facility for their family member.

The volunteer Certified Ombudsman in the Haskell area is Darold Roberson.

The West Central Texas Council

of Governments staff Ombudsman and Advocacy Service is constantly looking for new, willing volunteers to advocate for resident's rights and their family member. They may be contacted at 1-800-928-2263 or 915-672-8544.



MINI-CAMP—Rule Elementary girls who attended the Cheerleader Mini-Camp, and performed at the Bobcat's football game were; back row left, Keli Smith, Laci Louder, Rose Pedersen, Kendra Scheets, Kortney Kupatt, Taylor Falkner. Middle row left, Kristi Judd, Mackenzie Miller, Story Trussell, Callie Papan, Kyna Scheets, Kelsie Miller, Molly Dudensing. Sitting, left, Allison Petty, Kacy Wilcox, Lacy Stephens, and Cassidy Cooper.

Texas Production Credit Assn. to merge with Rolling Plains PCA

The stockholders of Texas Production Credit Association and Rolling Plains Production Credit Association overwhelmingly approved the merger of the two agricultural lenders.

The merger, subject to final approval of regulators, will take effect Jan. 1, 1999 with the new name "Ag Credit of Texas, PCA." Corporate headquarters will be in Stamford.

Board Chairmen Nolan Niehues of San Angelo and Garon Tidwell of Munday joined in emphasizing the benefits of the merger to its stockholders saying "the combining of these two strong PCAs will further enhance our abilities to provide competitively priced ag loans and related services to current and future agricultural producers."

The merged association is a cooperative owned by those who borrow from it. As of Oct. 31, the two institutions provided \$110 million in loans to more than 1500 ag producers in 62 counties in West Texas, Rolling Plains and the eastern Panhandle of Texas.

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John S. Rike III will be the president and board members, along with Niehues and Tidwell, are Robert Rieck of Menard, Ray Russell of Big Spring, Arlie Weatherman of Fort Stockton, Don Jones of Fluvanna, Jim Wright of Menard, Dr. Paul Weyerts of

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