



Good luck, Rule Bobcats!

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Rule defeats Grandfalls in quarterfinals playoff

Rule Bobcat kicker Josh Smith made 5 of 7 PAT kicks and threw four touchdown passes as quarterback to lead his team past the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys 52-49 Fri. night in Coahoma in the state six-man quarterfinals playoffs.

Brian Lehrmann caught three of those passes of 18, 35, and 8 yards, to continue his great season at the

receiver position. Jody Harvey scored on runs of 3 and 59 yards for 12 points while playing excellent defense, leading the 'Cats with 15 tackles. Cody Tibbets rambled 50 yards for another score and Grant Hisey caught a 75-yard fourth-quarter pass and run, accounting for the final Rule touchdown at the

5:18 mark. After scoring the first 12 points of the game, the Bobcats opened up a 36-15 lead midway through the second quarter, but Grandfalls answered with 26 unanswered points to go ahead 41-36 at the end of the third quarter. However, the 'Cats came back to go ahead for

good on an 8-yard pass with 8:23 remaining in the game.

Grandfalls runningback James Stocks accounted for all their touchdowns with 6 runs and one thrown pass, but it wasn't enough, as the Bobcats prevailed. Making big plays on defense for the Bobcats were Lehrmann, who had one

interception, Tibbets, Hisey, Harvey, Joe Sotelo, and Justin Coker. Jeremy Hertel had three kickoff tackles and he and fellow senior Mike Casey provided blocking for the Bobcat offense.

The Rule Bobcats are scheduled to meet the Groom Tigers tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 in

the state Region I/II Six-Man semifinal game. Rule will be the home team and will play on the west side of the stadium. The winner of this game will play for the State Championship next weekend against either the Gordon Longhorns or Richland Springs Coyotes. Groom defeated Borden County 20-21 last Saturday night.

Basketball games

Haskell

V-GB Haskell Tournament
December 2-4

JVG-B Hawley Tournament
December 2-4

7GB, 8GB & 9B vs. Electra
Girls Here, Boys There
Mon., Dec. 6, 4:00 p.m.

JV-GB, V-GB vs Ballinger
Tues., Dec. 7, 4 p.m. at Haskell

Paint Creek Goree Tourney
December 2-4

Paint Creek vs. Roscoe
Tues., Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
at Roscoe

Paint Creek JH vs. Benjamin
Mon., Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.
at Benjamin

Calendar

Toy drive

The Rule 4-H Club is holding a toy drive until Dec. 10. Collection boxes are located at Rule Post Office and at the school. Toys will be collected and distributed by the Haskell County Child Welfare Board. Cash donations are also needed. Chances on a 13" TV are available for \$1 donation and can be purchased at the Rule basketball tournament. Contact Leslie Kupatt, Martha Wolsch, Renee Dudensing or any adult 4-H leader from Rule for details.

Christmas concert

A Christmas concert will be presented at the First United Methodist Church Sun., Dec. 5. The concert is free to the public and is sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Special service

Harry Garvin, retired missionary to Uganda, will speak during the morning and evening services at the First Baptist Church in Haskell Sun., Dec. 5.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Rule Christmas lighting

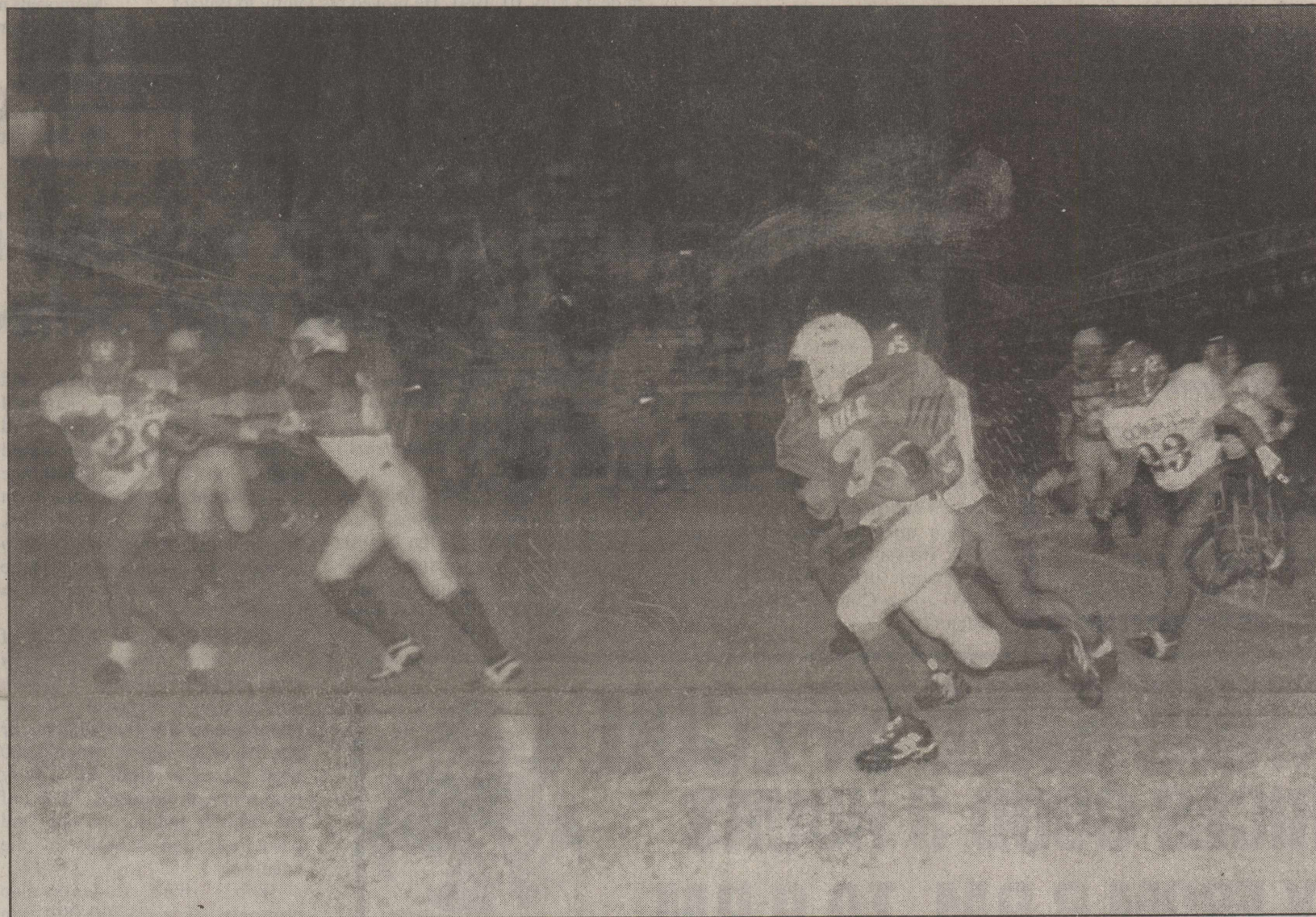
Christmas lighting for homes and yards in Rule will be judged Dec. 16. The contest is sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce.

Basketball tourney

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will host a high school basketball tournament Dec. 2-4. Games will begin at 3:30 each day. Everyone is encouraged to come to the tournament and support the athletes.

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SCORING RUN-Rule Bobcat #3 Jody Harvey scores on a 59 yard run during the team's winning game with Grandfalls-Royalty in

the state quarterfinals play offs. The team will meet the Groom Tigers Fri. night for the semifinal game. Photo by Bobby Robinson

Mary Kaigler named Free Press editor

John McDougal, publisher of the Haskell Free Press, announced this week that Mary Kaigler, staff



MARY KAIGLER

writer and columnist for the last two and a half years, will be assuming the position of editor of the newspaper Dec. 1.

Kaigler has lived in Haskell since July, 1985, moving here from Austin following her retirement as a decorating consultant. She and her husband, Haskell native Tom Kaigler, have one daughter, Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker of Altadena, California.

After moving to Haskell she served on the board of directors of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, the City Park Committee and Haskell County Chapter of Keep Texas Beautiful. She is a past-president of the Haskell American Cancer Society, Haskell Garden Club and the Progressive Study Club.

Presently Kaigler serves as president-elect of the Mesquite

District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and is on the board of the Haskell Educational Foundation. She teaches the Hazel Weaver Bible Class and chairs the worship committee at First United Methodist Church.

Following her retirement Kaigler pursued an active interest in writing, with numerous newspaper

feature stories and columns, as well as prize winning poems and short stories, before coming to the Free Press as staff writer.

"This will be a new challenge for me," she said. "I look forward to being more involved in the process of bringing the news, happenings and concerns of our community to our readers."



WINNING TEAM-The Rule Bobcats hold the trophy they won as quarterfinals champion in the state six-man quarterfinals playoffs. Standing, l-r, are #12 Grant Hisey, #11 Josh Smith, #50 Jeremy Hertel and #44 Mike Casey. Kneeling are #14 Brian Lehrmann, #3 Jody Harvey, #15 Justin Coker and #1 Joe Sotelo. Not pictured is #28 Cody Tibbets, who left early because of injury. Paul Page is Head Coach of the team. Assistant Coach is Cody Levrets. Photo by Bobby Robinson

Christmas parade Saturday

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, the Christmas season in Haskell will get off to a colorful start with a parade. Among the parade features will be the Haskell High School Indian Band and a group of youngsters in costumes riding bikes and walking along the parade route.

Starting at the Civic Center staging area, the parade will go north to North 1st St., turn west to Ave. D, turn south to South 1st St., turn west to Hwy 277, then north on 277 to North 2nd St. There it will turn west to Ave. F, then south on Ave. F to North 1st where it will turn back east all the way to Ave. B and back to the Civic Center.

Christmas concert Sunday afternoon

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, Haskell will be alive with the sound of music and the sights of Christmas.

Given as a Christmas gift to everyone in the area by the Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a Christmas Concert will be presented at Haskell First United Methodist Church.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m., the concert will feature Nelda Lane at the organ and the unique old-time acoustic strings music of the popular Prayer-E Strings, consisting of Amy and Rob McKnight and Debbie and Clark Richardson.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT—Proud of their team, citizens in Rule turned out Fri., Nov. 26 to join in a pep rally send off for the Bobcats who went on to win the quarterfinals playoff game.

Seminar on avoiding pitfalls of the new millennium set Dec. 7

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Dr. Terry Urnosky presented seminars in Knox County in 1993 and 1996 on "Firm Family Foundations" for which he received an overwhelming response from the participants. Due to popular demand on Dec. 7 he will join us again to address "Avoiding the Pitfalls of the New Millennium Family." Dr. Urnosky's unique teaching style strikes at the heart of

issues vital to healthy family life and this program promises to be beneficial to anyone, both men and women, who deal with any aspect of children and youth development. The program will be held at the Bill Baker Auditorium in Knox City from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

During the two hour program Dr. Urnosky will take a look at the next millennium and the pitfalls it will hold for families. Ways to avoid these pitfalls will be addressed.

This seminar is open to the public free of charge. Throughout the evening door prizes, including a color T.V., VCR and microwave oven, will be given away.

Sponsors for the evening speaker are: Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Extension Program Council, Family & Consumer Sciences Committee, Family & Community Education Association, K. C. Circle FCE Club, Northern Knox Neighbors FCE Club, Munday FCE Club and the 4-H & Youth Committee; Knox County Child Welfare Board and the Knox City Ministerial Alliance.

Organizers of the seminar feel that those who attend will leave with their lives deeply touched and greatly enriched.

For more information contact Jane Rowan at the Knox County Extension office at (940) 454-2651, or a Child Welfare Board Member.

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Obituaries

Grace Bisbee

Funeral services for Grace Bisbee, 85, of Haskell were held Wed., Nov. 24 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin.

Ms. Bisbee died Mon., Nov. 22 at a local hospital. Born Jan. 27, 1914 in Benjamin, she was the daughter of William Ferris Bisbee and Myrtle Alexander Bisbee. She worked for the Farmer Service Agency for 35 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church

where she attended the Hazel Weaver Sunday School class, served on the board and was on the kitchen committee.

Survivors include one brother, James R. Bisbee of Wichita Falls; one sister, Helen M. Bisbee of Lubbock; nine nephews; four nieces, two sisters-in-laws, Pauline Bisbee of Rockdale and Doris Bisbee of Tomball.

Pallbearers were Kenny Watson, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Ken Lane, Larry Cunningham, John Sam Rike and Bobby Medford.

Clarence Gene Butler

Graveside services for Clarence Gene Butler, 51, of Haskell were held Sun., Nov. 28 at Willow Cemetery with Pastor David Page and Pastor Andrew Hill officiating.

Mr. Butler died Fri., Nov. 26 at an Abilene hospital. Born Sept. 28, 1948 in Crosbyton, he worked as produce manager at M System Supermarket in Haskell for 26 years. He was a skilled woodworking craftsman. He was a member of the Jaycees and East Side Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Butler, of Haskell; three sons, Terry Butler and his wife, Kathy, of Knox City, Eugene Butler and fiancée, Nikki Patrick, of Abilene and Tommy Butler of Haskell; one sister, Patsy Hickox of Abilene; his parents, William and Ann Butler of Haskell; and one granddaughter, Brandy Homstad.

Honorary pallbearers were Oscar Mangis, Leon Watson, Bill Swinney, Bob Gray, Jerry Decker, Mikey Logan and all of his former M System co-workers.

Clyde O. Isbell

Funeral services for Clyde O. Isbell, 89, of Fort Bayard, N.M. were held Tues., Nov. 30 at Baca's Funeral Chapel with Duane Springer officiating. Burial was in Memory Lane Cemetery.

Mr. Isbell died Thurs., Nov. 25 at Fort Bayard Medical Center. Born Jan. 6, 1910 in Munday, he was the son of James F. and Leola (McClain) Isbell. He married Novice M. Power Nov. 18, 1932 in Walters, Okla. She preceded him in death May 10, 1991. He moved his family to Bayard in 1940 where he and Novice owned and operated Isbell Furniture Store. They retired in 1974. He served on the

school board, was mayor of Bayard for one term and was a longtime member of the Church of Christ in Bayard. He served as an elder until 1992.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Beth Crow of Hurley, N.M.; one son, Randall Clyde Isbell and his wife, Linda, of Deming, N.M.; one sister, Henrietta Segoe of Abilene; one brother, James A. Isbell of Whitney; ten grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

I. D. Maranatha

Graveside services for I. D. Maranatha, formerly known as T. J. Howard, 86, of Wichita Falls were held Wed., Nov. 24 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev.

J. C. Amburn and Rev. Roy George officiating. Mr. Maranatha died Tues., Nov. 23 at a Wichita Falls nursing center.

Area students included in Who's Who Among High School Students

Thirty-eight students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated

by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and

public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include: Trisha A. Horan and Lane Murphy Lane from Weinert.

Brittany Bartley, Cassie D. Flores, Brandy Gardner, Heidi M. Hope, Jimmy L. Huff, Kira G. Poteet, Jason K. Shaw, Delinda D. Strickland, Halee Walton, Mitchell Cox, Patricia L. Fuentes, Paula D. Harvey, Mindy Howard, Priscilla Ortiz, Chad E. Sageser, Heather M. Steele and Jessica L. Thompson from Haskell.

James C. Bass, Garrett B. Favor, Veronica Slaughter, Mary Belle Turner, Jessica S. Williams, Nathan E. Buerkle, Brandy L. Riggins, Gary Strickland and Casey Williams from Rochester.

Buffi D. Baker, Jazmin Garcia, Lezli Jenkins, Eric S. Robinson, Nathan S. Bowles, C. Grant Hisey, Lindsay Pike, Gena R. Robinson, Terri Shawver and Janae Smith from Rule.

Area basketball scores

The Haskell boys basketball team fell to Eula 77 to 49. Scoring for the Indians were Casey Riley 7, Jason Hunt 2, Jesse Guzman 10, Michael Lindsey 9, Jody Hise 7, Craig Cunningham 2, and Jimmy Huff 12.

Girls
The Haskell girls team defeated Eula 50-42. Scoring for Haskell were Nikki Wallace 14, Megan Bird 2, Deshea Phemister 8, Tanisha Riley 15, Tiffany Lindsey

6, and Misty Rodela 5. In a close game the Rule girls defeated Lueders-Avocca 43-39. Scoring for Rule were Lises 8, Stephens 3, Stegemoeller 9, Trussell 9, Ramirez 2 and McDuff 12. The JV game ended, Lueders-Avocca 27, Rule 12.

Aspermont girls team beat out Rochester 62-25. Scoring for Rochester were Garcia 6, Williams 5, Tenman 5, Stoddard 5, Reyes 2 and Buerkle 2.

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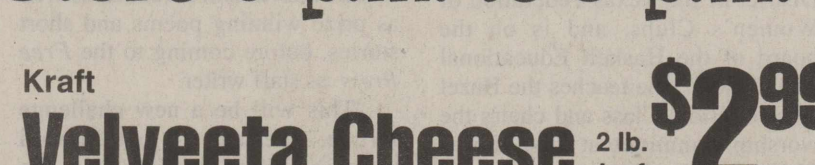

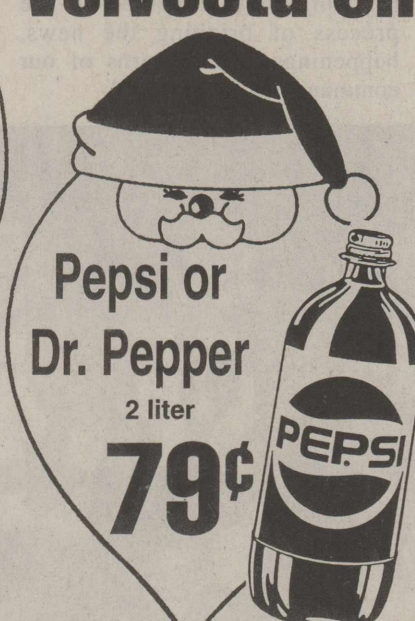
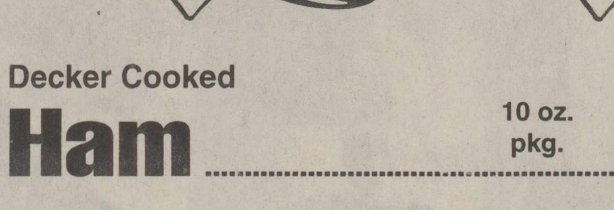



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Suzanne Starr presents cancer information to Study Club

Suzanne Starr, education service manager for M. D. Anderson Outreach at Hendrick Cancer Center in Abilene was the guest speaker when the Progressive Study Club of Haskell met Nov. 11 for a program on "A Rainbow of Service in Health of Others."

Introduced by Nelda Lane, the Haskell native stated that the Texas Cancer center has received a grant that will permit free cancer screening in 22 counties. It is scheduled for Haskell County in February, 2000. Saying that it is a proven fact that early detection is important, she said 94% of colon cancer is curable, as well as many other types of the disease.

The Abilene facility provides diagnosis and treatment, has a social worker on staff, and offers financial and spiritual services. Saying that although we may not see a cancer cure in our lifetime, a small group of committed people could change the world and we can all become angels to someone.

Starr said it takes four hugs a day for survival, eight hugs a day for maintenance and twelve hugs a

day for love. Important at the learning center, the acronym HUGS means Have an attitude check; Unfold your ideas; Getting more than we give; Stepping over to the other side. HUGS are not just for lives touched by cancer, she said. They are for any life-changing trauma.

Starr advised that when someone close is diagnosed with cancer, the first thing is to have an attitude check. Think about how you really feel but don't let emotions paralyze. Denial, fear, anger, grief, numbness and confusion are some of the normal emotions. One should decide how involved they want to be, then acquire all the information they can which helps them understand the situation, says they care and helps them not have to ask difficult questions of the patient. "Trust your impulses, evaluate the individual needs, offer a helping hand, share by listening, look for ways to support the family and stay constant," she advised. Quoting Helen Keller, she added, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even

touched—they must be felt with the heart."

Although caregivers always receive more than they give, she advised that they must remember to care for themselves, too. Making a positive choice is always the best one. "And don't forget the HUGS," she added.

An appreciation gift from the club was presented the speaker by Gladys O'Neal.

Hostesses Nancy Toliver, Ruby Smith, Kay Croft and Marjorie Huss served refreshments to twenty-seven members and guests Suzanne Starr, Golda Colbert, Wanda Ham, Linda Dunnam, Jo Thane, Hortense Lees, Nedra McCauley and Nadine Middleton.

During a short business meeting led by club president Frances Lane,

Erma Liles gave the Federation Counselor's report, Evelyn Cobb led the pledge to the American Flag and Carolyn Herring led the pledge to the Texas Flag.

Tickets were distributed for the Dec. 10 Abilene Fiddlers Concert at the Civic Center.



FOOD DRIVE—Working together, Noah Project North and The First American Bank of Haskell recently conducted a Food Drive to serve Thanksgiving dinners for some local families. Pictured with some of the generous outpouring are, left to right, volunteer Janis Brzozowski, bank employees Nancy Bush, Bill Markunas and Opal Langford, and Donna Sue Anders of the Noah Project North.

Noah-Project North sets Christmas Tour of Homes

The Noah Project—North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sun., Dec. 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Haskell. The beautiful homes this year include: Jill Druessedow at 1107 North Avenue G, Wes and Kristi Jones at 1106 North Avenue G, Sheila and Misty McMeans at North East

Avenue K, Eddie and Sue Medford at 802 North Avenue F and Wilda and Anita Medford at 401 North Avenue G. Each home is decorated for the holiday season and truly unique.

The tickets may be purchased from any Advisory Committee

member or from the Noah Project—North office on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. Tickets will be sold at each home the day of the tour. Refreshments will be served at Sheila and Misty McMeans' home. Tickets are \$5 each.

FCE Council meets

Haskell County Family and Community Education Council met Wed., Nov. 17 in the Extension office.

Chairman Betty Sanders opened the meeting. A reading from the "Ladies Birthday Almanac for 2000" on "Thoughts for Today" was given by Lena Tidwell.

The FCE cookbooks should arrive by mid-January.

Haskell County will be hostess for the annual Tri-County Rally Day. Baylor, Knox and Haskell counties will meet March 21 in

Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Agent Lou Gilly reported on the activities of 4-H and the Mobile Dairy Classroom.

The FCE plans a concession stand at the County Livestock Show Jan. 27-29. Members are looking forward to working in the new concession stand that was built this year. The next council meeting will be Jan. 19.

Homespun Club served pumpkin pie and spiced tea to ten members and two guests.

Mail order buying hints

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
It's that time of year again when our mail boxes begin to bulge with mail-order catalogs. For the past several years, catalog sales have become an increasingly popular way to take care of holiday gift-giving.

If this type of buying suits you, here are some tips to help keep it glitch-free. You're covered under the Federal Trade Commission's Mail or Telephone Order rule regardless of whether you order by mail, telephone, computer or fax machine. Among the rule's many requirements is for companies to ship your order promptly.

If there will be a delay, the company is required to notify you and offer you the chance to agree to the delay or cancel the order and receive a prompt refund. Remember the money you save will continue to earn you money if it's in a saving account.

Sanders family holds Thanksgiving reunion

The Weinert Community Center was the scene Thanksgiving Day where 63 descendants of Andrew and Fronia (Alexander) Sanders gathered for a day of fun, food and fellowship.

Of the six siblings, four are still living and were well represented by the many cities and towns from where they came. Laura Belle and David Clarence are deceased. Living siblings are Eddie, Myrtle, R. S. and Alton.

Eddie's family attending were Kenneth and Brenda Sanders of Weinert, Shirley and Wayne Offutt of Wichita Falls and their children Tammy and Brent Proffitt, Tyler, Cindy and Tanner, Kent and Mary Sanders, Katelyn, Kyle and Kaleb from Houston, Kregg and Deanna Sanders and Kylie of Munday and Kole Sanders of San Angelo.

John and Myrtle Therwanger of Haskell had Lola and F. D. Williams of Bertram; David and Peggy Phemister of Weslaco; Gene and Jennifer Pollastro with Emily, Nick, Chris and Daniel of Liberty Hill; Marcus and Jamie Phemister of Tulsa, Okla.; Greg Phemister of Abilene; Bryan and Jennifer Phemister, Jonathan and Matthew of Austin.

R. S. and Betty Sanders had none of their children present.

Alton and Mildred Sanders had Terry and Beth Sanders of Lubbock, David and Dalia Sanders and Andrew. Also Aaron and Kerre Thorn of Plainview; Chad and Amanda King with Chanda and Kolton of Newcastle; Jerry and Joyce Sanders with Jeremy and Abby of Weinert.

Other guests included Amber Reid of Munday; Robert and Christy Doss with their four daughters of Graham. Christy is a niece of Joyce Sanders.

After games with the children and an evening meal of "left-over" goodies, the group disbanded with plans to do this again next year.

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Births

Justin and Amy Stewart of Haskell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kylei D'Lyn, born Nov. 4 at 3:24 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Barbour of Haskell, Sue Stewart of Lubbock and Danny Stewart of Munday.

Kris and Tori Miller proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Noel. Noel was born Nov. 18 at St. Joseph's Community Hospital in South Bend, Indiana. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Linda Miller of Abilene, Ronnie and Jo Ellen

Jenkins of Rule and Juna and Don Miller of Woodbridge, Virginia. Great grandparents are Mrs. Dwight Trentham of Louisville, Kentucky, E. M. Miller of Paducah, Kentucky and Parnell and Vicky Anderson of Stamford. The Millers also have a son, Kolin, age 2 1/2.

Rocky Logan Haggard was born at 3:01 p.m. Mon., Nov. 8 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 13.4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Sealy and Barbara Haggard. Maternal grandparents are May Belle Benton and the late Jim Benton, also of Haskell.

Paternal grandparents are Mel and Cheryl Haggard of Lubbock, and Martha Greenwood of Haskell.

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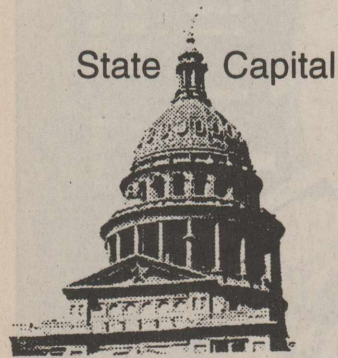
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OPINION



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Private attorneys who fought for and won a \$17.3 billion settlement against tobacco companies have withdrawn their claim for about \$2.3 billion in legal fees from the state.

The lawyers still will collect about \$3.3 billion over the next 25 years from a national fund paid into by the cigarette industry.

Michael Tigar, a former University of Texas law professor representing the private attorneys, told the *Austin American-Statesman* his clients chose between accepting the 25-year payout or collecting \$2.3 billion in legal fees from the state.

Rylander Touts Improvements
Almost 11 months into her four-year term as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Carole Keeton Rylander gave a status report on her pledge to improve service to Texas taxpayers.

"When I was sworn into office, I said that innovation would be our daily companion and that treating Texas taxpayers as second-class citizens must come to a screeching halt," she said Nov. 18.

Her four-point program, the "Taxpayer Fairness and Accessibility Plan," reshapes the relationship between taxpayers and state government, she said.

Point 1: Interest must be paid. Effective Jan. 1, a new law will require the state to pay interest (1 percent over the prime rate) to Texans who overpay their taxes.

Point 2: Settlement authority. A new law gives the comptroller authority to close tax cases more quickly and avoid litigation, saving a projected \$44 million over two years.

Point 3: Self-audits. A new law allows taxpayers with a good track record to perform "managed self-audits" with state oversight, freeing up more time for the comptroller's office to do more audits.

Point 4: Before Rylander took office, taxpayers had to travel to Austin to resolve tax matters with the comptroller. Now, the comptroller's office uses its 52 audit and enforcement bureaus across Texas to conduct administrative hearings, making them more convenient for taxpayers.

Top Teachers Singled Out
Forty outstanding teachers from across Texas were honored by the Texas Education Agency at the annual Teacher of the Year awards luncheon in Austin.

Garnering the highest honors

were Mary Beth Castillo Tierce, a teacher at Kostoryz Elementary School in Corpus Christi, and Jack Cody, an English teacher from Graham High School.

Tierce was named Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and Cody was named Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Cody will be Texas' representative in the National Teacher of the Year Program in which one U.S. teacher will be named National Teacher of the Year next spring.

TNRCC Cites Chevron

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has announced it will take action against the Chevron Chemical facility in Baytown.

Enforcement action relates to unreported emissions on Oct. 7 that may have contributed to the highest ozone reading in the Houston area in the last 10 years, the agency reported.

According to the TNRCC, the facility violated Texas law by releasing and failing to report excessive emissions of ethylene and propylene, two types of volatile organic compounds.

The violations could be resolved through a fine and/or corrective action.

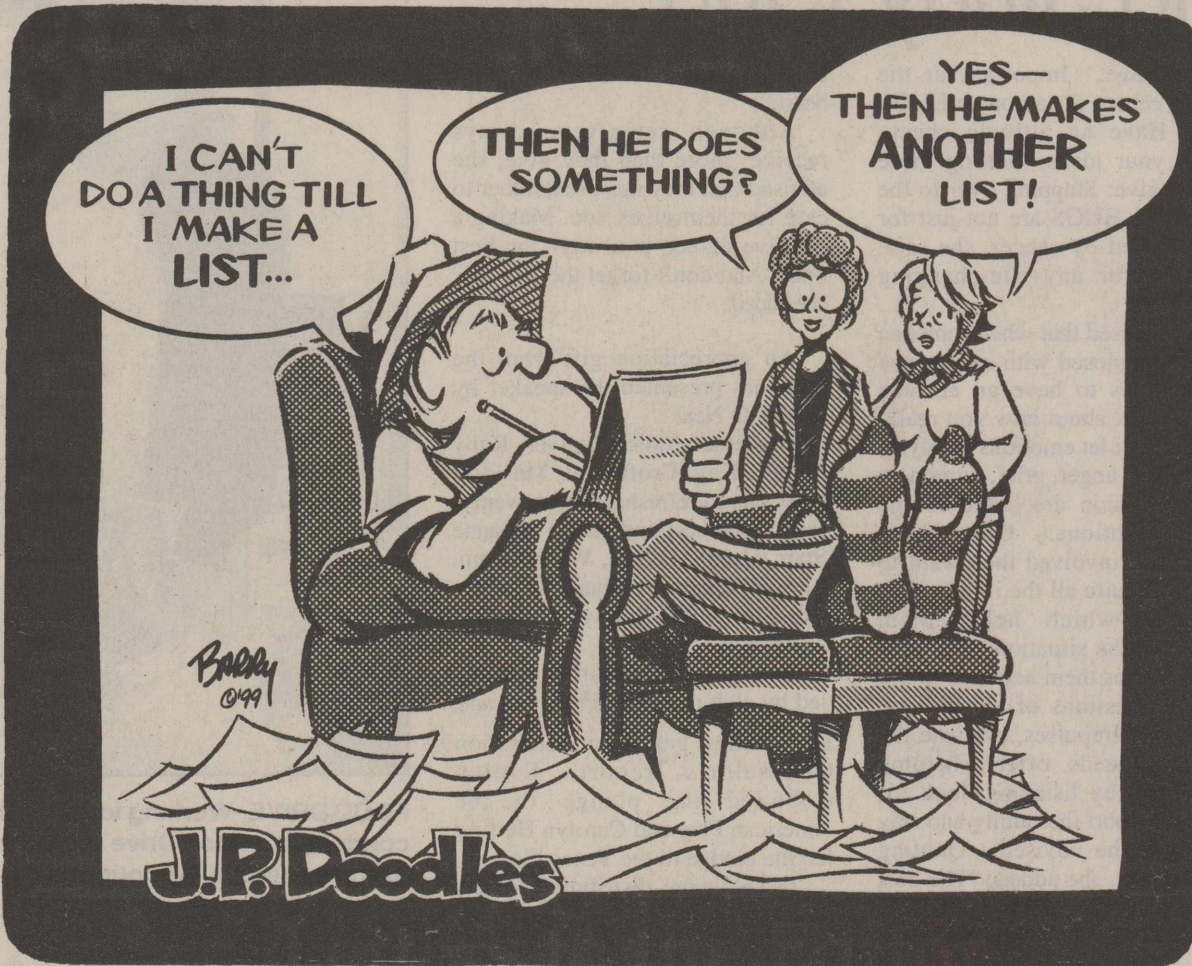
Other Highlights

■ An estimated 10,000 people from UT and Texas A&M gathered on the University of Texas campus Nov. 22 to set aside the schools' 106-year old football rivalry and honor the 12 students killed when the Aggies' four-story bonfire collapsed. Twenty bus loads of A&M students and faculty traveled from College Station for the gathering, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

■ Most Texans support student-led prayers at athletic events, according to the latest Texas Poll, taken earlier this month, after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to decide whether such prayers violate the Constitution.

■ The Texas Department of Public Safety challenged drivers to avoid aggressive driving and road rage over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

■ Department of Public Safety and Laredo police officers seized approximately \$3.6 million in cash and 2,795 pounds of cocaine with a street value believed to be \$78 million. Three suspects, all from Nuevo Laredo, were arrested.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

When the popular speaker/writer, Tumbleweed Smith was in town to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, he regaled the audience with excerpts from his taped interviews with "Texas type" people. Before he left town, Abe Turner introduced him to one of Haskell's own folk legends, Woody Frazier. The taped interview became part of the thousands of such interviews in the writer's extensive library of tapes.

Recently, Tumbleweed Smith's column in the *Andrews County News*, featured "Woody's in Haskell." A copy of it was brought to Woody's daughter, Haskell County Librarian, Joan Strickland.

In the article he tells the story of how Woody bought a combination of eating and grocery store in 1946. In that first "convenience store" in Haskell he sold a few groceries, but mostly bologna and pressed ham sandwiches. A Woody special, featuring bologna and mustard sold for a nickel. The pressed ham went for a dime.

Located across the street from the school, he drew a lot of kids who didn't want to eat at school. Selling hamburgers for 25 cents and drinks for a nickel, the place stayed busy. During the busy times, Woody said they'd sell between 100 and 150 hamburgers a day. Making up 75 to 80 ahead of time, they stacked them up on a little rack across the grill.

Proud of the fact that he made a real hamburger, Woody said his recipe consisted of ten pounds of hamburger meat mixed with one

pound of whole wheat bread. Added to that were lettuce, tomatoes, onion and pickles. There were no special orders; all were the same.

Offering credit, Woody said, "I just had a little clipboard there with names in squares. Whatever they'd get we'd just put down. At the end of the month I'd add it up and get a bill ready."

For many kids, it was a hangout. Finding something for the kids to do, Woody tells of getting a Mrs. Baird's bread box and drawing a checkerboard on it. Using Dr. Pepper and Coca-Cola crowns for checkers, they had checker tournaments.

Kids brought in pictures that were posted on the wall of the store. The pictures are now at the school and are used during homecoming. "Everybody had a flat-top haircut then. There's a lot of laughter now in those pictures," he said.

Of his 25 years spent running Woody's, he told Tumbleweed Smith, "I had a wonderful experience. The years spent there were the best years of my life."

Talking with Woody this week about the story written by Tumbleweed Smith, I found that he's had several colorful experiences in the workplace of life.

After selling his hamburger place in September, 1992, he'd "sort of retired," he said, and was visiting daughter Joan in Oregon. Someone in Haskell called him there saying a Dairy Queen was going to be opened in Haskell and

they were looking for someone to run it. He came back here and spent nine or ten years managing the place, doing a phenomenal amount of business.

"In the first year we did about a quarter of a million, (\$247,000.00) in sales," he said proudly. "That's pretty good for a hamburger joint."

"We sold those hamburgers for 69 cents each, D. Q. Dudes for 89 cents and ice cream cones for five cents. It was the only Dairy Queen in a several county area. Folks came from Munday, Throckmorton and around. I really enjoyed it," he said.

"I had awful good help," he added. "When I'd go to sales meetings, the other Dairy Queen managers couldn't believe the low turn over rate in our employees. They stayed with me."

When Woody Frazier retired from Dairy Queen, he was urged to run for Haskell County Clerk and it was quite a come down in salary. "Haskell County was a little slow in changing their pay rate," he said. His first paycheck as County Clerk was less than half what he'd made with Dairy Queen. "But, I enjoyed every minute of it," he said of the two and a half terms he served before losing his third bid for the position a few years ago.

Woody Frazier is a man who enjoys people and what ever he is doing. With no new careers looming on the horizon, he's retired, he says. But, who knows for sure? After all, he's a "Texas type" person who has retired three times before.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
I would like to add my expression of thanks along with others to the sixth grade students of the Haskell Elementary School and to their teachers for the honor given to the veterans of this area on Veterans Day.

The raising of our grand old flag and the service there on the court

house lawn was so meaningful. To all who had a part in that, we thank you.

My son, Randy Bob, was visiting here with us from Calif. and attended with me. He is a Vietnam veteran, having served four years in the Navy during the Vietnam War which made it really special for me and for him.

Thank you, too, for the wonderful breakfast which you hosted at Burkett's. All in all it was a wonderful Veterans Day. One which will be remembered by all. To each and everyone who had a part, again we say thank you and God bless.

Keep remembering!
Randolph Wilson
World War II Vet

Toddlers need eye exams, too

When it comes to scheduling eye exams for your family, remember to include toddlers and young children at least every two to three years. More frequent visits may be necessary if specific problems exist.

"Generally, children should have their first eye exam when they are three to five years old, even if they don't have any obvious vision problems," said Dr. David Coats an ophthalmologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Warning signs that may indicate your child has a vision problem include: consistently sitting too close to the television or avoiding close work, squinting, rubbing the eyes, covering one eye, tilting the head and crossing or wandering of an eye.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
November 30, 1989

Participating in the American Heart Association's annual Turkey Walk were Cindy Guess, Donita Hudgens, Debbie Solomon, Jean Kemp, Debbie Curd, Marci McSmith, Kevin McSmith and Thelma King.

Two members of the Rochester Steers football team have been named to the all-district teams by district 9 coaches. Brad Bevel, a junior, was chosen second team quarterback and second team linebacker. Kevin Conner, senior, was chosen as punter on the all-district first team and running back on the second team.

Nick T. Jimenez and Matthew Earl Mitchell of Haskell are among the 24 Correctional Officer Training students receiving certificates of completion from Western Texas College.

20 Years Ago
November 29, 1979

The Haskell Indians defeated the Rotan Yellowhammers, 53-20, to win the bi-district title.

The varsity Haskell Maidens beat the Anson Tigers, 48-27. The leading scorers were Lorie Johnson and Kim Lane, both with 14 points.

Christmas decorations in downtown Haskell have been erected by members of the Haskell Jaycees.

30 Years Ago
November 27, 1969

Tim Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Everett, is one of the eight members of the Cisco Junior College Wrangler football squad from the "Big Country Area."

The Rainbow Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. W. E. Johnson, with Mrs. Walter Rogers hostess and Mrs. Jess Josselet, vice president in charge of the business session.

The First Baptist Church of Rochester had an all church meal and fellowship in the new building. Around fifty members and guests were served.

The talented Nine-Teens, Haskell High School Choral Group under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bell, will entertain during the Texas Farmers Union Convention in Abilene.

40 Years Ago
November 26, 1959

For the third straight year, the HHS Indian Band was rated the highest score possible in the University Interscholastic League Marching Contests held at Sweetwater. The band is directed by Frank Porter and is under the field leadership of Suzanne Lane, a junior.

The Service Pipe Line employees and their families met at the Service Pipe Line Co. building for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. After the buffet dinner, everyone enjoyed dominoes, bingo and visiting. Eighty people attended.

Milton Christian of Haskell has recently been added to the staff of the local Soil Conservation Work unit.

50 Years Ago
Dec. 1, 1949

A Thanksgiving lunch was served at the Weinert School lunchroom by Mrs. J. W. Earp, supervisor and her assistants, Mrs. Ernest McGuire, Mrs. J. A. Driggers and Mrs. Ted Boykins. After lunch the entire student body assembled in the auditorium for a Thanksgiving program.

Ten members attended the Wesleyan Guild which met in the home of Mrs. John Banks. The Guild elected Mrs. Brooks Middleton to the office of promotion secretary.

The V. W. H. D. Club met for a regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Howard Sloan. Mrs. W. G. May gave a demonstration on making a centerpiece for your Christmas table.

90 Years Ago
Nov. 27, 1909

W. B. Lee, cashier of the Rochester State Bank, was a visitor in Haskell.

Prof. Tolman and wife of Abilene chaperoned the Simmons College basketball team on their trip to Haskell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wankan are the proud parents of three daughters, each weighing five pounds. These are the first triplets ever born in Haskell county. Mother and babes are doing well.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas ranks first in economic impact from deer hunting

In 1998, deer hunting attracted more than 500,000 hunters and \$2.2 billion to the state's economy, making Texas national leader in economic impact.

This year, more than 567,000 hunting licenses have been issued, and although white-tailed deer hunters will see poor range conditions, they will be surprised by good antlers on deer statewide. Hunters in the Pineywoods, Panhandle, and west Cross Timbers may see superior bucks.

Fawn prospects also look good.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



PASS RECEIVER—Rule Bobcat #14 Brian Lehrmann runs with one of the three passes he caught during the team's winning game with Grandfalls-Royalty. Photo by Bobby Robinson

Sonic named one of the best small companies by Forbes

For the sixth consecutive year, Sonic Corp. has been named one of the best 200 small companies in America by *Forbes*, proving its unique approach in the highly competitive quick service food industry is a hit among consumers—and investors. In the Nov. 1 issue of *Forbes*, Sonic is ranked No. 143—up from No. 170 in 1998. It is one of only two companies to be on the list for at least six consecutive years.

Sonic's strong financial results recently released for fiscal year 1999 are key to this important ranking. Sonic's five-year average return on equity is 17 percent and 19 percent for the latest 12 months. Sales in the latest 12 months reached \$249 million and net income for the same period hit \$25.5 million. Sonic opened 176 new drive-ins in 1999, surpassing its previous record of 170 set in 1998.

positioned to extend its record of growth in the coming year and hopefully continue its rise in the *Forbes* ranking."

The *Forbes* announcement comes on the heels of another highly respected recognition in the restaurant industry. *QSR - The magazine of quick service restaurant success*, recently named Sonic on several of its "America's Hottest Restaurant Chains" lists. Sonic's rankings include:

- No. 14 chain in systemwide sales, posting a 16.7 percent increase from 1997—the largest increase of those ranked No. 1–No. 14.

- No. 8 chain in unit growth, with a 9.94 percent (or 167 units) increase in 1998 from 1997.

- No. 8 in average unit volume growth, with a 7.21 percent increase to \$758,000 in 1998 from 1997.

Forbes' annual list of the 200 Best Small Companies in America is restricted to publicly traded, U.S.-based corporations with a 12-month sales of at least \$5 million. Once the base criteria were met, companies were ranked based on additional growth and profitability requirements. In 1998, *Forbes* added criteria such as growth in sales and earnings per share as well as return on equity to help determine if companies are likely to sustain their momentum.

Forbes' requirements have been designed in a way that makes repeat appearances difficult. Consistent growth and profitability are a company's best bets for making—and staying—on the 200 Best. If a company is simply riding a temporary wave or fad, it eventually will drop off the list.

Sonic is known for its cooked-to-order food served by carhops who deliver food directly to customers' cars. With more than 2,000 drive-ins in 27 states, Sonic is the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants. More than three-quarters of a million people eat at Sonic Drive-Ins every day.

The company's common stock is traded through the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol "SONC." For more information about Sonic Corp. and its subsidiaries, visit www.sonicdrivein.com.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

November 28, 1999	
Haskell	
Haskell Co-op Gin	1,335
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	9,902
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	677
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	760
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	450
Weinert	
Griff's Gin	1,439
Weinert Gin	2,711
Total Bales	17,274

Cash grants available to farmers for crop losses

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that farmers who have suffered severe crop losses due to natural disasters can begin to sign-up for cash grants

starting Dec. 13. To be eligible, farmers must have lost at least 35 percent of their 1999 crops because of natural disasters. The deadline to file applications is Feb. 25, 2000.

"While the economy in general is doing very well, American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low prices and in many cases, the effects of natural disaster," said Glickman. "This assistance will help farmers hit by disaster survive until conditions improve."

The fiscal year 2000 agriculture appropriations act provided \$1.2 billion for the Crop Disaster Program. Eligible farmers will receive an advance payment equal to 35 percent of their projected total payment as soon as their application is approved. Participants will receive their final payment after all applications have been received and approved.

For additional information, farmers can contact the Haskell County FSA Office, 506 South Second, Haskell.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 693 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 27, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Steady demand good on short run because of holidays.

Cows: fat, .28-.34; cutters, .32-.36; canners, .20-.26.

Bulls: bologna, .42-.48; feeder, .62-.69; utility, .38-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .85-.97; 500-600 lbs., .80-.88; 600-700 lbs., .75-.84; 700-800 lbs., .72-.76; 800-up lbs., .70-.75.

Heifers: medium and large

frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.05; 300-400 lbs., .85-.95; 400-500 lbs., .75-.86; 500-600 lbs., .72-.78; 600-up lbs., .55-.77.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 425-480.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 515-575; aged or small, 450-525.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 575-675; aged or small, 550-625.

Haskell Roping Club Results

Results of Haskell Roping Club roping held Sun., Nov. 21 are:

B-Roping: Round 1: 1. Rex Bland 2. Jim Pope 3. Jacky Benson Round 2: 1. Jacky Benson 2. Jim Pope 3. Rex Bland

Round 3: 1. Rex Bland 2. Jacky Benson 3. Eric Kieschnick

Average winners were: 1. Rex Bland 2. Jacky Benson 3. Jim Pope Open Roping: Round 1: Todd Spitzer 2. Billy Morrow and Boyd Brooks tied for second.

Round 2: 1. Raymond Hollabaugh 2. Carl Hopkins 3. Billy Morrow

Round 3: 1. Billy Morrow 2. Carl Hopkins 3. Raymond Hollabaugh

Average winners were: 1. Raymond Hollabaugh 2. Billy Morrow 3. Carl Hopkins

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"Because the *Forbes* 200 ranking emphasizes consistent, long-term growth, it is an especially gratifying distinction that speaks to the increasing strength of the Sonic brand and our successful multi-layered growth," said Clifford Hudson, president and chief executive officer of Sonic Corp. "With the recent report of another record year for Sonic in fiscal 1999, Sonic is well-

City Council approves equipment purchases

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., Nov. 22, approval was given for the purchase of a 1992 John Deere 770 VBH model motor grader. With trade the cost of the vehicle came to \$66,500.00.

Also, approval was given for the purchase of a 1996 John Deere 762 B model scraper blade. With trade the cost will be \$95,000.00.

The First National Bank's bid for financing the equipment was accepted by the Council.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	911 program Grades 3-5	3 State FFA Leadership Development LDC Huntsville
					Haskell Varsity Tournament Hawley JV Tournament	
5	Double Mt. District Banquet, Haskell 6 p.m. Electra Girls (H) Boys (T) 4:00	6	7	8	Partners for Children Christmas Carnival 6-8:30 Little Gym Abilene JV Boys Tournament	9 Christmas plays Elementary NAAE Convention Orlando, Florida
					Wylie Varsity Tournament	11 Abilene JV Boys Tournament NAAE Convention Orlando, Florida
12	Seymour Girls (T) Boys (H) 5:00 NAAE Convention Orlando, Florida	13	14	15	7th Grade Career Breakfast Elementary Early out 2:40 Elementary Open House	16 Elementary Early out 12:05 Rotan VG, VB There 4:00 End of Six Weeks
						18 Haskell Jr. High Tournament
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Time to prepare autos for winter

As the first cold front of the season descends on the U. S., vehicle owners are reminded to take a moment to make sure that their automobiles are prepared for unpredictable winter weather.

Cold temperatures, particularly those below freezing, significantly influence vehicle performance. October is the ideal time to make a few common-sense preparations to help protect your vehicle against harsh winter conditions and avoid an untimely breakdown.

Engine fluids play a vital role in a car's ability to stand up to harsh winter weather, particularly engine oil and antifreeze.

What should be done to get your car or truck ready for winter? Here are a few basic tips and suggestions:

•Belts and hoses: Check all belts and hoses for signs of cracking or wearing. If necessary, have them replaced.

•Motor oil: Make sure that you are using a multiviscosity motor oil. These oils are identified with a "W" in the grade designation, which stands for winter. A multiviscosity motor oil contains a viscosity modifier that helps oil flow well, even at temperature extremes. Cold winters usually require a light-viscosity motor oil, but as a general rule, always consult your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommendation according to the reading on your thermometer.

•Antifreeze: Antifreeze level, cleanliness and concentration are very important when cold weather rolls around. Visually inspect the coolant level, as well as its color to check for dirt or rust. Also have the antifreeze concentration

checked; most manufacturers recommend a 50/50 mix of antifreeze and water, which provides protection to -34 degrees F. With the exception of some new vehicle systems, most vehicle owners should consider flushing and changing coolant once a year.

•Battery: Batteries, even new ones, will lose power in cold weather. When temperatures drop below freezing, a battery could lose as much as 15 percent of its starting power. Below zero, starting power is further reduced. A strong battery can help avoid problems.

•Tires: To insure that your vehicle's tires are prepared for potentially hazardous driving conditions, visually inspect each tire to make sure it is properly inflated and that its treads are at least 1/4 of an inch deep. Additionally, it might be necessary to monitor tire pressure throughout the winter months, as cold temperatures tend to deflate tires.

What to do if stranded: Even properly maintained vehicles break down on occasion or get stuck in a sudden storm. Motorists should pack a winter survival kit in the car for such emergencies. Include water, heavy blankets, snacks, jumper cables, flares, a first aid kit, a flashlight, a small shovel, an ice scraper, a small bag of sand or cat litter for traction and other items needed in case of a breakdown. If you own a cellular phone, be sure it is fully charged and take it with you in case of an emergency. Remember, do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are and the distance to possible help.



BOBCAT PEP RALLY—Rule cheerleaders and mascot lead Bobcat fans in a pep rally before the quarter finals playoff with the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys.

Seniors are vulnerable to medication and drug abuse

Using medications wisely and substance abuse are concerns that apply to all ages. But due to several factors, the elderly and people with disabilities are at a greater risk for having trouble with both of these areas.

Medicines help people live longer and more productively every day. But because they are powerful substances, the consequences of using them can be dangerous, even deadly. Drugs can affect different people in different ways.

The elderly are at risk of missing medications because they generally take more of them than anyone else and because reactions to medications change as the body ages.

People who are elderly or have disabilities need to take responsibility for finding out about the drugs they are using. They should give doctors, pharmacists, and health professionals clear information about their current medications. They should also consult with those same people to learn more about new medications prescribed for them.

Taking several medications can

get to be confusing. In fact, many people forget whether or not they have taken a medication. One way to ease confusions is to create a chart that contains the name of each medication, its side effects, and when it needs to be taken. The chart should also include a column to be checked off once a medication has been taken.

If several medications are taken daily at different times, people may use a container system. A container can be as simple as a cup or egg carton or as fancy as daily multiple pill containers available at drug stores. One word of caution: People who live in homes with children should be wary of any container system, since it requires

leaving medications out in the open.

Coping with a disability or aging isn't easy. Therefore, some people who are elderly or have disabilities may turn to drugs and alcohol. Vulnerable adults must be aware that even small amounts can seriously hurt them.

Alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs affect memory, ability to solve problems, and reaction time. Prolonged use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances may have serious long-term effects.

If people who suffer chronic pain fear they are abusing pain medications, they should consult with their doctor to learn about other pain-reduction methods such as special exercise and biofeedback.

Stop the spread of colds

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The holidays are fast approaching and with them come winter weather and the cold and flu season. You can get a cold any time of year, but more colds occur during the cold season, which is late winter through early spring. The common cold is the most frequent infection in all age groups in the United States. Colds are caused by any one of 200 viruses and they have no cure. Children usually get 6-10 colds a year, while adults get slightly fewer.

During the holiday season and winter months people spend more time together, indoors, with some form of centralized heating. Closer contact with others and warm, dry air, which can dry the nose and throat tissue, add up to the perfect environment for viral infection.

Don't let the common cold dampen your festivities! You can

lower your risk of getting a cold by taking a few precautions:

- 1.) Eat well and get plenty of rest and exercise - Take good care of yourself to keep up your resistance to colds before the cold season begins.
- 2.) Use disposable tissues - Always try to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue immediately to reduce the spread of germs in the air or through physical contact.
- 3.) Wash your hands often - Colds are usually spread through physical contact with an infected person or something they've touched.
- 4.) Stop smoking - Smokers and those who live with them are more susceptible to colds because smoke can irritate the lungs and nose.
- 5.) Breast feed babies - Studies show that babies who are breast fed have fewer and milder colds.

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Although a backpack can be a student's best friend, it can also lead to serious back problems if worn incorrectly.

Backpacks were originally designed to increase a person's carrying capacity by keeping the weight close to the body. But improper positioning and bad posture can place pressure on the spine, a pitfall that parents of school-aged children should recognize.

"In general, backpacks are a good idea," said Dr. Stephen Esses of the Baylor College of Medicine Institute for Spinal Disorders in Houston. "But when they are heavy, they place a huge stress on the back. If the back muscles are not strong and healthy and the backpack is not properly positioned, there could be a problem."

The spine consists of a stack of bones, or vertebrae, with disks located between each layer. Because there is no fundamental structural stability in the spinal column, posture is controlled solely by the surrounding muscles. The spines of younger children are especially susceptible to backpack-related injuries because they do not have the well-developed muscles and spinal control found in teenagers and adults.

To reduce the risk of injury, Esses suggests:

- Positioning the backpack so it rests between the shoulder blades and is centered in the middle back.
- Choosing a style that has wide padded shoulder straps.
- Considering a child's individual muscular development, in addition to their size, when determining a safe weight range.
- Maintaining proper posture.
- Helping the child get the backpack on and off.

Straps should be worn over both shoulders and tightened so the backpack fits snugly. Worn loosely, they can double the pressure put on the back.

"Kids shouldn't carry their entire locker around on their backs," Esses said. "Encourage them to leave as much as they can at school, taking only what is necessary."

The health of the back muscles, Esses adds, is vital to the health of the spine. As a result, carrying a heavy backpack for long periods of time can be especially dangerous for younger students.

If the child experiences back pain, Esses suggests reassessing the backpack's position and child's posture. If the pain persists, a visit to a physician may be necessary.

Get ready to walk

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Have you resolved to exercise in the new year? A recent study in the Archives of Internal Medicine looked at 100 women encouraged to walk for exercise (walking group), while another 100 women were not encouraged to walk (control group).

Ten years later, women in the walking group had significantly fewer health problems than those in the control group. Additionally, the women in the walking group were walking seven miles more each week than the control group.

Only 2% of the walking group were diagnosed with heart disease, as compared to almost 13% in the control group. Walkers also had few hospitalizations, surgeries and falls.

Participating in the short-term walking program ten years earlier was the main difference between these two groups. In light of this information, you might want to put on your sneakers and walk out the door. Make walking an enjoyable habit in your life.

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Copper Breaks Park re-opens campsites

Extensive electrical and ground water renovations at Copper Breaks State Park Comanche Campground are completed and the campground is open and ready for campers. The 25 water and electric sites, popular with recreational vehicle owners, boast all new water lines, electric lines and service boxes upgrading each campsite's electrical capability from 30 amp to 50 amp.

"Copper Breaks' premier R.V. campground is now safer, more efficient and more enjoyable," said park manager David Turner. "We realize it has been inconvenient for some during the last two months but most of our visitors now are pleased with the new upgrade." The renovations at Copper Breaks, part of the "Fixin' it up right. Now." program of Parks and Wildlife, are just an example of the statewide improvement schedule which is addressing maintenance and repair problems of Texas public parks. Already as part of the "Fixin' it" program, Copper Breaks has seen major roofing repairs on six buildings, improved grounds lighting, new fixtures and tiling, as well as high efficiency heating and water heating in campground restrooms and partial improvements in the museum/headquarters building and air conditioning system.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6. For additional information about park programs or facilities, call (940) 839-4331 during regular business hours.

Keeping holiday spending in line

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
It isn't too early to start planning for holiday gift buying. By starting now, your chances of not overspending improve dramatically and it may enable you to control the emotional pull of spending too much to express love and appreciation.

Here are some tips on keeping holiday spending in line: plan your holiday budget based on what you can realistically afford; place a dollar amount in front of each person's name and total the figures; allow for other holiday expenses such as decorating, entertaining, gift wrapping and postage; and pay with cash since charging often leads to impulse buying.

The holiday season is a time for sharing, enjoying family and friends and giving more of ourselves. By planning ahead, there is the opportunity to be creative and thoughtful in gift giving while staying within the budget.

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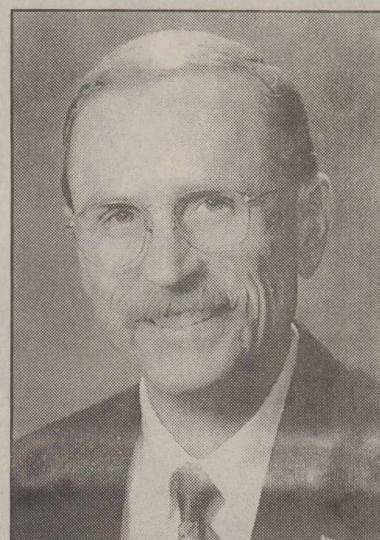
Hardcastle to visit Haskell Tues., Dec. 7

State Rep. Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon) will announce his bid for re-election during a press conference and town meeting at 11:30 a.m., Tues., Dec. 7, at the Haskell County Courthouse in Haskell.

Hardcastle's whistlestop in Haskell will be part of a three-day tour of House District 68 starting Mon., Dec. 6 and concluding Wed., Dec. 8. He is extending a special invitation to constituents throughout the 13-county district to attend any of the meetings.

Hardcastle, a rancher and businessman, is serving his first term in the Texas House of Representatives and will be seeking another two-year tenure during the year 2000 elections. House District 68 includes the counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Montague, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Young and part of Wichita.

"I'm looking forward to visiting with the folks I represent," Hardcastle said. "The main purpose of this tour is to help me stay in touch with the people of this district and the diverse concerns and challenges we share going into the new millennium."



REP. RICK HARDCASTLE

After making brief comments about the 1999 session of the Texas Legislature and previewing legislative issues anticipated during the 2001 session, Hardcastle will be available to field questions from the press and public. This will be followed by a period of informal visitation as time allows.

All deadlines
are 5 p.m.
on Monday.



BOBCAT RUNNING—Rule's #44 Mike Casey carries the ball for the winning Bobcats during their game with the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys in state quarterfinals play off. Photo by Bobby Robinson

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Unsolicited Faxes

Q: I have a fax machine at my house and each week I get dozens of faxes from advertisers. They come at all hours of the day and night. How can I get them to stop?

A: A new law went into effect on September 1, 1999 that will help you put a stop to unsolicited faxes.

While federal law and Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations ban the transmission of unsolicited faxes, enforcement is greatly left to individual states. Through the passage of House Bill 23, Texas consumers now have an additional way to fight back.

The new law states that unsolicited advertisement faxes cannot be sent between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.

In addition, the law states that all advertisement faxes must include an 800 or local number for the recipient to call to have a fax number removed from the call list. Upon receipt of the removal request, the advertiser must send a written

confirmation that the number has been removed.

After the confirmation fax has been sent, the advertiser may not send any additional faxes to that number. If the advertiser does not remove the number from the recipient list, he or she is subject to investigation by the local district or county attorney. Violation of this law is a Class C misdemeanor.

In addition, the person who receives the unsolicited fax can file suit in court for an injunction, damages or both. If the court decides in favor of the plaintiff, he or she is entitled to either \$500 for each violation or actual damages, whichever is greater.

If the court finds that the defendant committed the violation knowingly or intentionally, the award can be increased to \$1,500 or three times actual damages.

If you continue to receive faxes after you have requested to be taken off of a recipient list, contact your local district or county attorney. For further information on federal

regulations controlling the transmission of unsolicited faxes, contact the FCC at (888) 225-5322 or visit their Web site at www.fcc.gov.

You can also file a complaint with my Consumer Protection Division. This division monitors complaints against businesses to determine possible enforcement actions. You can call us at (800) 621-0508. Further consumer information is available on the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Q: What do types of consumer issues do you receive the most complaints about?

A: My office receives hundreds of complaints from consumers each month. Statewide, the top ten areas of concern are:

1. Debt Collection Agencies
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9. Communication Services
10. Business Services

Each regional Consumer Protection office keeps track of the types of complaints that it receives as well. Some regions receive more complaints about certain consumer issues than others. The Austin office received a large number of complaints regarding timeshare offers and mobile home retailers. Consumers in El Paso filed complaints against roofing and sheet metal companies, while in Houston, airlines were an area of concern. Austin and San Antonio received a large number of complaints regarding plumbing, heating and air conditioning services.

If you have a complaint against a business, contact my Consumer Protection Division for information on filing a complaint.

Student in the News

Aaron Earles of Haskell, was a member of the Texas State Technical College Sweetwater team which captured top recognition at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Region 11 competition held in Dallas, Nov. 13.

Sponsored by the Manufacturing Engineers, the competition is held each year for colleges from

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Gary Rhoades, Automation Robotics instructor, said he was proud to say that in eight years of competing, TSTC Sweetwater students have brought home first place eight times in the display presentation category for their craftsmanship on various work cells.

New food safety web site

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
A new web site can answer questions about food safety. The Agricultural Extension Service recently unveiled its food safety web site, <http://foodsafety.tamu.edu>.

Food Protection coordinator Michelle Ledoux says food safety

is an important concern for consumers.

The site was designed to provide food safety information and programs to the people of Texas. The site also includes links for Extension agents, consumer information, a photo gallery and contact information for food safety questions.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

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We're headed into the year 2000, but you still have time to whittle down your 1999 tax bill. Here are a few year-end suggestions:

- **AGI limits.** Learn the adjusted gross income limits for various credits and contributions; then try to time your income and deductions to keep your AGI below those limits. For example, the child credit, education credits, and Roth IRA contributions all phase out at certain income levels.
- **Charitable contributions.** Consider giving to your favorite charity via credit card. Regardless of when the card is paid off, the year the charge is made determines when it's deductible. Charitable pledges, on the other hand, are not deductible until payment is made.
- **Section 179 expensing.** If you have a small business, you can elect to expense up to \$19,000 of business equipment acquired in 1999. By expensing the full cost of the equipment, instead of deducting it over several years through depreciation, you can reduce your tax bill significantly.
- **The specific identification method.** If you plan to sell shares of appreciated stock before year-end, consider identifying the specific shares by purchase price and date. By selling higher-cost shares before year-end, and leaving lower-cost shares in your portfolio, you can reduce your capital gains. This strategy can also work with shares of mutual funds.
- **IRA contributions.** Another easy way to reduce your 1999 tax bill: make full contributions to deductible IRA accounts before the end of the year. Subject to certain limitations, singles can make a \$2,000 contribution. Married couples can contribute up to \$2,000 each.
- **Prepay your January 1 mortgage payment.** This can give you an extra month of deductible interest in 1999.
- **Defer income.** If you're self-employed, consider delaying billings so that payments come in early January. If you're in line for a bonus, it might make sense to ask your employer to award and pay the bonus next year.

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COOPER FIDDLERS—A group of the talented young entertainers from Cooper High School pose for a picture during one of their concerts. They will appear at the Haskell Civic Center, Dec. 10.

Cooper Fiddlers return to Haskell Fri., Dec. 10

Fri., Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m., the Cooper Fiddlers of Abilene Cooper High School, under the direction of Mark Best, will be returning to Haskell for a concert at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

The popular group of about eighteen students has performed

widely around the country and in concerts in other countries. Enjoyed by many when they appeared in Haskell last year, they are being brought back and sponsored by the Progressive Study Club as a part of the club's Rainbow of Service in Art, Youth and Music project.

Proceeds from the program will go to the Friends of the Library Fund for building a new Haskell County Library. Concert tickets are \$4.00 each, and may be obtained from club members, or by calling ticket chairman Dorothy Hartsfield at 940-864-2004.

Goodfellows seek donations

Contributions of money, food, toys and clothes are again helping the Haskell Goodfellows project to provide and distribute Christmas packages of useful items to those families who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Dec. 4 and 11 the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed

by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Packages will be delivered Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them.

Joining together in the Goodfellows project, the Haskell Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Haskell County Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and

clothes, and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will handle the delivery.

Anyone wishing to help with any aspect of the project may contact any member of the Haskell Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the *Haskell Free Press*. Food, toys and clothes may be taken to the Haskell Fire Department.

Christmas lighting contest

"City lights on winter nights" will be twinkling in Haskell when the Courthouse Square is lighted up for Christmas this Saturday.

Adding to the festive feeling of Christmas in the air are many beautifully lighted and decorated homes and business places.

Again this year the Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "lighten up" contest.

To enter the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting

contest residents and businesses should have the decorations in place and lights turned on between the hours of 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., Wed., Dec. 15. Out-of-town judges will be on hand that night to determine the winners.

First, second and third place winners will be named for residence and business categories. In each of the two categories, an Honorable Mention, Children's Favorite and Most Original winner will also be named.

Community Calendar

Study Club to meet

The Progressive Study Club will meet Fri., Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center before the Cooper Fiddlers concert at 7 p.m.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 5 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The meal will be finger foods. Members are to bring a Christmas decoration.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the First National Bank Community Room. Members will meet for the annual Christmas party and installation of officers.

Art club to meet

The Brazos West Art Assn. will meet Mon., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building to celebrate Christmas. Members are asked to bring canned goods for the needy.

TASP test

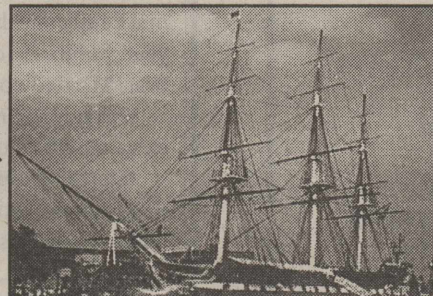
The TASP test will be given at 8:30 a.m. Sat., Dec. 4 at Haskell High School auditorium. Seating is limited. Cost is \$29. To register contact Christye Gannaway, high school counselor, 864-8123 during school hours.

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Financial aid night set in Rule

A Financial Aid Night will be held Thurs., Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rule School library. Those interested in learning more about financial aid is urged to attend. Mrs. Corky Swanson, Director of Financial Aid at McMurry University, will be present to give information and answer questions about applying for financial aid to attend college, trade and technical schools, or other post-secondary schools.

Rule High School counselor, Leslie Kupatt, urges all parents of seniors as well as any junior parent who wants to learn more about financial aid, to attend this very important meeting. Even if you feel your 1999 salary is above the level to receive a federal grant, you must fill out the financial aid form in order to apply for state or institutional (school) aid for which you may possibly qualify.

For further information contact Leslie Kupatt at 997-2783.

Student Council to sponsor food drive

The Haskell High School Student Council is sponsoring a food drive Dec. 2-13 to benefit the Goodfellows Christmas baskets. They urge everyone to come out and contribute to the worthy community project.

Donations of any non-perishable or canned food may be brought to the First National Bank, the Haskell National Bank, First American Bank, or the Haskell High School building.

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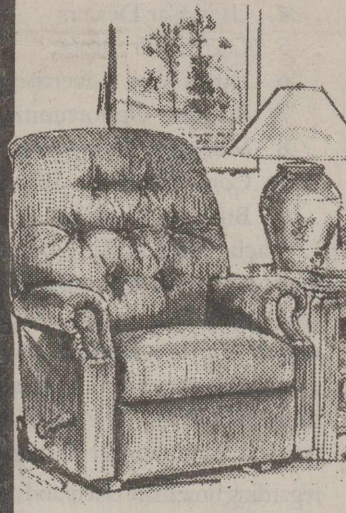
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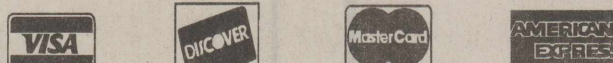
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JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGES—Pictured with County Agent Brandon Anderson, are members of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Judging Team. From the left are Chambray Bartley, Kyla Jones, Molly Dudensing and Candace Brister.



INTERMEDIATE JUDGES—Members of the Haskell County Intermediate Livestock Judging Team were, l-r, Abby Dudensing, Chase Cockerell, Jonathan Hisey, and Amy Turner. With them is Haskell County Agent, Brandon Anderson.

4-H'ers compete in District Food Show

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Boys and girls from twenty-five counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show in Wichita Falls, Sat., Nov. 20 at the MPEC Exhibit

Hall. Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 2000. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners cannot take part.

Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons and plaques, but do not compete beyond the District level.

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa CattleWomen and Wichita Falls Area CattleWomen were also presented to first, second and third place winners in Main Dish and Nutritious Snacks in which beef was an ingredient.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

This show is one aspect of the year-round food and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Elaine Houston, District Director with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

She said 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.

Abby Dudensing of Sagerton won a Third Place in the Intermediate Main Dish category, along with a Second Place in the Intermediate Main Dish—Beef Award. Miranda Robertson of Rule won a Fourth Place in the Intermediate Fruit and Vegetable category and Derrick Tribbey of Haskell won a Fourth Place in the Senior Nutritious Snacks category.

Also participating from Haskell County were Tabitha Coker, Gay Lynn Gary, Hayley Herode, Kyla Jones, MacKenzie Miller and Robbyn Tribbey.



JUNIOR JUDGES—Haskell County Junior Horse Judges were, from the left, Amber Bingham, Gay Lynn Gary and Alexa Roberts.

Haskell 4-H Club plans Christmas party and projects

At the meeting Nov. 9 4-H'ers talked about the food show held in September. Those receiving 1st place advance to District in Wichita Falls.

The club made Christmas candy canes to take to the care homes.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 14 at the County Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. A hay ride and caroling around town along with a party and exchange of gifts will be held. Members are asked to bring canned goods to give to a needy family.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Thanksgiving Day is over, everybody did a lot of eating, visiting and resting and now we are ready to gear up for Christmas. As the weather continues to be favorable, farmers are busy in the fields gathering the cotton, while daily praying for the much needed rain.

School activities make the headlines this week as the mighty Bulldogs of Rule won another crucial football game on their way to state. Local boys, Brian Lehrmann and Jeremy Hertel played an outstanding game last Friday at Coahoma and were ably assisted by fellow team members to win over Grandfalls by a score of 49 to 52. This week we will play Groom at a destination yet to be announced at this writing. We wish them well.

Basketball games are underway for the girls and Michelle Stegemoeller helped the Rule Lady Bobcats win last week over Lueders-Avooca by a score of 43 to 39.

Rule Jr. High basketball team members from Sagerton are Kinsey Brown, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Abby Dudensing, Laci Standifer, Tully Brown and Emery Dudensing.

Sagerton students making the honor roll at Rule for the second six weeks are as follows: A Honor Roll: Jenny Dudensing, Molly Dudensing and Kortney Kupatt. A-B Honor Roll: Andrew Hertel. These students are in the elementary school.

Jr. High and High School honor roll is as follows: A: Emery Dudensing, M'Lynn Lehrmann and Michelle Stegemoeller. A-B Honor Roll: Tully Brown, Joanna Lehrmann, Jacob Manske, Abby Dudensing, Kristin Hertel, Kami Baitz, Jeremy Hertel, Mandi Hunt, Brian Lehrmann and Yolanda Rodriguez. Congratulations to all.

The Minnie Monse family had their annual Thanksgiving reunion Thursday at the Community Center with the following family members in attendance: Geneva and Virgil Vahlenkamp, Francene, Bud and Andrew Vahlenkamp, all of Denton, Charles Vahlenkamp of Sanger, Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont, Franklin J. Mrazek, Jr. of New Braunfels, Frances Howle of Clyde, Tommie Mrazek of Plano, Doris Lehrmann, Norva, Bobby Don, Josh and Hollie Smith of Rule and of course, Mrs.

Minnie Monse.

The home of Clancy and Helen Lehrmann was the scene of a family Thanksgiving gathering Thursday. Present for the day were Steven, Karen, Brian, M'Lynn and Joanna Lehrmann, Paul and Jennifer Page of Rule, Gail Lehrmann and Carol Schlueter of Denver, Colorado. Gail and Carol visited here for several days and attended the football game at Coahoma.

Mary Neinast entertained her family on Thanksgiving Day. They were Kenneth, Betsy and daughter of Emory; Roy, Judy, Darrel, Dustin and Doug McEwen of Anson. James Gellner joined the family for dinner.

Odene Dudensing had her family over for dinner on Thursday, including Lynn Dale, Renee, Abby, Emery, Molly and Jenny.

Mark and Dawn Ulmer and their two sons from Clear Lake and Winston and Mary Ulmer of New Braunfels visited with their parents and grandparents during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Don, Patsy and Tom Bivins of Valley View, Emmalee Bivins and Rick Phemister of Haskell and Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford all visited with Joe and Dorothy Clark for Thanksgiving Day dinner and Joe Johnson of Stamford joined the group on Friday night as they traveled to the Rule football game.

Bill and Margie Hertel enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners in the home of other family members. On Wednesday they were in Stamford at the home of Margie's mother, Gladys Martin. Joining them were George and Anell Martin of Amarillo and Monty Martin of Rule. Thursday was spent in the home of Mike and Cheryl Hertel along with James and Janice Marquis, Carla, Breanna, Rose and

Charles Flippo of San Angelo.

Clark, Mary, Iris and Emma Terrell from Boerne spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his grandmother, Frances Clark.

Jack and Peggy Tabor hosted a family gathering in their home during the Thanksgiving holiday. Family members visiting in our little town included: Larry, Vanessa, Hawk and Hunter Griffin of Little Elm, Bill, Denise, Amberly and Miranda Tabor of Austin, John and Ann Johnson of Lewisville, Jim Tabor of Austin, Karen and Michael Pokriviniok, Aaron and Anna Newman of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Gaylon and Laura Griffin of Dallas, Bill and Wanda Tabor of Sweetwater and Page Tabor of Los Angeles.

Family members visiting in the home of Gene and Adela Teichelman included Dickie and Melissa Greenwood and family of Haskell, Mickey Nierdick of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cook, Amanda, Justin and Tyler of Houston.

James and Vickie Wilhite and sons visited in the home of Wilma Teichelman for Thanksgiving.

Leon and Mae Stegemoeller had Thanksgiving Day dinner for their family and friends that included: Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson, Carl, Beth, Minda, Jonathan and Maegan Stegemoeller of Hobbs, N. M., Calvin, Cherri Lynn, Eric, Christi and Ross Stegemoeller of Hewitt, Matt Dudensing of Paris, Texas, Mitchel Payne of Haskell and Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle Stegemoeller.

Kacy, Jessica and little Grace Baitz of Waco visited with his parents, Fred and Tami Baitz during the holiday. They all had dinner with Kacy's grandparents, Melvin and Annella Baitz, on Sunday.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

I am glad to be home after a three week stay at Hendrick Medical Center and rehab. I'm recovering real nicely; it will just take a little time and patience, which I don't have much of.

Son Bobby and his wife Darlene of Lewisville are spending a week to help me get back up and going. As well as all the rest of my family.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson for the past six week has been their son Randy Bob of Livermore, Calif. While here he attended the homecoming and took his parents to Grant City, Missouri to visit a brother Jonathan Wilson and family and to San Angelo to visit Randolph's sister Bessie Cunningham. Also he visited with sisters Jennifer Holmes of Knox City and Jonna Homet of Hodges.

Visiting with Rozelle Wilkerson last week was her cousin Jurocy McCall from Pecos.

Visiting with Gladys O'Neal for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glenn and family from McLeon, Dr. Barry O'Neal and family from Irving and Randy O'Neal and family from Amarillo.

Patricia (Henry) Kerby and little daughter spent a few days visiting her dad, Pat Henry.

John Conn of Austin spent Thanksgiving with his children Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cochran

and Daniel. They also celebrated Julie Cochran's birthday. John also visited with Joyce Hawkins while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tatum and children left on Mon. and drove to Headley where they spent the night and Tues. with her mom Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy. They left on Tues. evening and went to Texhoma, Okla. where they spent Thanksgiving with her grandparents Ike and Verna Long. On Fri. they went to Amarillo and spent the night with her cousin Joey and Tarra Beias and returned to her mom's for Sat. night and Sun. Jonathan went deer hunting with Bill, but was not lucky in getting a deer but had fun.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gannaway from Roswell, N. M. spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his mother Lucille Gannaway.

Having Thanksgiving dinner with Wallace and Jo Cox were a daughter and her husband Sara and Joe Snailum of Arlington, son Paul Cox of Ft. Worth, Dick and Annie Katherine Winstead of Port Arthur, Steve and Amy Winstead and children David and Andrew from Houston. Also John Sam and Mary Rike with son James of Abilene and Ernestine Herren.

Visiting with Vivian Robertson for the holidays were grandsons Steven Drinnon and wife of Dallas, David Drinnon and family of

Sweetwater. Damon Drinnon of College Station, Mitch of Anson and granddaughters Lisa Whitley and daughter Lauren of Lubbock.

Lynn Gray of Grapeland came on Wed. and spent the rest of the week with his parents Faye and George Gray.

Bernice Hilliard had Thanksgiving with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Larry Short of Rochester. Also there was Bernice's son Kenneth of Waco, his daughter Nacole from Lubbock, another son and wife Ronald and Edith from Odessa and their children Jason and Heidi of Odessa. Jarred of Houston and Larry's parents Warren and Jane Short of Judd.

Linda Chapman and Melissa Tatum and sons Zachary and Garret went to Durant, Okla. to spend Thanksgiving with Linda's family and celebrate Linda's grandmother, Cuba Pena's 94th birthday.

Joe and Joyce Davis and Bud and Flora Pace went to Odessa to visit and have Thanksgiving with Joyce's and Flora's sister and family James and Frankie Alvis and two sons and families.

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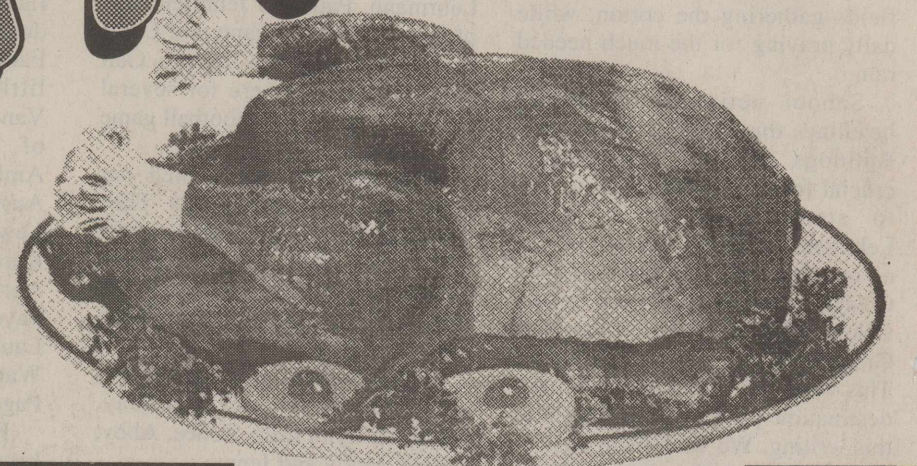


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Brittany Bartley, a Haskell High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award

scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Herff Jones, Inc. funds the Principal's Leadership Award Program.

Bryan McCulloch, principal, announced the nomination, which places Brittany in the national competition. One hundred and fifty national winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

While at Haskell High School, Brittany has been secretary for National Honor Society, reporter for student council, president of Haskell FFA Chapter, president of Haskell County 4-H Club and Gold Star recipient. She has received recognition for academic excellence and been elected Miss Spirit and co-head cheerleader. Brittany plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and to major in animal science.

This Week's Devotional Message:

GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE



We don't appreciate our health
Until it's here no more,
And anything we've known as wealth
We manage to ignore.
We take advantage of our friends
With selfishness and greed,
But then we try to make amends
If ever we're in need.

And when it comes to loved ones dear,
Whom we've relied upon,
We often hurt them while they're here,
Then grieve when they are gone.
So let's be thankful for the things
The Lord saw fit to give:
The blessings that His goodness brings,
As long as we shall live.

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- 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
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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**
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**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
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

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

New Covenant Foursquare
Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

First Baptist Church
Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

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
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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowover
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Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

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

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

First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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RULE
First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
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Primitive Baptist Church
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Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
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811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.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
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

**Dec. 6-10
Breakfast**

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

Monday: Buttered toast/jelly

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, toast/jelly

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar price list posted in each class. Milk and

assorted drinks are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Pizza, tossed salad, seasoned corn, applesauce, cookies

Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, brownies

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches

Thursday: B.B.Q. on bun, tater tots, pickle spears, pineapple tidbits

Friday: Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, buttered toast, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, December 6

Lunch-Steak, gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wednesday, December 8

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health

Services blood pressure check

11:45 a.m. Lou Gilly

Lunch-Roast pork, potatoes, carrots, cooked cabbage, sugar

cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Friday, December 10

Lunch-Pinto beans w/hamburger meat, sauerkraut salad, onions, mixed fruit, banana cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee

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Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justifiable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.

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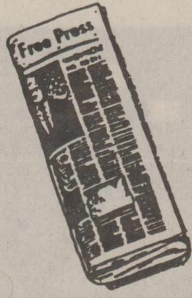
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Public Notices

PUBLIC AD
The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB or Board) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from educational institutions, community based organizations, private for profit and public non-profit organizations, labor organizations and other public and private entities to provide training and employment activities for a year-round youth program funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

The WCTWDB is comprised of the following 19 county area: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.
Funding allocations for the WIA Year-Round Youth Program for the period January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000 are approximately \$200,000. WIA Year-Round Youth Program will serve youth 14-21 who are low-income individuals and have one or more of the following characteristics: deficient in basic skills; a school dropout; a homeless, runaway, or foster child; pregnant or parenting; an offender; and/or an individual who requires additional assistance to complete educational programs or to secure and hold employment.
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Proposals are due Friday, January 7, 2000, at 5:00 PM. Submit one original and four (4) copies to: Mary Ross, Executive Director, West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, 1025 EN 10th, PO Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604.

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The family of Lucille Adams would like to express our sincere thanks for all the flowers, cards, memorials, food, calls and prayers that we received during the loss of our mother. Each gesture deeply touched our hearts and is a reflection of the love she shared and instilled in her family.
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Donna McBay and family

I want to say a great big thank you to each and everyone who has been thinking of me during my stay at Hendrick hospital and at the Rehab. Thanks for all the beautiful flowers, nice cards as well as visits; but most of all for your prayers. I'm really coming along nicely and it won't be long until I am out and about. Again thanks to all!
Joyce Hawkins

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for all of the beautiful happenings at Ms. Rene's farewell service. The outstanding messages of comfort, music and prayers were so uplifting. To our community, church family and friends, you are the greatest. Words cannot express the love we felt as you surrounded us with prayers, visits, phone calls, delicious food, floral offerings, cards and words of encouragement. We especially enjoyed each of your stories, some funny, some sad and all wonderful, that was shared with us about our Precious Rene. We feel so blessed to be her children. May the Lord bless you abundantly and speak peace to you. During this holiday season, may joy and love surround you. The Family of Lorena O. Vojkufka
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Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the inspirational words and generous acts of kindness on behalf of our husband and father, John Larned. The warmth and outpouring of love for 'Big John' will always be remembered. We are so grateful to the First Baptist Church, Brother Culpepper, Brother Kuenstler and those that offered such a special moving tribute to Dad. We want to offer a special thanks to the Young County Home Health staff for their compassion and hard work during Dad's illness. We're also grateful to Marc Robison for his guidance during our loss. As we drive the streets of Haskell, we see Dad's handiwork and we smile because we know Dad was happiest when he was working in Haskell. Big John loved the Lord, he loved his family and he loved Haskell. God bless you. The John Larned Family

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