Football games

HASKELL 7th, 8th, JV vs Stamford Thurs., Oct. 10, 4 p.m. at Haskell Indians vs Stamford Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Stamford

PAINT CREEK Jr. High vs Asperment Thurs., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m. at Asperment **Pirates vs Asperment** Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Paint Creek

RULE Jr. High vs Spur Thurs., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m. at Spur **Bobcats vs Spur** Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Rule

Cross Country

Indians and Maidens VG-B, 7th-8th G-B at ACU (Abilene) Sat., Oct. 12 Indians at Munday Mon., Oct. 14

Calendar

Bake sale/car wash

Managers and employees of Dollar General will be in Haskell Sat., Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. to hold a bake sale and car wash to benefit Susan Skinner's medical expenses. Skinner is the manager of the local store. Hot dogs and drinks will also be available.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Haskell Co. Library will meet Mon., Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the library for the election of board members and officers for 2002-03.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Oct. 11 at noon. Jim Berry, chairman of the Noah Project, Inc. board of directors will be the group's special guest. Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Esme Glenn will be the guest artist presenting a watercolor. Jennie Lyckman and Frances Olson will be hostesses.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Oct. 14 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Richard Trueblood will present the program.

Noah Trick or Treat

The Rule 4-H Club will hold their annual drive to collect food and toiletry items for the victims of domestic violence who come to the Noah Project-North for assistance. The 4-H'ers will be trick or treating Mon., Oct. 14 at about 5 p.m. in the Rule area. They will be in costume. Contact Renee Dudensing at 997-2738 for more information.

Fish fry, auction

A fish fry and harvest festival auction will be held at First United Methodist Church in Haskell at 12 noon Sun., Oct. 13. The event will include cakes, pies, homegrown and canned goodies and a labor auction for 'honey do' items such as lawn mowing, tree trimming and dog bathing. The auction will follow the fish fry in the Fellowship Hall.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet for a Dutch treat luncheon at Burkett's Restaurant Oct. 16 at 11:45 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

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CELEBRATING 4-H WEEK- Haskell County Judge, David Davis, joins 4-H Club members for a photo during their visit to the Courthouse in honor of National 4-H Week, which is being observed Oct 7-12. Front, I-r, are: Derrick Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey, Caleb Hudgens, Ethan Frierson and Candice Brister.

Middle, Jenny Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Allison Petty, Toni Brown, Paige Glover, Kacey Strickland, Meagan Kimbrough, Tucker McCormick and Andrea Anderson. Back, Kelsie Miller, Emery Dudensing, Brittany Barnett, MacKenzie Miller, Matthew Bowers, Lauren McCormick, Laura Bowers and Nathan Meredith.

Olive Tree Fellowship to start Saturday

The First Christian Church of meaning. They will continue on Haskell is hosting a new worship service beginning this Sat., Oct. 12, at 4:00 p.m. The services will be held at the Brick Village Community, South 7th and Avenue H.

Known as the "Olive Tree Fellowship," these services are designed to answer basic questions about a person's search for God, and the desire to give life its fullest Saturdays through the Fall.

Minister Dusty Garison explained that these services will be nondenominational in nature, and nonjudgmental in their approach. He added that the services will feature a "come-as-you-are" style of clothing.

"No one should feel he or she can't come because of how they're dressed," he said. "Jeans, T-shirts,

be an issue that keeps people from being able to worship.'

Garison added that these services months. He said the idea came from a study their congregation did recently on grace, a quality he says many people are hungry to find. "Unfortunately, it seems the church is the last place that hurting people

whatever-we don't want clothing to can go to find forgiveness. We're hoping to take it to them."

"We don't want to take away anyone who is already involved in have been in the planning for several another church, but we do hope to reach those who are not actively participating in a local congregation," Garison said.

For more information, call 864-

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In a close, hard-hitting football game, the outcome sometimes hinges on a big break, an opportune time! Anytime the Indians and Lions do battle, that statement will hold true. With the game in balance Fri. night, the Lions roared, 14-7.

The first quarter saw the two teams exchange possessions of the pigskin an even number of times. Nearly all of the possessions were played in front of the reserved seating area in the grandstand.

After taking possession on the Indian 44 yard line, Albany used 3 plays to score its first TD of the evening. The Lions QB Spencer Ballieu, on some good open field running, scampered 16 yards at the 5:48 mark in the second quarter to give Albany the first advantage in the game. Peyton Parson's try for the extra point was no good, with the

kicked ball sailing to the right. The Indians, not to be denied, and starting on their own 32 yard line, put together an impressive 11 play, 68 yard drive to even the score. Facing 4th down and 3 yards to go, Haskell used a brother act when QB Eddie Loyd found running back Bobby Loyd wide open and threw a 19 yard TD strike. Eric Sanchez kicked the PAT to give the Indians a 7 to 6 lead with only 43 seconds to play in the first half.

The third quarter saw Haskell in possession of the football nineteen times to Albany's eight. Albany was driving to score when Haskell safety Eric Sanchez came up with one of his two big interceptions for the evening. Sanchez' other interception happened during the fourth quarter when the Indians stopped the Lions on their try for an 11 yard TD pass.

All fans could feel the tension in the air as the game clock ticked away the remaining minutes of playing time. With 2:20 left in the game and Haskell attempting a punt from their own 36 yard line, Albany's defensive end, John Lucas, blocked the Indian punt. It was Albany's ball on the Indian 34 yard line.

Six plays later, on an 11 yard TD strike from Ballieu to Morales, Albany took the lead. The pass to Ted Tidwell completed the 2 point PAT, Albany 14, Haskell 7.

Haskell QB Eddie Loyd had 54 yards on 15 carries. Fullback Homero Payan had 13 carries for 42 yards. Tailback Melvin Garcia had 27 yards on 10 carries. Bobby Loyd had one carry for 3 yards. Wade Cothron had a yard on one carry and Heath McCulloch had 9 yards on 3 carries. Eric Sanchez had 19 yards on one catch. Bobby Loyd had 19 yards on one catch and one TD. Osiel Garcia had one catch for 37 yards, and Holton Hernnandez had 14 yards one catch. Eddie Loyd had 5 completions for 13 attempts for 83 yards and one TD.

The Indians move into District 8-2A play this week, taking on arch rival Stamford Bulldogs. District 8-2A will be an impressive district and a real challenge for the 2002 Indians. Game time kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stamford. Thursday, the JV Indians will host the JV Bulldogs

"I'm sick. All I can say is I'm sick," said Haskell Coach Brad Brunson, after the game. "Our kids

played well and played hard and we were prepared for this game. We played well enough to win on both sides of the ball, but had two costly turnovers. It was a gut wrenching defeat, but we have to rebound to get ready for district. We have continued to progress every week and we must

not plateau. Persistence is the

grandest quality of a true achiever, the will to keep going when the way grows hard. The true achiever never gives up when difficulty comes. He fights off the discouragement of defeat. Persistence is the most important quality of the consistent winner. We must not faint in the day of adversity."

4-H week named Oct. 7-12

In a proclamation signed by Haskell County David Davis, the week of Oct. 7-12 has been designated as National 4-H Week in Haskell County, to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas Cooperative Extension for 100 years of providing experiencedbased education to youngsters throughout the state.

Recognizing that the challenges young people face extend beyond the individual community realm, and impact the future of our state and nation, the program connects youth and adults to work together, encouraging diverse groups of youths to develop their unique talents to the fullest potential.

Its 1,170,935 urban, suburban and rural members, ranging from ages eight to nineteen, truly represent a cross-section of the state. Throughout the year, these youth touch the lives of others by practicing citizenship and leadership skills developed in 4-H. "Learning by doing," through hands-on activities and community involvement, empowers 4-H members to develop and strengthen life skills and the competencies essential for adult success.

Believing that positive youth development is an investment in the future, 4-H youth, volunteers and the Texas Cooperative Extension faculty have joined to promote this week to focus on youth.

In proclaiming Oct. 7-12 as National 4-H Week in Haskell County, Judge Davis urged all fellow citizens to observe the week by connecting with youth, friends, fellow employees, relatives, and school, community and civic groups to engage in recognizing 4-H members for learning, leading and serving in their communities.

Steering committee

The Haskell CISD Consolidation Steering Committee will meet in the Haskell Elementary School Library Mon., Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.



INDIANS AND BULLDOGS-Haskell's #7 Eddie Loyd carries the ball with some help from #5 Holton Hernandez, in the game with Albany in Haskell, Fri., Oct. 4. Photo by Bill Blankenship

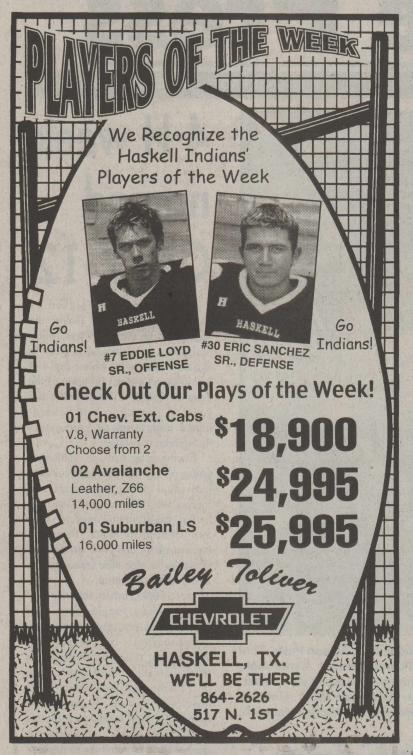
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Turner named delegate

Abe Turner has been named Haskell's official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). Sam Watson serves as alternate. The City of Haskell is a charter member of

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to deal with municipal challenges; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and has a membership of 40 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and

Around Town

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gray visited his mother, Faye Gray, last week. They all went to Fort Stockton to visit a granddaughter and family, then to Midland to visit a grandson and family. They also visited in Rinklin with friends. Mrs. Gray attended the Weinert homecoming on Friday and

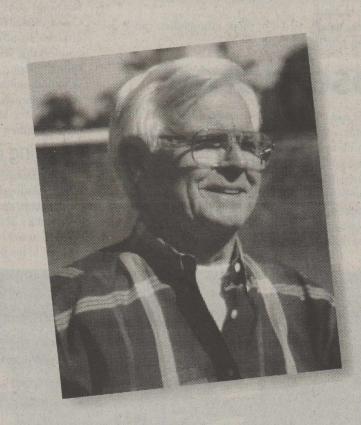
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville spent the weekend with his mother, Joyce Hawkins.

Wanna Jean Palmer of Morton attended the Weinert homecoming last weekend.

Dolan and Karon Vaughn visited with his sister, Joyce Hawkins, and attended the Weinert homecoming.

Cody Blair of Margargel spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

DAVID COUNTS Protecting Our Way of Life



State Representative David Counts is a fighter for our way of life. A conservative Democrat, he is committed to improving public schools and access to affordable health care, while working to protect the rights of consumers rather than big insurance companies.

As a husband, father and grandfather, David Counts understands the importance of faith and family. A retired colonel with 32 years of military service, he is a leader we can trust to protect our way of life.

As chairman of the powerful House Natural Resources Committee, he will continue using his legislative influence to improve the quality of our water and to safeguard our water rights against big city

David Counts wants to keep fighting for you. A valuable member of our community who's built five successful businesses from the ground up, he provides the leadership, experience and vision we need in our State Representative.



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Early voting is Oct. 21 - Nov. 1; Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Obituaries

Willerford Aubrey Dutton, Jr.

in Willow Cemetery.



W. A. DUTTON, JR. Funeral services for Willerford Aubrey Dutton, Jr., 80, of Haskell were held Mon., Oct. 7 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Allen Brooks and his grandson,

Mr. Dutton died Sat., Oct. 5 at Munday Nursing Home in Munday. Born Sept. 11, 1922 in Waco, he attended Baylor University where he received a BBA. He served his country in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He resided in Weinert for 31 years where he owned the Fairway Grocery Store and was a salesman for Best Foods. He was active in civic affairs in Weinert in the 50s. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Haskell, Lions Club, American Legion and was an active gardener specializing in raising sweet potatoes. He enjoyed fishing and Dallas Cowboys football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Ruth Earhart and Willerford Aubrey Dutton, Sr.; his brother, Travis; first wife, Thelma

Wayne Hester, officiating. Burial was Pearl Oman Dutton: and a granddaughter, Andrea Guinn Williams.

> Survivors include his wife. Zetta Lee Tidrow Dutton of Haskell; two daughters, Sandra Guinn of Burleson and Ruthie Watson of Abilene; two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Janice Dutton of Munday and Rodney and Lynda Dutton of Odessa; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bill and Sheila Hester of Rochester, Carl and Lisa Milburn of Haskell; two step-sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Shirley Short of Rochester and Cliff and Mynea Short of Haskell; one step-daughter and sonin-law, Floyd and Cindy Sellers of Baird; 24 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Legion's Scholarship Fund or Baylor University Scholarship PD. NOTICE

William (Bill) Frank Hertel



BILL HERTEL Funeral services for William (Bill) Frank Hertel, 67, of Sagerton were held Sun., Oct. 6 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with his nephew, Rev. Al Martin and Pastor Deborah

Nissen officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral

Mr. Hertel died Thurs., Oct. 3 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Sept. 18, 1935 in Benjamin, he was the son of J. A. Hertel and Velma Lou Cleveland. He married Margie Lynn Martin June 20, 1954 in Rule. He was a farmer, member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton and the Sons of Hermann

Survivors include his wife, Margie Hertel; one son and daughter-in-law, William Michael and Cheryl Hertel of Rule; two daughters, Karla Ann Taylor of Rule and Vicki Lynn and Jack Ralph of New Braunfels; one brother and sister-inlaw, Kenneth and Eloise Hertel of

Hamlin; two sisters and brothers-inlaw, Ann and Melvin Baitz of Sagerton and Kay and Les Baitz of Leander; two brothers-in-law, George and Annelle Martin of Amarillo and Monty Martin of Rule; his mother-in-law, Gladys Martin of Stamford; nine grandchildren, Craig and Annette Smith, Michael Hertel, Misty and Bob Fritzler, Jeremy and Yoland Hertel, Will Smith, Kristin Hertel, Jessica Ralph, Andrew Hertel and Eric Ralph; three great-grandchildren, Del Fritzler, Kountney Hertel and Kennedy Fritzler.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 2308 St. Hwy. 283, Sagerton, Texas 79548.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hirsch and his staff and nurses for their loving care of Bill.

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Addie Mae Harper

Funeral services for Addie Mae Harper, 90, of Irving were held Wed., Oct. 2 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Irving with Rev. Ed Sample officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harper died Mon., Sept. 30 at her residence. Born Oct. 8, 1911 in Haskell, she was the daughter of James Bowen and Sara Elizabeth Bellamy Whitaker. She was a homemaker and member of the Assembly of God

She was preceded in death by her husband, six brothers, one sister and one great granddaughter.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Freddy Gene and Helen Harper, Charles Lewls and Beverly Harper, all of Irving and Jimmy Neal and Charlotte Harper of North Little Rock, Arkansas; one daughter and son-in-law, June and Royce Hogue of Irving; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, 7610 North Stemmons, Ste. 600, Dallas, Texas 75247-4228.

Helen Bisbee

were held Wed., Oct. 2 in Carillon Neil Chapel with Rev. Raymond Wolfe. Burial was in Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home. Bisbee died Mon., Sept. 30.

Born Oct. 18, 1904 in Benjamin, she had moved to Lubbock in 1977. She was a U. S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II and received the American Theater Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with two bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Bar and her WAAC Ribbon. She received her B.A. from McMurry University in Abilene and her master of education from West Texas State University. She attended New York school of social services at Columbia University and numerous other courses at Colorado University, SMU, Ari-

Funeral services for Helen Bisbee, 97, of Lubbock I.S.D., Donna I.S.D., Trent I.S.D., Benjamin I.S.D., Wink I.S.D. and Phillips I.S.D. She retired from teaching in 1967 to serve in the Peace Corps in Belize. After serving in the Peace Corps, she taught in Window Rock I.S.D., Fort Defiance, Arizona (Indian School). She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, National Retired Teachers Assn., Texas State Teachers Assn., the Golden K. Kiwanis, Carillon Chapter and the United Methodist Women Service, where she served as president for one year.

Survivors include one brother, James R. Bisbee of Wichita Falls and numerous nieces, nephews and cous-

Memorials may be made to Carillon House Memorial Fund, 1717 Norfolk Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79416 or a favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Dorothy Hines

Funeral services for Dorothy Hines, 85, of Mineral Wells were held Thurs., Oct. 3 at First United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells with Rev. B. C. Dugger and Dr. Georgia Adamson officiating. Services were under the direction of Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home.

zona and Lincoln Universities. She taught at Sagerton

Mrs. Hines died Mon., Sept. 30 at her home in Min-

Born Jan. 11, 1917 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of J. C. and Maud Alice Williams Lewellen. She married Ben L. McCloud Oct. 14, 1938. He preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1961. She later married Norman Hines Dec. 31, 1971. He preceded her in death in 1981. She was a registered nurse and family health specialist. She was a life member of First United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells. She was a Sunday School teacher and life member of the WSCS and helped organize MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) there. She was a member of the Jr. History Club and Red Cross. She gave a special brand

of loving care through her years of hospice nursing. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Sam

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Bob Burris of Arlington, Jo and John Murphy of Mineral Wells and Benni and Jimmie Konvicka of Stephenville; eight grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; several nieces and a nephew; sisters-in-law, Madge Story of Mineral Wells and Lorene Lewellen of

Pallbearers were grandsons, Dr. S. Bradley Burris, Curtis Kouba, Major Stan Murphy, Dr. Mo Bryant, Capt. James McCloud Shirley and Dr. Jim Konvicka.

The bare facts of her life do not begin to describe the quality of the woman. Her gentle warmth, boundless generosity, caring concern and loving spirit cannot be captured in words like 'mother,' 'friend,' 'nurse,' and 'Family Health Care Specialists.' She was not just a friend to everyone she met; she was the Best Friend of everyone she met, the second grandmother to every one of her grandchildren's friends, the surrogate sister to anyone in need of the open arms of family community. When you talked to her, she listened, and she cared what you had to say. Happy spirit, loving heart, caring kindness were all a part of the very special person we were blessed to share our lives with. Rest is thine; sweet remembrance is ours. PD. NOTICE We love you so.

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 737 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Oct. 7. according to Gary Tate, reporter. 76 sellers and 39 buyers attended. Special cow sale Oct. 12. 800 cows consigned.

Stockers steady to lower, feeders to \$1 higher, packers steady.

Cows: fat. .28-.35; cutters, .29-

37; canners, .18-.26.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.46; feeder, .65-.74; utility. .37-.44

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .74-.88; 600-700 lbs., .70-.84; 700-800 lbs., .65-.77;

800-up lbs., .60-.73. Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.15; 300-

400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .78-.94: 500-600 lbs., .72-.84; 600-up lbs...55-.75.

Bred heifers medium frame, 450-

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 575-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-875; aged or small, 550-675.

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'Rick Brazell, son of the late Buddy and Jenny Brazell and stepson of E.C. Collins of Haskell, is serving as Acting National Forest Supervisor/Bureau of Land Management Field Office Manager at the San Juan Public Lands Center in Durango, Colorado. In this position, Brazell, a graduate of Paint Creek High School, is responsible for overseeing almost three million acres of National Forest and BLM land in southwestern Colorado. He is filling a temporary post that will soon be advertised nationally by the agencies as a permanent position.

Brazell has been with the U.S. Forest Service since 1977. He is on loan to the San Juan for three months from the Pike/San Isabel National Forest, where he has worked out of its Pueblo, Colorado, office for the past three years as Renewable Resources Staff Officer. Before that, he was District Ranger for the Kaddo/ LBJ National Grasslands of Texas, where he handled many recreation and oil-and-gas issues for three years. Brazell is an avid outdoorsman who has hunted and fished all his life.

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His previous U.S. Forest Service positions include Threatened and Endangered Species Biologist for the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas, District Ranger for the Caribou National Forest in Idaho, and Assistant District Ranger for the Ashley National Forest in Utah. His very first Forest Service job was as a project leader at a residential Youth Conservation Corps camp in Idaho.

Born in Knox City, Brazell holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from West Texas State University and a master's in Wildlife from Utah State University. His wife, Becky, is a



RICK BRAZELL

school teacher in Colorado City, near Pueblo. They have four sons. Brazell will fill the San Juan's top post in Durango until mid December with his family remaining in Pueblo. He says he was interested in serving in the temporary position for several

"Both forests experienced huge, devastating wildfires this summer," Brazell says. "The San Juan had the Missionary Ridge Fire, and the Pike/ San Isabel had the Hayman Fire, and fire is a big part of my background."

Brazell says he is also intrigued at the opportunity to work for both land management agencies. The San Juan Public Lands Center is one of only a handful of federal lands offices in the country where National Forest and BLM lands are managed

"The BLM component of the job is awesome. The way I look at it, the land doesn't care what uniform you wear as long as it's managed prop-

Moeller family sets reunion this weekend

The 38th annual Moeller Reunion has been set for Sat., Oct. 12, at the American Legion Hall in Haskell.

Registration will start at 2:00 p.m., followed by a business meeting

An auction will be held to help with expenses for next years' reunion. Those coming are asked to bring something for the auction, such as canned goods, baked goods or handmade items.

An evening supper will be held at 5:30, with each family bringing a basket of food to be spread for veryone to enjoy together

A dance will begin at 7:00 p.m., with music provided by Muddy Creek of Abilene. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Peanut celebration set in Rochester

Riders, vendors and fun seekers are being invited to come to the country for a day of fun in Rochester. Sat., Oct. 26.

The first annual Peanut Pedal Bike Ride will begin at the Rochester School at 8:00 a.m. for the 60 mile ride, 8:30 for the 25 to 35 mile ride, and at 9:00 for the 7 mile ride and 4 mile walk.

An Arts and Crafts Show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., featuring food, peanuts and more, in addition to arts and crafts. Vendors may reserve booth space for \$12.50.

A Cornbread Chili Supper will be served at 4:30, followed by an Old Fashioned Halloween Carnival and Auction beginning at 5:00 p.m.

For more information call 940-743-3260 day, 940-743-7602 or 940-743-3581 evening.

Births

Kelsey and Kristen are announcing the birth of their baby brother Jessie Guzman IV on Sept. 24 at 10:53 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 in. long.

Proud parents are Santana and Jessie Guzman III, of Haskell. Grandparents are Lee and Mary Silvas and Jessie and Olivia Guzman II, all of Haskell. Great grandparents are Alex Silvas and Jessie and Eluteria Guzman I, all of Haskell.

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EEA holds annual Information Day

The Haskell County EEA met Sat., Sept. 28 at Levis and Lace for their annual Information Day program to name new officers and Rookie of the Year and Club Woman of the Year recipients.

Lennie Ruth Blankenship, current chairman, called the meeting to order and read "How Will You Spend Your

Five members who attended the State EEA meeting in Amarillo told about their fun trip.

Lena Tidwell was named chairman to lead the club next year, and Flossie Bates was named Vicechairman. Dolores Medford was named secretary and Shirley Reed was named treasurer.

Revealing the results of secret ballots, Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent, announced Flossie Bates as Rookie of the Year. The award is given to a woman who has been an active member for two years and no more than four years. Alice Yates was voted as Club Woman of the Year, an award given to a member who has been an officer, possesses leadership ability and is involved in volunteer service.

Following the business meeting, the group enjoyed a luncheon of meat, vegetable and fruit salads.

The EEA helps the local 4-H throughout the year. At the January Livestock Show they work the concession stand to raise funds for the 4-H scholarship given at graduation in May.

The next meeting of the club will be at 2:00 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 10 at the County Extension Center. All interested ladies are invited to visit

Rule 4-H'ers to Trick or Treat for Noah Project

Members of the Rule 4-H Club will be in costume and might be knocking on your door early this October! They won't want any candy but they will hope to collect an item for a worthy cause.*

Mon., Oct. 14, Rule 4-H members will meet in front of the school at 5:30 p.m. Groups of costumed 4-H'ers will go door to door in Rule and collect food and other items for the Noah Project North, a shelter for a battered and abused women and children in our county.

According to Donna Anders, director of Noah Project North, they have a need for food as well as deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, razors, personal toiletries, diapers, baby products, brushes and combs.

Any non perishable food items or other previously mentioned items will be accepted by the Rule 4-H and taken to the Noah Project headquarters.

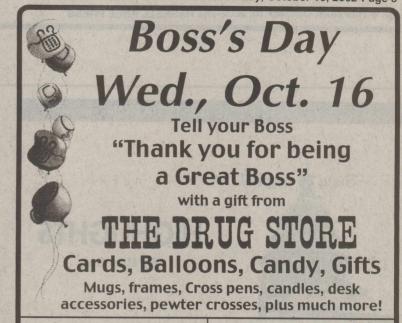
The Rule 4-H club conducts two major community service projects each year. The Noah Project food drive and a toy drive to benefit the Haskell County Child Welfare

The Noah Project food drive has been held around Thanksgiving in the past. Club members decided to conduct this project in a new fun way and at a different time of year.

Food items will be accepted at school until Oct. 31 or call Renee Dudensing at 997-2738 if you would like someone to come by and pick up your donation.













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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Lottery goes through 4 chief in 11 years

AUSTIN — This week's lottery number is four. That's the number of executive directors the Texas Lottery Commission has had since it was created 11 years ago.

Gary Grief, formerly the agency's director of operations, is the new acting director following the resignation of Linda Cloud who admitted that she had lied to a newspaper reporter.

Cloud resigned Sept. 26, though she will remain on the state payroll burning unused leave until the end of the year.

Farmers market

Insurance used to be something most people took for granted or ignored. No more.

Farmers Insurance's announcement that it would quit doing business in Texas, which is 20 percent of its market, underscores the fact that insurance is not routine any longer. For one, it's expensive, at least in comparison with what it used to cost. For another, it often doesn't cover what consumers think it should.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor made two moves on Oct. 2 that should make getting coverage somewhat easier for consumers: He expanded the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, which had included only 14 coastal counties and a part of Harris County, to include the whole state.

He also activated the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan (FAIR), which enables property insurers to combine to provide coverage for insurable homes in underserved areas.

Both programs, however, are intended to be last resorts. To qualify under the FAIR plan, homeowners coverage would have to have been rejected by two licensed companies.

Montemayor said the actions were intended to create a temporary safety net until the Legislature convenes.

Meanwhile, the Farmers move clearly annoyed some members of the Legislature.

I would like to take this

opportunity to congratulate the

Haskell Indians varsity football team

on a job well done Friday night

against the Albany Lions. You

played a great game and showed a

lot of heart. Although, the final score

did not show you on top, you were

I know that this season has not

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State Sen. Troy Fraser, a Republican from Horseshoe Bay, has said he's prepared to introduce a bill that would bar insurers from selling any product if they abandon a segment of the market.

Coming up with a state budget still will be the biggest issue facing lawmakers in January, but insurance, from business practices to rate regulation to mold coverage, will be on the legislative radar as well.

The budget buzz

They're talking but it doesn't sound good.

"I've been with the state 33 years," one of the 250,000 or so state employees said. "I've heard a lot of concern about tight budgets. This is the first time I've really been wor-

From another state government watcher: "There's going to be a special session. They're not going to pass a budget during the regular session."

Signs of the time

With the election only a month away, the only thing proliferating any faster than campaign rhetoric is the number of campaign signs.

Cardboard signs stuck into the ground are a basic part of the political process, but it's still illegal to place them in the ground or on any object in the right of way of a state road and along many cities' roads.

Over-enthusiastic volunteers need to remember that the misdemeanor offense could bring up to a \$500 fine

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, it is okay to place signs on private property adjacent to state highways, but only if the landowner has given permission.

Such signs have to be lightweight and less than 50 feet square. They must be removed within 10 days following the election.

Under the law, TxDOT can remove any signs it finds on public right of way and bill the owner for

with the district race beginning this

week. Forget about the past weeks

and focus on the weeks to come.

Take pride in being an Indian, play

play for the fans, play for your team

and give 110% on each play each

week. I believe that you can do what

you set your mind to do and I know

that the other Haskell fans believe in

So, with that said, Go Indians!

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago October 8, 1992

Kurt Sloan of Rochester is the recipient of the 1992 F.W. Martin Memorial Achievement award.

Shana McKenzie was elected president of the Haskell 4-H Club. Other officers are Jennifer Comedy, vice president; Kaki Stapleton, secretary-treasurer; J. J. Comedy, reporter; and Tonya Burson, council delegate.

Nine employees of the Rolling Plains Farm Supply have earned recognition by completing the training requirements of the John Deere Certification Program. The employees are Lewis Corzine, Jerry Harris, Howard Grand, Max McMeans, Todd Harris, Kim Stiewert, Robbie Peiser, Paul Frazier and Landon Pannell.

20 Years Ago October 14, 1982

Five outstanding young men that help prosper the Haskell Indians were selected as "Booster of the Week." The young men are the varsity managers.

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary attended the 88th semiannual meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Firemarshal's Association last Saturday in Stamford.

The Rule Compress received their first bale for 1982 October 11 from Charles Pribyla. The 502 pound bale came from Goree Producer Co-op. Pribyla will receive \$50.00 from the Compress for the first bale.

The Haskell VFD Auxiliary met Oct. 5 for their regular monthly meeting at the Fire Station. Main topic of discussion was the Christmas float for the night Christmas parade scheduled by the Chamber of Commerce.

30 Years Ago October 12, 1972

New members of the Progressive Study Club are Mrs. Robert Free, Mrs. Sam Rosser, Mrs. David Burson, Mrs. Phil Henshaw, Mrs. Darel Anderson, Mrs. Bill Reeves, Mrs. John Blackstock and Mrs. E. L. Wyche.

Mrs. Ramon Liles of Weinert departed October 6 for a 16 day tour of Spain, Portugal and the surrounding islands. Miss Ruth Grey of San Angelo also went with her.

Mrs. J.A. Williams of Dolthan, Alabama, and Mrs. L.H. Rowland of Throckmorton, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.C.

Mrs. Mildred Chambers and Mrs. Orville Tanner visited last weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Fouts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Porter of Dalhart also met them there.

40 Years Ago Oct. 11, 1962

A "Tour of the World Through Music" was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Boone at the Rotary Club meeting and luncheon Thursday, providing one of the most enjoyable programs in months.

Rev. Doyle W. Adress of Mount Vernon will preach at morning and evening hours Sunday at the Pinkerton Baptist Church. Morning preaching service is at 11 o'clock and evening preaching service is at 7:30. Rev. Adress is a former Haskell resident and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Adress of Haskell.

E. A. Gresham, Governor of District 579 of Rotary International, world-wide service organization, will be in Haskell Oct. 18 to visit the local Rotary Club, one of the 40 clubs in his district. In addition to addressing the Haskell Rotarians at their meeting, he will conger with G.J. Stewart, president of Rotary Club of Haskell and other club officers on Rotary administrative matters and service activities.

> 50 Years Ago October 9, 1952

Nanette Weaver of Haskell is included in the group of 44 who have been named to Chanters, mixed choral group at McMurry College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weaver and a freshman at McMurry.

Mrs. Opal Rose has been appointed manager and secretary of the Haskell Housing Authority following the resignation of Curtis Pogue.

Thirty-two members of the Haskell High School Chapter, Future Farmers of America, visited the State Fair of Texas on opening day of the exposition in Dallas Saturday, and had "the time of their lives" as one youngster put it. Opening day of the fair was set aside for farm youths of Texas, and the FFA boys were admitted to the Fairgrounds free, and were guests of the State Fair at mid-

James Murray Wilson, a June graduate of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, has been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, assigned to Electronic, Intelligence Office. Lt. Wilson is in Houston for eight weeks of intensive training. He is the grandson of Mrs. R. H. Darnell of Haskell.

90 Years Ago Oct. 12, 1912

Judge W.C. Ballard and daughter of Spur visited relatives here this

The streets were full of horses for sale last Monday. A number of fine mules were also for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Bredthauer visited the family of L. Meyer in the Paint Creek neighborhood east of Haskell Sunday. Mr. Bredthauer said he never saw so much cotton open and broad fields that needed pickers.

Muncy Cogdell of Abilene was a business visitor here this week. He is interested in the Haskell Cotton Oil

days, daily notes home from

Haskell Elementary is doing a good

job of involving parents. However,

there is always room for

improvement, especially in the area

With the new nationally

developed initiative "No Child Left

Behind". Haskell Elementary has

committed itself to improvement of

parental involvement. Kathy

Garison will be the parent liaison for

parent involvement in grades

of documentation of our efforts.

After this review, it was noted that

teachers, easy access voice mail.

Ask the

By John Cornyn, **Attorney General**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Instead of my usual question-and-answer column. I want to provide information on family violence and steps victims can take to protect them selves.

The most important thing for everyone to remember is that no one ever deserves to be hit, threatened or live in fear in his or her own home. If you are living in an abusive or threatening situation, you should take appropriate steps to protect yourself and your children. If you know of someone who is living in a violent home, you should try to assist that person in getting help. Help is available through the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE (7233) or TTY for the Deaf (800) 787-3224.

Before you leave

Leaving an abusive home is potentially very dangerous. However, you can take steps that may reduce the risk of harm. Of course, if you are in imminent danger, you should leave immediately. If you are considering leaving, you should first find a safe place for you and your children to go. This could be a friend's or family member's house or a shelter. Make sure that you carry change or a calling card and the number of the place you are planning to go with you at all times. You should also see if you can find a friend or family member who will loan you money in an emergency. If possible, you should set up your own checking or savings account that will allow you access to funds.

Find a safe place to keep important documents such as insurance information, birth and marriage certificates, health records, social security cards, and financial records. In addition, you should leave a supply of spare clothes and any necessary medications some place where you can access it.

After you leave

Once you have left an abusive situation, you will need to take further steps to protect yourself and your children. When you are at home,

make sure all your doors and windows are securely locked. Inform your neighbors and your landlord that your partner no longer lives with you and that they should call the police if they see him or her near your home. If possible, get an unlisted phone number, and be careful whom you call from that number. Get caller ID so you can screen your incoming calls, and keep a log of any calls that your former partner makes to your

Help is Available

Victims of domestic violence are eligible to file for a protective order that prohibits your partner from coming near you. If he or she violates the order, call the police immediately. Law enforcement agencies are notified of all protective orders filed in their area, and when they receive notice that someone has violated a protective order, they can arrest the person and file charges.

Financial assistance is available to victims of domestic violence through my office. The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund can help victims cover the cost of counseling for themselves and their children. The Fund can also help with medical bills not covered by insurance that result from abuse. Victims can receive compensation for loss of support and relocation. For information on the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, please visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or call (800) 983-9933.

Other organizations that can provide assistance include:

Texas Council on Family Violence (800) 525-1978

Women's Advocacy Project Emergency Advocacy Hotline (888) 325-SAFE (7233) Women's Advocacy Project Fam-

ily Violence Legal Line (800) 374-HOPE (4673)

Remember, no one should live in

Haskell CISD Comments

by Cindy McCulloch Haskell Elem. Counselor

Haskell Elementary is currently reviewing its parent involvement policies. A committee of six elementary personnel met on Sept. 18 to discuss needs to accommodate parental involvement activities for the coming year.

It was determined that the

following are activities currently in progress or on the upcoming calendar: hot dog supper (at the park), back to school night, open house, Christmas carnival, field day, second grade lock-in, hearts and hands awards, "Smoke Signals" newsletter, "Home to School" Counselor newsletter, book week (volunteer readers), community

technology lab, report card pick up

Double Mountain Coach, the area's rural transportation provider, operates on a demand response basis. It also provides transportation for the

According to Rector, the service area spans 6,322 square miles in Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties, serving an estimated 39.857 people.

received earlier this year in state and federal funds."

> Headstart through 12. Mrs. Garison and Mrs. McCulloch are also in the process of developing a parent involvement plan. Parents, community members and faculty will be invited to

Any suggestions or volunteers are invited to contact Kathy Garison or Cindy McCulloch at the Elementary

participate in developing this plan.

Double Mt. Coach receives funds

Public transportation funds, totaling \$15,463, for the Asperment Small Business Development Center were approved last week by the Texas Transportation Commission at its monthly meeting.

"The funds will be used for facilities management and maintenance, and administrative costs," Debra Rector, Abilene district public transportation coordinator, said. "These funds will supplement the \$122,027 award the agency

elderly and disabled.



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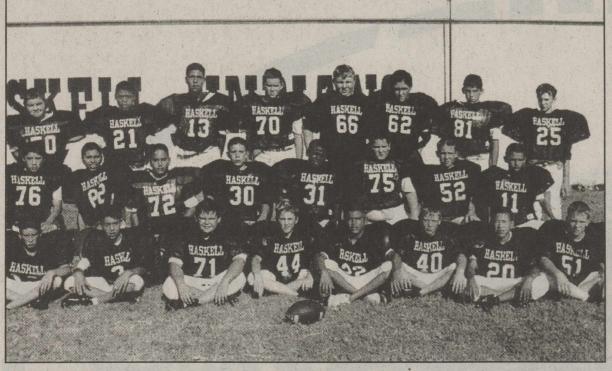
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EIGHTH GRADE WARRIORS-Members of the Haskell 8th grade football team are: Top row, I-r, Coach Kent Colley, A. J. Brothers, Houston Davis, Andrew Long, Gary Frierson, Billy Lusk, Roman DeLaCruz, Matthew Brown, Coach Mark Adams. Bottom row, Josh Rodriquez, Scott Wilson, Anthony Hernandez, Keith Wilcox, Vincente Castillo, Josh Kimmel, Rick Rojo and Scott Agraz.

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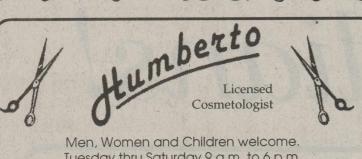
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Applications for new LCP program accepted

Beginning Oct. 1, the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting applications for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). According to John Fuston, State Executive Director, LCP will only be available to counties within the state that were designated primary disaster areas for drought in 2001 or 2002. LCP provides direct payments, per head to producers who suffered livestock losses as a result of severe drought conditions. The

Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$752 million in LCP assistance nationwide.

"Eligibility for LCP is not a pasture loss issue, but rather a livestock loss program that provides

financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who would otherwise have no opportunity for loss compensation," said Fuston. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastation losses on both accounts due to severe drought conditions," he said.

Eligible counties must have been named as primary counties under a Secretarial disaster designation or have been requested as such by the Governor no later than Sept. 19, 2002 and are subsequently approved. A complete listing of all eligible Texas counties is being compiled at the state and national levels. Producers should contact their local county FSA office to confirm eligibility.

"LCP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who owned livestock for at least 90 days as of June 1, 2002," said Fuston. "Livestock meeting these requirements that have been sold or died after June 1, 2002 and prior to LCP sign-up would still be eligible

for payment' Eligible livestock under LCP provisions are beef, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, as well as buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle. However, swine, poultry, feedlot livestock and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm are not eligible for LCP

payments. "This program is 50 percent larger than any of the previous livestock assistance programs paying on a per head bases and not prorated for herd liquidation. All things considered, LCP is a proactive, responsive and producer-friendly program developed with the rancher's wellbeing and financial viability in mind," said Fuston.

For more information regarding Livestock Compensation Program provisions, payment rate and eligibility criteria contact your local FSA County Office or visit the USDA web site at http:// www.usda.gov and FSA on the World Wide Web at http:// www.fsa.usda.gov.

Quail day set near Lueders

by Brandon Anderson Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a "Rolling Plains Quail Appreciation Day" Oct. 17 at the Krooked River Lodge near Lueders. Registration starts a 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:15 a.m. Three Texas Department of Agriculture Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be offered.

The meeting is designed to update quail enthusiasts on the status of the popular game birds and demonstrate land management strategies to improve quail habitat.

"Texas quail have taken a hard hit in recent years and up until this year's timely rains, that trend had continued," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the originator of the Quail Appreciation day program

"We've sustained marked declines in quail numbers over the last five years, even here in the Rolling Plains, which historically offers the best quail hunting anywhere in the nation. Populations appear to be up nicely in some areas this year, and we need to seize the moment to help sustain the rebound that we've experienced this summer.

"Landowners are quick to realize the economic importance of quail hunting as a revenue stream to supplement their traditional ranch enterprises. And increasingly, landowners are willing to make concessions in their stocking rates to enhance quail habitat.'

The goal of this program is to

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give landowners practical, hand-on experience in evaluating quail habitat. Loss of good habitat is one of the major shortfalls facing our wild quail's ability to survive successfully. The exercise and the presentation leading up to it will allow participants to see how their management or mismanagement are affecting their properties' ability to

support viable quail numbers.' "This particular QUAD will feature an array of habitat management practices aimed at improving bobwhite habitat with cost-share assistance available to landowners through the Farm Bill

and other programs.' The morning's session opens with a "pre-test" and lab practical. Rollins will then present "Appreciating Quail." He'll then perform a quail necropsy called "Getting to Know Your Quail.'

The next portion of the program will be devoted to a number of frequently asked question areas. The areas of discussion and the respective speakers include: "Habitat Management," Rory Burroughs, Comprehensive Land Management, Seguin; "Supplemental Feeding/ Water" Dean Ransomm, Extension wildlife specialist, Vernon; "Predator Control," Rollins; "Harvest Concerns," Ransom; "Grazing Management," Rollins and "Water. Harvesting," Rollins.

A brief discussion of the Bobwhite Brigade youth camp will round out the morning's program with local cadets demonstrating their knowledge of quail management.

After lunch, Rollins will offer a strategic plan for quail conservation. The indoor session will conclude with the "Economics of Quail Hunting, a Krooked River Case Study," by Roy Wilson and Casey Meadors, both with Texas Best Outfitters, Lueders.

The remainder of the day's program will be tour featuring habitat management.

Stop One includes "Habitat Lap Sit," "Using Farm Bill Programs," "Food Plots," and "Plant and Seed

Stop Two will feature "Run for Your Life," "Brush Sculpting," "Prickly Pear and Quail," and "Prescribed Burning."

The final stop will demonstrate the use of dummy nests and explain the new Texas Quail Index, a fiveyear demonstration that was initiated this past year in 40 counties across

The program will end with a posttest at 4 p.m.

Host for the program are the Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, and Throckmorton counties, Texas Best Outfitters, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"We've conducted over 30 QUADs since 1998" said Rollins, "and they've proved very popular with aspiring quail managers. This one will be a great learning opportunity."

For further information contact Brandon Anderson (Haskell; 940-864-2658), Todd Vineyard (Anson; 915-823-2432), Rocky Vinson (Shackelford; 915-762-2233), or Corky Redden (Throckmorton; 940-849-3321). Participants are encouraged to allow plenty of time to reach the Krooked River Lodge by 8:30 a.m. A map to the lodge can be obtained by calling the Extension agents listed above, or Krooked River Lodge (915-773-2457).

Look Who's 90!

Native Haskell resident, Jess Leonard, turned 90 years old on September 5, 2002. He celebrated with a

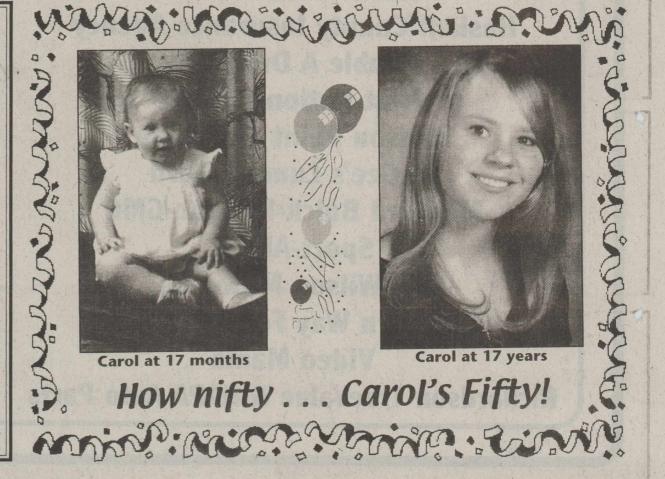
birthday party given by his family. When asked what his se-

cret was for living to be 90, he replied, "Well, I just keep on living!"

The young boy you see is Jess when he was just 3 years old.

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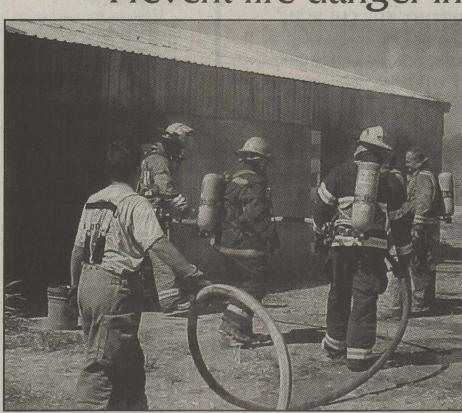
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1. Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.

2. Take special care with fireplaces. Use a spark screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation. Fireplace fires are very common.

3. Keep combustible items away from

all heating units.

4. At any sign of electrical trouble, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by a good electrician.

5. Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed

6. Keep matches and cigarette lighters away from children.

Practice home fire drills. Know your exits.

Check your smoke detectors. Don't wait until it's too late!

Prevent Wildtires!

Prevent fire danger around your home:

1. Control vegetation within 30 feet of your home.

2. Keep trees and brush away from power lines.

3. Space trees at least 25-30 feet

4. Install spark arrester on chimney.

5. Keep roof and gutters clean.

6. In rural areas, know where existing water sources can be found, such as ponds, that can be used as a source of water for fire trucks.

7. Stack firewood away from home.



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October 14-18 Breakfast

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Tuesday: Waffle sticks Wednesday: Cereal, graham Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

Friday: Donut

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

Monday: Popcorn chicken/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, sunshine bars

Tuesday: Enchiladas, hot sauce/ chips, Spanish rice/beans, garden

salad, peach cobbler Wednesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, brownie

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, hot rolls, pears Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/ tomato/pickes slices, French fries, ice

ECC Calendar and Menu

Lunch-Beef & spaghetti, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee Wed., Oct. 16

10:30 a.m. Bingo

Lunch-German sausage/BBQ sauce, parslied potatoes/sauce, pork

and beans, garlic toast, cookies and pears, milk, tea, or coffee

Lunch-Mesquite broiled chicken breast, creamy mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, buttered corn, cornbread, lemon ref. dessert, milk. tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45

Mon., Oct. 14

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Fri., Oct. 18

a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOUR FAITH IS NOT CONFINED WITHIN THE CHURCH

The busy lives we lead are like a solid received in Church can re-weave the a small corner known as Sunday morning. But the message of faith begins.

fabric woven into a jumbled pattern of tangle of doubt and confusion with threads work, recreational pursuits and the of peace, harmony and order, and mend personal problems inherent in our the raveled edges of trouble; if you will material world. Faith is too often omitted only carry it with you throughout the from the design; or at best, crowded into week. Faith is not confined within the walls of the Church, but that is where it

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

Church of God James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Gary Bruns, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church

Allen Brooks, 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

Steve Beatty, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 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

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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

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Tommy Wilson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule

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The West Texas Girl Scout Council will begin its Fall Products Program Oct. 12, with local Girl Scouts selling a variety of items to help troops purchase supplies, finance trips and outings, purchase badges and other awards. The Council uses the profit to provide girls with activities, train adult volunteers and maintain local facilities. All of the money raised in this program stays within the council's jurisdiction, which covers a large amount of West Texas.

More than a nut or calendar fundraiser, it is designed to teach valuable life skills, as well as teach about an endangered species. Through the program, girls learn skills in goal setting, long-term planning, budgeting and other money matters. It also teaches girls important safety and communication skills, and can help improve their self esteem.

The program will include the selling of five nut varieties including cashews, deluxe mixed nuts, peanut squares, chocolate covered peanuts, and a spicy Cajun mix. Girls will also be selling malted milk balls and two types of decorative tins. One tin is filled with milk chocolate trefoils and the other, decorated with this years' endangered Manatee, is filled with honey-roasted peanuts. The nuts will cost either \$4 or \$6 each and the decorative tins will be sold for \$6 each.

The girls will also be selling the official Girl Scouts of the USA calendars in pocket sized at \$2.50 each and wall sized at \$3.00 each.

If you cannot find a Girl Scout in your area, you may call the West Texas Girl Scout Council program center at 915-670-0432.

TBWEF responds to boll weevil sightings

Weevils have been found in the Southern Rolling Plains, which was declared functionally eradicated in September 2002. Just how concerned should growers be?

Although the catches are a concern to be watched, measures are in place to protect growers' investment in eradication, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

'We have increased the number of traps in the area where the weevils were found and are being vigilant about checking those traps," he said. "Of course we treated the area as soon as the weevils were found to eliminate them.'

A weevil was found in a trap northwest of San Angelo at the beginning of September. This weevil was thought to be a hitchhiker, which probably came in on cottonharvesting equipment, because it was caught in a field near a major highway. Four more weevils were caught three weeks later in the same field, and they could have been products of reproductive activity,

"Our people have responded well this incident and are keeping a close eye on the situation," he said. "Much of the crop in that area is at a mature stage, and this will help us out as well."

At maturity, cotton puts most of its energy into finishing the development of the bolls on the plant and is less attractive to weevils because the plant isn't producing the squares and immature fruit weevils seek for feeding and reproduction.

The Southern Rolling Plains zone's status as functionally eradicated means that it qualifies for certain protections enacted by the state intended to protect it from reinfestation, usually referred to as quarantine regulations.

Cotton and cotton products capable of sustaining weevils may not be brought into or through the zone, and cotton-harvesting equipment such as harvesters and module builders must be thoroughly cleaned and free of weevils before

passing into or through the zone. The weevils catches do have a positive side, though

"You never want to find evidence of reinfestation in an eradicated zone," Allen said. "But if there's a positive in this situation, it's that we've all been reminded of the need for vigilance.

"We just can't have dirty equipment coming into eradicated zones. TDA has responded to the situation, trying to develop ways of tightening enforcement, and the growers will be even more watchful in the future."

Growers with questions about the quarantine rules may contact their local eradication office or TDA at (800) TELL-TDA, (800) 835-5832. Producers may report suspected violations to TDA at the same

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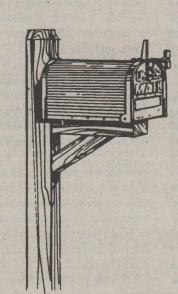
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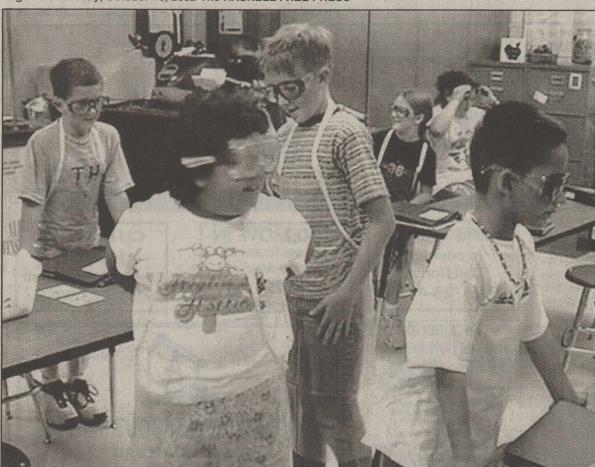
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Commissioner's Court report

At a special meeting, Sept. 24, Haskell County Commissioners' Court covered a lengthy agenda of

Approval was given for the tax refund to Melvin Mueller on equipment that had been taxed in both Haskell and Jones Counties.

An inspection report on Haskell County bridges was given by Joe Higgins of the Texas Dept. of Transportation.

Following public comment by Michael Bartley, Nathan Frierson and Greg Williams, requesting the County not to sell the cattle hooftrimming chute, the Court agreed with the request.

A resolution was passed proclaiming the month of October, "Czech Heritage Month," in honor and recognition of over a million people living in the state, claiming

Czech heritage and contributing in the areas of art, music, literature, food, folklore and many fine customs that are a part of Texas' rich, diverse

The Court proclaimed October 2002 as Breast Cancer Awareness. Month and Oct. 1 as Haskell County Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Approval was given to leaving all county Sheriff and Constable fees as they are at the present time. A list is on file at the courthouse.

Several line item transfers were made to the county budget, and approval was given for allowing Judge David Davis and County Treasurer, Willie Faye Tidrow, to make any adjustments to cover budget items and to put these adjustments in the minutes.

Effective Oct. 1, the court recommended the following work

hours for county workers.

Courthouse, Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Fri., 8:30 a.m. to

Library, Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pct. 1, Mon-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:30

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Approval was given to the 2002-2003 budget with an additional \$4,375.00 added to Sheriff Car Expense.

The following tax rate was set for 2002-2003: General .4727, FML. 1447 and R. & B, .1117, for a total tax rate of .7291 per \$100.00.

Halliburton encourages membership in Sheriff's Association of Toyas

number of businesses wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff David Halliburton announced that Haskell County businesses are being invited to become associate business members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible. "With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to

membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Halliburton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work, and play."

Businesses not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741, www.txsheriffs.org.

The associate business membership program was begun to provide businesses with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens and their businesses.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance,"

said Sheriff Halliburton. "I encourage every business receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an associate business member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

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Food distribution

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Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold a children's immunization clinic Thurs., Oct. 17 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-

Country day of fun

A country day of fun will be held Sat., Oct. 26 in Rochester. Activities will begin at 8 a.m. Bike rides, walks, an arts and crafts show, a combread and chili supper and an old-fashioned Halloween carnival and auction will be held. All activities will be held at the Rochester School. Vendors are needed. Call 743-3260 days or 743-7601 or 743-3581 evenings for more information.

Sr. Citizen Dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., Oct. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-997-9505 for information.

Grief group

A grief group for those who have suffered a loss through death will meet Thurs., Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at 522 S. 2nd in Haskell (First American Bank building). For more information call Helen Wilson at 864-5188 or 256-0537

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