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HASKELL
Indians vs Irion County
Thurs., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
at Gordon Wood Stadium
Brownwood

Basketball games

HASKELL
JV-B-G
Eula JV Tournament
Nov. 18-20

JV-V B-G vs Rule
Fri., Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
at Rule

7th-8th B-G
Seymour Tournament
Sat., Nov. 20

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 25 will be Thurs., Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

Benefit lunch, auction

A benefit brisket lunch and auction will be held Sun., Nov. 21 at the Haskell Civic Center to help defray costly medical expenses for Rob Mickler who was injured in a horse riding accident Sept. 2. The lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with donations being accepted. The auction will begin at 1 p.m. To donate an item call Mark Wallace 864-4848 or Sammy Larned 864-2749.

Decorating help

Bob Smith will begin setting up the Christmas displays around the Haskell Courthouse Fri., Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. Those who wish to help with the project are asked to join him on the square. The displays are furnished by Bob and Darlene Smith in memory of his mother, Allie Belle Smith.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Puttin' on the Hits

The Noah Project-North will host 'Puttin' On The Hits' by the Rule High School theatre arts Sat., Nov. 20 at the Haskell High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$3 for children 10 years old and younger. Tickets are available by calling 864-2551 or at the door. Proceeds will benefit victims of domestic violence.

Thanksgiving dinner

Area Christians will provide Thanksgiving dinner Tues., Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Haskell County citizens who are unable to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the family or who have no Thanksgiving plans are invited. The meal is served at no charge. A praise and worship service will be conducted during the meal.

Donut sale

The Haskell Lions Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts Sat., Dec. 18. Contact Boggs and Johnson Furniture, Haskell Inn, Haskell National Bank, Sport-About, State Farm Insurance and Financial Services or any Haskell Lions Club member to order your donuts. Cost is \$6 per dozen or \$5 per dozen for orders of two or more boxes. Funds will be used by the club for their local projects.

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a Christmas parade Sat., Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. around the square in Haskell. To enter, call the chamber at 864-2477. Prizes will be awarded.

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Haskell Indians ~ Bi-District Champs

The Haskell Free Press

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Indians are Bi-district Champs

At Thursday's pep rally, Josh Barbee, the talented running back for the Haskell Indians, was recognized as KTXS' Player of the Week.

True to form, Barbee, Mister Outside, scored four TDs in leading the Haskell Indians to a 25 to 8 win over the Roby Lions in the Bi-District game played at Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater, Thursday evening, Nov. 11.

To the delight of the Indian fans, Barbee, behind a huge opening provided by his blockers, raced 84 yards on the opening kick-off, to put Haskell in the lead with only 14 seconds ticked off the game clock. Nate Webb provided the PAT kick, which sailed smoothly over the goal post. Haskell 7, Roby 0. The game could now begin.

Haskell and Roby, each one trying to gain field position and keep possession of the pigskin, battled on relatively even terms for the first quarter.

On the opening play of the second quarter, the Indian defensive unit forced a Roby Lion fumble. Haskell's line backer, Josh Rodriguez, recovered the ball on the 15 yard line, giving Haskell a big break in this contest. On the first down from the 15, Roby received a 5-yard penalty for off-sides. Haskell, using its one-two punch, Mister Inside, Cameron Short, got three yards on second down, and Barbee, Mister Outside, got the 7-yard TD run. The try for the extra point was no good, as the ball sailed low and wide. Haskell 13, Roby 0 at the 11:09 mark in the second quarter.

The rest of the quarter went back to each team trying to maintain possession and field position; again, it was a pretty even match. Haskell would have last chance of the first half.

Starting on its own 30-yard line, and with the time running out, Haskell moved to the 5 yard line with only seconds left on the clock. After spiking the ball to stop the clock, the Indians had one more play, but failed to score as time expired. The Indians were still in command 13-0 with only one half of play remaining in the game.

The third quarter was similar to the first and second quarters, as both teams again tried to grind out yardage. Haskell would again add another touchdown on its last play of the third quarter, with Barbee getting his third "touch" on a 9-yard run. The two-point conversion run by Short



CELEBRATING BI-DISTRICT WIN—Proudly displaying the Bi-District trophy Haskell was awarded after winning the play-off

game with Roby in Sweetwater, Thurs., Nov. 11, were Haskell team members and many happy fans.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

failed.

On their first play of the fourth quarter, the Indians would get their final TD of this Bi-District game. Barbee lived up to his 'player of the week' honor by scampering 42 yards for the Indians' fourth score. The pass for the two-point conversion fell incomplete. Roby finally put together a 10-play, 68-yard drive to get on the scoreboard, and avoided the shutout. J. W. Chick, Roby's talented QB, passed to Jance Morris for a 19-yard TD strike. Joe Posey added the two-point conversion on an end sweep.

With only 2:08 left in the game, Haskell led 25 to 8. Facing a fourth down and five, the Indians ran a fake punt, with QB Brandon McClatchey picking up 21 yards and a first down to keep the ball in Haskell's possession; a smart play by the Indian coaching staff.

As stated before, it's a sweet thing to be in the position to kneel the ball down for a win. That's the Haskell

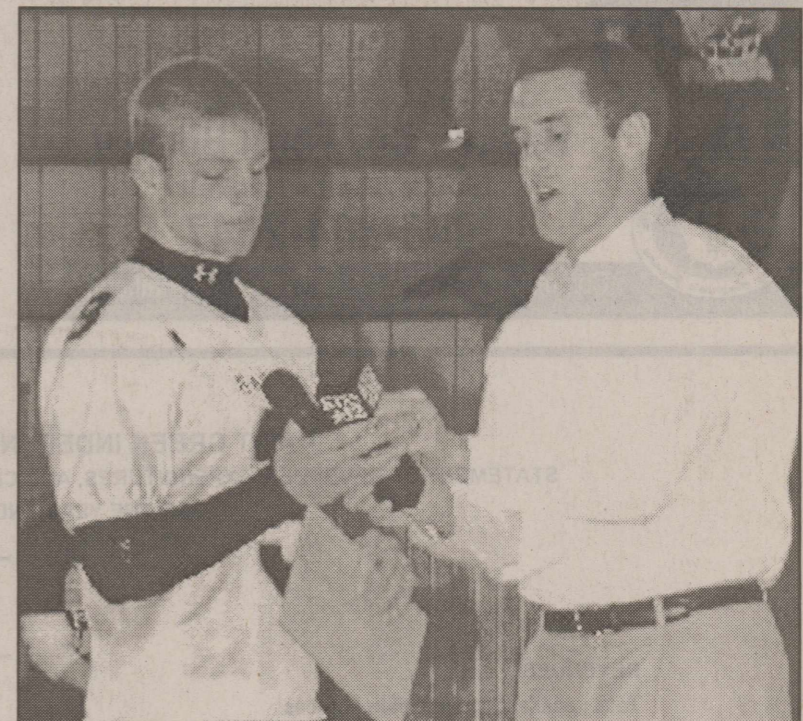
Indians, "Bi-District Champs."

Haskell had 38 rushes for 276 yards, with McClatchey having 13 yards for 83 yards. Barbee had 16 carries for 164 yards, plus an 84-yard kick-off return. He would score all four TDs. Short had 6 carries for 21 yards, and L. J. McCulloch had 3 rushes for 8 yards. McClatchey threw 5 times, completing 2 passes for 30 yards and having one pass intercepted. Webb had one catch for 5 yards, and Barbee had one catch for 25 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Ray Cueller, Short and McClatchey had 9 tackles. McCulloch had 2 "hard knocks."

The Indians will play for the Area Championship Thursday night at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood. Their opponent will be the champs of District 12, Irion County. The Hornets, purple and white, carry a good sting with a record of 10-0.

Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK—Haskell Indian, Josh Barbee, accepts the Player of the Week Award from KTXS and Abilene Teacher's Federal Credit Union.

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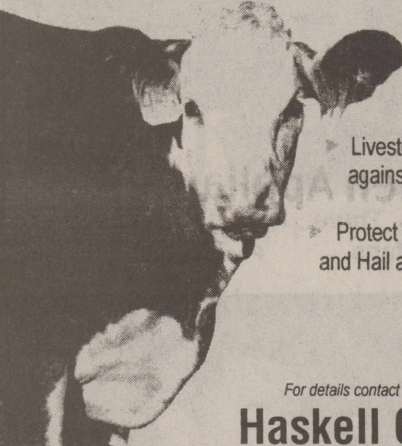
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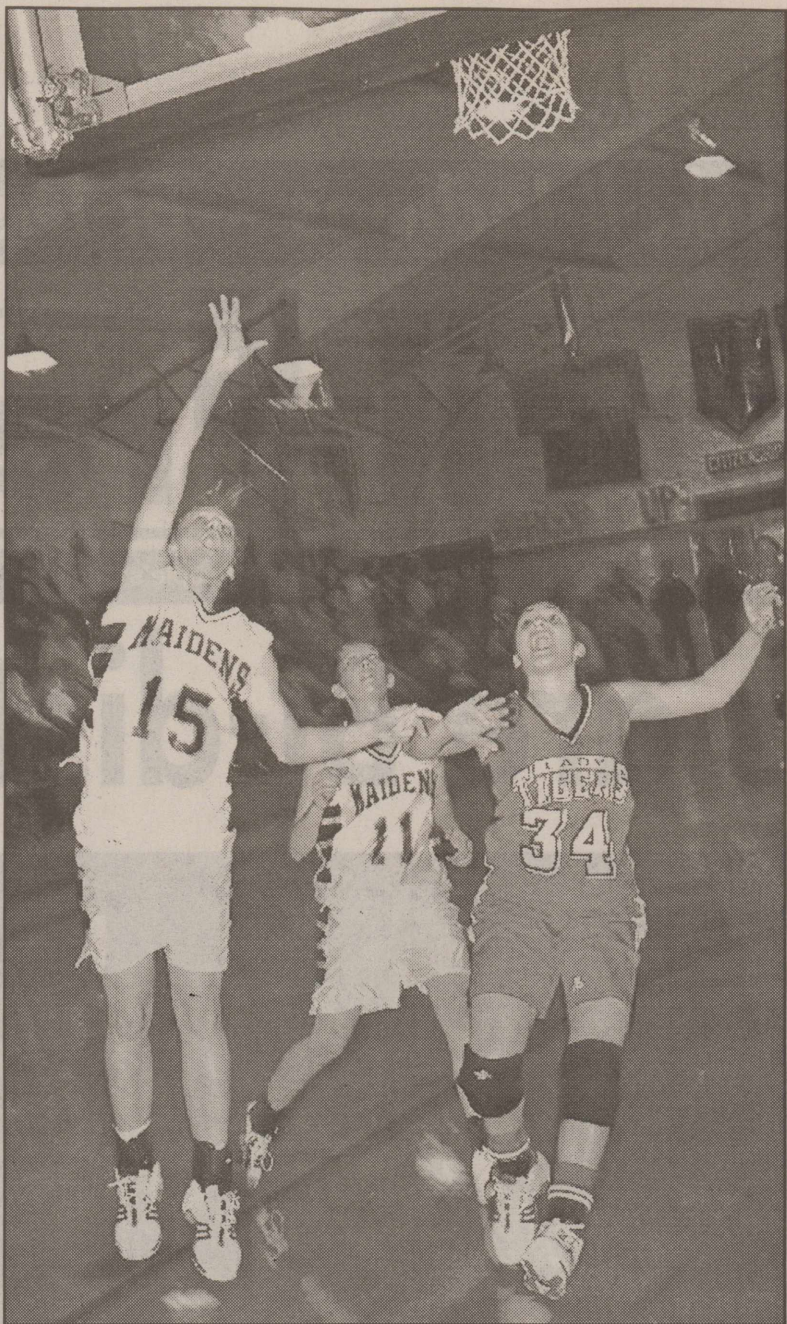


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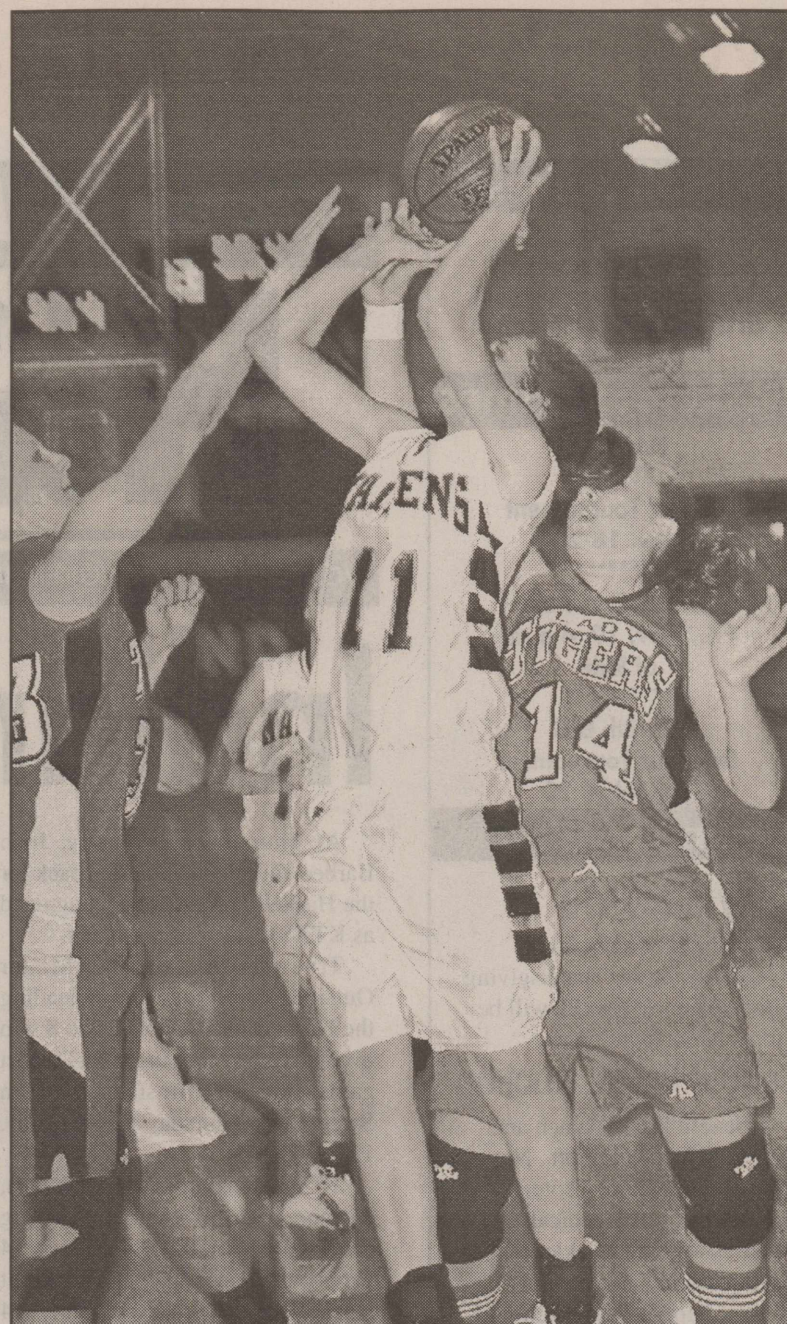
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MAKING POINTS—Indian Maiden, Whitney Wallace #15, leaves the floor to fill the basket in Haskell's winning game with the Anson Lady Tigers, Fri., Nov. 12. Photo by Bill Blankenship



MAIDENS UP OVER LADY TIGERS—Haskell's Chambray Bartley #11, goes up to score in the Maidens' winning game with the Anson Lady Tigers, Fri., Nov. 12. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 655 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 13, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 62 sellers and 33 buyers were present.
 Packers steady. Stockers \$1 to \$3 lower. Feeders steady to \$2 higher.
 Cows: fat, .44-.49; cutters, .42-.52; canners, .25-.44.
 Bulls: bologna, .64-.69; feeders, .85-.97; utility, .60-.65.
 Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.38; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.18; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.10; 800-up lbs., .84-1.00.
 Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.12-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .97-1.15; 600-up lbs., .80-.98.
 Bred heifers medium frame, 700-900.
 Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 875-1050; aged or small, 675-800.
 Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 975-1300; aged or small, 770-925.

\$1,000 REWARD OFFERED

The Rule Booster Club is offering a \$1,000 reward to the person who has information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals who vandalized the Rule Schools on November 4, 2004. Anyone that has information should contact David Parr, Rule ISD Superintendent, by calling 940-996-2809 or 940-997-2521.
 Caller's name will remain anonymous.

Area Basketball scores

Girls
 Rule 54, Munday 37
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 24, Brown 10, Scheets 8, Lisle 8, Lehmann 6, Miller 1.
 JV score: Rule 20, Munday 11.
 Haskell 46, Anson 41
 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 14, Wallace 10, Kendall 8, Pannell 5, McKnight 3, Bartley 2, Tribbey 2, Acosta 2.
 JV score: Haskell 50, Anson 10.

Rule loses play-off bid

Rule was defeated by Throckmorton, 56 to 22 in the bi-district playoffs.
 Rule's Kolt Kittley ran for a touchdown and passed for a touchdown, but lost two fumbles during the game.
 Throckmorton scored big in the fourth quarter, to take the game.

4-H'ers to sign-up for stock shows

Time is drawing near for entries to be made to all major stock shows. All 4-H'ers who wish to enter any of the major stock shows for the 2004-05 season are asked to come to the 4-H major stock show sign-up night Tues., Nov. 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office.
 All youth entering major stock shows need to be present, along with at least one parent/guardian for signatures and payments.
 The major stock shows include Austin, Odessa, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.
 If this date or time is not suitable, please contact Brandon Anderson, CEA-Ag. at the Haskell County Extension Office to make other arrangements, or if you need more information call (940) 864-2658.

GA'S UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9530 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, dated November 25, 1997, Atmos Energy Corporation (successor to TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission) was ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas to file a prudence review every three years to demonstrate that its gas costs are reasonable and necessary. On September 24, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation, in order to comply with the requirements set forth in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, filed the required gas cost prudence review for the period of November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2003. All residential and commercial sales customers of Atmos Energy Corporation formerly served by TXU Gas Company are potentially affected by this proceeding.
 Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at (214) 875-6738. A copy of Atmos Energy Corporation's filing is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Company's business office located at 300 S. St. Paul, 8th Floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Railroad Commission of Texas, Office of General Counsel, Docket Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is December 10, 2004.

En el 24 de septiembre, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation (sucesor a TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission), para cumplir con los requisitos propuestos en el Sumario de Causa Núm. 8664 de Utilidades de Gas, solicitó ante la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas (Railroad Commission of Texas) el requerido repase de prudencia del costo del gas por el periodo del 1 de noviembre, 2000 hasta el 31 de octubre, 2003. Todos los clientes residenciales y comerciales de venta de Atmos Energy Corporation, y anteriormente servidos por TXU Gas Company, son afectados potencialmente por este procedimiento. Personas quienes quieren intervenir en este procedimiento deben ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas, Oficina del Consejo General, Docket Services, P.O. 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. La fecha de vencimiento para intervenir en este procedimiento es el 10 de diciembre, 2004. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a esta solicitud, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al (214) 875-6738.

PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

General Fund	Reading First Special Revenue Fund		Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General	Special		
REVENUES				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$583,044	\$0	\$1,348	\$584,392
State Program Revenues	601,921	0	16,222	618,143
Federal Program Revenues	3,613	175,234	116,841	120,454
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,188,578	\$175,234	\$134,411	\$1,322,989
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	\$457,785	\$175,234	\$85,672	\$543,457
Instructional Resources and Media Services	22,292	0	169	22,461
Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	277	0	0	277
Instructional Leadership	51,830	0	0	51,830
School Leadership	38,335	0	153	38,488
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	19,022	0	0	19,022
Health Services	16,561	0	168	16,729
Student (Pupil) Transportation	57,172	0	181	57,353
Food Services	0	0	63,348	63,348
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	42,814	0	-44	42,858
General Administration	103,542	0	0	103,542
Plant Maintenance and Operations	130,822	0	169	130,991
Data Processing Services	45,580	0	347	45,927
Debt Service Principal on Long-term Debt	6,990	0	0	6,990
Debt Service Interest on Long-term Debt	1,495	0	0	1,495
Intergovernmental - Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	28,923	0	0	28,923
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,023,440	\$175,234	\$150,251	\$1,173,691
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$165,138	\$0	(\$15,840)	\$149,298
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers - In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,840	\$ 15,840
Transfers - Out	(15,840)	0	0	(15,840)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(\$15,840)	\$0	\$15,840	\$0
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	346,122	0	0	346,122
FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	\$495,420	\$0	\$0	\$495,420

Manross presents TEEA program

At the Haskell County TEEA Club meeting Thurs., Nov. 11 at the Haskell Extension Office, members answered roll call with "What is the oldest thing in your house and where did it come from?"

Plans were finalized for the annual training meeting for officers, to be held in Childress, Dec. 2. Seven members of the local club plan to attend.

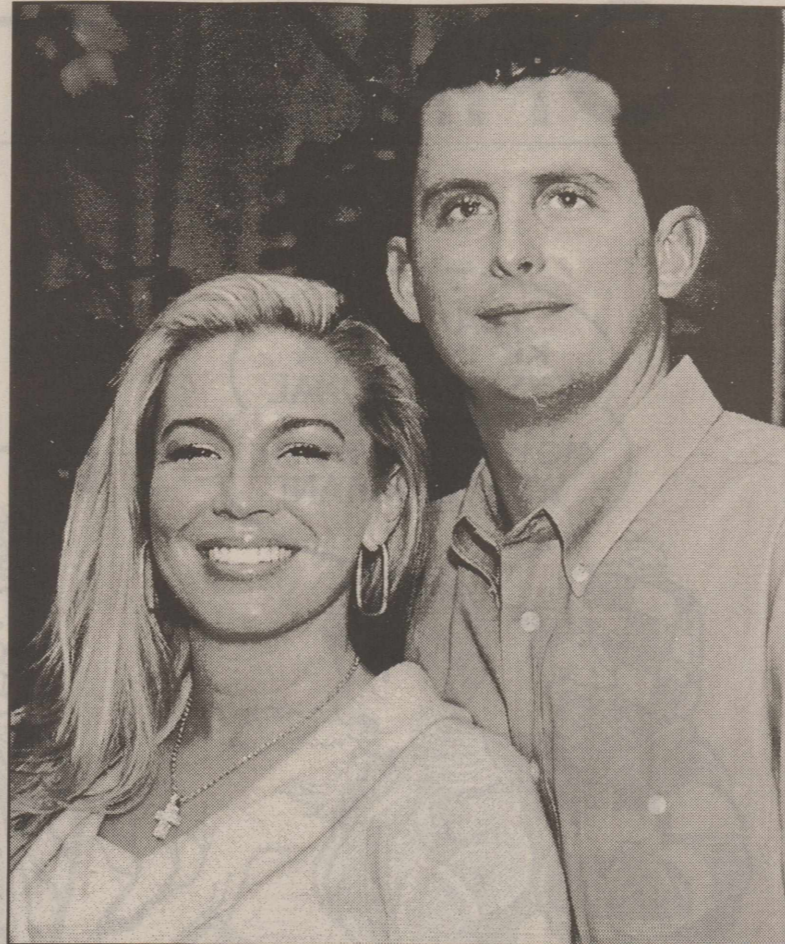
Cynthia Manross gave an informative program about Russia. Manross and her husband, Danny Manross, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, served as missionaries to Russia in June of 1995 and 1996. She

presented facts about the Russian culture, church activities and procedures, and information on the Kremlin. Items given them by the Russian people were displayed as well as pictures and witnessing tools.

Eight members and one guest attended the meeting. New member Shirley Mickler was welcomed to the club.

Refreshments of cake, apple slices with caramel sauce and spiced cider were served by Lena Tidwell.

The club's Christmas party will be held Dec. 6 at the First National Bank building.



TARA LEE STANLEY - JEFFREY KYLE JONES

Couple to wed Feb. 26 in Midland

Tara Lee Stanley, daughter of Bruce and Nancy Stanley of Midland, and Jeffrey Kyle Jones, son of Jerry and Linda Jones of Levelland, have announced their engagement to be married.

Grandmothers of the bride-elect are Fern McGuair of Midland and

Mrs. Vernon Stanley of Comanche.

Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Marcille Jones and the late Leslie Jones, and the late Roy and Margie Medford, all of Haskell.

A wedding ceremony is planned to be held Feb. 26, at the First Christian Church of Midland.

Club honors county officials

The Haskell County Commissioners, County Judge, judge's secretary and their spouses were honored Nov. 8 by the Haskell County Extension Education Association for their support of extension work.

Attending a lunch of Mexican stack, beans and chocolate sheet cake cooked and served by EEA members were Judge David Davis and guests Rhonda Vestal and Roxanne Hamilton from the Council of Governments; Glenn and GERALD Darden; Tammy Anderson;

Agriculture Agent Brandon Anderson and Penny Anderson; Willie Faye Tidrow; Commissioners Kenny Thompson, Tiffen and Erlinda Mayfield, and Johnny and Teresa Scoggins; Bill Baker; Don Ballard; Ted Jennings; Bobby Tidwell; Ben McGee and Jackie Reed.

Members hosting the event were Flossie Bates, Lena Tidwell, Alice Ballard, Sue McGee, Jeri Burke, Pat Jenkins, Mary Jennings, Shirley Reed, Mildred Robertson, Alice Yates, Geraldine Baker and Muriel Nanny.

Sandell pencils in at art meeting

Members of the Brazos West Art Club met Thurs., Nov. 11, in the Haskell National Community Room, for a program by guest artist, Catherine Sandell of Abilene.

The artist presented the fine art of painting with colored pencils, and displayed several examples of the work in various forms, including painting and note cards. Various techniques and aids were demonstrated to achieve the desired effect.

Attending were Nellwyn Beakley, Anita Herren, Marilyn Hodge, Betty Hook, Gary Conn, Martha Spitzer,

Doris Jordan, Betty Berry, Bobbie Harrison, Jerry Bowers, Jamie Anderson, Adaline Laird, Fern Livengood, Jennie Lyckman, Peggy Middlebrook, and guests, Catherine and Caitlynn Sandell.

Hostesses were Betty Berry and Peggy Middlebrook.

Concert

The Weinert First Baptist Church will present Jerry and Judy Underwood and their family group, Set Free, in concert Sun., Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. The public is invited and a love offering will be taken. The Underwoods are former residents of the Weinert, Munday and Goree area and are well-known for their musical talents.

Births

Mike and Sara Rhoads of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Levi Rhoads, born Nov. 7 weighing 7 lbs. and 7 oz. He was 19 1/2 inches long.

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The cause of rheumatoid arthritis is unknown. A possible explanation is that it is an autoimmune (self-immune) disorder, which means that the body is attacking itself, especially the living of the joints. An infectious agent also could be a cause. Rheumatoid arthritis affects the smaller joints of the hands, wrist, feet and ankles before it affects the joints such as the hips, knees and elbows. The disease is symmetric and bilateral, meaning that it affects the same joints on both sides of the body.

Rheumatoid arthritis affects the synovium, the lining of the joints, which becomes inflamed (red, swollen, painful and warm) as if reacting to an infection. The synovium secretes more fluid, making the joint more swollen. Later, the cartilage also becomes involved and eventually becomes rough and pitted. Ligaments and tendons also become inflamed, scarred and shortened by the disease, contributing to the deformities often noticed in the hands and wrists of people with rheumatoid arthritis.

The main symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis are pain and loss of function in the joints. Other symptoms include morning stiffness in one or more joints, warmth in the joints, swelling in at least one or two joints, a tingling or prickling sensation in the hands or feet, tiredness, weight loss, and a feeling of ill health. As the disease progresses, nodules form under the skin, cysts (water-filled masses) develop in the synovium and bone, and the joints and surrounding bone and tissue become deformed. Rheumatoid arthritis is diagnosed based on the symptoms, a physical examination, x-rays, blood tests and other laboratory tests.

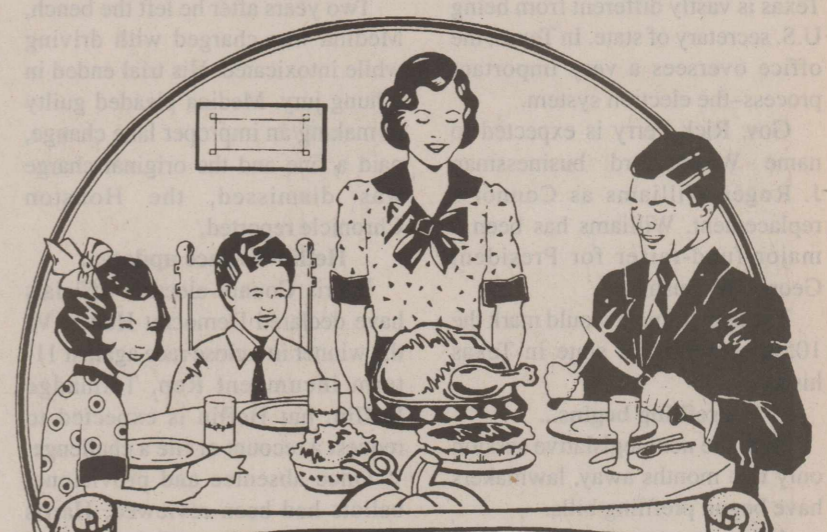
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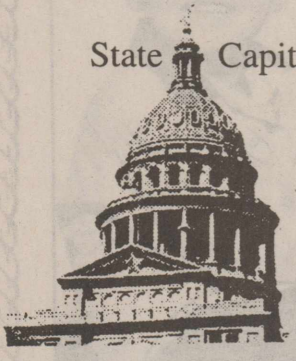
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Texas secretary of state Connor steps down

AUSTIN—No one found the post-election cabinet shuffle in Washington particularly out of the ordinary, but back at the ranch in Texas, Secretary of State Geoff Connor announced his intention to step down at the end of the year.

Of course, secretary of state in Texas is vastly different from being U.S. secretary of state. In Texas, the office oversees a very important process—the election system.

Gov. Rick Perry is expected to name Weatherford businessman J. Roger Williams as Connor's replacement. Williams has been a major fund-raiser for President George W. Bush.

The appointment would mark the 105th secretary of state in Texas history.

Prefiling begins...

With the next legislative session only two months away, lawmakers have begun prefiling bills.

An early eye-catcher is Rep. Warren Chisum's (R-Pampa) bill proposing submission to Texas voters of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a sanctioned relationship open only to male-female couples. That will assure Texas plenty of national media attention.

Other prefiled bills would create a school voucher system, allow law enforcement officers to set up DWI check points, install a business activity tax to replace the existing franchise tax, restore funding for low-cost children's health insurance (as well as those who are employed but poor) and require record votes in the House and Senate.

Supreme Court judge named...

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Houstonian David Medina, his former legal counsel, to the Texas Supreme Court.

Medina will fill the vacancy created when Perry elevated Wallace Jefferson to chief justice to

replace Tom Phillips, who retired earlier this year.

The 46-year-old Medina served as a district judge in Harris County from 1996 to 2000.

"This is a highly qualified jurist who has lived his life in a way that is admirable," Perry said after announcing Medina's appointment. "I let his record speak for itself."

Two years after he left the bench, Medina was charged with driving while intoxicated. His trial ended in a hung jury. Medina pleaded guilty to making an improper lane change, paid a fine and the original charge was dismissed, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Heflin-Vo race update...

Harris County election officials have declared Democrat Hubert Vo the winner in a close race against 11-term incumbent Rep. Talmadge Heflin, but Heflin is expected to request a recount or file a challenge.

Once absentee and provisional ballots had been reviewed, Harris County officials said that Vo led Heflin 20,693 to 20,662, a difference of only 31 votes.

The final outcome has implications well beyond Houston. Heflin is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful posts in the Legislature.

Changing retirement rules...

During the last legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill providing for a golden parachute for state employees willing to retire early. Those who qualified could leave with a one-time payment amounting to 25 percent of their annual salary.

Now the buzz is that some thought is being given to an opposite strategy: changing the Employee Retirement System's Rule of 80 (a state employee can retire if his age and years of service add up to 80) to a Rule of 85. Unless the change comes with a grandfather clause, that could postpone quite a few state employee retirements.

Food safety is critical for happy Thanksgiving

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

To insure a healthier holiday season add food safety to your Thanksgiving meal.

Keep food, countertops, and utensils clean when preparing poultry. Store your purchased turkey

in the freezer or refrigerator. Never leave it in the car trunk, on the back porch, or where the temperature is over 40-degrees Fahrenheit. Thaw the turkey on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to prevent juices from dripping onto other foods.

After the meal, refrigerate leftovers immediately. For more food safety tips, contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS, at (940) 864-2546.

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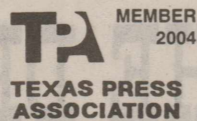
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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Our guest columnist, Paul Clayton of Haskell, a victim of Pulmonary Fibrosis, looks inward, considers his condition, and writes his thoughts while confined with the debilitating disease that destroys the lungs.

After being diagnosed as terminal, he talked to his close friend, Dr. Heflin, interim pastor of East Side Baptist church, who advised him to write about his life with the disease. His writing has also become a way to speak about matters close to his heart. We thank him for sharing from the inside out.

"Whisper Whistling" by Paul Clayton

These are times of my feeling more than usual, the need for the Holy Spirit to come take control of all matters. So much sickness. So much sorrow. Maybe it's the atmosphere of where I've placed myself.

Surely, I feel like the man who so wants to be healthy. Hope against hope. His feelings are strong that if he could only touch the hem of His garment, he would be healed. Maybe, even if in a dream, Christ would come by and let this man touch the hem of His garment, this would

make him whole. Cries of desperation, as there is no hope for the patients of this "silent killer."

We are totally at the mercy of our care givers. If not for them, we would die a lonely, slow and painful death. I'm told that it's like drowning, as our oxygen supplies are denied to our lungs. Finally, the heart simply plays out. This takes as long as it takes any other muscle to die, when deprived of life-giving nutrients, normally delivered by the blood, aren't there. The blood is like a fuel tanker filled with water.

In the meantime, we adjust our attitudes to fit the circumstances; a lesson we've learned many times before, but not with such consequence. Our minds return to days gone by and things we would do differently. No matter how perfect a person, or how terrible a person we were, there are those things we would like to re-do.

Then, there are those times when we walked with the Holy Spirit and felt like we were in the hands of our dear Savior and nothing could harm us, no matter what this disease will try. Those were days of our being blessed by having the freedom to go

to the house of worship to literally bathe in the glory of His presence. The songs carried messages of Christians who put their testimony to music. Singing those gospel hymns with our Christian brothers, committed them to our memory, and they stuck with us throughout the coming week, months and years. How wonderful these songs were, as they kept our minds on things of spiritual value.

These songs kept us in the Spirit. The spirit of the hymns would start deep down in the heart as we applied our craft. Slowly, they would work their way to our throats, and we would begin to hum those precious words of salvation. Then, the humming would give way to full-fledged singing. With hands on the steering wheel, our heads leaning back, our voice was raised so that we sounded like George Beverly Shea, as he set the mood for Billy Graham's message. "How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost by now am found."

Now, I practice the art of effective breathing, whereby we are taught to breathe in deeply and take twice as long to release the air, enabling our lungs to withdraw as much oxygen as they can. "Purse your lips like you are whistling, and let this help you control the amount of air you release in this practise drill." This, then, sets the stage for 'whisper whistling.' Now, it's almost impossible for me to purse my lips and not whistle, even just a little bit.

My daddy could whistle. I watched him as he whistled. He didn't pooch out his cheeks. He did, however, look at me as he whistled, and would, on occasion, raise an eyebrow as though to challenge me to join him. I was not in his class. I can see him now as he whistled, "I was blind but now I see."

So, I purse my lips, and practice the efficient breathing technique. I don't really have a tune in mind. I'm simply trying to survive. But, the longer I breathe efficiently, the more of the gospel songs come to mind.

Labored breathing is a terrible thing. At each breath, one thinks the breathing is going to slow down and return to normal. But it doesn't. Only when the lungs tell the heart to let up, that the supply has met the demand.

After the breathing slows and the anxiety subsides, eyes that have been shut, open to look into the face of our caregiver, and she looks at me with great concern, for each time this happens, she wonders if it is going to be the last.

Then, as only a true caregiver can do, to keep me from getting discouraged she makes light of the situation and says, "If you are going to whisper-whistle those songs, at least you could tell me the name so that I can recognize the tune."

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

We just wanted to say congratulations and good job to the 9A District/Bi-district Champs and their coaches. You have given the people in this town a lot of great games this year, and it isn't over yet.

It has been so long since Haskell has had a football team of this caliber, and it is very exciting. You conduct yourselves in a very positive manner on and off the field, and you carry the pride of Haskell High School and our town to each game with you.

We are having a blast, and enjoy watching you each time you take the field. It is your drive, determination, discipline and pride that make you the champions that you are. You are a great bunch of guys and you deserve all that you are accomplishing and more. You have made your coaches, school, parents,

townspeople and fans very proud, and we are backing each of you at every game you play.

Teamwork is something that has been so obvious this year. No matter who gets the honors, that person always says that they couldn't have done what they do without the other members of the team. This is so true. As many have seen in the past, if you don't have teamwork, then you don't have a team. It takes all 11 men on the field in order to get the job done, and you have been doing the job very well. You are awesome.

Good luck in your future games, and remember, you deserve to be there.

Proud Indian supporters,
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Keep well this winter even without a flu shot

by Jane Rowan

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

People who weren't able to get a flu shot this year can stay healthy with a prescription of common sense.

Most cold and flu germs are spread by direct contact, so wash your hands as often as possible.

Cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or handkerchief. This

keeps the germs off your hands and out of the air. If you do not have a tissue, it's suggested to turn away from people and cough in the air.

Getting adequate amounts of sleep and exercise can also keep you healthy.

If you do get the flu, drink plenty of fluids and seek medical advice.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 17, 1994

Honoring Mrs. Stocks on her 90th birthday in her home were her daughter, Wanda Lancaster and her husband, Hugh. Also helping with the party were Dee Ann Stocks and daughters, Amy Husketh and Julie Griffin; Betty and Jerry Stocks; J. D. and Karen Stocks; and Audie and Wanda Stocks.

Dalyn Griffith of Haskell was featured in an article in the Sunday issue of the Wichita Falls Record News. The article noted Griffith as a good example of the kind of people 4-H'ers become when they grow up.

Misty Rodela of Haskell was winner of the 7th and 8th grade dribbling contest at the Hardin-Simmons University Cowgirl Basketball Clinic. Shooting champs were Kristen Rodela, 4th grade; Katie Thompson, 5th grade; and Angela Aycock, 8th grade.

20 Years Ago November 15, 1984

The grand prize winner of the Turkey Walk for the American Heart Association was Geraldine Hise with Ferrell Coston coming in second, Beulah Persons, a 90 year old resident of the Rice Springs Care Home, also earned \$25 as she walked around the home and received that amount in pledges.

Haskell High School Band Sweetheart Deborah Rodriguez was crowned during halftime ceremonies, at Indian Field. She was escorted by her brother, Patrick Rodriguez.

Sharon Gray of Haskell was named one of the Six White Horse Riders of Hardin-Simmons University for the 1984-85 school year.

30 Years Ago November 21, 1974

Rule cheerleaders, Carol Dudensing, Jan Allison, Sandy Oliver, Fran Wilson, Jami Barbee and Sherry Hawkins attended a National Cheerleaders Association Clinic in Lubbock and came home with a first place trophy which read, State Cheerleading Championship 1974.

Roy Wiseman won first place in the Cyclethon sponsored by the Haskell Chapter of the American Heart Association with Chris Childress coming in second.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boedeker of Sagerton pulled out of their garden a redtop radish which measured 12 inches around.

40 Years Ago November 19, 1964

Induction of two members by the Rotary Club of Haskell raised to five the number of citizens welcomed into the service organization. They were Howard Perry, Jr. and R. C. Couch, Jr.

David Frierson, Haskell trapshooter, broke the club record held by his fellow townsmen, Wallace Wooten, Nov. 1 by cracking 100 straight clay pigeons.

August Angerman of Sagerton won first place honors for her red Valentine rose at the Wolfe Nursery Flower Show in Abilene. Her sister, Hilda Koch, won second prize with her white Saratoga rose.

50 Years Ago November 18, 1954

In a pre-game Homecoming ceremonies in Indian Stadium, Sue Rhoads, Haskell High School junior, was crowned football sweetheart, and tackle Wendell Jones, was acclaimed as football hero.

John Kimbrough of Haskell, who sparked Texas A&M to a national championship in 1939, received football's highest honor at A&M College when he was named to the national Football Hall of Fame.

The Weinert Bulldogs placed three men on the first All-District 4 six-man football team. They were Harley Reeves, C. W. Drinnon and Ed Swanner.

100 Years Ago November 19, 1904

F. G. Alexander and his daughter, Ethel, went to Mineral Wells where he will attend the Methodist conference.

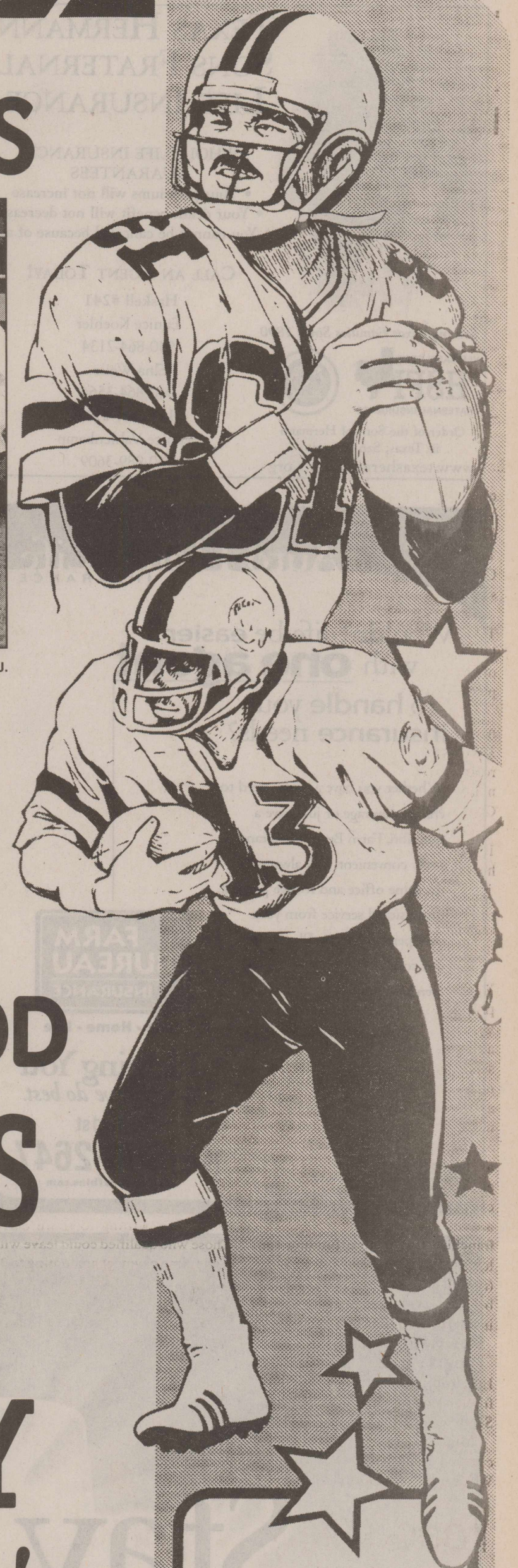
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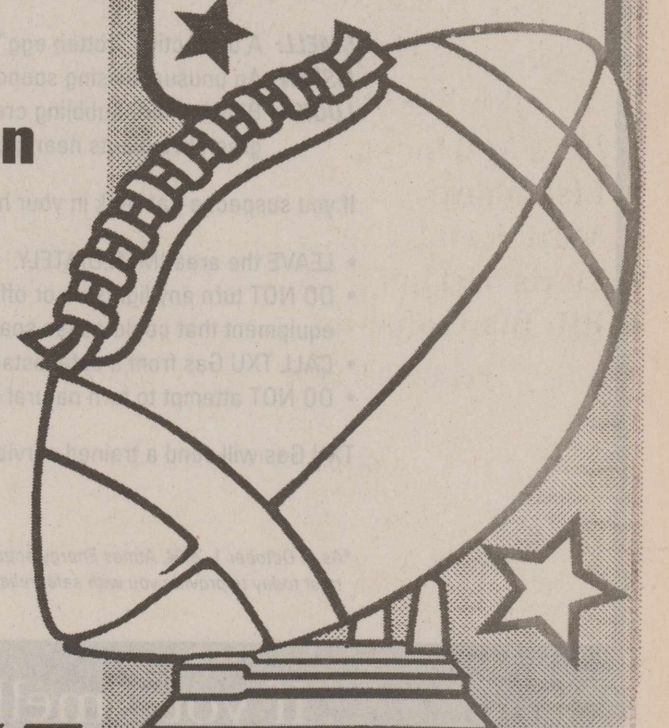
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Junior Sheriff's Posse ends year

The Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse ended their year with a banquet at Mi Familia Restaurant in Stamford, Oct. 23.

During the year the members participated in play days, parades and pivot setting for the TCR, and spent time learning about their horse by competing against other children in different events. An organization for the whole family, members and parents were also involved in a number of parades in surrounding towns.

The All-Around award for 2004 went to Jay Jensen, leader group; Cequin McIlwain, 5 and under; Kaley Mathis, 6 to 10 years old; Laramie Stewart, 11 to 14 years old; and Harvey Terrell, 15 years and up.

New officers elected for the 2005 SJSP were: co-presidents, Tony Jensen and Tommi Jensen; vice-president, Wendy Mathis; secretary, Lisa Terrell; treasurer; Shannon Isbell.

Anyone interested in joining the posse may contact one of these officers.



JR. SHERIFF'S POSSE—Members of the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Posse are front. l-r, Pryce Stewart, Logan Jensen, Tyler Moore, Jay Jensen, Cequin McIlwain, Alye Stewart, Kaley Mathis and Cedar McIlwain. Back, Laramie Terrell, Harvey Terrell, Taylor Stewart, Kameryn Mathis, Laramie Stewart, Makayla Harrington, Nathan Meredith and Tom Spikes.

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Veneman announces elections

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that elections for local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committees are underway.

"FSA County Committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs fit the needs of local producers," said Veneman. "We hope that all eligible voters participate in these elections to ensure that these committees represent the interests of all producers in a community."

Voting ballots have been mailed to eligible voters. Eligible voters who have not received ballots can acquire them from their administering FSA offices. Eligible voters must participate or cooperate in FSA programs. A county or multi-county area served by the County Committee is divided into local administrative areas (LAA). Each

LAA is represented by one member on the County Committee. A person may vote in only one LAA in each county or area.

Ballots must be returned to FSA offices or postmarked by Dec. 6. All ballots will be counted publicly by Dec. 20. Elections may be challenged by nominees within 15 days after the results of an election are posted. Newly elected Committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2005.

In August, new guidelines were issued to ensure that County Committees fairly represent agricultural producers, especially minorities and women in the areas. Some 300 county committee areas were identified as having significant numbers of minority farmers and ranchers. A special outreach campaign was conducted to ensure minority and women were

nominated in those areas. As a result, 97 percent of these targeted county committee areas have minority or women nominees on the ballot.

FSA County Committees make decisions on commodity price-support loans; payment eligibility; establishment of allotments and yields; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; and other farm disaster assistance.

The FSA County Committee system, established in the 1930s, gives local farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how farm programs are administered at the grass-roots level.

Each year, about one-third of the nearly 8,000 County Committee seats are up for election. Committee members oversee operations in more than 2,300 local FSA offices across the nation.

Students named to Who's Who list

Area students listed in the 38th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2003-2004*, included the following.

From Haskell High School; Morgan Acosta, Kristen Barr, Shannon Bird, Brittany Campbell, Roxanne Chavez, Ryan Davis, Shannon Harlan, Caleb Hudgens, Alexis Reed, Jeremy Sorrells, Eden Thomas, Robbyn Tribbey, Greg Andrada, Krystal Baugh, Maria Castorena, Jon Dulaney, Sarah Garcia, Brittany Rutkowski,

Cameron Short, Samantha Steele, Kellye Tidrow, and Christopher Washburn.

From Paint Creek High School; Bonnie Emert, A. J. Shaw, Cyle Brown, Cassidy Cooper, Rebecca Hope, Paula Isbell and Jessica Messenger.

From Rochester High School; Ross Short.

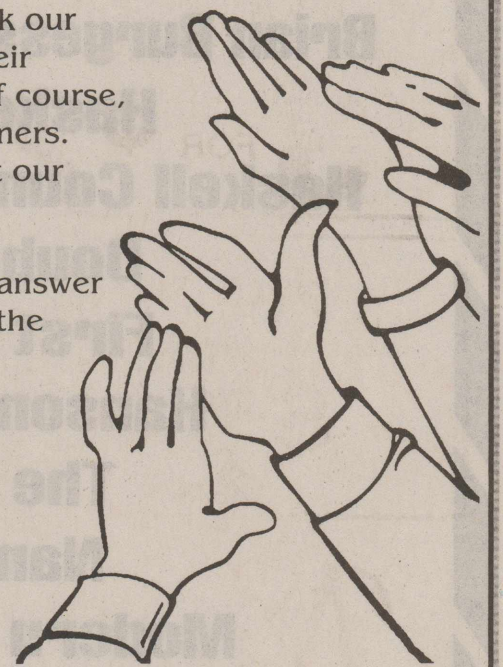
From Rule High School; Carlos Aguinaga, Cheyenne Favor, Misty Davis, Kristin Hertel, Jonathan Hisey, Samuel Turner, Kristen Martinez and Arlis Rogers.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon student's academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 97% of *Who's Who* students are college bound.

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Motivational program set by Rule ISD

Fri., Nov. 19, Motivational Presentations will be at Rule ISD to present the program, "Courage to Stand," to students in grades K-6, and the "Inside Out" program to students in 7th and 8th grades. The show will be set up in the gymnasium on three maximum-size screens.

Through programs on "Bullying," "Peer Pressure," and "Bravery," the Standing in Courage and Standing Strong presentations will challenge students to stand up for others, for what is right and against fear. This will be presented to grades K-6 at 12:50 p.m. in the gym.

The "Inside Out" presentation will be made to grades 7-12 at 1:50 in the gym. It is planned to help students "make positive choices based on inside convictions, not outside influences."

This will address the subjects of drugs and alcohol, violence and bullying, and real vs. fake, giving

students the tools they need to say, "I will not let what's going on outside determine who I am inside."

Leslie Kupatt, Rule ISD counselor, invites parents as well as community members to attend.

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PLAY-OFF KICK-OFF—Haskell Indian, #3, Josh Barbee got the bi-district game with Roby off to a good start for the Indian's with a kick-off return of 84 yards and a touchdown. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNING AGAINST ROBY—Haskell Indian #6, Cameron Short, protects the ball on a run through a den of Roby Lions in the bi-district game, Thurs., Nov. 11. Photo by Bill Blankenship

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Nov. 22

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Chicken, dressing and gravy, green beans, candied yams, cranberries, yeast rolls, German chocolate, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Nov. 24

9:15 a.m. Movie and popcorn
Lunch—Beef stroganoff and rice, coleslaw, English peas, onions, pickles, cornbread, pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Nov. 26

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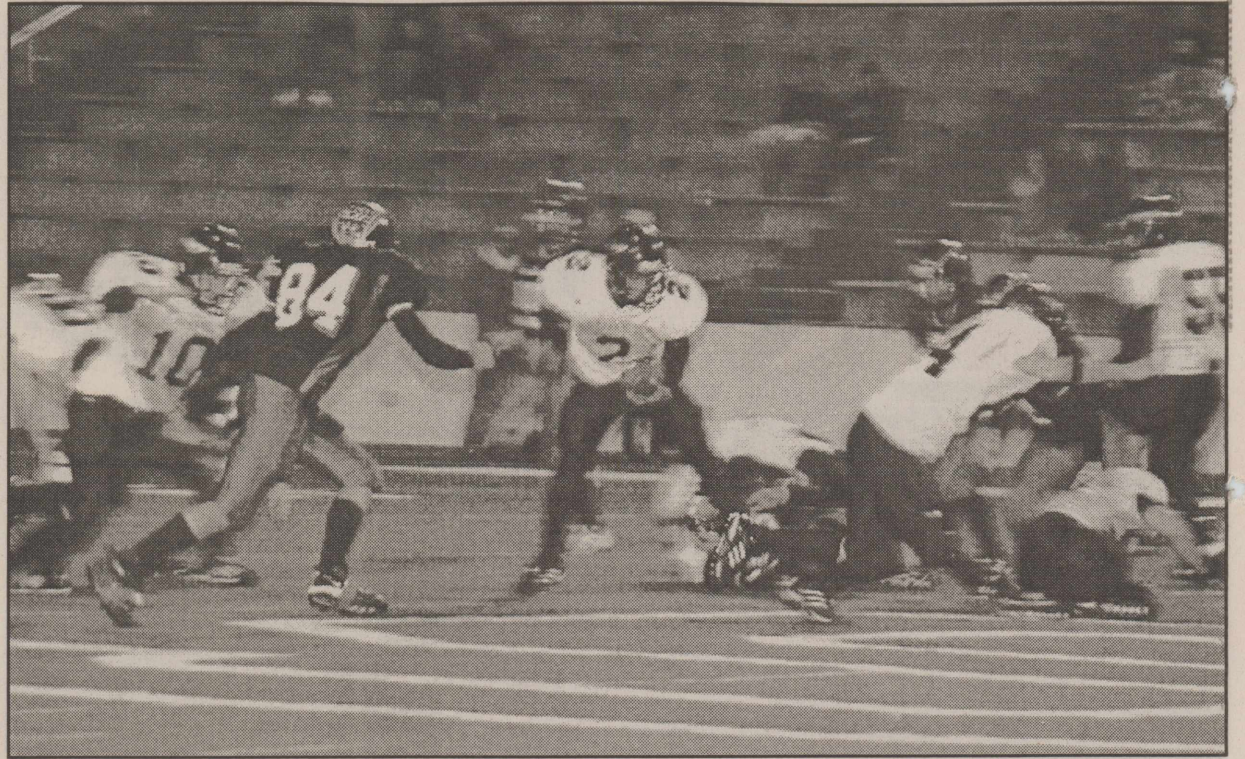


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INDIANS AT WORK—Haskell Indian #2, L. J. McCulloch, makes his way through the Roby defense in the Class A bi-district play-off game in Sweetwater, Thurs., Nov. 11. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Co-op receives high accreditation score

The results of an on site safety inspection conducted by Texas Electric Cooperatives and the thorough review of safety and loss

control documentation by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association are finally in. "I'm proud to announce that Big Country Electric Cooperative received a final accreditation score of 96%," said Fredda Buckner, general manager.

The cooperative received a 93% on field observation and a 95% on the accreditation application. "The cooperative received 100% on the verification process of their application," says Kenneth J. Brubaker, manager of safety programs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). "The random documents supplied for this part of the process more than supported the cooperative's application."

The safety accreditation is recognition for three years of safety activity. "The electric utility business demands a high level of safety awareness and safety performance by all employees," says Dalvin Alexander, electric system manager for Big Country Electric Cooperative.

Maintaining a culture of safety is no small task. "It's one that requires involvement by everyone at the cooperative," says Alexander. The benefit of this type of culture is that employee and member safety is not compromised and does not conflict with the business of delivering electricity.

The accreditation process covers details from safety policies to safety rules; from safety training to safety practices; from fire extinguishers to first aid kits and from substations to

work stations. Vehicle and driver safety are also included in the process. "They go over the cooperative from stem to stem," says Alexander.

"The on site inspection and paper audit are part of a national program that is unique to the utility industry," says Brubaker. "Achieving Accreditation is something that can only be accomplished by systems whose employees, management team and directors are truly safety conscious."

Renewal of the cooperative's safety accreditation status is just one of the rewards of having a complete and thorough safety program. "We're also now entitled to an insurance premium discount with Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange for the next three years," says Alexander.

"I'm proud to be able to work with folks like the ones I've met at Big Country," says Brubaker. "Besides supporting the National Cooperative Safety Standards, their commitment to these safety efforts sends a clear and consistent message to employees and members."

Cooperatives must go through the accreditation process to have their status renewed every three years. The overall goal of the safety accreditation program is to preserve life and to prevent injuries, to establish electric utility safety and loss control standards and to recognize the men and women who work every day to maintain a safe work environment.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD'S LOVE AS PAINTED THE BRILLIANT COLORS OF AUTUMN

The heat of summer's on the wane
And cooler breezes fill the air.
Though sunny days will still remain,
We soon will see the branches bare.
But first, the beauty to be hold,
Of this, the climax of the year;
With leaves that turn to red and gold
Before they fade and disappear.

For whether maple, elm or oak,
Or other kinds, they turn to brown;
And soon, the pungent smell of smoke
Will prove they all came drifting down.
The lessons of our chosen creed
Are there to help us understand
The love that God displays, indeed,
When autumn's beauty paints the land.

—Gloria Nowak

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Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
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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
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Sat. Mass 7 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.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
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
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
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First Baptist Church
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER
Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
Jackie Brem, 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.
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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.
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SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
Philip Houston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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811 Union, Rule
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Sweet
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O'BRIEN
O'Brien Baptist Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

CONGRESS PASSES TAX LEGISLATION

Congress has passed two tax laws that will have an impact on tax planning for individuals and businesses.

• **Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004.** President bush signed this law on October 4, 2004. The law's primary purpose was to extend several tax provisions that either had expired or would soon expire.

The Act extended through 2010 the \$1,000 child tax credit, the expanded 10% income tax bracket, and the larger 15% tax bracket and standard deduction for married couples (double those of single taxpayers). The increase in the alternative minimum tax exemption (\$40,250 for singles, \$58,000 for couples) was extended through 2005.

The \$250 above-the-line deduction for classroom supplies paid for by teachers and the full \$2,000 deduction for the purchase of clean-fuel vehicles were reinstated for 2004 and 2005. A number of business tax credits, including the research and development credit, were extended through 2005.

• **American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.** This \$138 billion export subsidy repeal bill was used by Congress as a vehicle for some unrelated tax provisions. The Act brings important changes for U.S. manufacturers and multinational corporations, but small businesses, farmers and individual taxpayers will also be affected.

The Act allows taxpayers to take a federal tax deduction for state and local sales tax in lieu of state and local income tax in 2004 and 2005. The rules on charitable deductions for donating vehicles to charity are tightened. Taxpayers will be allowed to deduct only the amount a charity receives if the organization sells the vehicle. If the charity keeps and uses the vehicle, the taxpayer must get documentation of the vehicle's value form the organization.

In other provisions, the Act extends through 2007 the \$100,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) expensing limit for business equipment purchases. The amount of first-year expensing for sport utility vehicles (SUVs) used in business is limited to \$25,000. The S corporation rules are changed to allow 100 shareholders, and family shareholders will be combined and treated as one.

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David C. Davis
County Judge 46-47c

NOTICE

Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking bid proposals for property insurance. Bid proposal specifications may be obtained from the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Central Administration Office at 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas. All bid proposals must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. November 19, 2004. Please contact Karen Ratliff, Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521. 940-864-2602, ext. 101. 46-47c

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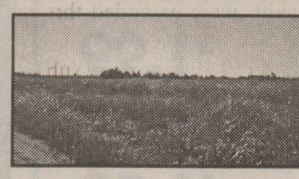


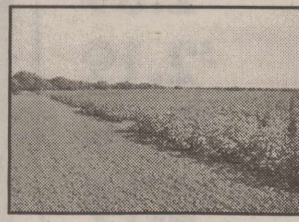


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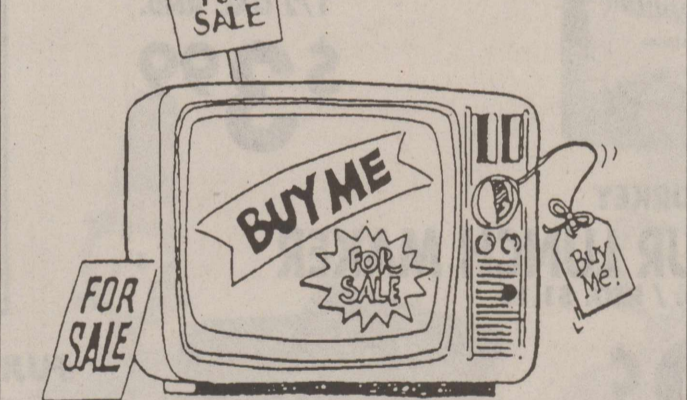
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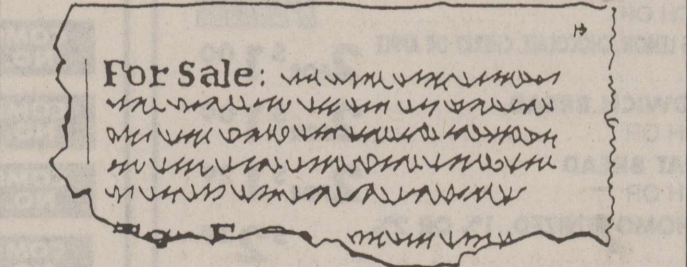
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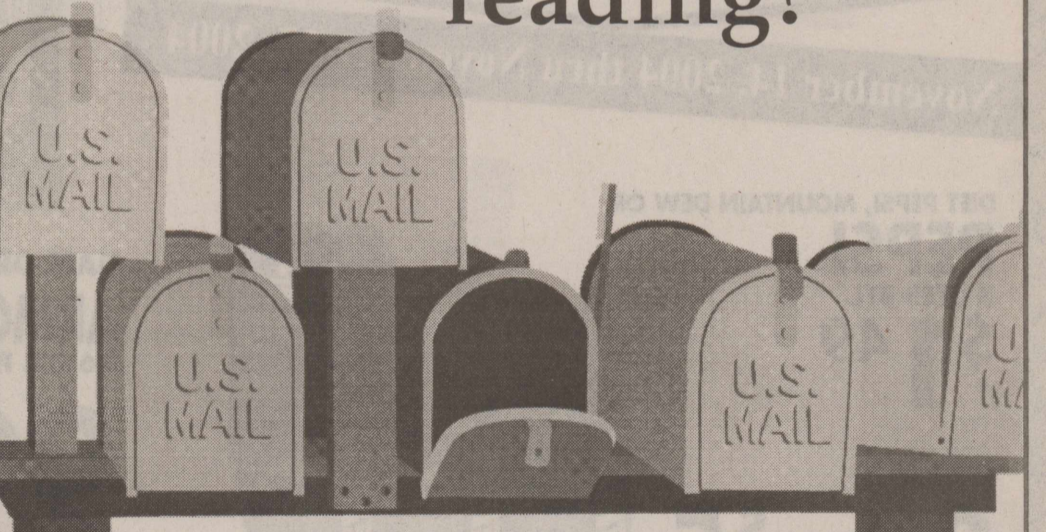
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NATIONAL LEADERS—Winning fourth place in the National Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE) held in Louisville, Kentucky, Oct. 27-28, were Haskell FFA Chapter members, l-r, Brittany Campbell, Stephanie Grand, Lindsay

Pannell, Sydney Roberson, Alexis Reed, Kerri Newton and Jaclyn Drinnon. Pictured with them are Haskell Agriculture teacher, Kenny Cockerell, and FFA advisor, Justin Cox, who coach the team on particular issues and on analyzing research.

FFA team places fourth at nationals

Seven members of the Haskell FFA Chapter competed at the National FFA Career Development Event (CDE), Oct. 27-28, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Haskell Ag Issues Team, consisting of Sydney Roberson, Lindsay Pannell, Alexis Reed, Jaclyn

Drinnon, Brittany Campbell, Kerri Newton and Stephanie Grand, placed fourth out of 35 teams competing in the contest. Each girl also received several individual awards at the national contest.

In the fall of 2003, these girls won the Area II contest, which qualified

them for the State Contest in Huntsville, where they also placed first. In 2003, 273 Ag Issues teams competed in the state.

The local team has made a presentation to numerous civic organizations in Jones and Haskell counties, plus the Texas Ag Teachers

Conference in Abilene and at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. They have also been in the national Biodiesel Website. The team is coached by Justin Cox and Haskell Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, Kenny Cockerell.

Top 4-H members to be honored

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
An outstanding 4-H club member from Haskell County will be honored at the Rolling Plains District 3 4-H Gold Star banquet at 7:00 p.m., Mon., Nov. 22 in Haskell at the Haskell Civic Center. Among the top 4-H'ers in the District being honored will be Emery Dudensing, son of Lynn Dale

and Renee Dudensing of Sagerton. The banquet will have a slide show presentation featuring the Gold Star recipients. The banquet is planned and conducted by 4-H'ers on the District 4-H Council executive committee of the 2004-05 District 4-H Council. Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H will attend the banquet to salute the

county winners. To qualify for the Gold Star award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, participate in 4-H for three years, complete a 4-H Recordbook and have at least three 4-H projects. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher

achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Galen Chandler, District Extension Administrator. The awards will be presented by Galen D. Chandler, District Extension Administrator for the Texas Cooperative Extension.

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