Football games

HASKELL 7-8-JV Indians vs Hawley Thurs., Nov. 2, 4 p.m. at Hawley Indians vs Hawley Fri., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Haskell

PAINT CREEK JH Pirates OPEN Thurs., Nov. 3 Pirates vs Woodson Fri., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Woodson

RULE JH Bobcats vs Guthrie Thurs., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m. at Guthrie **JV Bobcats OPEN** Thurs., Nov. 2 **Bobcats OPEN** Fri., Nov. 3

Basketball games

HASKELL 7th-8th G vs Stamford Mon., Nov. 6, 5 p.m. at Stamford JV-V G vs Clyde Thurs., Nov. 2, 5:15 p.m. at Clyde (Scrimmage) JV-V G vs Throckmorton Tues., Nov. 7, 5 p.m. at Throckmortonp

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., Nov. 9 edition. Space is limited to the first fourteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Pictures of veterans who have not been published in previous editions are preferred. Call 864-2686 for

Study Club supper

The Progressive Study Club will host their chicken tetrazzini supper Fri., Nov. 3 at the High School cafeteria from 5:30 t 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Call 864-3439 for free ticket delivery. Tickets may be bought at the door unless sold out.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Haskell National Bank for Darlene Swinney.

Concert

A Christian Country concert with Peter Lewis Whitebird will be held Sat., Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Church of God, 714 E. Hwy. 380 in Haskell.

Potato supper

Paint Creek Baptist Church youth group will host a baked potato supper Sat., Nov. 4 at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and \$4 at the door. Proceeds benefit the youth's church camp fund. Contact Kathy at 864-2579 or Beverly at 864-3318 for more information.

Sagerton Bazaar

The annual Sagerton Hobby Club bazaar will be held Sat., Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Featured will be arts, crafts, baked good and holiday items for sale. For information call 940-997-2103 or 325-773-3832.

Focus group

The Haskell County Probation Department is hosting a focus group for recognizing and preventing child abuse. The first meeting will be held Tues., Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall. Information packets will be provided for all those attending. No registration fees are required. Refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP, call Lonnie Rolls or Pat Bivins at 940-864-8910 or 864-3627.

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Vote Tuesday

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SUCCESSFUL HEALTH FAIR-Over 200 attended the Haskell Health Fair on Tues., Oct. 24 at the new Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building. Vendors offered education, brochures and goodies during the fair. Flu shots were available

and a few helicopter rides were given. The fair was sponsored by Haskell Healthnet. Maria Martinez, far right, visits the Haskell Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies booth and workers, I-r, Debbie Kreger, Don Kreger and Ruby Martin.

Election set Tues.

The general election will be held Tues., Nov. 7. The early voting will continue at the Haskell County Courthouse during working hours through Fri., Nov. 3. The last day for mail out ballots by the County Clerk's office was Tues., Oct. 31.

Locations of Haskell County polling places are as follows:

Box 1: St. George Catholic Church, 901 N. 16th St., Haskell Box 2: Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Box 3: Extension Building, S. Ave. D, Haskell

Box 4: Experienced Citizens

Center, S. 1st St., Haskell Box 5: Rule High School Gym,

1100 Union Ave., Rule Box 6: Rochester Fire

Department, Main Street, Rochester Box 7: O'Brien City Hall, Grand Central Ave., O'Brien

Box 8: Weinert School Building, Hillmer Street, Weinert

Box 9: Paint Creek School Library, FM Road 600, Paint Creek Box 10: Sagerton Community Center, Garfield Ave., Sagerton

All voters are reminded that they must bring their voter registration card, drivers license or other form of identification when they come to

Stanton; to tace Hawley

Haskell downed the Stanton Buffaloes, 40 to 21 on a chilly night in Stanton. Scoring in every quarter, the Indians managed to hold the lead throughout the entire game.

Haskell running back Greg Guzman hit pay dirt first on a oneyard run at the 4:03 mark of the first quarter. Gerrardo Torres added the PAT point with a perfect kick.

Stanton tied the game at 7, scoring on the opening play of the second quarter and kicking the PAT.

Rodriquez scampered 16 yards for the second TD of the evening for the Indians. Again Torres added the PAT kick. On a 28-yard run, running back Travis Adams put the score at 20-7. The PAT kick was no good.

The Buffaloes added the last 7 points of the quarter, scoring with only 53 seconds left in the first half. The PAT was good, closing the score-Haskell 20, Stanton 14 at intermission.

Haskell would add more scoring Haskell running back Justin in the third quarter, when Rodriquez

got his second TD on a 25-yard carry. Adams added the two point conversion run. Stanton got their last score on a 43-yard TD pass, and added the PAT kick.

Guzman got his second TD on a 10-yard carry with 8:05 left in this important road game for the Indians. The PAT kick was blocked. Adams would finish the scoring for the Indians on a 63-vard TD run right up the middle of the field. The try for a two-point conversion failed.

Haskell, via this win of 40-21, moves their season record to 8 and 0, and their District 5AA record to 5

The Indians had 43 rushes for 385 yards. QB Matt Brown had 11 carries for 89 yards. Running back Adams had 144 yards on 13 rushes and 2 TDs. Running back Guzman got 2 TDs on 14 carries and 89 yards. Running back Rodriquez had 5

carries for 63 yards. The Indians will play their last home game of the season Friday at Indian Field with the Hawley Bearcats. Hawley has only one loss in District 5AA play. Again, this will be another nail biter for Haskell. Kick off time will 7:30 p.m.

The 8th grade Warriors and the JV Indians were defeated by Stanton. The 7th and 8th grade Warriors and the JV Indians will play in Hawley Thursday. The games start at 4:30 p.m.

Friends of Faith to meet Saturday

planned by the Friends of Faith for all women of the Big Country will be held Sat., Nov. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Guest speakers will be Treasures of Grace ministry team members, Linda Burson, Carolyn Herring, Siri Livengood and Jimi Coplen.

Their ministry began in October 2003 when Burson and Herring began leading worship and teaching a Bible study at Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center in Haskell. Ministering to women inmates from the county, state, Wyoming and foreign countries every Thursday night, it was evident that there is a need for Bibles for the prisoners.

They began giving Bibles to the inmates for personal use, choosing The Answer Bible, because it is written in everyday language, and easy to read.

As they continued to minister, in the fall of 2004, Livengood of Stamford and Coplen of Aspermont, joined them. Later, Cynthia Manross ecame a part of the team.

Burson received a letter from an inmate, who had heard about the Bible and requested one for herself. As women were transferred from Haskell to other prisons, letters

The Spiritual Fall Brunch began coming in requesting The Answer Bible. Haskell East Side Baptist Church adopted Treasures of Grace as a ministry. Today, approximately 2000 Bibles have been given away to those serving time in local and state prisons. The team says it is a blessing for them to share their ministry with the Friends of Faith.

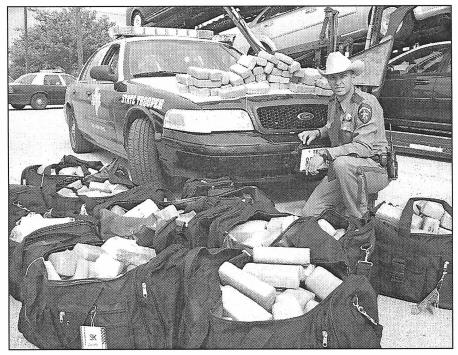
> Friends of Faith is an ecumenical group started in Haskell for women from all churches who enjoy sharing an informal time of Christian fellowship. The time together offers an added opportunity for fellowship, deeper understanding and fulfillment in the common bonds of Christian faith.

All women are invited to come and enjoy this time of praises and prayers, listening to these insightful guest speakers, and growing in their walk with God.

Casual attire is recommended for the day that will begin with prayer, praises led by the Friends of Faith Singers, and a "get acquainted" time of fellowship.

At mid-morning a fall brunch will be served. Anyone attending who wishes to contribute to the fingerfood fare may bring a covered dish.

There is no charge, but a love offering will be received to cover



DRUG SEIZURE-DPS Haskell Trooper Brody Moore stopped a northbound truck tractor transporting new vehicles to a dealership in Fort Worth Tues., Oct. 24. The truck was stopped for a traffic violation south of the Munday city limits on U.S. 277. During the course of the traffic stop interview Trooper Moore detected several items which gave him reasonable suspicion to believe contraband could possibly be in the vehicle. He was given consent to search the vehicle, and uncovered ten duffel bags containing numerous bricks of marijuana concealed in several of the new vehicles that were on the trailer. Two suspects, Enrique Villegas and Antonio Rascon, were arrested for Delivery of Marijuana more than 50 lbs. less than 2,000 lbs., a First Degree Felony. There were 529 individual one pound bricks of marijuana, totaling 605 lbs., concealed inside of the ten duffel bags which were destined for Oklahoma City. Trooper Moore was assisted by Troopers Nick Jimenez, Cody Pack, Jason Zeissel and Sgt. Jodie Tullos. Knox County Sheriff's office and Haskell County Sheriff's office provided assistance.

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CITY ACCEPTS GRANT FOR LOCAL PROJECTS-Making the formal presentation to the city at the West Central Texas Council of Governments meeting in Abilene , were, I-r, Mike Lytle from Congressman Rick Hardcastle's office, Nicki Harle, Executive Director of TMCN, Haskell Mayor Ken Lane, Oralia Cardenas, Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) Director of Community Development, and ORCA Executive Director, Charlie Stone.

Haskell recognized for contribution to local project

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored the City of Haskell Oct. 25 at the West Central Texas Council of Governments meeting in Abilene for having secured a \$225,000 Texas Capital Fund grant from the agency for a water and sewer project for the LaVista Place retirement center.

Haskell as one of 47 grant recipients from the South Plains area recognized at the event. The recipients received more than \$5 million in grants awarded by ORCA between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. The funds supported a variety of local

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ORCA honored the City of undertakings, including local infrastructure development (planning, capacity building, water, wastewater) projects, disaster relief, healthcare accessibility enhancements, medical facility improvements, and healthcare professional recruitment endeavors,

> "We commend the efforts of every recipient for their dedication to supporting their rural Texas community," said ORCA Executive Director, Charles (Charlie) S. Stone. "ORCA was created to assist rural Texans with building their own communities, and I applaud everyone who applied for funding to address the needs of their community."

Heating and cooling

Your home's heating and cooling system has a tough job keeping up with Texas weather.

The heating system should warm your home to at least 68-degrees and the cooling system should cool to at least 78-degrees.

In single thermostat homes, the temperature throughout the house shouldn't vary more than four degrees. Every room will have a register-the metal outlet in a vent where conditioned air comes outwith an air-flow control. Adjust air flow by simply moving the lever located on the face of the register.

If you have any problems with your thermostat, registers or the temperature, consult a professional.

EEA members learn car care tips

County Extension office Oct.19. Eleven members and guest Connie Cothron answered the roll call with, "What am I doing for my health?" The business meeting was opened with a reading of the TEEA Yearbook Epilogue.

The birthday calendar sales project was very successful this year, and members would like to thank the public for their support of this endeavor. Club members have been busy with various community service activities. Geraldine Baker, Sue McGee and Alice Yates served as judges for the Knox County Achievement Fair held in Benjamin

members will sponsor a booth at the annual health fair to be held on Oct. 24. Theme of the booth is "Put it Outside," with handouts and visual aids provided about the dangers of smoking around children and

Sept. 19. Agent Jane Rowan and

Plans were initiated for upcoming activities including the Commissioners' appreciation luncheon, fall training meeting in Vernon, the annual Christmas event, and concession stand for the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show.

Joetta Burnett presented the program entitled "The Little Ole Lady from Pasedena," which

maintenance. She began with a reading of "If My Body Were a Car." Burnett gave handouts for a basic tool kit to carry in your car as well as an accident detail reporting form. She also stressed the importance of knowing tire pressures and proper rotation, checking oil and transmission fluids correctly, purchasing gasoline, and keeping records of car repairs in your glove

Cynthia Manross and Sue McGee served as hostesses for the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

Louncil report

The Haskell City Council met in regular session Oct. 23, with Mayor Ken Lane, Councilmen Jimmy Roberts, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, City Attorney Shane Hadaway, and eight members of the community attending.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by Bob Smith.

On a motion by Smith, the approved recommendation made by Lane to appoint Chan Guess to finish out the term of councilman seat vacated by

On a motion by Roberts, the council approved the purchase of

land from Wilda Medford and Davis and Wardlaw, and for Mayor Lane to sign all documents and add the difference from the first document to Kent Oil Co.

Emergency Applications for emergency farm

loans for losses caused by drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred Jan. 1, 2006 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, said Larry P. McDaniel.

Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Young counties, along with all area surrounding counties, have been designated as disaster counties in various disaster determinations, were recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johann as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred Jan. 1, 2006 and continuing.

McDaniel said farmers may be

On a motion by Smith, the approved council recommendation made by Chief of Police Tom Bassett to put a four-way stop at North Ave. C and 4th St. Bassett presented a petition by the residents of the area. Smith and Meredith voted for, Jimmy Roberts voted against.

Discussion was held about the fence and overhangs to be put up around the new city barn. Also discussed were the locations to put a fenced-in lot to store materials, culverts and dumpsters.

Mayor Lane announced that the city council would enter into executive session at 7:38 to discuss pending litigation as allowed under Government Code 551.071.

The council returned to general ession at 8:06.

On a motion by Smith, the council approved the waiver of and consent to encroachment for the bills.

property at 1307 North Ave. L and North 14th St.

In his administrator report, Brandon Anderson said the status of the Assisted Living Center's loan with U.S.D.A. is awaiting a drawing by the architect, and approval by the local committee. Then it will be put out for bids, and a general contractor will be hired. The time line is approximately 4 months, and the City has completed all of the conditions required by the T.D.A. for the grant to put in the infrastructure for the facility.

Anderson said the O.R.C.A. grant has been applied for and the city will be waiting to find out if the application has been approved. The city has been approved for the grant to purchase a new K-9 vehicle for the police force.

On a motion by Smith, the council approved the paying of all

tarm loans accepted

eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 12, 2007 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority

The FSA office at 607 N. 1st St. East is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.





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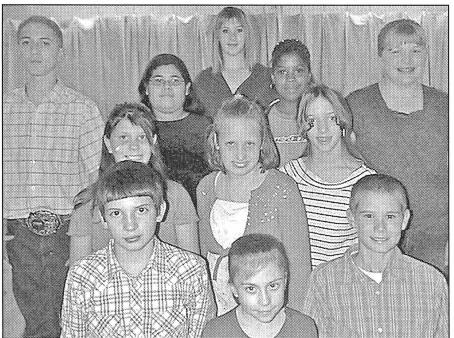
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SENIOR DIVISION PARTICIPANTS-Competing in the Senior Division of the 2007 County 4-H Food Show were I-r, back row, Shelby Starr, Molly Dudensing and Brooke Bullinger. Front row, Kate Rowan and Andrea Anderson. Not pictured is Candace Brister.



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION CONTESTANTS-Intermediate participants of the County 4-H Food Show held in Paint Creek Oct. 23 were, I-r, back row, Payne Utley, Celeste Caddell, Stephanie Threet, Caitlan Johnson and Jenny Dudensing. Middle row, Katie Jones, Tillie McGuire and Allison Petty. Front row, Stewart Urich, Ashley Adams and River McTasney. Not pictured is Laycee Tullos.



FOOD SHOW PARTICIPANTS-Junior Division participants of the County 4-H Food Show held Oct. 23 include, I-r, Emily Fouts, Crissy Bassett, Sarah Campbell, Kourtney Howard, Meghan Glover, Emmalee McCormick and Aaron Urich.

Local 4-H'ers compete at annual food show

by Jane Rowan CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Twenty-six 4-H youth from throughout Haskell County competed at the annual 4-H Food Show held Mon., Oct. 23 at the Paint Creek School cafeteria, hosted by the Haskell Jr. 4-H Club.

4-H members prepared a recipe of their choice and participated in an interview with a panel of judges about the preparation of their recipe, the nutritional qualities of their dish and basic nutrition knowledge.

Results of the judging were. Junior Main Dish: 1. Emily Fouts, Sagerton; 2. Aaron Urich,

Rochester. Junior Fruit & Vegetable: 1. Sarah Campbell, Rule.

Junior Bread & Cereal: 1.Crissy Bassett, Haskell.

Junior Nutritious Snacks: 1. Meghan Glover, Rochester; 2. Kourtney Howard, Haskell.

Junior Desserts: 1. Emmalee McCormick, Haskell; 2. Samantha Lewis, Rule.

Intermediate Main Dish: 1. Allison Petty, Rule; 2. Laycee Tullos, Haskell.

Intermediate Fruit & Vegetable: 1. Ashley Adams, Haskell.

Intermediate Bread & Cereal: 1. Stewart Urich, Rochester; 2. Katie Jones, Paint Creek. Intermediate Nutritious Snacks:

1. Tillie McGuire, Haskell; 2. Stephanie Threet, Rule; 3. Payne Utley, Paint Creek; 4. Caitlan Johnson, Haskell. Intermediate Desserts: 1. Jenny

Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. River McTasney, Haskell; 3. Celeste Caddell, Rule.

Senior Main Dish: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell.

Senior Fruit & Vegetable: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 2. Andrea Anderson, Haskell; 3. Shelby Starr, Rule.

Senior Bread & Cereal: 1. Molly Dudensing, Sagerton.

Senior Nutritious Snacks: 1. Kate Rowan, O'Brien.

First place winners in all junior, intermediate and senior categories will advance to the district

Bazaar

The Sagerton Hobby Club's twenty-fourth annual bazaar will be Nov. 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center.

Proceeds from the bazaar will benefit the Scholarship Fund and community projects. This past year, six scholarships were awarded to graduation seniors from the Sagerton area

Arts, crafts, baked goods, candies and Thanksgiving and Christmas items will be for sale. Lunch will be ailable

For booth information, call 940-997-2103 or 325-773-3832.

Admission is free.





in Vernon.

The county food show was sponsored by the Haskell County 4-H & Youth Development Committee and the Haskell County Extension Education Association.

Cookbooks featuring each of the participants recipes are available from the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Cost is \$1.00.

Prior to the county food show 4-H members participated in a variety of learning activities related to foods & nutrition. Several of the 4-H'ers had the opportunity last summer to tour the Loving Care

competition to be held Sat., Dec. 9, Ministry to prepare sack lunches for the homeless, Hendrick Medical Center with a program on "Childhood Obesity" and Mary's Paletereia for some authentic "Mexican ice cream."

This fall many of them collected canned foods and donated to the Noah Project-North. First year participants were invited to a special workshop Oct. 18 to acquaint them with the project and food show as well as teaching them basic cooking skills.

A multi-county workshop was also conducted in October that featured a variety of learning sessions on foods around the world.

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Last weekend, Hyrum and Jean Richards and Lois Redwine went to Monett, Missouri to visit with Jean's sister and brother-in-law and Lois' daughter and son-in-law, Coe and Suzy McElmurry. On Friday, they went to Miller, Missouri and had lunch with Coe's mother, Almo McElmurry, his sister, Jan and some friends. On Saturday, the Richards and the McElmurrys went to Branson and saw the Mickey Gilley show and the Shaji Tabuchi's show. On Sunday, Suzy and Lois went to services in the United Methodist

Church, On Monday, the Richards and Lois returned home.

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum on Sunday were Floradean Cockerell of Abilene and Sammy and Peggy Hawkins of Aspermont.

Audrey and Caden Tatum of Amarillo spent the weekend visiting their grandmother, Margaret Tatum and other relatives. On Saturday night, they and Creora and the Christopher Tatum family went to their grandpa Bill's in Abilene for a Halloween party.



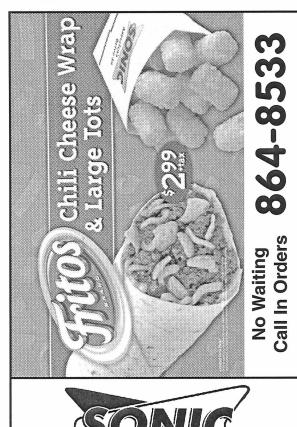
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Candidates put on final push for Nov. 7

AUSTIN-Candidates in the major races must not think you've heard quite enough from them.

They're packing the few days remaining until election day (Tues., Nov. 7) with ads on TV and radio to make sure you're crystal clear on their campaign slogans.

If you want facts about the candidates and information such as where to vote you can mute your TV or radio and:

•Get a free voter guide from The League of Women Voters of Texas;

•Go to the Secretary of State's Web site to find out where to vote, based on your home street address.

Now, Democrats may gain a few seats in the Texas House of Representatives, but Republicans are expected to retain their majority.

Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry holds a solid lead in the pre-election polls, but the lead could vanish if more than a third of registered voters actually cast ballots.

An unusually high turnout would give each of Perry's challengers, Democrat Chris Bell and independents Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a shot at

Whether the war in Iraq, ethics scandals in Washington, D.C., falling gas prices and a soaring stock market will affect voters' ballot choices is anyone's guess. Voters could head for the polls in droves or take a pass from their civic duty out of cynicism.

For those who are agonizing over choices on the ballot, maybe the extra hour of sleep thanks to the Oct. 29 end of daylight-saving time won't hurt.

Aid coming for flood zone

Gov. Perry on Oct. 23 issued a disaster proclamation for nine southeast Texas counties affected by severe storms and flooding since Oct. 15.

Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler.

Qualifying communities with populations less than 50,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000 are eligible to receive up to \$350,000 in emergency grants from the Office of Rural Affairs Community

infrastructure losses. But only homeowners who have Competition Act.'

damages if their home floods.

Comptroller says end

Comptroller Strayhorn said Texas should terminate its five-year

The global company with \$16

Last May, a trio of state lawmakers, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso; Rep. Carter Casteel, R-New Braunfels; and Rep. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio; asked Strayhorn's office to study the Accenture

After a five-month study, Strayhorn's office found that through August of this year, enrollment in CHIP, the Childrens Health Insurance Program, decreased by 8.5 percent, or 27,567 children. Also, enrollment in children's Medicaid fell by 53,937 over the period.

Strayhorn said the next Legislature, which convenes in January, should appoint a special master to oversee the program and "stop the drain on tax dollars."

Accenture made Strayhorn said.

Freshman U.S. Sen. Barak Obama, D-Ill., appeared at the state Capitol to sign copies of his book, "The Audacity of Hope," at the 11th annual Texas Book Festival. Obama spoke from the dais in the Texas House. Before he made the trip to Austin, Obama said he is considering a run for the presidency in 2008.

Those counties include Hardin, paid a courtesy visit to Austin to stump for gubernatorial candidate Chris Bell.

Nelson to file AED legislation

State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, announced plans to file legislation requiring that Automatic External Defibrillator devices be available at all Texas public high school sporting events by fall 2007.

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billion in net revenue last year has been responsible for administering through its call center Medicaid, the Lone Star Card, and other health and human services to needy Texans since Dec. 1, 2005.

The special master would be in charge of a turnaround team "funded by the \$20 million in excess profits while mismanaging its contract,"

Dem dignitaries come to town

U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.,

She calls her legislation the "Safe

NASTY! NASTY! THEY SHOULD GET TIME-OUTS!

AS U.S. ELECTIONS NEAR, CIVILITY GROWS DISTANT...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press 30 Years Ago

October 28, 1976

Terry and Ronnie and Mark Bailey

home were Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Lindeman, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby

Flick of Kress and James and

Calk family and the Billy

Middlebrook family went to see the

Cowboys play the Chicago Bears

their granddaughters, Stephanie,

Carrie and Jennifer visiting over the

40 Years Ago

October 27, 1966

returned home after visiting their

daughter, Mrs. Claude Thompson

and family of the S.M.S. Ranch near

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gilbreath of

Abilene, spent the weekend with her

mother, Mrs. J.L. Reid, Sr.

Gilbreath is the former Wilma Pearl

Reid and a 1938 graduate of

Mrs. Thomas Murry of Pomona,

California and her brother, Billy Joe

Mapes of Luling, visited in the

homes of their uncles and aunts Mr.

and Mrs. Elmer Wheatley, Mr. and

Mrs. Elbert Mapes and Mr. and Mrs.

50 Years Ago

Rochester High School.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pinkard had

Tom Pritchard family, the Max

Maxine Russell of Alvin.

in Arlington.

weekend.

went to the State Fair of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield, Jeff,

Visitors in the Emmett Russel

10 Years Ago October 31, 1996

Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a 2 1/2 ton, 6 wheel drive military truck from the Texas Forestry Service.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Duffie was her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willie V. Thomas of Visiting all last week with Eunice

Sonnamaker was her sister, Hazel Bland of Yaokum and Sophia Hix of San Antonio. Darlene Cummins of Abilene and Pat Kiddney of El Paso visited their

mother, Neat Bevel over the Cathy Bartley and her brother, Van Josselet competed in the

McCurry 10K run.

20 Years Ago October 30, 1986

Big Bird was at the First National Bank's open house. Larry Mathis brought his daughter, Trac to see Big

Haskell Webeloes Den 1, Pack 136, was the overall winner in the pushmobile races in Sweetwater. Team members, Kenneth Billington, Blake Henshaw, Shannon Meeks, Matt Perry, Matthew McFadden, Casey Coleman and Jonathan

Haskell High School seniors who made the honor roll were Patricia Henry, Julie Roewe, Debra Teague, Joey Thomas and John Wilson.

November 1, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy of Rankin visited Haskell.

badges were awarded these five Boy Scouts of Troop 35: Ted Dement and Dave Hiebert, First Class; Don Stone, James Underwood and Bobby Herren, Tenderfoot badges.

100 Years Ago October 27, 1906

of his new residence.

F.N. Chapman of Weatherford has moved to Haskell.

Willies Buchanan has moved Dr. Gilbert's home.

from Fort Worth where she has been R.E. Martin.

W.S. Fouts gave us the following figures on some cotton picking done on his farm one day last week by four young men. Jim Fouts picked 556 pounds, Ross Adams 576 pounds, Edgar Fouts 500 pounds and Charley Jackson 400 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. White returned from visiting with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Barley, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Clem of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Howard all of Kermit.

Tenderfoot and First Class

M.A. Clifton of the Cliff section was here looking after construction

into his new residence just east of Mrs. J.L. Jones returned home

visiting the family of her brother, T.P. Martin, C.D. Freeman and

W.D. Falkner of the Wild Horse country were doing business in

By Greg Abbott

Letter to the **Editor**

Dear editor,

A few days ago, I got quite a surprise in the mail delivery, the Sept. 28 edition of the Haskell Free Press! It had my name and address handwritten at the top of page one. Who sent it and how it got here without a stamp, I suppose, will always be a mystery.

In any event, I read every word printed thereon and enjoyed it immensely, but not recognizing a single name until I turned to the last page where there was a photo of my dear friend, Woody Frazier. These three men are a few years older than I, but I remember Theo Moore and Lynn Pace, Jr. Reading your pages provided a very pleasant day in memory for me.

I graduated from Haskell High School in 1944, enlisting immediately in the Navy when I was seventeen. I returned to Haskell briefly, enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1946 and retiring in 1975.

Judging from the photos of Kiel Rowan and Candace Brister and the girls on the back page, Haskell is still known for its beautiful people.

Respectfully yours, Vaughn R. Stuart Col., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

Editor's note: As Col. Stuart has probably discovered by now, he is the recipient of a gift subscription. The first issue was started after the regular mailing labels were printed and was hand written. All papers are sent by paid second class mail. Happy reading, Col. Stuart!

Deer vs. driver

Each year, car collisions with deer account for more than 150 human and nearly one and a half million deer fatalities. October through December is the high season for the crashes, since it is a time for both wandering deer and shortened daylight hours.

Most collisions with a deer occur during this time of year when deer are mating and migrating. Drivers need to be particularly cautious with the season's shortened daylight and deer foraging near roadsides. It's a very dangerous combination. To compound it, more drivers are on the road at dawn and dusk, the very time of day when deer are most active.

An adult deer can weigh more than 200 pounds and a car striking one can not only result in the death of the deer, but also incur, on average, two thousand dollars in damage to the vehicle. A few basic cautions for drivers include:

·Scan a wide swath of the roadside. Slow down when approaching a deer standing near the side of a road and be prepared. If startled, the deer can bolt onto the roadway and into your path. If necessary, honk your horn and flash your lights to try to scare it away. •Be alert for more deer than you

may see at that moment. Where there is one deer, there are often more nearby. •In many instances, it is best not

to swerve around the deer since the deer may move in the same direction. You may also inadvertently hit another vehicle, or go off onto a dangerous shoulder. Unless certain of those road factors, it is often best to simply brake and continue in your lane of traffic. •Be particularly careful at dawn

and dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use your high beams to give you a greater area of visibility and allow you to see the deer's eves sooner.

•Deer whistles or ultrasonic deer avoidance systems attached to vehicles have never been proven to work by independent studies and may give drivers a false sense of security.

•Take deer crossing signs seriously, particularly those installed specifically for this time of year. Be particularly cautious in wooded and agricultural areas where there is little distance between the road and the woods.

From the AG

the long run.

Know the Facts About "Exotic" Mortgages

The Texas Real Estate market has been booming in recent years. Over the past two decades millions of people have moved to the Lone Star State and, along with this growth, we have seen a steady rise in housing

Many home buyers trying to keep up with an ever-changing market are turning to what at first appear to be attractive loans with very low monthly payments. Virtually anyone who surfs the Internet has seen banner and pop-up ads touting enticing offers, such as "\$350,000 mortgage for \$750 a month."

These offers, also known as "exotic" mortgages, might be the solution for some consumers, such as those who want the convenience of low payments initially and can afford substantially higher ones in the long run. But for those who are not fully aware of the terms, they could quickly find themselves in a bind.

Most of these low-ball offers are for interest-only loans. In the example above, the \$750 a month payment will likely serve to simply pay off the interest that is accumulating, and that's assuming that the loan was extended with a very low interest rate (exotic mortgages sometimes have starting rates as low as one percent). However, consumers can rest assured that the low rates are for a

limited amount of time. After a few payments, they rise to prevailing market offerings, based on the consumer's credit score and other

If interest rises then the \$750 monthly payment will serve to pay off only part of the interest, and still does not touch the principal of the loan. The unpaid interest usually becomes part of the mortgage itself. In time, the mortgage grows, and it is likely that after a couple of years of making low payments, these will be adjusted to reflect the rising interest and the growing mortgage. That rise could be substantial, doubling or even tripling payments. Unless the consumer begins to make payments that cover the accumulating interest and pay off the principal, they can find themselves in a cycle of accumulating debt. This also means that they will likely not build equity, the difference between the value of the home and how much is still owed on the mortgage, which will make it very difficult for them to sell the home.

To put it in perspective, for most 30 year mortgages with a reasonable interest rate, the monthly payments, including insurance and property taxes, equal about one percent of the value of the home. That means that for a \$350,000 home, that payment would be somewhere around \$3,500 a month. So it underscores that offering that size loan for only \$750

a month is simply unsustainable in

Consumers need to be well aware of these facts before they sign a mortgage. The terms of mortgages vary greatly, and consumers owe it to themselves and their families to research all options available to them and to do a realistic self-

Offers for very low mortgage pay-ments simply last for a short time. As with any loan, lenders will want to recoup the loan and make a profit. By careful research and planning, consumers can make a choice they can afford in the long

assessment about what they can

Buyers should not be distracted by fabulous sounding offers of low monthly payments. The consumer should know up front the total cost of the loan, the interest rate (and whether it will be variable or fixed), the potential rise in future payments, the length of the loan, how much principal they can expect to pay down each month, and similar factors. Purchase contracts are often complex and there are many variables to consider.

If you are in the market for a home, you would do well to consult with an independent professional, such as an attorney or licensed real estate expert, to guide you through the process and explain, in detail, the terms you are being offered and their long-term impact.

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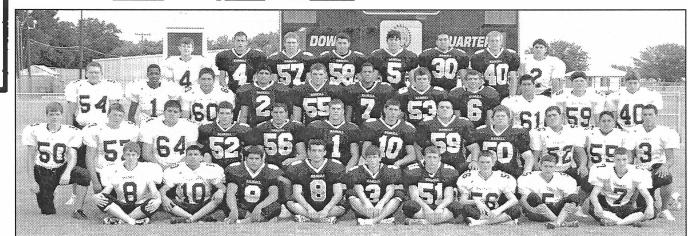
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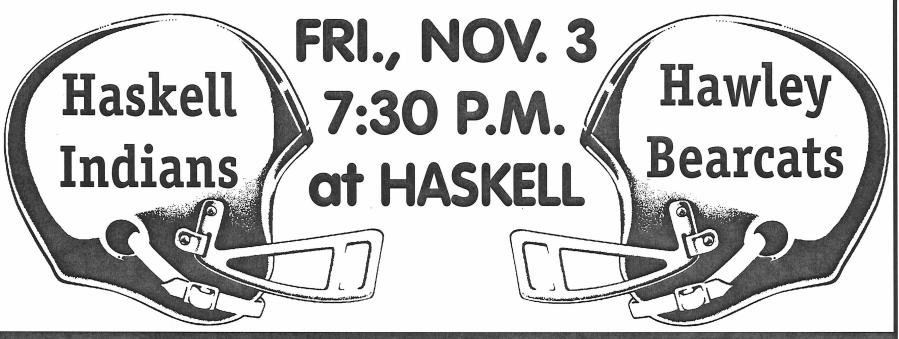
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Beef Cattle Browsing

by Wes Utley CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. **Tighter CAB Specs?**

Certified Angus Beef has changed some of their carcass specifications. Carcasses over 1,000 lbs. and those with ribeye area less than 10 sq. in. or over 16 sq. in. will not be certified. CAB estimates this will eliminate at least 6 percent of carcasses that currently qualify.

yield However, specifications have been relaxed, so little effect is predicted on total number certifying. While the upper limit on carcass weight is a restriction, 1,000 lbs. equates to almost 1,600 lbs. live weight, so we're still dealing with very large/heavy cattle on the upper end.

CAB would probably like to tighten weight and ribeye specifications even more. However, currently only about 15 percent of cattle that pre-qualify live (51% or greater black hide) meet the carcass requirements, and demand exceeds supply.

Growth Promotants for Finishing

In a group of four papers presented at the recent American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting, Kansas researchers evaluated ractopamine and several implants in separate trials. Ractopamine (RAC. OptaflexxTM) was fed for the final 28 days before cattle were harvested and compared to controls.

In steer calves (2,060 head, British X Continental, initial weight 554 lb), RAC increased total ADG 2.7%, final weight 15 lbs., and percentage yield grade 1 by 6 percentage units, but decreased percent choice by 8 percentage units.

In yearling heifers (2,252 head. British X Continental, initial weight 629 lbs.), RAC increased final weight 19 lb and feed efficiency by 2% with no significant effects on carcass factors, except that carcass weight and ribeye area tended to increase.

In yearling steers (2,252 head, initial weight 691 lbs.), RAC increased ADG, carcass weight, ribeve area, and feed efficiency, with no effect on quality grade or yield

Finally, in three trials with a total of 2,417 heifers (initial group weights averaging from 546 lbs. to 623 lbs.) a single initial implant of Revalor-200

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TM was compared to an initial Revalor-IH TM followed by reimplant with Finaplix-H TM. There was no significant difference in feeding performance or yield grade, but the single implant program reduced quality grade.

The latter confirms results from some other studies indicating that less aggressive implant programs can result in similar feeding performance without adverse effects on carcass

Residual Feed Intake (Net Feed Efficienty)

Residual feed intake (RFI) is defined as the difference between actual feed intake and predicted feed requirements for body maintenance and growth. So, more efficient animals have a low RFI value.

Canadian researchers have reviewed existing research reports and concluded that genetic selection for low RFI could:

•lower maintenance requirements of the cow herd about 10%

•reduce feed intake 10 to 12%

·have no effect on ADG or mature

•improve feed efficiency 9 to 15% •reduce gain in body fat 4% without affecting carcass quality grade ·lower weight of liver and digestive tract

•improve efficiency of conversion of cow feed to calf weight

·lower methane emissions and manure levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium

Feeding Calves vs. Yearlings

From 1995 to 2003, Nebraska researchers purchased Spring-born calves and separated them into calffed (C, avg. = 642 lbs.) or yearling (Y, avg. = 526 lbs.) groups.

C were immediately placed on feed for an average of 168 days. Y were wintered on corn residue, summergrazed, and placed on feed weighing 840 lbs. for an average of 90 days.

Y ate 43% more feed/day but total consumption was 23% less. Y gained 0.73 lbs./day more but C had 17% higher feed efficiency. Y weighed 83 lbs. more at harvest but had .06 in less

So, C converted feed to gain more efficiently, but required more total feed to finish. Relative economics of the two systems was not reported.

Robert Gonzales

Stamford, Tx 79553

Factors Affecting Grid Value

Colorado researchers studied factors affecting total value of 1,215 steer and 785 heifer carcasses marketed from 1998 to 2004 on simulated grids, with variable prices for Quality Grade (QG) and Yield Grade (YG). One price grid emphasized OG and the other YG.

Within these two basic grids, Choice (Ch) was valued over Select (Sel) by \$5, \$10, or \$20 per cwt. Also, three base (Ch YG3) prices were evaluated: \$118, \$131, and \$144/cwt. carcass. (Current average Ch price is about \$140/cwt.)

Overall, 29% of the carcasses were Ch YG3, 23 % were Ch YG2, and 21% were Sel YG2.

By far the most important factor affecting total carcass value was weight, ranging from accounting for 51% with \$118 base and \$20 Ch-Sel spread to 93% with \$144 base/\$5 spread. QG accounted for a range of from 4% with \$145 base/\$5 spread to 45% with \$118 base/\$20 spread.

YG accounted for only 4 to 8% of revenue variation regardless of base price, Ch-Sel spread, or grid. YG was as important as QG only at low Ch-Sel spread. At higher spreads, QG was 8 to 9 times more important than YG.

While all grids severely discounted poor YG, the net discounts for Ch YG4 were relatively small at higher Ch-Sel spreads. So, under these conditions there is incentive to feed longer to heavier weights to realize more dollars from more pounds and higher QG.

However, there were no discounts in this study for excessive carcass weight (often set at 950 lbs. in most grids). Also, cattle fed longer become fatter, so feed efficiency declines. Accounting for these factors would probably have changed results somewhat.

Finally, over the course of this work (1998 to 2004), average days on feed increased by 13, carcass weight increased 32 lbs., and YG4-5 increased from 1.3% to 7.7%, but percent Choice and Prime varied little, ranging from 60 to 63%.

Angus vs. Romosinuano

In two consecutive years, winterborn purebred Angus (AN) and Romosinuano (RO, a Criollo-type, native to northern Colombia) were weaned in the fall in central Florida and shipped to central Oklahoma for wheat-pasture grazing followed by finishing. Weaning weights did not

AN grazing gains were 59 lbs. (23%) higher than RO. In the feedlot, AN were fed for 22 days less, had 9% higher ADG, and weighed 35 lbs. more at harvest, but feed efficiency did not differ. AN carcasses averaged low Choice compared to high Select for RO. RO had more desirable Yield Grades than AN (2.61 vs. 2.92).

While RO may offer some potential in the American South/ Southwest on the maternal side, as with several similar breeds developed in tropical regions, they appear to offer no advantages in postweaning performance or carcass merit.

Texas cattle now TB free

year-old objective Tues., Oct. 3. when the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in the Federal Register that the state has regained cattle tuberculosis-free (TB) status. This valuable status was lost in 2002 after two TB infected cattle herds were detected in Texas. Since Sept. 2003, more than 335,000 cows in Texas' 818 dairies, and nearly 129,000 beef cattle in 2,014 of the state's seed stock or purebred herds have been tested for cattle TB, in a bid to ensure that all TB infection had been detected and eliminated, and that effective disease surveillance has been implemented.

"For cattle owners involved in regional and statewide stock shows and fairs, the benefit of TB-free status is immediate," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' veterinarian. "Achieving free status enables Texas-origin cattle to be transported to events in the state without a TB test. Always check with show or fair officials, however, as they may establish more stringent

USDA regulations also allow the 150,000 or so breeding and dairy cattle moved from Texas to other states each year to be shipped without a TB test. Dr. Hillman, who heads the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and regulatory health agency, cautioned ranchers and accredited veterinary practitioners to check with states of destination prior to shipping cattle, as it will take time for animal health officials to update regulations recognizing Texas' TBfree status. Also, because states are at liberty to impose rules beyond USDA standards, he said some states will keep TB testing requirements "on the books." Cattle moved interstate from TB-free states for feeding purposes have not been required to have a TB test.

"We have reason to celebrate TBfree status, but we always must remain on guard against the reintroduction of TB infection into our state's 14 million cattle. We know this ranking is fragile, having initially attained TB-free status in 2000, only to lose it in 2002, after two infected herds were detected. Two more infected herds were detected in 2003. These infected herds were depopulated," said Dr. Hillman. He elaborated that TB-free status in 2000 extended to all of Texas, except the El Paso Milk Shed, where low levels of infection persisted or reoccurred for years, despite repeated quarantines, testing and removal of infected cows. The affected herds were depopulated with indemnity funds provided by USDA, and agreements specified that dairies could not be re-established in the El Paso Milk Shed. Thus, TB-free status now applies to the entire state.

Cattle TB is caused by the bacterium Mycobacterim bovis. while human TB is attributed to M.

develop tubercles, or encapsulated lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes, or in other internal organs. Most often, cattle TB infection is first detected at slaughter plants, where inspectors examine carcasses for tubercles. which they collect and submit for laboratory confirmation. While awaiting lab results, the carcasses are held, or allowed to be used only in cooked products. Cooking meat, or pasteurizing milk (also a heat

treatment process) kills TB bacteria. "The effort to regain TB-free status has been a true partnership of ranchers, private veterinary practitioners, and state and federal animal health personnel," said Hillman. "Everyone who has played hearty role deserves congratulations for their diligence to ensure that Texas is again free of this dangerous disease that has been a concern to the livestock industry for nearly a century."

Dr. Hillman said a TB Task Force, comprised of Texas cattle industry representatives and called by TAHC Chairman Richard Traylor in 2002, developed the winning strategy for regaining free status. He credited Dr. Dan Baca, a former TAHC TB epidemiologist, who is now in the USDA ranks, with advising the task force and helping to write the fivepoint plan that included:

•testing dairy and breeding cattle being moved from Texas (about 150,000 per year).

•TB surveillance of Texas dairies and statistically determined percentage of the state's beef seed stock and purebred herds.

 improved inspection of carcasses by the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS).

•yearly TB testing requirements for roping and rodeo steers imported from Mexico.

•reducing the risk posed by Mexican origin feeder cattle, while continuing work with Mexican states to control and eradicate TB in

"We could not have completed the five strategies and tested as many Texas herds without the funding support of the USDA and the cooperation of producers and accredited private veterinary practitioners," Dr. Hillman explained. He noted that commercial beef herds and stocker cattle were not tested, as historically in Texas, these animals have not been found to be infected with TB. Dairy cattle, however, are procured from multiple sources and are in confinement conditions more conducive to disease transmission. Purebred and seed stock beef animals also are held in more confined areas and may remain in a herd for years and could spread TB, if they are infected.

"More than 500 accredited private veterinary practitioners licensed in Texas gained certification through a TB training refresher course and tested the dairy and beef herds through a 'fee-basis' arrangement. While all Texas dairies were tested, the more than 2,000 beef purebred

and seed stock herds were drawn by random lottery. Nearly all herd owners involved were very cooperative, realizing the necessity to accomplish the disease surveillance. Herd owners had had to cover the expense of rounding up and holding cattle during the 72-hour testing period, but the fee-basis payment to the veterinarians covered the veterinary expenses."

Keeping herds free of cattle TB is now the key, said Dr. Hillman, and he urged cattle producers to take precautions. "Keep Mexican feeder cattle away from breeding herds," he admonished. "Although we work with Mexico to help Mexican states control and eradicate cattle TBthrough sharing of disease information, TB testing and eradication protocols, and establishment of regulations aimed at elimination of the disease-infection still exists in that country. Do not commingle Mexican feeder cattle with Texas cattle on pastures or in grower lots, and ensure that Mexican roping cattle or rodeo steers are held separately from Texas cattle. Also, dairy producers who purchase replacement heifers should assure that the animals originate from reliable sources and have a negative TB test prior to purchase."

"If you purchase breeding cattle from other states, it is your prerogative, as a condition of sale, to request a TB test prior to accepting shipment of the animals. If breeding animals originate from states not TBfree-Minnesota, and parts of New Mexico and Michigan a test is required. Sexually intact dairy cattle from any state must be tested prior to entering Texas, unless they originate from a TB accredited-free herd. You also may want to consider buying beef breeding stock only from herds that are accredited TB-free, which means the herd is tested annually under a voluntary program, certified by that state's animal health officials," said Dr. Hillman.

"Keeping our cattle TB-free status now is a matter of reducing risk and disease exposure," said Dr. Hillman. "Our ranchers' ability to move cattle interstate and the credibility of Texas' cattle industry depends on achieving and maintaining freedom from diseases, such as cattle TB.For anyone who owns cattle, it means

Jones, Morgan receive Masonic pins

L.W. 'Doc' Jones of Rule was awarded a 65 year Masonic pin and George Morgan of Houston received a 60 year Masonic pin by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.&A.M. Thurs., Oct. 19 during a ice cream and cake fellowship hosted by Rule Lodge No. 954.

Approximately 30 friends and family members attended the ceremony.



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Local detention center sponsors art contest

The Rolling Plains Correctional asked to just be creative in their own Facility held an art contest for its employee's children. There was no special subject as to what the children had to draw, they were

Cash prizes were given to the first, second and third place winners. Their art work will be displayed at contest received an award.

the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility lobby area.

Everyone who participated in the

Rochester plans to dedicate Vet's memorial

dedication of the Rochester Veterans Memorial, rescheduled for Veterans Day, Sat., Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. The dream to build a memorial to honor the veterans of the Rochester community began many years ago and became a reality in 2004. The memorial was funded by the generosity of the community.

The Rochester Memorial "is gratefully dedicated to those from the Rochester area who served our

country in war and peace ensuring freedom into the 21st century and beyond" often paying the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country.

In 2006, dual flagpoles, donated by the Rochester Class of 2005. were added to the display. All area veterans and citizens are invited to attend the ceremony.

After the Veterans Memorial dedication, a short ceremony will be held in front of the Rochester

capsule. The time capsule was sealed in December 1986 with a special plaque reading "Herein are mementoes from the people from the year 1986 to the people of the year 2006 to be opened at the celebration of Rochester's 100th Birthday."

The ceremony planned Oct. 14 during Rochester's 100th anniversary celebration was rained



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ART CONTEST WINNERS-Winners of the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility's art contest and their age groups include: age group 5-9, back row, I-r, Laycee Tullos, 3rd place; Baylee Rodriquez, 2nd place; and Tristan Wallis, 1st place. Age group 10-15, front row, McKenzie King, 2nd place; Ariana Garcia, 3rd place; and Tyler Johnson, 1st place.

POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPANTS-Those participating in the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility's art contest were back row, I-r, Mckenzie King, Laycee Tullos, Abbigale Crooke, Baylee Rodriquez, Tristan Wallis; front row, Hayden King, Ariana Garcia, Jacen Crooke, Brison Tullos, Tayleigh Johnson and Tyler Johnson. Other participants not pictured were Bryce Rodriquez, Kelson Aguero, A.J. Bailiff, Reece Hester, Micah Hester, Trinity Hall, Lincoln Strickland, Taryn Strickland, Landon Williams, Aaron Halliburton and Breanna Pryor.

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Gov. Rick Perry announced that Texas is one of six states selected by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to participate in a long-term care planning promotion campaign called "Own Your Future '

"This campaign will focus on encouraging Texans age 45 to 65 to begin thinking about their long-term care needs, such as long-term care insurance, legal decisions about major life decisions, physical fitness and retirement savings," Perry said. "It's never too soon to prepare for long-term care."

"Own Your Future" is an aggressive campaign the federal Department of Health and Human Services developed to promote longterm care planning among state residents.

Perry said the importance of planning for later years is underscored by the fact that only 8 percent of older Texans today report personal savings as their largest source of income and that one in three Americans provide unpaid care for a friend or a relative over the course of a year.

"In addition, many people mistakenly believe that Medicare will meet all their long-term care needs," Perry said. "This is not the case, and if a Texan age 65 or older

develops a disability while living in the community, they can expect to pay an average of \$175,000 over the remainder of their lives on care for that disability."

Perry also highlighted the importance of Texans leading active, healthy lifestyles because poor diet and physical inactivity are on the verge of replacing tobacco use as the leading preventable cause of death.

'Texas is working to combat preventable illness with the Aging Texas Well Initiative, which is aimed at ensuring Texans age with dignity and independence," he added. "In addition, programs like the Texas Roundup and Texercise are designed to help improve the health and wellbeing of millions of Texans, ensuring a healthy lifestyle as each of us advance in age."

Texans can get a long-term care planning tool kit from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, www.aoa.gov/ ownyourfuture or by calling 866-PLAN-LTC (866-752-6582) to discuss their long-term care needs.

Cattle Market Report The market at the Haskell

Livestock Auction was on a run of 723 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Oct. 28, according to B.D. Rainey,

Packers, steady. Stockers, steady \$2 lower. Feeders, steady. Bred cows and pairs, weaker. Cows: fat, .45-.5250; cutters,

.43-.48; canners, .35-.40. Bulls: bologna, .56-.64, feeders.

.50-.65, utility, .45-.53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.55-1.67; 300400 lbs., 1.28-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.12-1.32; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.22; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.08; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.04; 800-up lbs., .92-.95.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.50; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.27; 400-500 lbs., 1.00-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .97-1.07; 600-up lbs., .92-.97.

Bred cows young to middle aged 600-850; aged or small, 500-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1200; older, 750-900.

TAX **PLANNING**

Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



DO YEAR-END TAX PLANNING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Many small businesses and self-employed business owners make the mistake of not thinking about taxes until it's too late. Most tax moves must be made before year-end. Here are a few taxcutting ideas that will help reduce your 2006 business taxes.

•Purchase business assets. If your business will soon require additional computers, furnishings, or even transportation equipment, make those purchases before the end of the year and take maximum advantage of the Section 179 expensing election.

•Plan for retirement. If you don't have a retirement plan, consider setting one up before the end of the year, even if you don't have to actually fund the plan until 2007. In fact, there are federal tax credits for some of the costs of setting up a new retirement plan. And don't overlook a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan, which does not have to be either established or funded until 2007.

•Use your credit card. Even a cash basis business can deduct expenses purchased with a credit card on the date of the charge, not necessarily when the credit card payment is made. So if you find that you need business supplies or equipment before the end of the year and you're short of cash, consider using your credit card and deduct the expense this year.

•Defer income and accelerate deductions. For cash basis taxpayers, consider sending out your invoices late in December so the payment isn't received until the following year, thereby deferring current taxes. Also, stock up and pay for office supplies and other needed office items before year-end, including paying any outstanding bills or prepaying certain business expenses.

The very best way to maximize your business deductions is to meet with your tax professional while there is still time to take action. For assistance, give our office a call.

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nange a light bulb and save

environment, is as easy as changing a light bulb. If every American household changed a single light bulb to an Energy Star bulb, it would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes, while also saving consumers money.

AEP Texas is helping to spread the word about "Change A Light, Change The World," an annual campaign by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) that encourages Americans to replace a conventional bulb or fixture in their home or workplace with one that has earned the government's Energy Star label for energy efficiency. This year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is joining the campaign to extend its reach

Energy Star qualified bulbs and traditional models and last up to 10 times longer. In fact, consumers can save more than \$30 in utility costs over the lifetime of one bulb. Replacing the most frequently used

Saving \$30, and protecting the lights at home will yield the most

"Consumers have a variety of types and styles of Energy Star compact fluorescent light bulbs to choose from, for both indoor and outdoor applications," said Billy Berny, energy efficiency program manager for AEP Texas. "Prices have really come down in the last few years because of wider use. We encourage people to consider changing out bulbs for the newer compact fluorescents. Energy cost is minimal compared to incandescent bulbs," Berny said.

"Saving energy and saving money just makes sense. By encouraging smart energy decisions, we are getting these lights off the store shelves and into people's homes," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson.

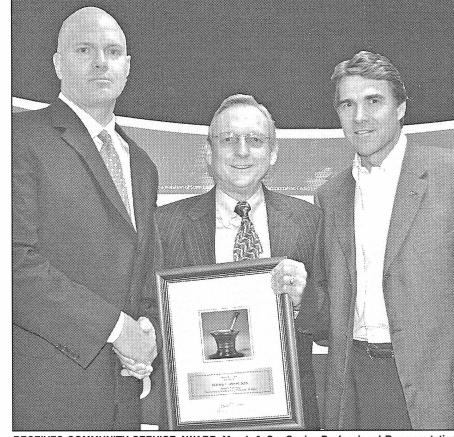
"Simply replacing a normal light fixtures use one-third the energy of bulb with an Energy Star bulb not only protects the environment and saves energy, but it also will help families save on their utility bills," said HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson. "HUD is especially

concerned with the impact of utility costs on affordable housing. Low and moderate-income families spend a disproportionately large share of their incomes on utilities and are particularly vulnerable to

spikes in energy costs. Individuals who pledged to participate during last year's "Change a Light, Change the World" Campaign will prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to nearly 3,000 vehicles and save \$2 million in energy costs.

Products that have earned the Energy Star label save energy and prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by EPA and DOE. The Energy Star program works with more than 8,000 private and public sector organizations. Many of these organizations will help celebrate the "Change A Light, Change The World" campaign with activities, events, government proclamations and store promotions showcasing energy-efficient lighting.

For information on connecting to energy savings, visit http://www. AEPTexas.com.



RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD-Merck & Co. Senior Professional Representative and Haskell native Patrick McCoy, left, presents a Pharmacist Recognition Award to Haskell native Buford Abeldt RPh., center, for his outstanding community service. Attending the presentation was Governor Rick Perry, right.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

On May 31, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission) and each city within Atmos' service territory, to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers in the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed revisions to the rates and riders will impact all classes of service, and each of Atmos' approximately 1,500,000 customers (1,371,625 residential, 121,643 commercial, 235 industrial, and 715 transportation customers).

The Company has requested a systemwide increase of its revenues to \$1,758.7 million, resulting in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$60.9 million or 3.6%, including gas costs, or 14.1% excluding gas cost. In addition, the Company has requested that it recover its rate case expenses and any rate case expenses for cities that are ordered by the Commission. The proposed change in revenues constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by state law.

The monthly bills of typical customers would be affected by the proposed changes as follows:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference	Percentage Increase With Gas Cost	Percentage Increase Without Gas Cost
Residential Customer (R)	\$75.00*	\$79.02*	\$4.02	5.36%	21.48%
Commercial Customer (C)	\$326.64*	\$344.80*	\$18.16	5.56%	40.53%
Industrial Customer (I)	\$3,360.85*	\$3,367.95*	\$7.10	0.21%	5.26%
Transportation Customer (T)	\$569.54	\$576.64	\$7.10	1.25%	5.26%

*Includes gas cost of \$8.6452 per Mcf (2005 average cost) **The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation

The Company is also requesting approval of its revised depreciation rates, a weather normalization adjustment rider based on 10-year normal weather, a revenue stabilization adjustment rider, the recovery of uncollectible gas cost as well as the cost of required odorant for natural gas through Rider GCR instead of through base rates, and updated upstream pipeline cost allocation factors. The Company is further requesting rate design changes to Rates R, C, I and T. In addition, the Company is seeking a determination that its interim rate adjustments for 2003, 2004, and 2005 are just and reasonable in accordance with Texas Utilities Code § 104.301; the impact of these interim rate adjustments is reflected in the table above.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-800-460-3030. Affected persons may view a copy of the Statement of Intent at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1800, Dallas, Texas 75240, or at the Commission's offices located at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711. At any time within 30 days following the date on which Atmos' proposed rate changes would become effective, affected persons may file written comments or protests with the Commission at the following address:

Docket Services Section Office of General Counsel (Re: Gas Utilities Docket No. 9670) Railroad Commission of Texas P. O. Box 12967 Austin, TX 78711-2967

Pursuant to an order entered by the Commission on May 16, 2006, the proceeding initiated by Atmos at the Commission is being consolidated with all appeals from all other municipal rate proceedings, including those initiated by the filing of the Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 1, 2006. Rates in unincorporated areas will become effective when rates become effective within the nearest incorporated municipality. The Commission hearing on the merits of Atmos' request will begin on or after October 31, 2006.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el sistema de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-800-460-3030.

Stock Show sign up night to be held Thurs., Nov. 9

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

Haskell County 4-H'ers need to sign up for the upcoming major stock shows including Odessa (Sand Hills), Fort Worth (Southwestern), San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Star of Texas.

The County Extension Office

5 to 8 p.m. for all 4-H'ers with an animal project wishing to participate in any of the above named major stock shows. Those wishing to enter should to come in, sign up, pay appropriate fees and bring a parent to sign papers.

Those having a conflict with this

will host a sign-up night Nov. 9 from date or time should contact Wes Utley, County Extension Agent or Tammy, Secretary at 940-864-2658 before Nov. 9.

> The Haskell County Extension Office will be closed Tues., Nov. 7 for Election Day and Fri., Nov. 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Child Welfare Board project to help kids at Christmas

The Haskell County Child dates. If your church has not been Protective Services (CPS office) at Welfare Board is holding a fundraiser for the annual "Christmas for Kids" project. Each year this project provides clothing and toys at Christmas for needy children in Haskell County. Last year 41 families and 86 children received Christmas presents through Christmas for Kids.

This year members of Haskell County churches will again have an opportunity to donate the amount they wish on the designated Sundays of Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. The goal of the board is to have at least one dollar a person donated on these contacted and is interested in taking part, contact Betsy McManamon at 864-2194.

Anyone not affiliated with a local church is welcome to send donations to Department of Family and Haskell County.

500 S. 10th, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Your donation could make a big difference in a child's Christmas. The board greatly appreciates the continued support of the people of

Brochure available on permitting procedures

In an effort to provide additional public assistance with its permitting

procedures, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) today announced the publication of its Guide to Public Participation in Permitting brochure.

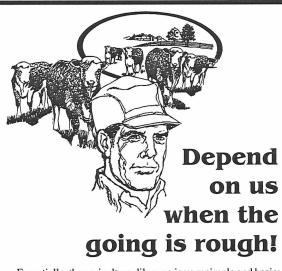
"This pamphlet is a handy, easy to use resource for anyone who wants to know how permitting is accomplished at the TCEQ, and how to participate," said Chairman Kathleen Hartnett White.

The free guide, which is being made available in both hard copy and .pdf download format, and in both English and Spanish, reviews how the public can take part in the permitting process regarding water quality, waste, and air applications. Sections include the administrative and technical review, how to submit comments, receive public notices, request a public meeting, and file a contested case hearing, under Texas

"To anyone who is not familiar with environmental permitting, it all might appear pretty confusing," said Commissioner Larry R. Soward. "This guide takes the guesswork out of the process."

"It is important for the public to be involved in the permitting process," said Commissioner Martin A. Hubert. "By publishing this brochure, we hope to make that participation much easier."

The Public Participation in Permitting brochure is available online, at the TCEQ publications Web site, http://www.tceq. state.tx.us/comm_exec/ forms_pubs/pubs/gi/gi-233.html, as well as through the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, 1-800-687-4040.



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Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is taking prepaid orders for Christmas poinsettias. Cost is \$12 each. Delivery will be after the Thanksgiving holidays. Call 940-864-2551 to place an order or contact any advisory committee member. Proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell and area counties.

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for the Countywide Christmas Cantata will be held every Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Museum fund-raiser

The Rochester Heritage Museum is selling T-shirts, cookbooks and history books. The 2006 Rochester 100th Birthday T-Shirt has the name of every Rochester graduate on the back. The T-shirts are \$10 and available in S-2XL. The 1981 edition of "Cooking in Rochester for 75 years" cookbook has been reprinted in a 100th birthday spiral bond edition and are \$25. The 1976 "History of Rochester, When the Rails Were Laid" history book has been reprinted. The history books are \$40. Proceeds benefit the Rochester Heritage Museum. To purchase contact Jane Short 940-742-3302 or Linda Short 940-743-3325 or 940-864-2673.

Thanksgiving service

The Community Thanksgiving service will be held Sun., Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Haskell with Richard Barr speaking. The service is sponsored by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Tues., Nov. 14 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Veterans breakfast

Haskell Elementary School will honor all veterans Fri., Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria with a flag raising ceremony followed by breakfast.

Old Timers luncheon

The TCR Old Timers Association will host a luncheon Fri., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the TCR Bunkhouse in Stamford. Tickets for the meal of Old Timer's Stew, cornbread, dessert and drink are \$7 each. Takeouts are available, Call 864-2411 for tickets.

Christmas pageant

A Merry Christmas Pageant will be held Nov. 18 and 19 at the Rochester School Campus Auditorium. A luncheon will be held on Saturday for all contestants and judges. The pageant, hosted by the Committee to Help Haskell County, is open to anyone from age 0 to 12th grade with divisions for both boys and girls. Deadline for entries is Fri., Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. Entry forms may be picked up at any school campus or at the County Judge's office. Entry fee is \$20. For more information call Susan Cockerell at 864-2851 or Lynn Dodson at 864-2903.

Veterans lunch

A free lunch to honor all veterans will be served Fri., Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Activity Building Gym, 510 N. Ave. E in Haskell. The lunch is for all veterans and their spouses in honor of their service to our country

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.Entries must include lights on their float. Santa will be present for pictures with the children at no cost. Local choirs are encouraged to perform on the night of the parade for additional entertainment. All inquiries must call Lori Rodriquez at Rolling Plains Correctioonal Facility Monday through Friday at 864-

Food drive

Citibank in Haskell is sponsoring a holiday food drive through Nov. 17. All food collected will be donated to Haskell County Food Distribution Center. Bring your items to 518 S.

Thanksgiving dinner

A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served Fri., Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Bethal Baptist Church, 300 Sunny Ave., in Rule by Compassion in Action. Take outs will be

Alexander presents craft ideas to Garden Club

recently at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Members arrived to find the tables and refreshment area decorated with fall colored tablecloths, pumpkins and scarecrows.

Club member, Florence Alexander, presented a unique and creative program entitled Crafts From Your Garden. She had many decorative arrangements made using nature's bounty of dried flowers, seeds and seed pods. She showed zinnias made from the bottom half of pinecones, cone flowers made with cotton burrs. cornhusk sunflowers, roses dipped in paraffin and pumpkin seed flowers. Also, Christmas ornaments made from wild gourds decorated with a permanent marker and leather hangers and poinsettia decorated pinecone ornaments. Alexander shared her experiences of drying flowers using silica gel, air drying and even the microwave oven to dry them.

The members got to create a project while at the meeting. Alexander pressed various flowers and leaves in a large book and

The Haskell Garden Club met purchased small picture frames. Each one selected the frame, flowers and leaves they wanted and made an arrangement in their frame to take home with them. The finished projects were beautiful.

> Jane Powers won the door prize. Hostesses, Tinka Nelson and Paula Rennegarbe, served refreshments of apple pie a la mode, tea and coffee.

> The club voted to present the local high school art department with a donation of a non consumable item in memory of Gladys O'Neal who loved gardening and art.

> The Nov. 9 meeting will be a field trip to Knox City and Munday. Perry Kuehler of Bud's for You will present his wonderful creations of Christmas arrangements

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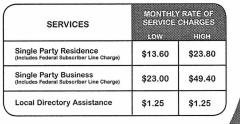
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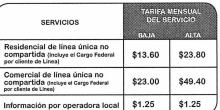
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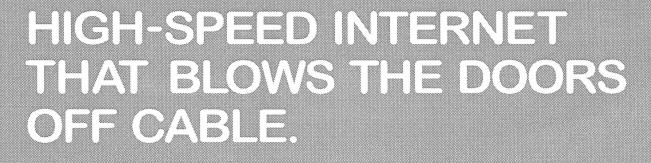
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Las personas con ingresos bajos que sean elegibles para los programas de asistencia para teléfonos Lifeline y Link-Up pueden ser elegibles para descuentos de estos cargos de servicios básicos a través de planes de asistencia especificados por el estado.

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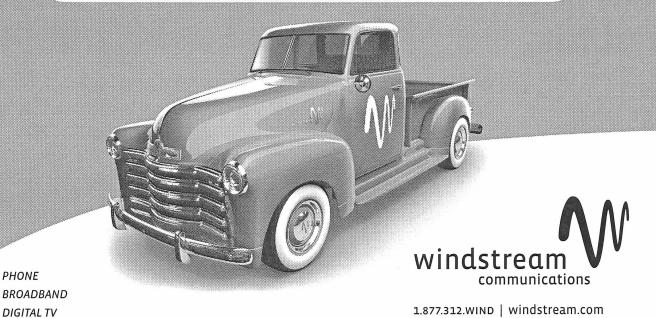
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TEEN READ WEEK-Students at Rochester Junior High School participated in Teen Read Week Tues., Oct. 17. Enjoying cappuccino and hot chocolate served in the library were I-r, Kelson Aguero, Nathan Meredith, Jasmine Nail, Amber Allen, Kelsie Adams, Candy Hill, Cathy Bartley, Kayla Peters, Janie Saucedo and Ross Wittenborn.

Teens enjoy treats during read week

Students at Rochester Junior High celebrated Teen Read Week Tues., Oct. 17 by being treated to cappuccino and hot chocolate in the library. Cathy Bartley's seventh and eighth grade English classes browsed through the library shelves and found books to check out while enjoying the refreshments.

Students were served by Janie Saucedo, librarian and other helpful volunteers.

Teen Read Week is an event celebrated by school and public libraries across the nation around the third week in October. This year's Teen Read Week theme was "Get Active At Your Library," which encouraged teens to use the library to help them lead active

Haskell High School library hosted a cappuccino/hot chocolate bar for its students Oct. 26-27 inviting high school English classes to come to the library.



JERRICA ESCOBEDO



ALEXA ROBERTS

Students visit Rotary Club

Haskell School Menu

Jerrica Escobedo is the daughter with a goal of becoming a criminal of Jackie Escobedo and Irene justice lawyer. Castillo of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic

In school, she is plays second base for the softball team, is a colorguard member, and a member of National Honor Society and the Student Council.

She was been recognized on the A honor roll, as the All District first team infielder 2005-06 and has been a member of the softball team that won back to back district championships.

She enjoys writing poetry, playing softball and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to join her sister, Jacklyn, at Angelo State University in San Angelo, and major in pre-law

Nov. 6-10

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on

Wednesday: Cereal, animal

Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily

at the Secondary campus. Milk is

served daily at the Elementary

School. Secondary campus: choice

Nov. 6-10

Breakfast

Thursday: Cinnamon rolls or

Lunch

Mon., Nov. 6

Lunch-Hamburger steak, onions,

brown gravy, green beans, cream

potatoes, yeast rolls, banana

Wed., Nov. 8

Lunch-Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto

beans, potato salad, onions, pickles,

Forecasting the weather

daily weather forecasts?

University. "The

Q: When did the U.S. start its

A: Well over 130 years ago, says

Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M

government started weather

forecasting in the 1870s when

Congress established the National

to help the military in its planning. In

1970, NOAA (National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration) was

established, and it had several

agencies placed under it, among

Like what

"The goal back then was mainly

Weather Service," he explains.

pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

Juice and milk are served daily

Monday: Toast or cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy

Wednesday: Pancakes

Friday: Toast or cereal

Milk is served daily.

donuts

the breakfast menu.

Monday: Blueberry muffin

Tuesday: Pig in a blanket

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Alexa Ray Roberts is the daughter of Jimmy and JoNell Roberts of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church. In school, she is the catcher for the softball team and middle linebacker and full back for the powder puff team.

She has been recognized as the second team All District team catcher in 2004-05; as the All District MVP in offense 2005-06; and is on the A-B honor roll.

After high school, she plans to attend Texas Tech majoring in accounting and later attend court reporting school to become a court

of entree or baked potato with

Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn,

baby carrots, ranch dressing, pears

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, cheese,

bell peppers, onions, pinto beans,

Wednesday: Corndogs, ranch style

beans, macaroni and cheese, raw

Thursday: Frito pie, cheese, salsa,

Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato,

pickle, french fries, cherry shape-up.

buttered squash, salad, rolls, apple

Tuesday: Fried chicken, mashed

potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, salad,

Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup,

grilled cheese sandwiches, salad,

Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans,

Friday: BBQ sandwiches, potato

lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Oct. 13

Lunch-Sausage and kraut, augratin

potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced

onions, garlic toast, apple crisp,

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m.

milk, tea, or coffee

followed by lunch.

crisp, chocolate cake

chocolate cake

peach cobbler

salad, rolls, lemon cake

broccoli with ranch dressing

cheese and ham.

peanut butter bars

cocktail

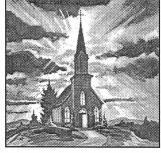
Paint Creek School Menu

Monday: Tater tot casserole, salad, pea salad, peanut butter bars

ECC Calendar and Menu

Weather Whys

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH AND SERVICE CAN HELP US FORGET ALL OUR WOES

We all have times when either things go wrong or else we're afraid they will, and these real and potential calamities seem to come all at once. We worry about our health, our job security, bills, taxes, and so on. This can throw us into a real fit of depression, and we often wonder it it's all worth it. But take heart; there are some constructive things you can do while you're

waiting for the answers. First, go out and help someone who needs you. This will give you a good feeling and take your mind off your own troubles. Second, attend your house of worship and pray for God's guidance. Talk to your clergyman, who will also pray for you. Remember that he is there to help you whenever you need him, so just let him do it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL-

East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church

Richard Barr, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ Jim Yates, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

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

New Covenant Foursquare 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

Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m. Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m. 203 S. 1st East, Haskell Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

-WEINERT-First Baptist Church J. C. Baker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison

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

Fred Garvin, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rocheste Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester atherine Byrd, ministe Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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—SAGERTON—• Sagerton Methodist Church Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton

---RULE-First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule

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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

Larry Neal, pastor Sun. Morn.11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. Morn. 10 a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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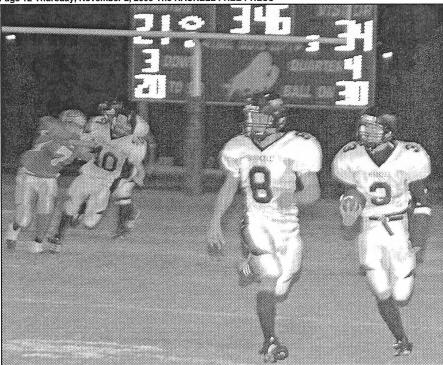
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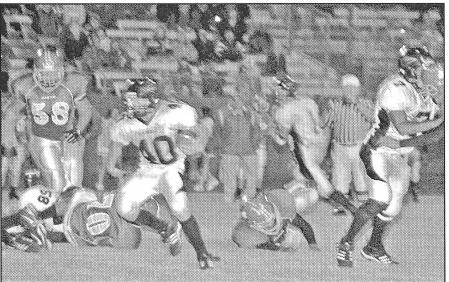
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Pena runs for Army

Sgt. Angel Pena recently competed in the Ten-Miler Team run in Washington, D.C. and in a run in

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