

## Football games

**HASKELL**  
7th-8th Warriors vs Coahoma  
Thurs., Nov. 8, 5 p.m.  
at Rochester  
Indians vs Coahoma  
Fri., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
at Haskell  
**PAINT CREEK**  
Pirates vs Moran  
Fri., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
at Moran

### RULE

JH-JV Bobcats vs Aspermont  
Thurs., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.  
at Rule  
Bobcats vs Aspermont  
Fri., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
at Aspermont

## Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
JV-V Maidens vs  
Throckmorton  
Tues., Nov. 13, 4 p.m.  
at Throckmorton

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 22 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Nov. 9 at noon at the Haskell County Courthouse. Plans for the 'Mexican Stack' dinner to be held before the ball game in the Haskell High School cafeteria will be finalized. If you would like to serve on the Advisory Committee, call 940-864-2551.

### Concert

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church presents The Andersons, music evangelists of Brownwood, in concert Sun., Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the church. A love offering will be taken.

### Mexican dinner

The Noah Project-North will host a 'Mexican Stack' dinner before the Coahoma-Haskell football game Fri., Nov. 9 at the Haskell High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children six years of age and under. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member or may be purchased at the door. Proceed help victims of family violence.

### Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

### Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Ruth Jackson of Abilene will demonstrate Indian painting portraits using pastels. Guests are welcome.

### Veterans breakfast

All veterans are invited to Haskell Elementary School's annual Veterans Day breakfast and flag raising ceremony Nov. 12 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the cafeteria.

### Men's day

A men's day will be held at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders Sat., Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Call First Baptist Church in Stamford at 325-773-2781 for details.

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## Go Indians

# The Haskell Free Press

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## Indians move closer to district title

The Haskell Indians moved a notch closer to the District championship in 5-2A with a win Friday night over the Hawley Bearcats, 32 to 13. The Indians are in the hunt with Merkel and Stanton, both of these teams Haskell defeated. The Indians will close out their regular season play this Friday at home against the 'Dogs' of Coahoma.

Haskell started the Bearcat

game on a slow note, having only six plays on offense during the first and opening quarter of the game. Two big highlights of this quarter were the 63 yard punt by Aaron Rodriguez and the safety the Indians got at the 4:12 mark of the quarter. Haskell had a two point lead at the end of the quarter.

The Indians would pick up pace during the second quarter.

Another safety at the 7:47 time frame to put the score 4 to 0, bottom of the second inning. QB Weston Rutkowski, at the 7:29 mark of the quarter, would hit tight end Derek Agraz on a 48 yard pass completion for the Indians' first TD of the game. Rutkowski would pass to Aaron Rodriguez for the two point conversion. Running back Travis Adams got into the end zone on

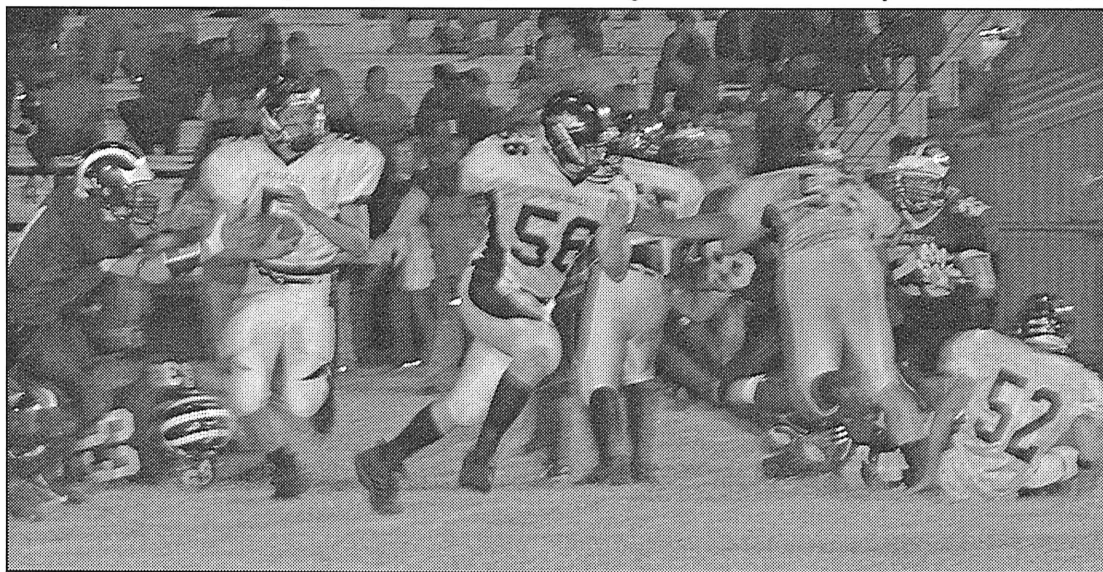
a 32 yard run with 27 seconds remaining in the first half of play. Rutkowski would tack on the PAT score via the kick. The score was Haskell 19, Hawley 0 at the intermission.

Having only ten plays in the third quarter of play, Haskell would score one TD. RB Adams got the call on a 56 yard run with only a minute fifty-three left in the quarter. Rutkowski would add

the PAT kick to put the Indians up 26 to 7. Hawley managed to score via the pass and would also add the PAT kick. The Indians got another TD on a five yard run by Adams. The two point conversion try failed. Hawley got on the board at the 7:32 mark of the fourth quarter on a quarterback sneak for one yard. Their two point conversion try failed. Another beautiful sight, our QB kneeling to end the game with an Indian victory, 32 to 13.

Haskell had 40 rushes for 259 yards and they got 48 yards passing. Rutkowski had six rushes for a -6 yards. Greg Guzman had 11 carries for 44 yards and Travis Adams had 23 rushes for 221 yards and three TDs. QB Rutkowski would have one TD on a 48 yard pass. He had one completion on four attempts. Agraz had one catch for 48 yards which resulted in a TD for Haskell.

The 7th and 8th Warriors lost to the young Bearcats on Thursday. Both teams will close out their season Thursday evening in Rochester as they host the 7th and 8th grade from Coahoma. Games start at 5 p.m. Haskell will host the Coahoma Bulldogs Friday evening at Indian Field. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. This will be the final home game of the 2007 season.



**MAKING A PATH**—Indians on the line give teammate #5 Greg Guzman an opening to gain yardage during the Friday night game against the Hawley Bearcats. Guzman had eleven carries for 44 yards on the evening. The final home game will be played Friday night against Coahoma.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**BIBLE MINISTRY**—Members of the Treasures of Grace Ministry include, front row, l-r, Jimi Coplen, Carolyn Herring, Siri Livengood and Steve Livengood; and, back row, Toni Bookman, Bill Bookman, Jerry Coplen, Tim Burson, Linda Burson, Larry Melton, Leon Herring and Clyde Payne.

## Treasures of Grace members conduct prison ministries

Treasures of Grace Ministry was established in October 2003 by Linda Burson and Carolyn Herring, both of Haskell, while leading worship services and teaching Bible study at Rolling Plains Correctional Facility in Haskell. They ministered to women inmates from the county, state and foreign countries on Thursday nights.

Evident from the beginning there was a need for Bibles for the prisoners' personal use, the ministry began giving 'The Answer Bible,' a New Century version written in every day language and easy to read, to the inmates.

"The Maximized Living Bible" is now distributed since "The Answer Bible" is out of print. The prisoners want to seek God and learn about Him. They want to change their lives by living for the Lord and are thankful for the Bibles, teaching,

worship and fellowship.

During the fall of 2004, others including Siri Livengood, Jimi Coplen and Toni Bookman began joining Burson and Herring with the ministry.

An inmate in the Dickens County facility wrote the ministry a letter requesting a Bible and for someone to come teach Bible classes at the Spur facility. That December several people traveled to Spur where the response was amazing. About 80 prisoners came to know Christ that day. The Aspermont Community Church including Coplen, Bookman, Joan Pittcock, Larry Melton and Dean McAnally continued the Dickens ministry teaching on Mondays.

As Haskell inmates moved to other prisons, women at other facilities began writing letters to Treasures of Grace requesting Bibles. In the beginning, only a few Bibles a week were

requested. But soon the ministry was mailing Bibles across the state.

Money for Bibles has come from donations from churches and individuals feeling God prompting them to give. Labeling, packaging and mailing the Bibles has become a large endeavor. Tim Burson and Leon Herring have joined in to help. Steve Livengood developed a website for the ministry.

The requests for Bibles and the need for finances continue to grow daily. Approximately 3,000 Bibles have been given to those serving time in local and state prisons. As more Bibles are requested, more finances are being required.

For information on the ministry or to donate write Treasures of Grace Ministry, P.O. Box 664, Haskell, Texas 79521 or visit [www.treasuresofgraceministry.com](http://www.treasuresofgraceministry.com).

## Veterans program to be held Nov. 12

All area veterans and citizens are invited to attend a ceremony to honor our veterans Mon., Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Rochester Veterans Memorial.

The ceremony will consist of a program by Boy Scout Troop 136, speaker David Counts, special music by the Rochester Middle School Band and the playing of "Taps" by Clark Richardson. After the ceremony, a lunch will be served to all veterans and spouses.

The Rochester Veterans Memorial has recently undergone a sidewalk renovation, complete with handicap ramps and hand rails. Donations are being taken to cover the cost of the sidewalk. If you would like to contribute, contact Jane Short, Modelle Barton, Marguerite Gauntt or Linda Short or email [short@valornet.com](mailto:short@valornet.com). Donations can also be made at the First National Bank in Rochester, Haskell, Munday or Stamford.

## Girl Scouts begin fall fund-raiser

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council began their area-wide fall nut sale, "Nuts About Wildlife." The sale will end and all products will be delivered by Dec. 7—just in time for holiday gift giving.

The items offered are all produced by Trophy Nut Company and include snacks such as mixed nuts, cashews, butter toffee peanuts, peanut brittle and chocolate candies.

"Nuts About Wildlife" is a

fund-raiser for the Girl Scout troops that choose to participate. Each troop gets to keep a portion of the sales price of each item sold, and that money will help to fund troop activities during this Girl Scout year.

The girls are asked to focus primarily on selling the products to close family and friends. If you need assistance locating a participating troop, call the Council office at 806-745-2855.

## Cornerstone to host concert

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will present The Andersons, music evangelists based in Brownwood, in concert Sun., Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the church.

The Andersons, a group that includes Mike and Karen and their son, Austin, surrendered to full-time evangelistic service in January of 1997. They have traveled extensively throughout Texas as well as parts of the

northern and central United States.

Their desire is to share the gospel message of Christ through their songs and preaching. Their home church is Faith Baptist Church in Brownwood where they serve as staff evangelists.

The community is invited to hear the family share their hearts in testimony and Southern gospel singing. A love offering will be taken.

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# Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting Tues., Oct. 23. Haskell CISD Superintendent Buck Gilcrease met with the court to give a presentation on the Nov. 6 tax rollback election.

Mike Fouts, District Attorney, reported that a 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer will be purchased for the District Attorney's office out of the forfeiture account. Fouts will also make a one-time donation of \$10,000 to the local Crime Stoppers organization from the forfeiture account.

A bid of \$26,970 for a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado four door crew cab pickup was accepted from Bailey Toliver Chevrolet for a Sheriff's department vehicle.

The motion to apply for a 2008-09 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program was approved.

November was proclaimed Home Care and Hospice month. A motion to ban the burning of candles, candle warmers, etc. in the Courthouse was approved. The motion was in the interest of fire safety.

A line item transfer was made for the Rural Fire Department account moving \$100 from the miscellaneous account to the tires and tubes account.

Bob Bass of Allison and Bass was hired as legal counsel in matters regarding the jail.

Bill Bryan met with the court to discuss the jail contract.

Mike Harling, Bob Bass and Bill Bryan met with the court to discuss matters concerning the Regional Jail and Detention Center. A motion to enter into an RFP to look at selling the facility and simultaneously testing for refinancing along with making an appraisal was approved.



**TEEN READ WEEK**—Teen Read week was a huge success at Rochester JH where students celebrated the week with a hot, fresh cappuccino. While drinking cappuccinos, the students had the opportunity to read book reviews and book reports by other seventh and eighth graders. Students voted on which was the best book report. The winners of the seventh grade book reports were Maci Colley, Shelby Dunnam, Shawn Duncan and Meagan Chavez. Eighth grade winners were Kymbre Kupatt, Manuel DeLeon, Cody Pierce and Jim Young. Enjoying the cappuccino bar are, clockwise l-r, Laycee Tullos, Sasha Walker, Kymbre Kupatt, Kathleen Rivera, Lynna Billington, Lisa Hibbitts, Karen Smart, Stacy Lowe and Rochester Junior High librarian, Janie Saucedo.

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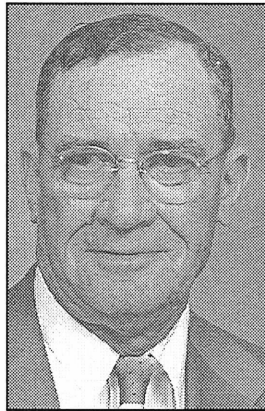
The cold weather means it's a great time to warm up by a fireplace. There are a variety of fireplaces with different features and operation procedures. Fireplaces may include synthetic logs, gas logs, fireplace fans, or traditional fireboxes and chimneys.

You should know what kind of system is in your home and be sure to understand how to operate it. If you have any questions about how to properly use your fireplace, you should consult a professional.

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## Obituaries

### John Judson Thomas



**JOHN THOMAS**  
 Graveside services for John Judson Thomas, 95, of Haskell were held Sat., Oct. 27 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Tom Long

officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Thomas died Wed., Oct. 24 in Haskell.

Born March 21, 1912 in Electra, he was the son of the late Clifford Adell Thomas and Annie Mae Josselet. He married Mary Ethel Kirby in Haskell Oct. 4, 1930. She preceded him in death May 30, 1995. He later married Maple Watson Aug. 2, 1996. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the IOOF Lodge, a member of the Haskell City Council and served as a Paint Creek ISD trustee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Ethel Kirby; and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Maple Watson Thomas of Haskell; sons, Clois Kirby Thomas and wife Donna Ruth of Haskell, and Clyde Donald Thomas and wife Elizabeth Anne of Pasadena; daughters, Loretta Christine DuBois and husband Donald Wayne of Magnolia, and Sue Holcombe and husband John Lee of Olney; sisters, Berta Mae Carroll of Dallas, Helen Mills of Levelland and husband John Plano; brother, Lewis Edwin Thomas of Haskell; nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

### Martha Unruh

Martha Post Unruh, 84, of Colorado died Oct. 30 in Denver, Colorado after a prolonged illness. Interment was in Lubbock. She was born Sept. 16, 1923 in Haskell.

Survivors include three children, Karen White, Joseph Kell and James Kell; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sisters; and a twin brother. PD. NOTICE

## Schedule a medicine cabinet check up

Every year, we go through various routines. We "spring" clean our house. We "winterize" our cars. But, how often do we clean and properly stock our medicine cabinets?

"A lot of us like to hold on to our prescription medicine and over-the-counter drugs—sometimes for use in case of an emergency or just because we're used to having them there," said Robert Freeman, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceutical sciences with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.

"Unfortunately, expired medicines can, in some instances, be dangerous as well as ineffective," Dr. Freeman continued. "We should take the same attitude about medication safety as we do about food safety. Stored food, including canned goods, does not last forever, and we should adopt a routine that involves periodically cleaning out the medicine chest."

According to Dr. Freeman, a well-stocked medicine cabinet will have a safety kit with creams or ointments for minor skin abrasions, insect bites and other irritants; aspirin or other analgesic for minor headaches and related pain; antacid tablets; and an antiseptic for minor skin injuries. Pharmacists can provide additional suggestions.

Medicines and medicine storage areas should be cleaned out annually, discarding outdated or damaged health products. Most OTC medications or vitamins have an expiration or "use by"

date. Dispose of prescription drugs you are no longer taking. Get rid of leftover antibiotics, as they lose effectiveness over time and may cause more harm than good. Any medicines that smell "funny," become spotty or crumble, or stored in unlabeled or unreadable containers or bottles should be discarded.

"The easiest way to dispose of medicines is to flush them down the toilet or sink," Dr. Freeman said. "It's generally not a good idea to dispose of them in the trash, since children or others can find them. Another way to dispose of medicines is to take them to your neighborhood pharmacist."

Dr. Freeman notes that because of heat and humidity from nearby sources, bathroom medicine cabinets are not good for OTC or prescription medications. Use a cool, dark and dry place out of children's reach instead.

"If you do keep medicine in the bathroom's medicine chest, make sure the containers are tightly sealed," Dr. Freeman said. "The kitchen is also not a good place, primarily due to the buildup of heat from cooking and humidity from washing dishes. And, don't store medicines in a refrigerator unless the pharmacist, physician or label tells you to store them there. Probably the best place in your residence is the bedroom, preferably on a bedside table or a locked drawer if you have children."

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# Glenn to perform in Macy's parade

Tarryn Glenn, daughter of Tim and Tiffany Glenn, will perform with Camp Broadway in the opening number of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade entitled "Give me a Drum" in New York City. Glenn was selected from over 1500 singers and dancers ages 10-14 from across the United States and Australia. She will spend a week in New York City attending classes, Broadway workshops, and rehearsals to prepare for the nationally televised performance from Herald Square.



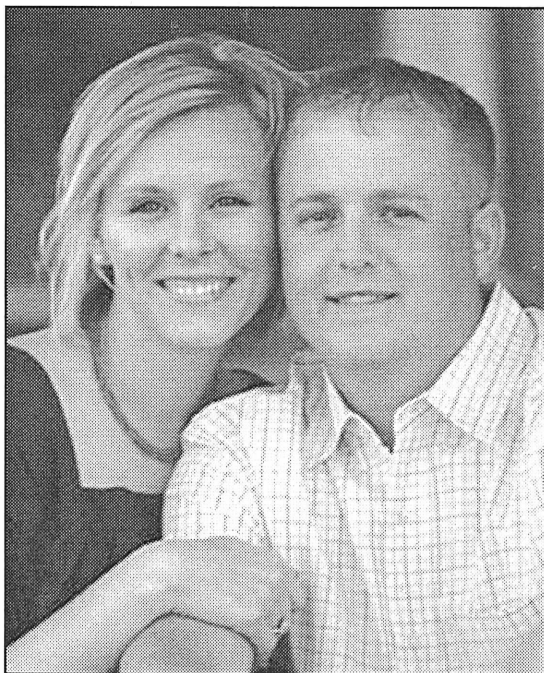
TARRYN GLENN

Glenn is no stranger to performing as she has danced competitively with Studio 84 and Unity Dance Company since the age of six winning three National Championships, receiving Miss Showbiz Runner-Up and many Top 10 finishes in the solo, duet/trio, and group divisions. She is also excited to be dancing this year with the Austin Ballet as an Angel in "The Nutcracker." She has placed first at her school talent show as well as having the honor of All State Musician for the past two years at the Texas Federation of Music Clubs' State

Festival in voice and qualified in piano where she has received outstanding ratings.

Glenn is 10 years old and a fourth grader at Lorena Elementary School in Lorena, where she is on the A Honor Roll.

She is the granddaughter of Joy and Richard Glenn and great-granddaughter of Ruby Glenn and Bertha Monroe, all of Temple. She is the niece of Jackie and Paula Wilcox of Haskell.



LANA KAY STEWART - WILLIAM C. WAGNER, III

# Stewart, Wagner to marry Dec. 29

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lana Kay Stewart, to William C. Wagner, III, son of Billy and Lisa Wagner of Uvalde.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings, and the late Frank F. McMullan, Jr. of Ozona, and the late James and Janice Stewart of Haskell.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Bill and Berta Wagner of Uvalde and Jane

Martin of Manassas, Virginia and the late Kenneth Martin of Memphis, Tennessee.

Stewart is a 2002 graduate of Ozona High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Wagner is a 2000 graduate of Uvalde High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University.

The couple plans to wed Dec. 29 in Ozona and to reside in Wolforth.

# Rochester students begin 'Learn and Serve' projects

Rochester Junior High will conduct projects this year in conjunction with 'Learn and Serve America.'

The classes picked up track and cans after a football game, made flyers in the computer lab, and walked around their campus and town photographing projects that need work.

The students completed a survey including a brainstorming page for needs of the community with ideas for recycling, clean up and beautification.

Community members are invited to participate with the

students by calling the school office at 743-3560 or the computer lab/library at 743-3566 to leave their ideas for the students to include in their projects.

Some suggestions by the students include sanding and sealing picnic benches (with the name of the group completing the project shown on each bench), having a recycle bin for cans at ball games, helping with spring planting, scheduling trash pickups around the campus by designated groups, and planning a day for hazardous waste pickup.

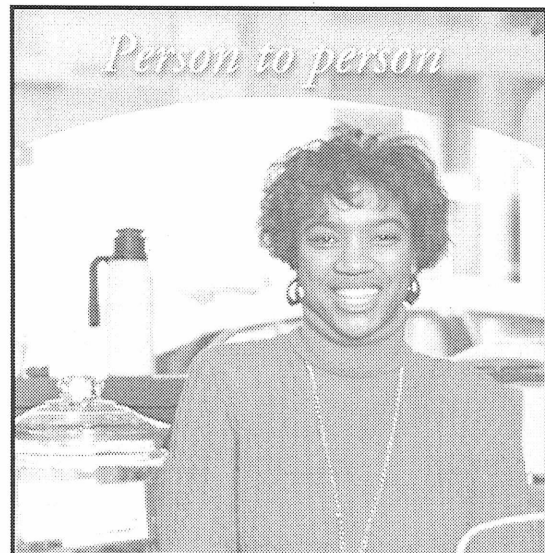
# Bowers named to National Honor Roll

Matthew A. Bowers of Haskell was named for induction into the National Honor Roll for spring of 2007.

Bowers is a graduate of Rolling Plains Christian

Academy.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Audit shows hurricane relief funds largely unspent

AUSTIN—Now the public has information about what's been happening with federal funding Texas received to help recover from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The State Auditor's Office on Nov. 1 released a report showing that most of the \$523.7 million in disaster funding received by Texas has not been spent.

Two state agencies, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Office of Rural Community Affairs, are responsible for administering the funds.

According to the report, Housing and Community Affairs spent only \$1.1 million or 2.6 percent of the \$42.6 million in Community Development Block Grant funds the federal government initially awarded to it in May 2006 for hurricane recovery.

As of Sept. 14, 2007, only 13 applicants had benefited from a delivered product, and those "delivered products" were manufactured homes.

Housing and Community Affairs used \$231,066 or 21 percent of the funding for administrative expenses.

Regarding the other agency that received funds, the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the audit reflects complexities tied to spending the money because of the timing and mechanics of reimbursements by FEMA, the federal disaster agency.

Meanwhile, the audit noted, many disaster aid applicants are still living in FEMA trailers.

**Official predicts low turnout**  
Secretary of State Phil Wilson, Texas' chief elections officer, on Nov. 2 projected an overall turnout of 9.5 percent of registered Texas voters in the Nov. 6 election.

"This election is important, and I encourage Texans to head to the polls and prove me wrong," Wilson said.

According to a press release from his office, Wilson examined a variety of factors when projecting this year's turnout, including prior levels of voter turnout, voter registration numbers and early voting trends to date.

Throughout early voting, which was conducted Oct. 22 through Nov. 2, the Secretary of State's office tracked turnout from the state's 15 most populous counties. Those counties account for more than 60 percent of all

registered voters in Texas.

### Perry names TCEQ commissioner

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 1 appointed Bryan W. Shaw of Bryan to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a term to expire Aug. 31, 2013.

The commission establishes, oversees and implements clean air, clean water and other environmental policies for the state of Texas.

Shaw, an associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering for Texas A&M University, specializes in air pollution engineering.

He replaces Kathleen Hartnett White of Valentine, whose term expired last summer. The agency's other two commissioners are Buddy Garcia and Larry Soward.

### AG launches safety initiative

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Nov. 1 called for new safety measures designed to protect students from school violence.

Abbott urged school districts to implement new safety procedures to help prevent a Columbine or Virginia Tech-style shooting in Texas.

The Attorney General's Office is working on the issue with the Texas School Safety Center, an agency created in 1999 after the Columbine, Colo., tragedy. The organization provides schools with research, training, and technical assistance to reduce youth violence and promote safety in Texas schools.

Abbott made a number of recommendations for school districts to be prepared should trouble arise, such as develop, implement and annually practice campus emergency plans. Schools should team up with law enforcement to practice school safety drills once a year, he said.

### Texas Clipper to live on as reef

The decommissioned ship, Texas Clipper, on Nov. 15 will be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico 17 miles off South Padre Island and become an artificial reef.

The 473-foot, 7,000-ton World War II-vintage ship served from 1965 to 1996 as a training vessel for Texas A&M University-Galveston.

Because it will attract sport fishing and diving, the new reef is expected to generate as much as \$30 million annually for local economies over a lifespan of at least 50 years, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

November 6, 1997

Eules and Anna Hayes have returned to their home in Gresham, Oregon after a month's stay in Haskell.

Ronald Hilliard of Odessa, visited in the home of his mother, Bernice Hilliard.

The annual Cub Scout Parent-Son Cake Bake announced the winners: biggest cake, Charlie Smith; smallest cake, Cameron Short; tallest cake, Cody Kretschmer; most interesting cake, Kendall Mitchell; biggest flop cake, Nate Webb; most unique cake, Weston Rutkowski; most scout spirit, Jared Webb; Halloween cake, Rylie Tatum; best tasting cake, Samuel Bitner; judge's choice, D.J. Rodriguez.

Fire Prevention Poster winners were Jasmine Thomas, Pamela Mays, Rylie Tatum, Paige Adams, Lacey Peiser, Corina Trevino, Gina Rodriguez, Sean Jeanes, Ross Hairgrove, Tracy Richardson and Meagan Wallace.

### 20 Years Ago

November 5, 1987

Airman First Class Cindy Menchaca has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menchaca of Rule.

William Grant Ratliff has received a doctorate of philosophy in history from Texas Tech University.

Retiring from WTU, long time employees, Sue Pate and Pat Sammons were given a party by fellow employees and friends.

Former Weinert Mayor Ted

Jetton was honored for his 22 years of service to the community.

Olney Savings manager, Dickie Greenwood presented an autographed Haskell Indian Homecoming football to J.W. Wallace.

Jimmy Young of Holliday visited parents, Faye and Ted Jetton.

### 30 Years Ago

November 3, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Langford Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cotton prices dropped slightly with mixed lots of grade 42 and higher, bringing from 42 to 44 cents per pound, according to Sidney Ferrell, of the Munday Classing Office.

### 40 Years Ago

November 2, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Rhoads and son Thomas Craig of Santo Clare, California visited in the home of his father, T.A. Rhoads. Harrell R. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Cook of Rule, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

G.T. Garrett, a resident of Haskell County practically all his life and "high sheriff" for the past two terms, has the honor of being the first candidate to pitch his hat into the political ring for the 1968 Democratic Primaries.

Jeanette Glass, Haskell High School Senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Glass, was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Arthur Woelfel of Thorndale, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rueffer. Woelfel is

their nephew and a cousin of Carl, Melvin and Verlene.

### 50 Years Ago

November 7, 1957

Frank B. Reynolds and Fred Brown left for Colorado on a deer hunting trip.

Mrs. W.C. Winchester and Mrs. W.B. Guess of Weinert attended a book review at Abilene Garden Center.

Vicki Medley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel C. Medley, was appointed as a member of the junior advisory board of the "Standard," which is the literary and feature magazine at Stephen College in Columbia, Missouri.

Two area youths, Billie J. McCurdy of Haskell and Dwayne McNulty of Knox City, have enlisted in the Army.

An announcement has been made for the purchase of Bynum's Texaco Station by Gerald Lytle of Haskell.

### 100 Years Ago

November 9, 1907

Gus Cooper of Fort Worth, who owns some farm land near town, has located in Haskell.

O. Vernon of Coryell County, who purchased land on Wild Horse Prairie about a year ago, has moved his family here and built a home on his land.

The Haskell Barber Parlor has moved from a room at the rear of the Collier & Andrus Drug Store to the new brick building next to the Lindell Hotel.

Emmett Robertson who has visited home folks here for several weeks has returned to New York City where he is employed.

## Back packs may cause back pain

The school bell has rung, and millions of children are toting backpacks full of books and supplies for the day ahead. But reading, writing and arithmetic may not be the only things putting a strain on your child. So might his or her backpack.

In 2003, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported more than 21,000 backpack-related injuries were treated in medical facilities. Fifty-eight percent of orthopedic surgeons report seeing patients for back and/or shoulder pain related to backpack use.

While backpacks help keep school items organized and are designed to distribute weight properly, incorrect use can be

harmful for children and teenagers. Muscles and joints can be injured, resulting in severe back, neck and shoulder pain.

"Warning signs that the backpack is too heavy or worn inappropriately include change in posture when wearing the pack and difficulty in putting it on or taking it off," said David Cearley, M.D., pediatric orthopedist at Scott & White Hospital and graduate of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine.

"Pain, tingling or numbness in the hands and fingers—suggesting compression of major nerves in the axillary region—and bruising or red marks where the straps are resting are additional signs," Dr.

Cearley continued.

Fortunately, the American Academy of Pediatrics and your physician have tips for choosing and using backpacks.

When purchasing a backpack, look for wide padded shoulder straps, along with a padded back and waist strap. The backpack itself should be light and can even have wheels to carry heavier loads.

"Select a backpack with multiple compartments for more equal load distribution and compression straps on the sides or bottom to tighten the compartments so contents don't shift," Dr. Cearley said.

When wearing the backpack, first pack light and organize the contents. Use the shoulder straps tightened close to the body and bend with both knees instead of at the waist.

"Make sure the backpack sits in the middle of the back, and carry only 15 percent of the child's body weight," Dr. Cearley said.

Above all, if you have questions or your child experiences pain or discomfort from a backpack, consult your physician.

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Nov. 1, 2007

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade finished lower most of the week on speculative sales as weakness in crude and other markets pressured fiber contracts. Analysts, however, feel the influence of other commodities may soon start to wane and the focus will again turn to cotton's own fundamentals.

"Cotton seems to be at the mercy of other markets and unable to focus on its own supply and demand situation for other than a fleeting moment," one industry observer said. "I suspect once planting decisions are in place for next spring, the delicate balance of attempting to keep cotton in close competition with corn or beans will tip with the focus returning to demand," she explained.

Cotton prices have remained relatively strong due to the trade's belief that U.S. cotton plantings in 2008 will again decline due to higher acreage going to corn and wheat. U.S. cotton plantings in 2007 stood at an 18-year low of 11.01 million acres, and most analysts believe actual plantings could slide to 9.5 or 10 million acres, which could lead to higher cotton demand.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report again was in line with industry expectations and failed to "light a fire" under the market this week, analysts said. Net sales of 198,100 bales were up one percent from the previous week and 31 percent from the four-week average. Major buyers were Turkey, China, Mexico and Thailand.

Export shipments of 177,700 bales were six percent more than the week earlier, but 24 percent below the four-week average. Primary destinations included Turkey, Mexico, China and Indonesia.

"USDA's export sales report was consistent with those of the previous weeks," a cotton market observer noted. "The pace continues to lag that needed to hit USDA's projections but the seasonality of this data suggests that bigger numbers should be ahead," he added.

Sales were higher in the spot cotton market as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 17,591 bales in the week ended Nov. 2 compared to 12,897 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 57.38 to 61.29 cents per pound versus 55.54 to 59.84 cents per pound one week earlier.

In other news, good harvesting weather prevailed across most of Texas and Oklahoma this week. A vast majority of fields in West Texas have been defoliated, and many producers in the southern parts of the Rolling Plains are rushing to get the crop off the stalk in order to sow winter wheat. Some growers, however, still are awaiting a killing freeze, which usually occurs in mid-November.

So far, most farmers have been pleased with above-average yields. Production from some High Plains dryland fields have been reported at between 720 and 960 pounds per acre, while irrigated yields have ranged from 1,440 to 1,920 pounds per acre. Quality also has been good, with color grades predominately middling white and better.

The harvest is expanding at a rapid pace in Oklahoma, and many gins are working at full capacity. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reported 24 percent of the Oklahoma crop had been harvested by Oct. 29. Kansas producers had harvested 10 percent of their crop in the same time period, just two percentage points behind the state's five-year average, but well behind the 22 percent harvested at the same time last year.

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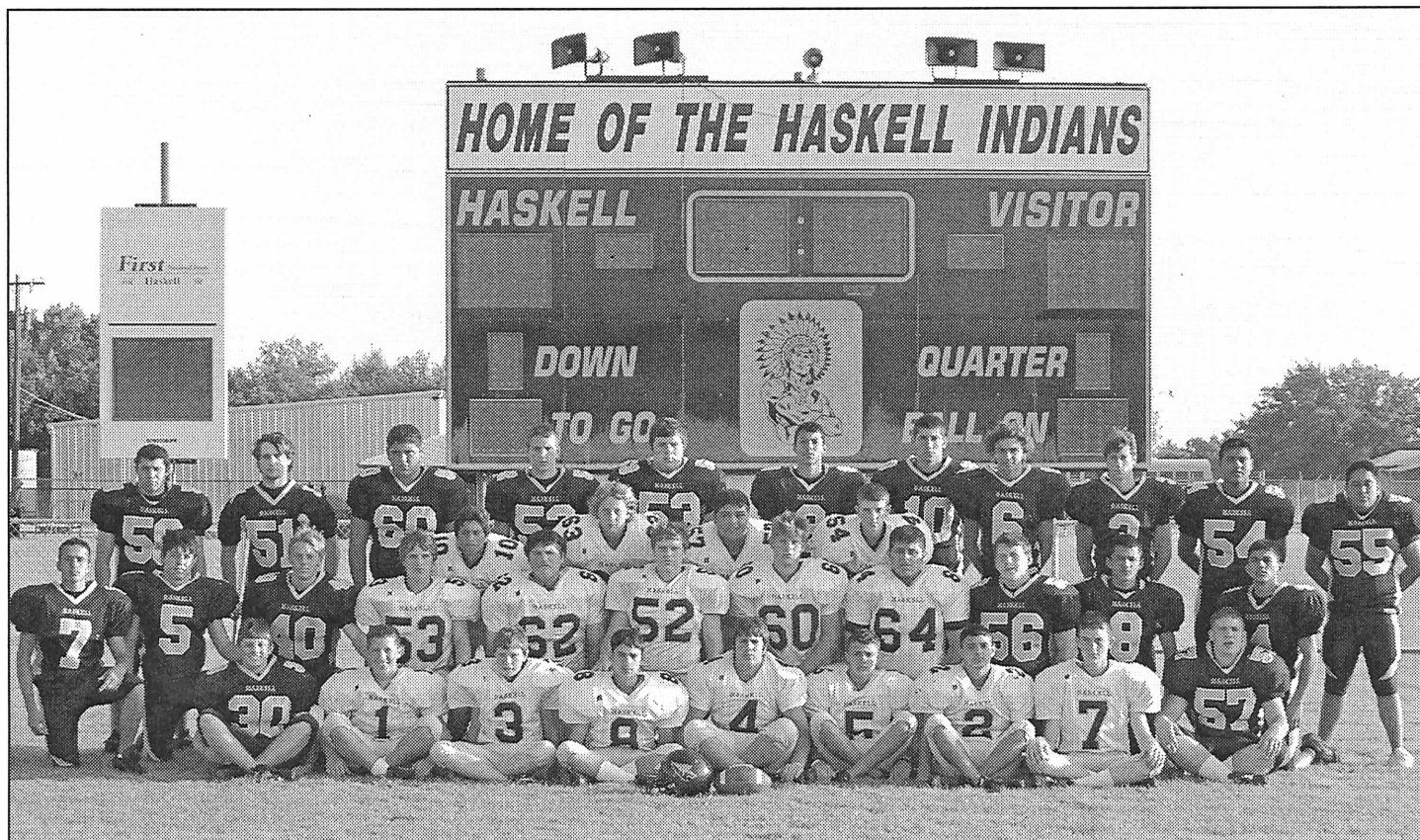
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# 2007 INDIAN FOOTBALL



2007 HASKELL INDIANS: front row, l-r, #30 V James Williams, #1 JV Christian Meyers, #3 JV Austin Nanny, #8 JV Kelson Aguero, #4 JV Tony Trevino, #5 JV Tyler Rodriguez, #2 JV Rickey Barrett, #7 JV Tyler Reese, #57 V Randall Pace. Second row, #7 V Jonathan Martinez, #5 V Greg Guzman, #40 V Travis Adams, #53 JV Garrett Miller, #62 JV Pedro Castillo #52 JV A.J. Benton, #60 JV Douglas Moore, #64 JV Lee Hernandez, #56 V Andrew Crail, #8 V Larry Arebalos, #4 V Raul Villareal. Third row, #10 JV Edward Benevides, #63 JV Markus Martinez, #57 JV Scottie Rodriguez, #54 JV Ethan Frierson. Fourth row, #58 V Moses Munoz, #51V Cody Wyrick, #60 V Justin Amaro, #52 V Clint Hamilton, #53 V Clyde Frierson, #9 V A.J. Alvarez, #10 V Derek Agraz, #6 V Aaron Rodriguez, #3 V Weston Rutkowski, #54 V Simon Rodriguez, #55 V D.J. Rodriguez.

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**CONCERT VISITORS**—Haskell Elementary 3rd grade students attended the Abilene Philharmonic Concert featuring 'Tubby the Tuba' and 'Peter the Wolf' Oct. 25-26. Attending the uplifting concert were front row, l-r, Hannah Grand, Amber Alexander, Mary Silvas, Madaline Williams, Briana Rodriguez and Kylie Adams; second row, Colbie McKoy, Jonathan Primm, Kaylee Hardin, Lupe Olvera, Melissa Rock, Alye Stewart, Macey Coker, Katie Newberry, Krysta Winegeart, Victoria Hertel and Ashley Roque; third row, Alec Roewe, Gabby Mendoza, Kelsey Guzman, Laura Brown, Ashlyn Bevel, Lincoln Strickland, Chelsea Chavez,

Jacee Guess and Tiesha Babcock; fourth row, Sam Fouts, Hayden Leach, Garrett Campbell, Isaiah Alvarez, Bryce Rodriguez, Rudy Espinoza, Payton Thomas, Dylan Brunson, Alex Alvarez and Day'Veon Dockens; fifth row, Devon Barrios, Lane Burson, Richard Rodriguez, Colton Wright, Hayden Hudson, Aaron Wolf, Chase Helms, Austin Alsbrook and Chase Gibson; top row, third grade teachers Donna Waggoner and Melodee Christian, Bridget Guess, Jennifer Roewe, Kristi Gibson, Danette Smith, Stacia Leach, third grade teacher Peggy Darden, Julia Brunson, Kim Hertel and Nacole Wright.



**SERVICE AWARD**—Gary Teichelman, right, crew chief in the Haskell County maintenance section, is presented a Certificate of Service by Russel Lenz, Abilene District Engineer. Teichelman, a 25-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a 25-year service pin and a Sabre Award set.

## Calendar

### Cantata rehearsals

Rehearsals for this year's county wide Christmas Cantata are underway at First Baptist Church in Haskell. This year's cantata is titled 'A Christmas to Remember' and will be performed Dec. 16. Participants are asked to purchase their books. Rehearsal CDs will be available for a nominal fee. Child care will be provided by contacting the First Baptist Church office. For more information on the cantata, contact Greg Gasaway at 864-8599.

### Christmas parade

The Haskell Night Time Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, will be held Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 864-2477 or Lorie Martinez at 864-5694.

### Children's choir

A children's choir is being formed to participate in the countywide Christmas Cantata performance on Dec. 19. Rehearsals will be every Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church choir room from 4 to 5 p.m. through Dec. 12. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate. For more information, contact Greg Gasaway at 864-2581.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

### Thanksgiving meal

A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served Tues., Nov. 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for all residents in Haskell County that may not be able to share a traditional meal with the families for whatever reason. The meal and time of Christian fellowship is provided by a combined effort of local churches and business, coordinated by Christians in Action.

### Craft show

The Haskell Young Homemakers annual craft show will be held Sat., Nov. 17 from 9 to 5 at the Haskell Civic Center. A chicken spaghetti lunch will be served. A building full of unique and extraordinary booths will be on display.

### Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Haskell National Bank by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department for Tim Wilson.

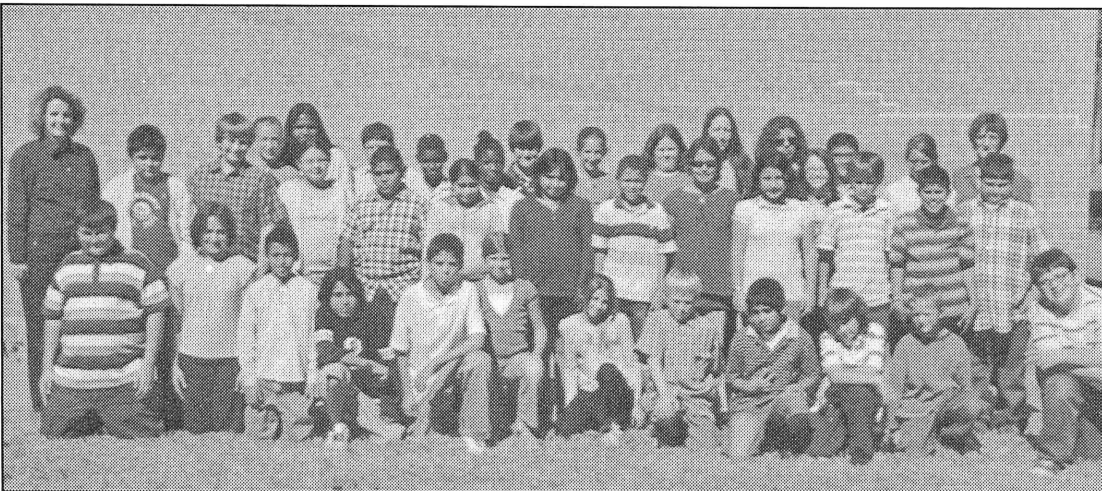
### Storytime

Storytime at Haskell County Library is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, crafts and snacks are offered. Paula Rennegarbe is the storyteller.



**VISITS ABILENE PHILHARMONIC**—Haskell Elementary 4th graders attended the Abilene Philharmonic Concert featuring 'Tubby the Tuba' and 'Peter the Wolf' Oct. 25-26. Attending the concert were students of Pam Gibson's music class including front row, l-r, Chris Wilson, Jeremy Castillo, Anthony Lerma, Abby Masias, Travon Dessivia, Mykal Abila, Michael Osborne, Kaylee Walker, Marc Guzman, Kyra Salas and Jordan Ortiz; middle row, Ruben

Torres, Katie McLemore, Michaela Martinez, Bobby DeLosSantos, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Dylan Hanson, Hannah Foster, Harrison Jarred, Adam Andress and Destiny Pierce; back row, fourth grade teacher JoNeil Roberts, Alice Wilson, Bradley Villarreal, Trey Lira, Nate Hernandez, Kourtney Howard, Kyle Glass, Pryce Stewart, JoLene Navarette, Paula Torres, Cindy Foster and fourth grade teacher Stacy Everett.



**CONCERT VISITORS**—Haskell Elementary 5th graders attended the Abilene Philharmonic Concert featuring 'Tubby the Tuba' and 'Peter the Wolf' Oct. 25-26. Attending the student-friendly concert were front row, l-r, Aaron Silvas, Amie Munoz, Angelo Pena, Ace Valverde, E.J. Martinez, Jacy Klose, Shawnee Hill, Richard Wilson, Tristan Salas, Nathan Reid, Bryan Evans and Trevor Clayton; middle row, Amy Sloan fifth grade teacher, Kyle Fraga,

Riley Meinzer, Alyssa Abila, Toby Castorena, Adriana Roque, Gloria DeLosSantos, Warren Flye, Breezy Gibbs, Laurie Curiel, Kade Colley, Jonathan Pedroza and Dakota Baumbach; and back row, Reagan Hadaway, Destiny Billington, Rhett Lampe, Justice Dever, Hayley Holland, Reed Lee, Crissy Bassett, Crystal Reynolds, parents Debra Scott and Alicia Pedroza, Paul Nieto, Tracy Fulton and Sherry Adams fifth grade teacher.

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 5, 2007 Haskell		
TARIFA MENSUAL DE LOS CARGOS POR SERVICIO		
SERVICIOS	BAJA	ALTA
Haskell County Gin .....	750	
Haskell Co-op Gin .....	1,143	
<b>O'Brien</b>		
O'Brien Co-op Gin .....	2,560	
<b>Rule</b>		
Rule Co-op Gin .....	1,720	
<b>Weinert</b>		
Griff's Gin .....	0	
Weinert Gin .....	753	
Total bales .....	6,926	

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SERVICES	MONTHLY RATE OF SERVICE CHARGES	
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Residential Service (Includes Federal Subscriber Line Charge and mandatory expanded calling)	\$15.10	\$20.00
Residential Low Income	\$1.60	\$6.50
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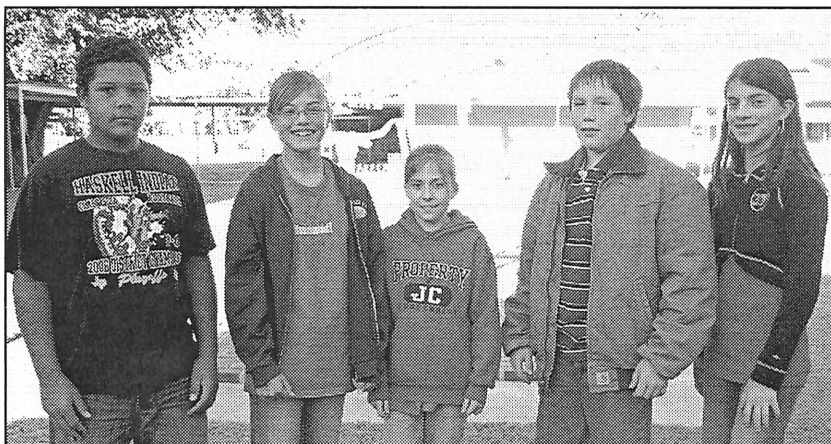
El bloqueo de llamadas con recargo está disponible para aquellos clientes con ingresos bajos que califiquen para dicho servicio. Existen recargos y tarifas como los que se cobran por servicios de emergencia 9-1-1 según las recomendaciones gubernamentales.

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.

Por supuesto, Windstream proporciona un menú completo de servicios opcionales, incluyendo servicios agrupados a precios descontados. Windstream ofrece también servicios básicos según las tarifas, normas y condiciones especificadas en las tarifas de la compañía. Si tienen cualquier pregunta acerca de los servicios de Windstream, los clientes residenciales deberán llamar a Windstream al 1-877-520-5220.

SERVICIOS	TARIFA MENSUAL DE LOS CARGOS POR SERVICIO	
	BAJA	ALTA
Servicio residencial (Incluye el cargo federal por cliente de línea y expansión de llamadas obligatoria)	\$15.10	\$20.00
Residencial de ingresos bajos	\$1.60	\$6.50
Servicio comercial (Incluye el cargo federal por cliente de línea y expansión de llamadas obligatoria)	\$26.85	\$37.50





**SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS**—Serving as officers for Rochester Junior High School's seventh grade are, l-r, Tyrone Neskorik, president; Cailey Foster, vice president; Ashley Adams, reporter; and Drake Everett and Morgan Frierson, project chairmen.



**TRICK OR TREAT**—Haskell Headstart, PPCD and Pre-K students were given treats by parents and various local businesses Fri., Oct 26. Distributing the goodies are parents Jackie Rodriguez, Stephanie Pryor, Adria Payne, Nichole Trussell, Olivia Saucedo and Debra Court.

# Stakes are high in fight against cattle tick fever

Livestock health officials say it could cost upwards of \$13 million and take as long as two years to stop an incursion of fever ticks into the formerly fever tick free areas of five counties along the Texas-Mexico border. The fever tick, less than a 1/8-inch long, is capable of carrying and transmitting 'babesia,' a blood parasite deadly to cattle.

"For most of the country, the fever tick has been pushed out of sight, out of mind, since the 1940s. This tick, however, is capable of transmitting a foreign animal disease and it's sitting in our backyard," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"If we do not stop it, the fever tick could spread from coast to coast, except the arid lands of New Mexico and Arizona, and as far north as Washington D.C.," stressed Dr. Hillman. "As the tick spreads, so will the need for personnel and resources. Win the battle along the Rio Grande in Texas, and other states won't have to fight the war."

The TAHC has placed temporary fever tick quarantines on 1116.3 square miles in five Texas border counties, including parts of Starr and Zapata counties, and a contiguous area encompassing parts of Maverick, Dimmit and Webb Counties. In addition, an 852-square mile permanent quarantine zone butts up against the Rio Grande from Del Rio to Brownsville and is under the management of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 60-person Fever Tick Force.

The USDA, which is adding up to 30 temporary tick inspectors, and the TAHC, which has detailed inspectors to south Texas on a rotating basis, are working with ranchers to locate, 'corral' and eradicate the tick. In this area about the size of Delaware, all cattle, horses, penned deer, llamas, camels and any other species that can host the tick are being manually inspected—or "scratched"—by TAHC or USDA inspectors.

If animals in these quarantined areas are moved from their premises, they'll undergo another "scratch" inspection, then be dipped or sprayed, and permitted for movement. Because horses can give ticks a lift, these animals are put under 14-day inspections and treatment, if they're moved routinely from their home base.

When fever tick-infested livestock are detected, the premises are quarantined for six to nine months. As of early October, this included at least 25 premises in the temporary quarantine areas and about 56 premises in the permanent quarantine zone.

Cattle remaining on tick-infested premises must be inspected and dipped every 14 days or treated with doramectin every 28 days. Alternatively, the animals may be moved to a new site, but only after undergoing two consecutive tick-free inspections and dippings. A movement permit then is issued, and the cattle must be transported immediately.

"The USDA has made \$340,000 available for immediate fever tick needs in south Texas, and the state legislature granted the TAHC an extra \$150,000 to

purchase additional Co-Ral, the acaricide used for dipping vats and in spray rigs," Dr. Hillman said. He reported that a USDA assessment concluded that to eliminate fever ticks from the temporary preventive quarantine areas, at least \$13 million was needed to hire additional personnel, repair or replace worn out portable tick dipping equipment, purchase new spray rigs and supplies, and procure other essential equipment.

"To get a handle on potential fever tick spread, the TAHC field staff also is tracing the movement of cattle from infested premises in the temporary quarantine area within the past year," Dr. Hillman noted. So far, this has involved nearly 800 animals, of which about 459 have been located, inspected and found to be fever tick-free. Some were found in Kansas or Texas Panhandle feed yards, and others were scattered across the state and to two other states.

"Many of these animals had been moved as calves without any identification, except the livestock market back tag, or clearly defined destination," he said. "This slows down our work, but we don't give up until all avenues are exhausted."

"The fever tick, by itself, will not cause disease. However, cattle tick fever is imminent if the fever tick is carrying babesia, and transmits it to cattle that are 'naïve,' meaning they have no resistance to the organism that quickly breaks down red blood cells," said Dr. Hillman. "There are two potential scenarios with fever ticks that keep the TAHC, the Tick Force and border ranchers awake at night."

The first scenario, explained Dr. Hillman, involves Mexico, where fever ticks and babesia have not been eradicated. Young calves there may be exposed to the babesia, survive the disease and develop immunity, but continue to carry the organism.

"Even if Mexican feeder cattle carry babesia, they will not cause a disease problem—unless there is fever tick involvement," said Dr. Hillman, setting the scene for the scenario. "Mexican-origin feeder cattle enter the U.S. under strict USDA fever tick inspection and dipping requirements. To keep them away from fever ticks, the TAHC requires Mexican-imported cattle to have an "M" branded on their hip and prohibits these animals from being maintained in the permanent quarantine zone."

"If fever ticks are moved to sites where Mexican feeder cattle are pastured, the pests may pick up babesia. The babesia infected female tick transmits the disease to the next generation of fever ticks. Only one element then would be missing from the dangerous disease equation—U.S. cattle with no immunity to the babesia," noted Dr. Hillman. "If native US cattle, which are susceptible to babesiosis or 'cattle tick fever,' are infested with babesia-infected fever ticks, then disease transmission to the native cattle will occur. Most likely, this will cause significant death loss of native cattle. It's crucial to keep the fever tick pushed beyond the border, and support and fund surveillance activities in the permanent fever tick quarantine zone."

Dr. Hillman said the second scenario involves wildlife as

effective alternative hosts and sources for movement of ticks into Texas from Mexico and from the permanent quarantine zone to the free area of Texas. For once, noted Dr. Hillman, the beleaguered feral (wild) hog is not implicated. Fever ticks have not acclimated to swine, goats, sheep or dogs. On the other hand, elk, white-tailed deer, nilgai and red deer, serve as effective hosts for fever ticks, but are not affected by babesia.

"Free-ranging cervids do not respect national borders, shallow rivers, low fences, quarantines, or permits for movement," he said. "Wildlife hosts may crisscross the Rio Grande, hauling in fever ticks. Right now, wildlife presents the greatest risk for fever tick movement."

In spring 2007, more than 30 nilgai were depopulated in the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, due to fever tick infestation. Twenty-eight of the 42 free-ranging white-tailed deer that were trapped and examined this year also were "ticky."

"Treating wildlife is a tricky proposition, because current methods are limited to feeding cervids ivermectin-treated corn or drawing them to 'four-poster' stations where they rub against pyrethrin-treated posts, which transfers the chemical," he said. "Ivermectin use requires a 60-day withholding period prior to slaughter or harvest, so wildlife feeding treatments will be delayed until hunting season

ends." In the meantime, the USDA or TAHC must inspect, treat and permit the movement of hides from deer or exotic hoof stock harvested on tick-infested or exposed premises. (Meat may be moved without inspection.) To avoid the possibility of transporting fever ticks, ranchers and hunters are urged to practice good sanitary measures when leaving a ranch. Brush off clothing to dislodge any ticks that may be on the fabric. Clean off boots and shake out jackets or items that have been on the ground.

"The fever tick is not a human health threat," said Dr. Hillman. "But be careful. Don't transport ticks to new sites. Getting and keeping the fever tick out of Texas and the U.S. is critical for disease control and our continued ability to move livestock without restrictions."

"If we are ultimately to be successful in our battle against the fever tick and 'cattle tick fever,' we must eliminate the current fever tick incursions in the free areas of Texas, then push the pest back into Mexico. To accomplish this, we must acquire resources necessary to fulfill the long-range fever tick eradication plan, fund research and develop additional treatment products and methods. We also must aid our Mexican neighbors in their fight against the fever tick and 'cattle tick fever,'" concluded Dr. Hillman.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 490,647	\$ 11,390	\$ 502,037
State Program Revenues	1,052,276	80,020	1,132,296
Federal Program Revenues	-	185,774	185,774
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,542,923</b>	<b>277,184</b>	<b>1,820,107</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	885,739	202,999	1,088,738
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,384	-	1,384
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	611	-	611
School Leadership	80,799	-	80,799
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	58,659	-	58,659
Health Services	9,081	-	9,081
Student (Pupil) Transportation	35,870	-	35,870
Food Services	1,715	76,242	77,957
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	79,688	-	79,688
General Administration	126,220	-	126,220
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	150,587	-	150,587
Data Processing Services	36,111	-	36,111
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	52,672	-	52,672
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,519,136</b>	<b>279,241</b>	<b>1,798,377</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>23,787</b>	<b>(2,057)</b>	<b>21,730</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,470,774	3,288	1,474,062
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,561</b>	<b>\$ 1,231</b>	<b>\$ 1,495,792</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Paint Creek FCS students compete at area fairs

Paint Creek Family and Consumer Science (Home Ec.) classes recently competed in the West Texas Fair at Abilene and the Jones County Fair at Anson in the Beef Jerky Division. "This foods and nutrition project is a co-curricular project involving both culinary and math skills," states FCS instructor Darlene Hopkins. Students learned to modify recipes by adjusting fractions in measurements.

Those students participating in the FCS foods and nutrition project were Sarah Aguilar, Dustin Barnes, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Dylan Cooper, Sara Davis, Daren Johnson, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers, Victoria Reid, Kelsey Smith, Payne Utley, Damien Winterstein, Jessica Blackburn,

Alice Blair, Brooke Hall, Chandra Ingram, Charlie Myers, Miranda Powell, Rusty Rogers, Matt Ruiz, Lashell Walker, Hali Wolsch, LaCresha Escamilla, Johnny Escamilla, Lupe Ipinia, Britney Martinez, Brittany Waggoner, Jordan Adkins, Shana Armstrong, Curtis Bishop, Michael Buerger, Nathan Edwards, Dillon Emert, John Henderson, Denton Reed, Josh White and Briana Wigley.

Placing in the West Texas Fair with their Youth-Dried Foods category "Beef Jerky" entries were:

Junior division: 1st place, Dylan Cooper; 2nd place, Sara Davis; 3rd place, Caleb McCord; 4th place, Dalton Barnett; 5th place, Haley Myers; and 6th place, Katie Bosnjak.

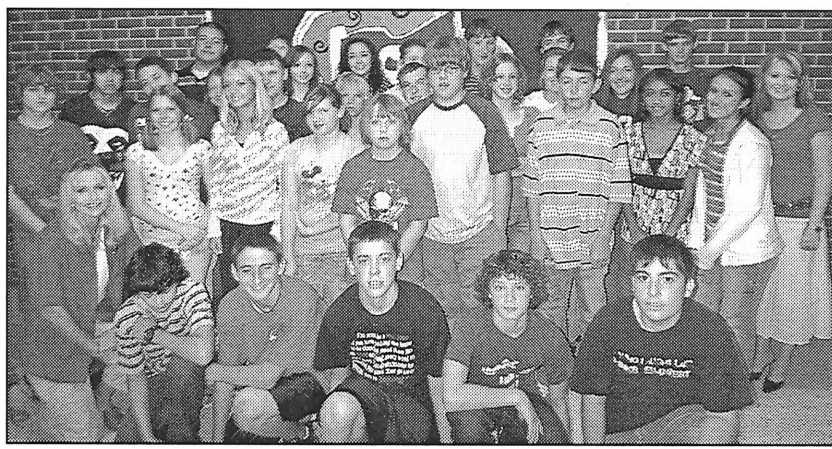
Senior division: 1st place, Briana Wigley; 2nd place, Nathan Edwards; 3rd place, Michael Buerger; 4th place, Curtis Bishop; 5th place, Sarah Aguilar and 6th place, John Henderson.

Placing in the Jones County Fair with their Youth-Dried Foods category "Beef Jerky" entries were:

White ribbon: Charlie Myers, Hali Wolsch, Matt Ruiz, Rusty Rogers and LaShell Walker.

Red ribbon: Miranda Powell, Alice Blair, Chandra Ingram, Brooke Hall, Curtis Bishop and Dustin Barnes Rainey.

Blue ribbon: Sarah Aguilar, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Dylan Cooper, Daren Johnson, Haley Myers, Kelsey Smith, Payne Utley, Damien Winterstein, Johnny Escamilla, LaCresha Escamilla, Brittany Waggoner, Britney Martinez, Dillon Emert, Briana Wigley, Denton Reed, John Henderson, Josh White, Nathan Edwards and Shana Armstrong.



**FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT**—These Paint Creek Family and Consumer Science students competed in the West Texas Fair in Abilene and the Jones County Fair in Anson. Students are front row, l-r, Darlene Hopkins—FCS instructor, Caleb McCord, Payne Utley, Curtis Bishop, Damien Winterstein and Jordan Adkins; middle row, Nathan Edwards, Haley Myers, Katrina Buerger, Sara Davis, Dalton Barnett, Michael Buerger, Dustin Barnes Rainey, LaCresha Escamilla, Britney Martinez; back row, Johnny Escamilla, Josh White, Matt Ruiz, Kelsey Smith, Chandra Ingram, John Henderson, Miranda Powell, Hali Wolsch, Dylan Cooper, Dillon Emert, Brooke Hall, Rusty Rogers, Katie Bosnjak, Daren Johnson, Shana Armstrong, Brittany Waggoner, Charlie Myers, Allison Key—math instructor.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$ 50,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$70.85*	\$72.42*	\$1.57	2.22%	8.27%
Commercial	\$296.15*	\$305.36*	\$9.21	3.11%	22.72%
Industrial	\$2,975*	\$3,143*	\$167.89	5.64%	38.95%
Transportation	519.88	\$687.77	\$167.89	32.29%	38.95%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

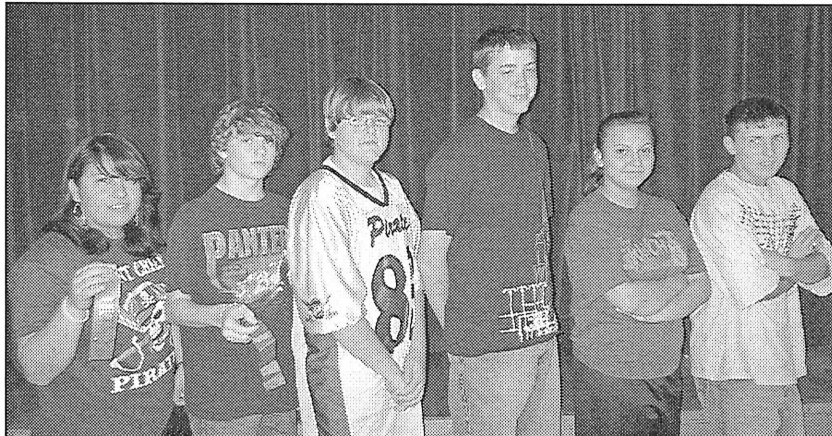
\*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.

\*\*The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

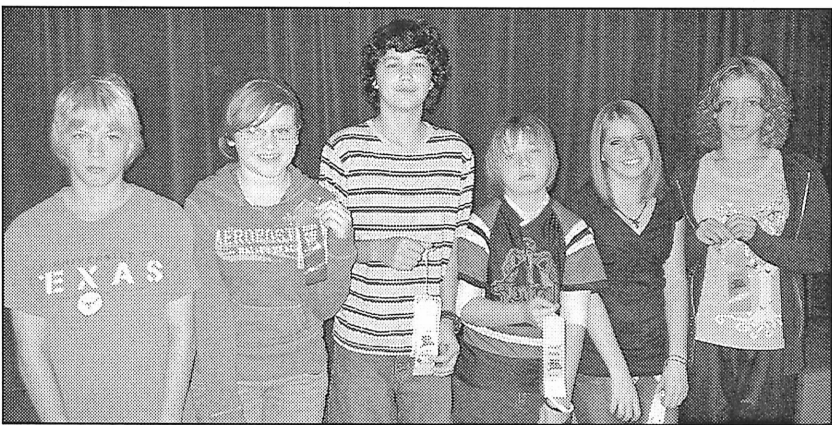
In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este 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 ciudad de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.



**SENIOR WINNERS**—Paint Creek Family and Consumer Science students participating and placing in the Senior Division of the West Texas Fair in the dried foods category were 1st Briana Wigley, 2nd Nathan Edwards, 3rd Michael Buerger, 4th Curtis Bishop, 5th Sarah Aguilar and 6th John Henderson.



**JUNIOR WINNERS**—Paint Creek Family and Consumer Science students participating and placing in the Junior Division of the West Texas Fair in the dried foods category were 1st Dylan Cooper, 2nd Sara Davis, 3rd Caleb McCord, 4th Dalton Barnett, 5th Haley Myers and 6th Katie Bosnjak.

## JH PC Pirates are on a roll

The Junior High Paint Creek Pirates are on a roll, winning their last four games by large margins. They beat Wichita Falls Christ Academy at home Oct. 4. The following week they took a win over Lueders-Avooca in the bottom of the fourth quarter with a score of 57 to 12 in a game played on Pirate field.

On Oct. 25 they traveled to Woodson, where they stomped the Cowboys 53-18. They

traveled this last Thursday to Moran where they defeated the Bulldogs by the mercy rule with five minutes left to play with a score of 60 over 13.

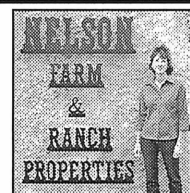
The Junior Pirates will finish their football season with a second game against Lueders-Avooca Nov. 8 in Lueders.

Team members are eighth graders, Payne Utley, Daren Johnson, Damien Winterstein, Dylan Cooper, Dalton Barnett

and Dustin Rainey; seventh graders, Blake Edwards, Cheyenne Buerger and River McTasney; and, sixth graders, Chris Richardson, Damatric Escamilla, Shawn Myers, David Powell, Justin Bailey, and Ben Groves.

Coach Michael Waggoner said, "The boys were really excited coming into district play. They work together as a team better and better each week."

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# VETERANS DAY

## A Special Thanks To All Our Veterans

We salute all of the Veterans of Haskell County and pay tribute to all of the American heroes, whose names we may not know, but whose efforts have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the many

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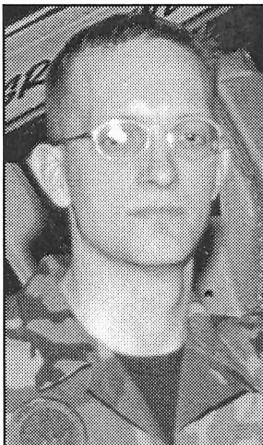
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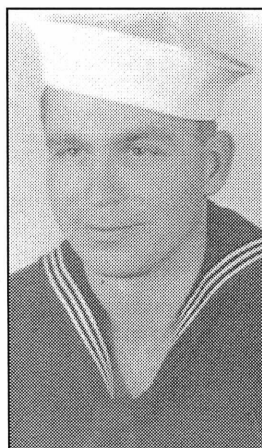
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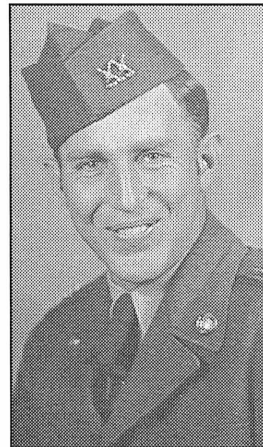
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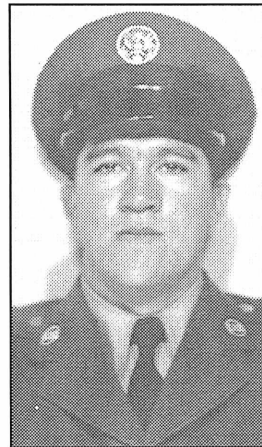
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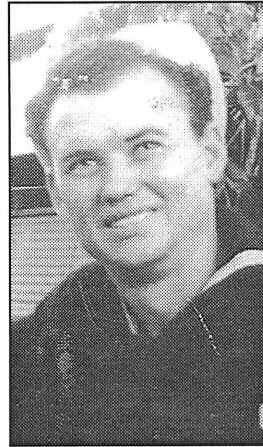
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**RED RIBBON WEEK**—Rochester Junior High School seventh grade girls participating in Red Ribbon Week activities include, front row, l-r, Kalyn Wheatley, Ashley Adams, Morgan Frierson, Cailey Foster, Madison Mayfield, Maegan Chavez and Caitlan Johnson; back row, Taylor Burson, Cassidy Rios, Shelby Dunnam, Destini Raynes, Carson Hadaway, Maci Colley, Tillie McGuire and Veronica Robledo.



**SIXTH GRADE VISIT**—Sixth graders visiting the Rochester Junior High School campus and Tonya Cypert's classroom recently were front row, l-r, April Brown, Maegan Hearn, Marlee Andrada, Elizabeth Flores, Christina Villa, Nikki Ortiz and Kymbre Kupatt; back row, Cheyanne Hill, Cypert, Zierra Alexander and Jamaica Castorena.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### REMEMBER THE LIVES THAT WERE GIVEN FOR OUR FREEDOM

When you think of your freedom, remember the way it was given to you to enjoy every day. It has never been free, but exacted the price of our heroes who made the supreme sacrifice. As our history shows us, it's just common sense to be always alert and maintain our defense.

Against any aggressor who seeks our defeat, So the concept of war will become obsolete, But until we abolish the horror of war, Let's remember the deeds of the ones gone before, And then pray that our freedom will always remain, So the lives they have given will not be in vain.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

**East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

**Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 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 Renegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

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

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 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. 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**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 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**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 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. 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. 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. 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**  
Morris R. Johnson, 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**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**—ROCHESTER—**

**Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 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, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

**—RULE—**

**First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

#### First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

#### —PAINT CREEK—

**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek

**—O'BRIEN—**

**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Haskell School Menu

#### Nov. 12-16 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Blueberry muffin  
**Tuesday:** Sausage, biscuit  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, donut  
**Thursday:** Breakfast burrito  
**Friday:** Breakfast bagel

#### Lunch

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

**Monday:** Chicken strips, gravy,

mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pudding cup

**Tuesday:** Taco salad, chips, pinto beans, salsa, cheese, pineapple tidbits

**Wednesday:** Roasted turkey, giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, homemade bread, fruit salad

**Thursday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, apple

**Friday:** Barbeque on a bun, onions, pickle spears, curly fries, orange slices

## Paint Creek School Menu

#### Nov. 12-16 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Cereal or toast  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Wednesday:** Pancakes  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Friday:** Toast or cereal

#### Lunch

Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls,

pudding

**Tuesday:** Tacos, refried beans, corn on cob, salad, fruit

**Wednesday:** Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, apple crisp

**Thursday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, fries, Rice Krispy bars

**Friday:** Burritos, corn, salad, applesauce cake

## ECC Calendar and Menu

#### Mon., Nov. 12

Lunch—Beef a roni, creamy potatoes, English peas, garden salad, yeast rolls, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee

#### Wed., Nov. 14

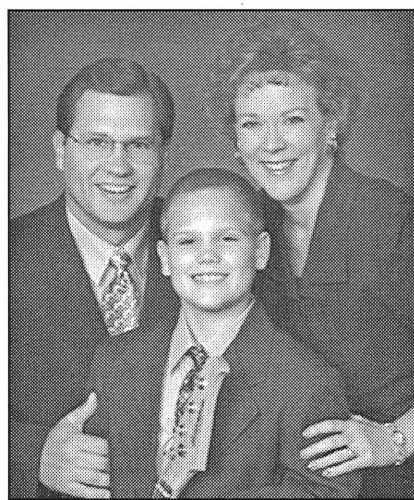
Lunch—Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans,

cranberries, yeast rolls, cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

#### Fri., Nov. 16

Lunch—Sloppy Joe's on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese salad, onions, pickle, jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



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**FOR SALE:** 1991 KMC 4 row peanut combine \$6500. 1988 Lillston 7500 2 row peanut combine \$2000. Call 940-200-0047 days or 940-997-2326 nights. 44-45p

**TO GIVE AWAY:** Kittens. See at 105 N. Ave. I. 45p

**FOR SALE:** 3 in 1 crib \$100, Care Bears bedding with hamper and mobile; toddler bed with mattress \$30; black daybed with mattress \$70; high chairs, walkers and play pen. These items and more can be found at Dianne's Resale, Knox City. 657-3132. 45p

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**FOR SALE:** 2007 Saturn Vue, 14,000 miles. \$17,000. Call 940-864-5941. 44-46c

### Garage Sale

**GARAGE SALE:** Fri. and Sat. 202 N. Ave. I. Girls and ladies clothes, dishes, Barbie dolls. Lots more. 45p

**GARAGE SALE:** 1103 N. Ave. G. Sat. Furniture, children's clothes, antiques, etc. 45p

**GARAGE SALE:** Sat. 7 to noon. 307 N. Ave. H. No early birds. 45c

**GARAGE SALE continues:** New items offered. Sports equipment and tools. 806 S. 1st. Sat. 45p

**GARAGE SALE:** Fri. and Sat. 9 to 5. 609 Adams, Rule. 45p

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** 705 N. 4th. Sat. 8 to 3. Blankets, sheets, dolls, dishes, clothes. Too much to list. 45p

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### Miscellaneous

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**THE NEW SONIC** Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

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**TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED** for cotton harvest. 864-4080. 44-46p

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**THE CITY OF Stamford** will receive applications for one

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GIVEN THAT:

Pursuant to the Writ of Execution issued in Cause No. 11,008; First National Bank in Munday v. H&J Mechanical Incorporated, Ronnie Jenkins and Kenneth Saffel, in the 39th Judicial District Court, Haskell County, Texas, dated August 22, 2007, levy was made on the 9th day of October, 2007 of the following real property:  
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Halliburton, Sheriff of Haskell County Texas, pursuant to the above described Writ of Execution and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 621, et seq, in order to satisfy the indebtedness awarded in the above described cause, hereby given notice that I will sell on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 (that being the first Tuesday of said month), at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the south door to the Haskell County Courthouse, at Haskell, Texas, at 11:00 a.m., on that date, the above described real property.

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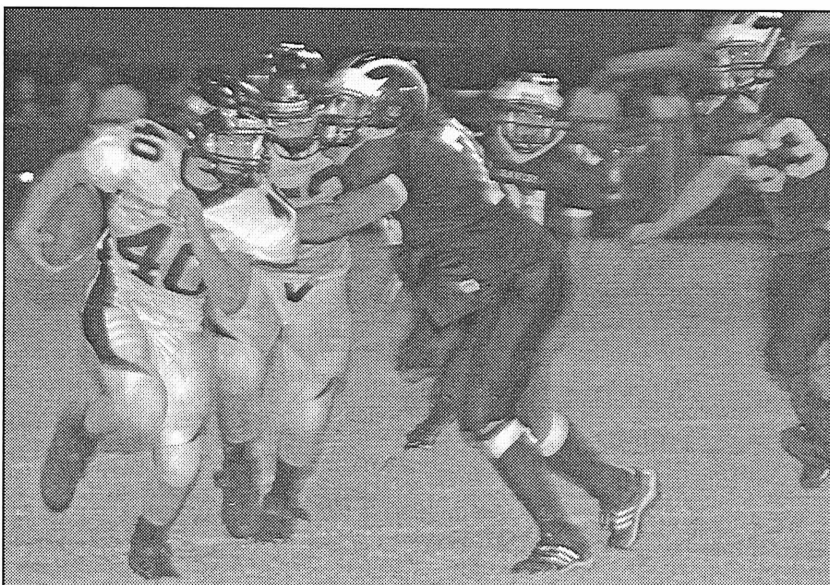
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**905 N. AVE. D.** Older two bedroom, one bath home on a very large lot. Dwelling has large utility room with washer/dryer hookups, kitchen with stove, one window air conditioner, and heaters. Lot has large pecan trees.

**1101 N. AVE. F.** 3-2-carport. Older home on two lots. House has high ceilings, wood floors, large living-dining, kitchen-dining-den combination. Lot has fenced yard and pecan trees.  
Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.



**ATTEND CONFERENCE**—Haskell County Commissioners, l-r, Bobby Smith, Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield and Kenny Thompson attended an educational conference for county commissioners held in Vernon Nov. 1.



**BREAKING AWAY**—Indian #40 Travis Adams breaks away from these Bearcats to gain yardage in a game played last Friday. The Indians defeated the Bearcats 32-13. Adams had 23 rushes during the game for 221 yards and three touchdowns. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Commissioners attend Vernon conference

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
Haskell Co. Commissioners Bobby Don Smith, Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield and Kenny Thompson attended the Nov. 1, Rolling Plains County Commissioners Court Conference at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Texas Cooperative Extension District III includes Childress,

Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Wise, Stephens, Palo Pinto and Parker counties.

"This conference provided a wealth of information for county commissioners," Wes Utley, county extension agent, said. The conference agenda included presentations on Ethanol

Production with Mesquite, Legislative Updates from State Representative Rick Hardcastle, Wind Energy 101, County Consideration for Wind Energy and Legislative Update Affecting Counties.

The conference also provided county commissioners an excellent opportunity for networking with their peers on the Rolling Plains and they received six commissioners' continuing educational units.

The conference was co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Continuing Education Department at Vernon College.

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The first two-day Master Marketer session at Vernon is set Jan. 16-17. Subsequent sessions will be held Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 27-28.

Interested persons should contact Stan Bevers, Extension Economist at 940-552-9941, ext. 231, or Wes Utley at the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

## Master Marketer program moves to Vernon

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
The Master Marketer program is coming back to Vernon.

The program is a national award-winning risk management training that teaches participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate opportunities, manage production and risk, and execute their risk management and marketing plans.

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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 933 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 3, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

363 steers and bulls, 314 heifers, 256 cows and bulls were sold. 79 sellers and 30 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, 44-48; cutters, 45-50; canners, 35-40.

Bulls: bologna, 54-60, feeders, 80-96.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 120-136; 300-400 lbs., 120-126; 400-500 lbs., 115-120; 500-600 lbs., 105-110; 600-700 lbs., 104-107.50; 700-800 lbs., 101-104; 800-up lbs. 89-101.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 100-110; 300-400 lbs., 90-95; 400-500 lbs., 90-95; 500-600 lbs., 95-105; 600-up lbs., 87.75-92.50.

Bred heifers: medium frame 750-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 850-1080; aged or small, 400-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1360; aged or small, 650-800.

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## Beware of hay fraud

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
Producers should be aware of a hay fraud scam that is currently being attempted on producers in Texas and Arkansas—and maybe in other states.

The scam is initiated by someone contacting a local producer from out of state claiming they are interested in purchasing an amount of hay, 15 round bales in Hempstead, Van Buren, and Washington counties, Arkansas and 60 round bales in Smith County, Texas.

The person needing hay, supposedly from out east, sends the producer a 'cashiers' check for the purchase price. In the Texas case, the 'buyer' requested that the producer deposit the check and provide \$1500 to the 'hauler' and an additional \$1500 to a 'broker.' In each of the cases, the 'buyer' would have gotten a free load of hay and the 'hauler' and 'broker' would have received

money from the producer. In each of the cases, producers asked banks to evaluate the checks and each case the checks were found to be fraudulent.

Before selling any hay to anyone that is not personally known, producers should ensure

that the checks they are being paid with are legitimate, even with supposed 'cashier's checks.'

If you suspect you are the potential victim of a scam, report the action to your local law enforcement authorities.

## Conservation program sign-up ends Nov. 16

Applications for incentive assistance ends Nov. 16 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Haskell. The office is located in the USDA Service Center at 607 North 1st Street East.

EQIP County Based funding will target pasture and range seeding, water development (ponds and livestock wells), cross fencing, and brush management as high priority practices this year.

In addition to County Base funding, the Seymour Irrigation

Area will take cost incentive applications for center pivots, drip irrigation and irrigation pipelines.

Haskell County is also in a special wildlife priority area for habitat improvement of Bobwhite Quail. Applications for brush management and range seeding will be taken for these funds.

For additional information on these cost-share assistance programs contact the NRCS Office at 864-8516 ext. 4.

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