

## Basketball games

**HASKELL**  
**JV G-B at Hawley Tourney**  
 Dec. 1-3  
**V G-B at Haskell Tourney**  
 Dec. 1-3  
**JV-V G-B vs Eula**  
 Tues., Dec. 6, 4 p.m.  
 at Haskell  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
**V G-B at Woodson Tourney**  
 Dec. 1-3  
**JH vs Aspermont**  
 Mon., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Aspermont  
**JV-V G, V B vs Benjamin**  
 Tues., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.  
 at Benjamin  
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**RULE**  
**JVG-JVB at Gore Tourney**  
 Dec. 1-3  
**VG-VB at Woodson Tourney**  
 Dec. 1-3  
**JH G-B vs Guthrie**  
 Mon., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Guthrie  
**V G-B vs Trent**  
 Tues., Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
 at Trent

## Calendar

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Dec. 5 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m. Members are to bring a snack for the Christmas party.

### Cookbooks

The Friends of Old Glory School committee now have for sale the Old Glory Amazin' Grazin' cookbooks containing recipes from friends and ex-students of Old Glory School. Available at the Old Glory Store Fri., Dec. 2 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., all proceeds benefit the fund for repairs to the school building.

### Decorating contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Home and Yard Lighting Contest. Prizes will be \$50 for first place; \$35 for second; and \$25 for third. Call City Hall at 996-2214 and enter by Fri., Dec. 9. Judging will be Mon., Dec. 12.

### Angel tree

The Community Choir will sponsor an Angel Christmas Tree Sat., Dec. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A, in Haskell. Toys will be collected and donated to needs children in the community. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the church from Dec. 9-16 each day from 12 noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call Mary Johnson at 940-864-5473.

### Flood donations

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance is collecting monetary donations for local flood relief. Donations may be made to P.O. Box 411, Haskell, Texas 79521. 100% of these donations will go directly to help the local flood victims.

### Story time

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

### Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him.

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St. or mailed to Santa Claus at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is 5 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 8. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 22 issue.

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# Merry Christmas pageant Sun., Dec. 4 in Rochester

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## Indians end season with loss to Windthorst

The Haskell Indians saw their season come to the end on Friday night in Graham. Windthorst, Haskell's foe a year ago, stopped Haskell to the tune of 42 to 20.

The Trojans of Windthorst were

by far the biggest and best team the Indians have faced this year. Windthorst is undefeated at 13-0, while Haskell finished at 11-2.

The Indians found the going quite tough during the first half of play, but

seemed to get their sea legs during the last half, by scoring 20 points.

Running back, Josh Barbee, would get a nine yard TD run at the 1:33 mark in the third quarter, and Gary Frierson would successfully

add the PAT kick. Haskell used an impressive 78-yard, 11-play drive to gain their first score of the game at the 8:45 time in the fourth quarter.

Running back Cameron Short had a beautiful run up the middle for 58

yards to add another TD for the Indians. Frierson again nailed the PAT. This drive was a five-play, 74-yard drive.

With 2:03 left in the game, Barbee would add the final TD of the season for the Indians on an eight-yard run. The two-point conversion try via the pass, fell incomplete.

Windthorst's tailback, Beau Berend, is quite a 'hoss' in a football uniform. This 6'4" 200 lb. back rushed for 3 TDs and passed for another. This young man accounted for 26 of Windthorst's 42 points. He was the best thing to come to Windthorst since sliced bread. The Trojans won this regional semi-final game 42 to 20.

For the Indians, this makes the second time the Trojans have ended their season. Haskell again had a very good year.

For this game the Indians had 298 yards rushing on 39 carries and had 25 yards passing on 2 of 8 with one interception. QB Matt Brown had 7 carries for 25 yards. RB Cameron Short closed out his high school career on a big note. He had 205 yards on 14 carries and one TD.



UP THE MIDDLE—Haskell running back Cameron Short (#6) takes the ball up the middle for 58 yards to add a TD for the Indians in

their regional semi-final game with the Windthorst Trojans, who stopped the Indians 42 to 20, ending the season for the Tribe.

## Construction begins on downtown project

Joe Higgins, Hamlin Area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, announced that work began Mon., Nov. 28, on U.S. 277 in Haskell.

The project consists of paving, sidewalk, and curb and gutter on U.S. 277 and U.S. 380 inside Haskell city

limits. This \$3,845,983.62 million project was awarded to J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye.

Jesse Mendoza, P.E. of the Hamlin Area office is TxDOT's construction manager on the project. Jerry Conner

and Richard Harrison were named construction inspectors.

The estimated completion date of the project is July 2007

As always, TxDOT asks that drivers use extra caution when traveling through work areas and on newly constructed or untreated

surfaces.

Questions or concerns with regards to this project may be directed to the Hamlin Area Office at 325-576-2765. TxDOT's field office is located in downtown Haskell in the old AEP office on the southside of the square.

## Merry Christmas pageant premieres Dec. 4

The Haskell County Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will be held at

3:00 p.m., Sun., Dec. 4 at the Rochester School Auditorium. It is

sponsored by the Haskell County Festivals Committee, which plans to

promote the pageant as an annual event and fun activity for the county.

Divisions for the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will include Miss Merry Christmas (grades 9-12), Junior Miss Merry Christmas (grades 6-8), Young Miss Merry Christmas (grades 3-5), Little Miss Merry Christmas (grades PK-2), Little Miss Snowflake (ages 0-3 years).

The Boys Division will include Santa's Littlest Elf (0-3) and Santa's Reindeer Wrangler (ages 4 + up).

The Overall Division will be Mr./Miss Christmas Spirit.

Judging will be based on resume, onstage confidence, poise, presence, composure, personality, Christmas spirit and onstage interview, if applicable.

Awards will include crowns, trophies, flowers, prizes for winners, runners-up and all contestants.

## Night parade to sparkle Dec. 10

With the theme of "The Light of Christmas," the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held Sat., Dec. 10, beginning at 6 p.m. The colorful evening event will

feature entries and floats that are lighted in some manner to reflect the season.

Following the parade, Santa Claus will be at the gazebo for picture

taking, and local choirs will sing Christmas music.

Families may stroll around the holiday scenes set up on the square while sipping hot chocolate or coffee.

## Noah Project sets Tour of Homes

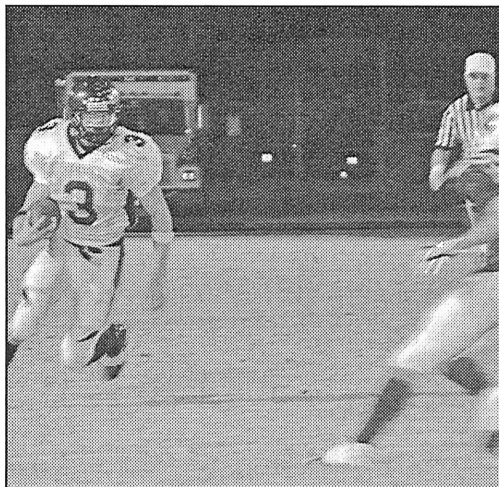
The Noah Project-North will host their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. The beautifully decorated homes of

Hwy. 380; and Phillip and Fonda Newton, 270 CR 104. Refreshments will be served at Conner Floral on the east side of the square.

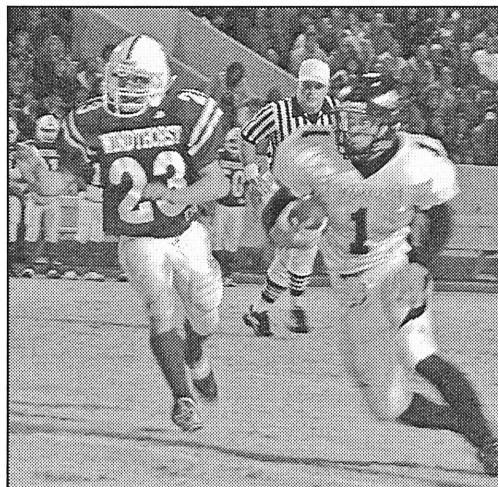
Tickets are \$6 and available from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project office on the third

floor of the courthouse or at the door the day of the tour. All proceeds benefit victims of family violence.

The Noah Project-North provides free services in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.



SCORING A TD—Josh Barbee (#3) runs for 9 yards to score in the third quarter in the Indians' regional semi-final game with Windthorst.



CARRYING FOR HASKELL—QB Matt Brown (#1) carries in one of his 7 for a total of 25 yards in the game with Windthorst in Graham.



ADDING YARDS AND COUNT—Cameron Short (#6) had a total of 205 yards on 14 carries and one TD in the game with Windthorst.

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## PC honor roll, perfect attendance students listed

Paint Creek ISD has released percent attendance and A honor roll for the second semester of school.

Making the perfect attendance list in elementary are:

Pre-K, Chase Thompson and Logan Hearn; first grade, Samantha

Martinez; second grade, Jerrid Hunt and Sarah Edwards; third grade, Ryan Reid, Christopher Elias and Tyler Hall; fourth grade, Justin Bailey; and fifth grade, Katie Jones.

Jr. high and high school perfect attendance honorees are:

Sixth grade, Damien Winterstein, Katrina Buerger and Payne Utley; seventh grade, Nathan Colley; eighth grade, Donovan Colley, Johnny Escamilla, Cody Baker and Brennan Medford; ninth grade, Ariel Blair, Caleb Whitfield, Amber Gilbreath and Justin Meier; tenth grade, Brooke Hall and Charlie Myers; and 12th grade, Todd Emert.

Those listed on the 'A' honor roll include:

First grade, Catherine Lemond and Samantha Martinez; second grade, Jordan Davis; fourth grade, Caitlin Medford and Shawn Myers; fifth grade, Katie Jones; sixth grade, Katrina Buerger and Haley Myers; seventh grade, Shana Armstrong and Curtis Bishop; eighth grade, Cody Baker; ninth grade, Caleb Whitfield; tenth grade, Kailey McCord; and eleventh grade, Paula Isbell.

## Tips for consumer food safety

By following a few simple rules, you can help protect you and your family at home from food-borne illnesses caused by harmful germs.

- Check "use by" or "sell by" dates on grocery items.
- Buy items that are not damaged, rusty, or open.
- Grocery items that are frozen or cold, take home immediately and store back in freezer or refrigerator. Do not leave items out for more than two hours.
- Keep all work surfaces (table, counter-top, etc.) and utensils clean.
- Throw away spoiled food. If in doubt, throw it out!
- Always wash fresh fruits and vegetables under cold running water to remove any dirt or spray residue.
- Thaw foods in the refrigerator or on defrost in microwave. Never thaw food out on the counter. And cook foods right after they have thawed, not the next day.
- Refrigerate leftovers promptly.
- Keep cold foods cold. Keep hot foods hot.
- Store all foods in covered containers, zip-lock bags, or covered with plastic wrap or foil.

A lot more information on food safety is available at the Haskell County Extension Office. For more information, call 940-864-2546 or visit the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell.

## Obituaries

### Alice Blanche Crawford Griffin



**ALICE GRIFFIN**

Funeral services for Alice Blanche Crawford Griffin, 88, of Haskell were held Mon., Nov. 21 at the Church of Christ in Haskell with A.B. Martin officiating. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery in Seymour under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Griffin died Fri., Nov. 18. Born April 30, 1917 in Sulfur Springs, she was the daughter of William and Ina Pearl Crawford. She

and her family moved to Baylor County when she was seven years old. She attended school at Red Springs and Seymour, graduating in 1937. She was captain of the volleyball team that lost only one game that year. In Sept. 1942, she was one of the first women to join the Women's Air Corp during World War II. She was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia where she worked in Air Force Operations. Later, she was stationed at Langley Field in Virginia where she worked as a truck driver and a driver for officers. She was discharged in Oct. 1945. She married Luke Griffin June 25, 1946 in Tyler. She and her family lived in Abilene and Austin until their retirement in 1974 when they moved back to Seymour. During her retirement, she did babysitting. Her greatest enjoyment in life was her time in the Air Force and the friends she made while serving her country, having many family members in law enforcement and watching the kids she babysat grow up to be young men and women.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Luke Griffin in 1985; one daughter, Carolyn Fisher in 1972; great grandson, Landry Griffin in 2004; five brothers, Ray Crawford, Russell Crawford, J.W. Crawford, Marvin Crawford and Elton Crawford; and one infant sister, Thelma Crawford.

Survivors include one son, Luke Griffin Jr., and wife, Sheila, and her daughter, Misty, all of Haskell; grandson, Mike Griffin and his children, Sarah and Natalie of Seymour; granddaughters, Lisa Young and husband, Monty, and children, Joey, Kirstie and Monica of Henrietta and Gayle Bodde and husband, Gerald, and children, Reese and Morgan of Wichita Falls; grandson, Glenn Griffin and wife, Crystal, and children, Matthew and Carissa of Wichita Falls, and Gayle and Glenn's mother, Julie Griffin of Wichita Falls; and one sister, Era Fay (Dimp) Huff of Seymour.

Pallbearers were Tom Bassett, David Halliburton, John Riley, Shea Guinn, Dewayne Williams and Jason Ziessel, all area law enforcement officers. PD. NOTICE

### Rubye Faye (Doyle) Norman



**RUBYE FAYE NORMAN**

Funeral services for Rubye Faye (Doyle) Norman, 89, of Rule were held Sat., Nov. 26 at First Baptist

Church in Rule with Rev. Josh Stowe and John Greeson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Norman died Wed., Nov. 22. Born Aug. 11, 1916 in Swenson, she spent most of her childhood in Oklahoma. She attended the University of North Texas in Denton where she graduated with a bachelor degree in education. She married Lee Weldon Norman in 1939 and lived in Rule for the remainder of her life. She taught school in Haskell and Stonewall counties for over 20 years in the Mattson and Old Glory communities. She was an avid bridge player as well as a well renowned cook.

She was preceded in death by her son, Craig Norman; and her parents, Katie and Warren Doyle.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Lee Weldon Norman of Rule; son, James Lee Norman and wife, Marty of Fort Worth; two grandsons, James Lee Norman Jr. and wife, Holly of Austin and Darin McReynolds Norman and wife, Blythe of Fort Worth; and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to James L. West Alzheimer Center, 1111 Summit Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76102 or to the Craig Norman Scholarship Fund, c/o Rule Banking Center, Rule, Texas 79547. PD. NOTICE

### Peggy Lurline (Erickson) Burnett

Funeral services for Peggy Lurline (Erickson) Burnett, 81, of Rule were held Tues., Nov. 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Rev. Ronald Renegar officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Burnett died Sat., Nov. 26 at Life Care Hospital in Dallas.

Survivors include four sons, Kenneth and Linda Lee of Indiana, James and May Lee of San Antonio, John and Rosie Lee of Apple Valley, California and Robert and Cheryl Burnett of Elizabeth, Colorado; one daughter, Elizabeth and Addie Wallis of Rule; one brother, William Erickson of Oregon; 14 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Margaret and Creora Tatum, Joyce Hawkins, Christopher and Melissa Tatum attending the wedding of Terry Hawkins, Joyce's grandson, in Marble Falls Sat., Nov. 19.

Darlene Conn had Thanksgiving lunch on Sun., Nov. 27. Attending were David and Denice Conn, Sabrina and Amber, Sammy Hawkins and daughter, Brittney, Doug Carroll, Joyce Hawkins, Daniel Conn, Laura, Julie, Cody and Audree. They also celebrated Darlene's daughter, Julie's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair had Thanksgiving dinner for Gary and Vickie Hawkins, Nathan and Annie Blair, Aerial and Alice, David and Cindy Muhle and Chance.

Faye Gray spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

Chuck Hix in Abilene. Son, Lynn of Grapeland visited with Mrs. Gray in Haskell through Sunday.

Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth spent Thanksgiving with Fannie Mae Barton. Erma Liles enjoyed lunch with them.

Thanksgiving visitors with Hyrum and Jean Richards were son, Brady Henshaw and children, Savannah and Philip of Albuquerque and Jean's sister, Suzy McElmurry of Monett, Missouri. They also visited their grandmother and mother, Lois Redwine.

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Written By  
**Gerald Rodgers, CPA**

**HEED IRS RULES WHEN YOU BORROW MONEY FROM YOUR CORPORATION**

Borrowing from your closely held corporation may seem simple, but without proper planning it can be painfully expensive. The IRS often reviews such loans to determine if they're merely disguised cash withdrawals. For example, the IRS may treat an improperly structured loan as a dividend, which would be taxable to you and not deductible by the corporation.

The IRS generally asks the following questions when evaluating a corporation's loan to one of its shareholders:

- Does the borrowing shareholder control the corporation? The greater the degree of control, the more closely the loan will be scrutinized.
- Did the corporation require adequate collateral for the loan?
- Is the borrower financially able to repay the loan within a reasonable time period?
- Did the shareholder sign a promissory note with an appropriate interest rate, a reasonable repayment schedule, and a fixed maturity date?
- Has the borrower been making the required payments on schedule?
- If the borrower missed a payment(s), has the corporation tried to collect?

When a corporation lends money to one of its shareholders, the transaction should be structured as though it were being made to an unrelated party—a stranger. The borrower should sign a promissory note that includes payment terms and a final due date. At a minimum, interest should be charged at the IRS statutory rate in effect at the time of the loan. Requiring adequate collateral will be regarded as a favorable indicator by the IRS, although it is not mandatory. The terms of the loan should be voted on by the Board of Directors, and the details should be entered in to the corporate minutes. The borrower should make payments according to the agreed-upon schedule.

Since circumstances are different for each corporation and each shareholder, you should always consult your accountant before transferring money from your company. If we can be of assistance, call us.

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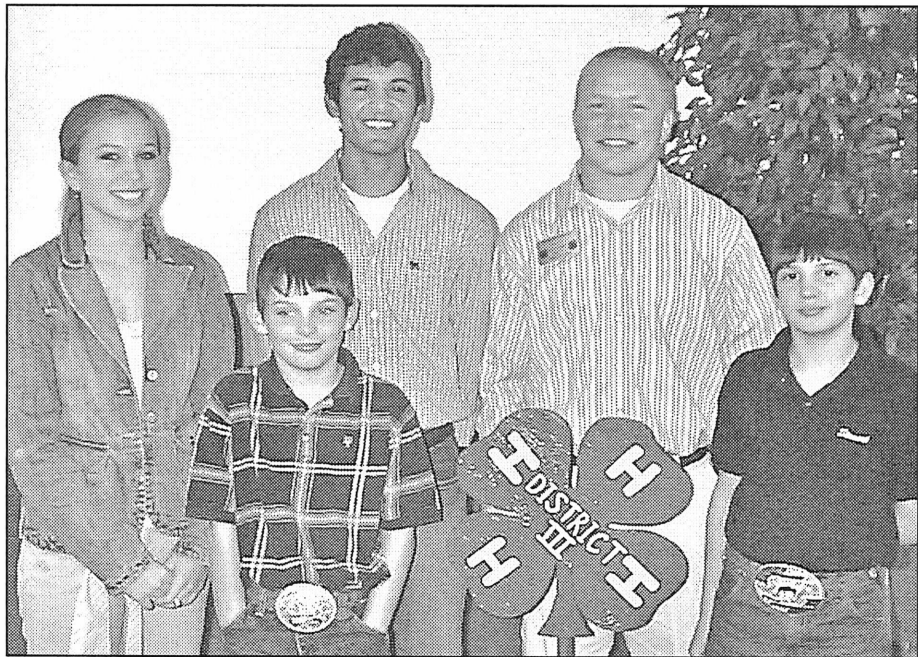
**VERNON COLLEGE** 2006 Spring Registration  
VERNON - WICHITA FALLS 16-week semester  
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United States History I (HIST 1301 H845)  
Mondays 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

<b>Campus Connect Registration</b> Dec. 7-12 & Dec. 16-Jan. 3	Vernon campus <b>Registration January 12</b> Osborne Admin. Bldg. see schedule for times
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Class is January 17 - May 9

To apply for registration, go to [www.vernoncollege.edu/appinst](http://www.vernoncollege.edu/appinst) or call Admissions and Records at 940.552.6291 ext. 2207

See the schedule at [www.vernoncollege.edu](http://www.vernoncollege.edu)



AT THE ROUNDUP—Members participating at the recent 4-H District Roundup are, l-r, Molly Dudensing, Aaron Urich, C.J. Saucedo, Emery Dudensing and Stewart Urich.

## 4-H'ers compete at Roundup

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
Approximately 200 youth from the 24 counties making up the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Wed., Nov. 9 in a variety of competitions during the annual district 4-H Roundup.

Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the state competition next June in College Station.

Junior and intermediate contestants do not advance past the district level.

Winners were honored at an awards assembly at the Wilbarger Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition.

The following is a list of Haskell County Roundup participants, their categories and placings.

Junior Division: Aaron Urich, Open Division, Wild Hogs, 5th place.

Intermediate Division: Stewart Urich, Illustrated Talk, Safety &

Accident Prevention, 1st place.

Senior Division: Emery Dudensing, Share the Fun, Musical, 2nd place; Molly Dudensing, Illustrated Talk, Clothing & Textiles, 1st place; C.J. Saucedo, Share the Fun, Vocal, 1st place.

## Record broken at Country Club

Last Tuesday, the course record at the Haskell Country Club fell for the second time in three years. Both times, Jim Harris of Rule was the record setter.

Harris had set the record three years ago with a 63 (9 under par). On Nov. 22, he went out on the front 9 with a 29, (7 under par), which was also a personal best for 9 holes. He

came in with 3 under 33 on the back nine to shoot 62 on the round, besting his previous record by one stroke.

He had 2 eagles on the front nine and 7 birdies on the day and one bogey.

Witnesses to the event were Jerry Harris, Dr. Bill Kemp and Drew Mitchell.



BONNIE EMERT

## Emert to sing with VC choir

The Vernon College Chaparral Singers anticipate a busy concert season as December approaches. The public is encouraged to hear this outstanding group of young musicians at any or all of these performance venues.

Chaparral Singers include April Benedict, Pamela Haning, Ryan Leasure and Priscila Ortiz of Vernon; Zach Detwiler and Chanell Hurd of Paducah; Realitie Duncan, Quanah; Bonnie Emert, Paint Creek; Ben Moles, Heber Springs, Arkansas; and Becky Smith, Crowell.

Accompanists are Garry Wofford, piano, guitar and percussion; and Silverio Barron, percussion.

On Fri., Dec. 2, the Singers will perform as a part of the Sikes Senter Seasonal Sounds Series. Their program of holiday selections will be presented at 6 p.m. on the stage in the J.C. Penney court area of Sikes Senter Mall in Wichita Falls.

The Campus Concert will be performed in Colley Student Center on the Vernon Campus at 7:30 on Monday evening, Dec. 5. The students will perform a program of multi-cultural folksongs, including favorites "Danny Boy," "Cielito Lindo," and "Old Joe Clark."

Following a brief intermission, the Singers will share both sacred and secular Christmas music selections, including "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and the not-to-be-missed "Twelve Groovy Days of Christmas."

To end the semester, the Chaparral Singers will perform seasonal music for the residents of Merrill Gardens in Vernon Fri., Dec. 9, at 11:15 a.m.

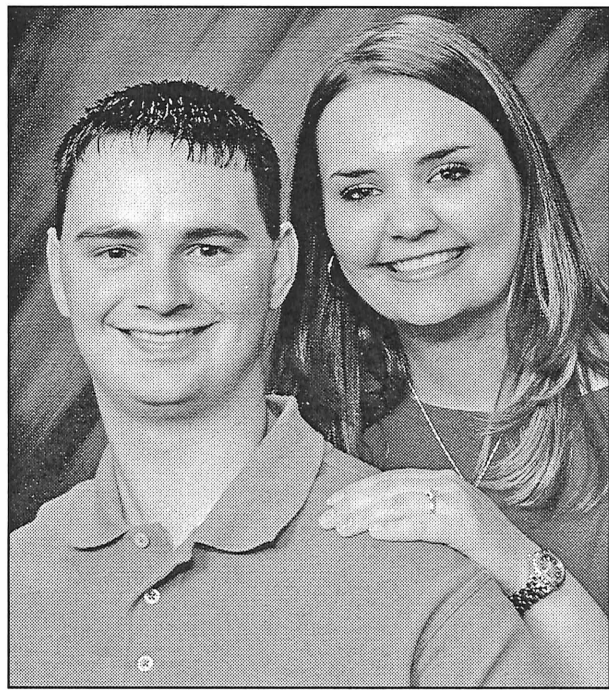
## Chapter meets

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society held its Nov. 6 meeting at the Knox City Elementary School, with Nancy Toliver presiding.

Inspiring all members to become involved, member Dorothy Myers discussed the volunteerism program held at the First Methodist Church in Munday. The program is designed to teach English to Spanish speaking adults.

Lillian Hicks, chapter recording secretary, was honored with the Red Rose Salute. She was also winner of the door prize.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held Sat., Dec. 3 in Munday.



RUSSELL DALE BISHOP - KRISTIN CAMILLE CYPERT

## Cypert, Bishop to marry March 4

Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristin Camille Cypert, and Russell Dale Bishop, son of Craig and Debbie Wilde of Knox City.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Haskell High School, and will graduate in December from Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing. She is employed

with HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Wichita Falls.

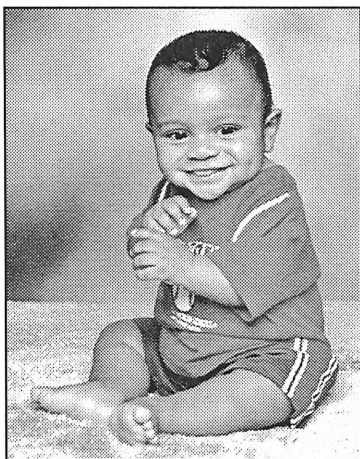
The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Knox City High School. He recently completed the pharmacy technician program at Vernon College, and is employed as a certified pharmacy technician by McKesson Medication Management through United Healthcare System in Wichita Falls.

The couple plans a wedding at the Haskell Church of Christ on Mar. 4.



THANKSGIVING STORY—Paint Creek students telling the story of the first Thanksgiving were: l-r, seated, American Indians, Antonio Yanez, Kaitlyn Nail, Chase Thompson, Brittany Yanez and Logan Hearn. Standing are Janet Jeffcoat, student Pilgrims, Alex Martinez, Breanna Bruce, Cheyenne Elias, Keely James, Xavier Bruce and their teacher, Joni Self.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Supreme Court sets June 1 deadline for school finance fix

AUSTIN—The Texas Supreme Court on Nov. 22 agreed that parts of Texas' school finance system are unconstitutional and gave lawmakers until June 1 to fix the funding woes.

In a 7-1 ruling the court agreed with the district court that the state's control of local taxation for education by placing a cap on taxes amounts to a state property tax in violation of the Texas Constitution.

But the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's ruling that found part of the school finance system inefficient.

The Supreme Court sent the issue of attorneys fee back to the trial court and postponed until June 1 the effective date of the trial court's injunction that would halt funding for public schools.

"We remain convinced, however, as we were 16 years ago, that defects in the structure of the public school finance system expose the system to constitutional challenge," Justice Nathan Hecht wrote in the majority opinion. "Pouring more money into the system may forestall those challenges, but only for a time. They will repeat until the system is overhauled."

Justice Scott A. Brister was the lone dissenter. New Justice Don R. Willett, who was formally sworn in by Gov. Rick Perry that same day, did not sit on the case.

The plaintiffs, 47 districts led by West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District, contended that property taxes, though imposed locally, have become a state property tax prohibited by the Texas Constitution.

An additional 282 districts contended that funding for school operations and facilities is inefficient in violation of the Texas Constitution, because children in property-poor districts do not have substantially equal access to education revenue.

So the ball is now back in the Texas Legislature's hands.

Lawmakers took up school finance during two special sessions this summer and the regular session but failed to reach a compromise.

Perry said he would call another special session before the June 1 deadline. His Texas Tax Reform Commission, headed by John Sharp,

currently is studying various tax issues and will make recommendations.

"I am ready to resolve this issue. So are many legislators and so are the people of Texas," Perry said.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he would appoint the Senate Select Committee on Education Excellence and Public School Finance Reform to respond to the Supreme Court's decision.

Dewhurst said a special session on school finance should "address not only significantly lowering our local school property taxes, but reforming and improving our public education system."

Texas House speaker Tom Craddick said he looked forward to working with Perry and Dewhurst "to find a solution that will appropriately answer the court's ruling" by the deadline.

### Audit finds faults at SOS

Significant weaknesses in the Office of the Secretary of State's controls over its revenue processes limit its ability to safeguard revenue that it collects from citizens and businesses for providing various services, the state auditor's office found in an October report.

The audit found that the agency does not immediately log cash and checks upon receipt, its revenue process is decentralized and its staff's revenue processing duties are not properly segregated. Those factors contribute to an inadequate system of internal controls, the report cited.

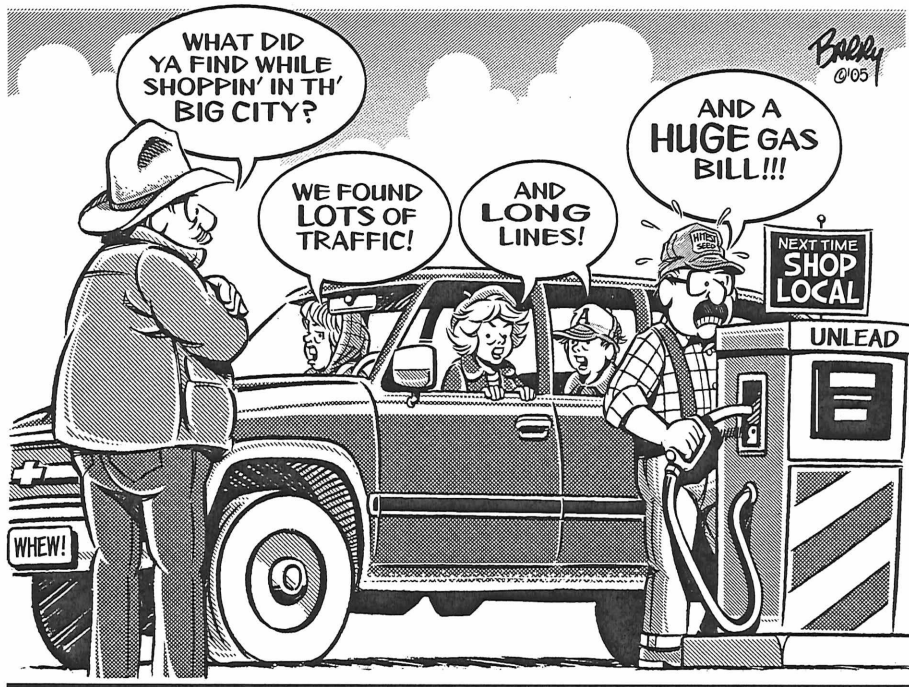
In about 38 percent of cases that auditors tested, the agency did not deposit revenue into the State Treasury within three business days of receipt as required by state law.

### Hang a state park on the tree

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is offering a commemorative 2006 Texas State Parks tree ornament for Texans who purchase a State Parks Pass gift certificate by Dec. 31.

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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago December 7, 1995

Winners in the Cub Scout Pack No. 136 Cake Bake were biggest cake, Jay Walling; smallest, Ross Hairgrove; best tasting, Geoffrey Phemister; ugliest, Ryan Barnes; most unique, Joseph Felty; tallest, Nate Webb; judge's choice, A.J. Shaw; biggest flop, Jeremy Torres; and best message, Richard Belyue.

Haskell's Sonic Drive-In was named a local winner in the second annual Super Sonic Games. Members include managers Leon and Carolyn Herring and crew members Cindy Ashley, Sandra Barnes, Lisa Schonerstedt, Stephen Cox, Michelle Phelps and Michelle Hill.

### 20 Years Ago December 5, 1985

Mrs. Gus Rueffer was the grand champion in the adult division and Kim Gilly won in the youth division in the Pecan Bake Show.

Tom Barnett of Haskell, a member of the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Band, performed with the group at the Kansas Jayhawk Bowl.

Edythe DeWitt, who taught music at Rule in the 1920's and operated a music and dance studio in Haskell in the late 1930's, was named as the best teacher in Texas by Texas Monthly magazine.

### 30 Years Ago December 4, 1975

Patricia Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henry, and Julie Roewe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Roewe, of Brownie Troop 468, presented Publisher Bill Comedy of the Haskell Free Press with a Girl Scout calendar in appreciation of generous Girl Scout publicity.

Jami Barbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Barbee, was chosen as most

spirited girl and football sweetheart of Rule High School; Leonard Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rhoads, was chosen as the most spirited boy.

The Rule Lions Club received a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. W. J. Gruby, District Governor 2-El. Officers of the Lions Club were Dennis Briles, James A. Lisle, R.W. Callan, Tom Kutch, Walter Counts, Malcolm Hertzberger and Pete Kittley.

Haskell High Band students Clark Richardson, James Wittenborn, Kim Campbell, Elizabeth Wilson, Jill Adkins, Craig Childress, Brenda Hill, Connie Frierson and Rosemary Kimbrough earned seats in the All-District Band Contest held in Sweetwater.

### 40 Years Ago December 2, 1965

On the 5-AA All-District football Defensive Team, Bobby Watson of Haskell copped top spot halfback honors; Frankie White was in a 4-way tie for tackles (end); and on the Offensive Team, David Perry was in a 3-way tie for tackles.

Jimmy Fields, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hodge of Haskell, accepted a position in the mechanical department at Gilmore Implement Company.

Arch Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mayfield of Weinert, who attended the Attorney General's Youth Conference on Crime held in Austin, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting.

Haskell Young Homemakers float depicting "The Night Before Christmas In Texas, You-All," was the winning float in the Christmas parade.

### 50 Years Ago

### December 1, 1955

Ives June Casey of Rule, top individual 4-H dairy foods demonstrator, received national recognition at Chicago when she was named as one of eight sectional winners in the program in the nation.

Barbara Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Collins, was chosen as Football Sweetheart and Frankie Don Mullins was selected as Football Hero at the Haskell-Albany district championship football game.

Sandra Peiser and Durward Campbell were chosen as High School Harvest Queen and King at the annual Mattson Harvest Festival. Carolyn Klose and Ronnie Chapman were chosen as grade school queen and king.

Roy Rhoads, Haskell student at Hardin-Simmons University, appeared in a choral speaking choir in a special assembly program at the university observing the Thanksgiving season.

### 100 Years Ago December 2, 1905

W.W. Kittley was in town with a load of fine turnips and cashews and stated he refused \$25 per acre for his farm last week.

Dr. W. Williams of Killeen, who has property interests in this county, was here arranging to move his family here.

S.W. Scott returned after attending the Methodist Conference at Hillsboro. He was selected as a delegate to the General Conference to be held in Alabama.

Mr. Bayless of the Denton nursery made delivery of a quantity of fruit trees and shrubbery here.

C.B. Kelton left for Seymour, where he will run a steam grader on an extension of the Wichita Valley.

## Haskell School Menu

Dec. 5-9  
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Breakfast pizza

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Cereal, 1 pop tart

**Thursday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Friday:** Peanut butter sandwich

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 nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, peach crisp

**Tuesday:** Lasagna, garden salad, green beans, fried squash, breadstick, pudding cup

**Wednesday:** Corndogs, pork and beans, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fresh fruit

**Thursday:** Chalupas, cheese, salsa, garden salad, corn, sliced pears

**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, cookie

## Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 5-9  
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Cereal or toast

**Tuesday:** Biscuits and gravy

**Wednesday:** Pancakes

**Thursday:** Cinnamon rolls or donuts

**Friday:** Cereal or toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake

**Tuesday:** Burritos, corn, salad, salsa, fruit cups

**Wednesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp

**Thursday:** Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, salsa, chips, chocolate cake

**Friday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, onions, tator tots, pudding with cookies

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## Postal inspectors warn of cyber scams

The latest scam to hit American consumers involves counterfeit financial instruments, costing victims millions of dollars each month. Counterfeit checks and money orders—including U.S. Postal money orders—are used in the scam, which often starts with what appears to be an innocent contact via an internet chatroom or by e-mail.

Con artists posing as students, tourists, or overseas military personnel ask for help in cashing checks and money orders, or they target people looking for love or companionship, in order to exploit their vulnerability. Online auctioneers are also at risk. Scammers buy goods or services on the internet and offer payment by check or money order—often in excess of the actual value to the goods or services.

Postal inspectors have found that in most cases, con artists ship the check or money order and ask the victim to cash it, keep a portion as a "gift," and wire the remainder, usually to an overseas address.

Bank customers are responsible for the checks they deposit, and depositors must repay the bank for bad checks. Federal law requires

banks to make the funds the customer deposits available quickly, but it's important for consumers to know that just because you can withdraw the money, it doesn't mean the check or money order is good. Banks often release funds from a cashier's check or money order before it is determined to be legitimate or fraudulent.

The scams have several common factors:

- Contact is usually via the internet.

- Communications often contain misspellings, poor grammar, or improperly used words.

- Counterfeit postal money orders are most often denominated from \$800 to \$1,000. Commercial checks and other money orders can be in varying amounts, but often are triple this amount.

- Victims are to wire funds to the fraudsters, sometimes keeping a portion of the proceeds for themselves.

- Transactions involving the purchase of merchandise usually involve payment in an amount greater than the purchase, with a request to wire back excess funds. Recently postal inspectors have

learned of three additional scams exclusively involving postal money orders.

- In an attempt to lull the victim, the scammer sends the victim an email from "PostalMoneyOrder.com" advising the victim a money order has been approved in their name.

- Scammers use Qchex.com, a legitimate bill payment service in the United States that issues checks drawn on their customers' accounts, to distribute fake money orders that bear the USPS trademark and logo, but bear no resemblance to the real thing. Customers can visit the Qchex website at <http://www.qchex.com> for more information.

- Fraudsters are sending "authorization letters" on fictitious USPS letterhead, allegedly to aid the cashing of the counterfeit postal money orders. The Postal Service never authors any such letter to a customer.

Not being a victim in their fraud scam comes down to prevention:

- Be skeptical of anyone asking to wire money to overseas bank accounts or to cash money orders or checks on their behalf.
- Never disclose personal or

financial information to anyone you don't know.

- Never wire funds to anyone unless you are sure the check or money order they gave you was legitimate.

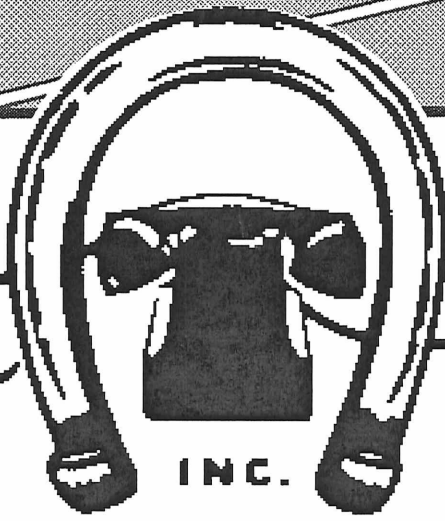
So how can the public be confident that they have received a legitimate financial document? For Postal Money Orders, visit the website [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors). Click on the Postal Money Order Alert for further descriptions of frauds involving Postal Money Orders and Postal Money Order security features.

Also listed is a toll-free number for verification, 800-372-8347. Alternately, go to your local post office and ask the clerk to check to see if the postal money order is counterfeit—if anyone would know, it would be the clerk or postmaster.

For other financial documents, try to verify it through the entity that issued it. Bank tellers and check cashers see too many checks and money orders each day to know the security features in every document, so it all boils down to prevention.

For additional protection tips, visit [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors) or [www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com](http://www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com).

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**JUST FISHIN'**—Haskell Indian football player, Vincente Solano, enjoys spending a day with young Christian Cardenas. The football team showed Head Start students how to catch fish (and untangle lines) during a day at the park. This and other projects are helped made possible by a K-12 School Community Partnership Grant, in which Haskell CISD students teach younger students worthy skills.

## TxDOT sets workshop Dec. 5

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public workshop on the process for submission of candidate proposals for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information and answer questions regarding the 2005 Program Call. The workshop for city, county, and other interested parties will be held at the Abilene District Training Center located at 4250 North Clack in Abilene, Dec. 5, beginning at 1:30 PM.

TxDOT is accepting proposals for transportation enhancement projects that can now be funded through the recently passed federal transportation bill.

The federal program provides funding for non-traditional transportation related activities that promote the quality of our environment through aesthetic enhancements associated with transportation.

Approved projects will receive funding on a cost reimbursement basis. The funding does not constitute a grant. Enhancement projects are eligible for reimbursement for up to 80 percent of allowable costs. The entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including all cost overruns.

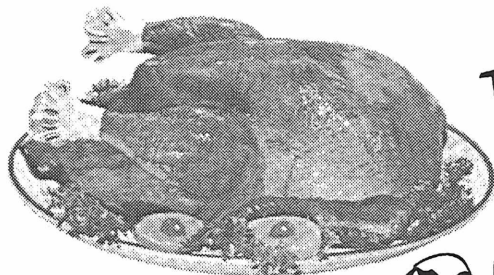
Eligible projects must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact.

The project call will end at 5 p.m. April 28, 2006. Projects will be selected on a statewide competitive basis. Approved projects will be funded on a cost reimbursement basis

for up to 80 percent of allowable costs with the nominating entity responsible for the remaining costs. For a project to be considered eligible for funding, it must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact and incorporate one of the following 12 categories of work:

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- Historic preservation.
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycle facilities)
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
- Archeological planning and research.
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
- Establishment of transportation museums.

For questions regarding the time and location of the workshop, contact Bill Leach, Abilene District Enhancement Coordinator, at 325-676-6822.



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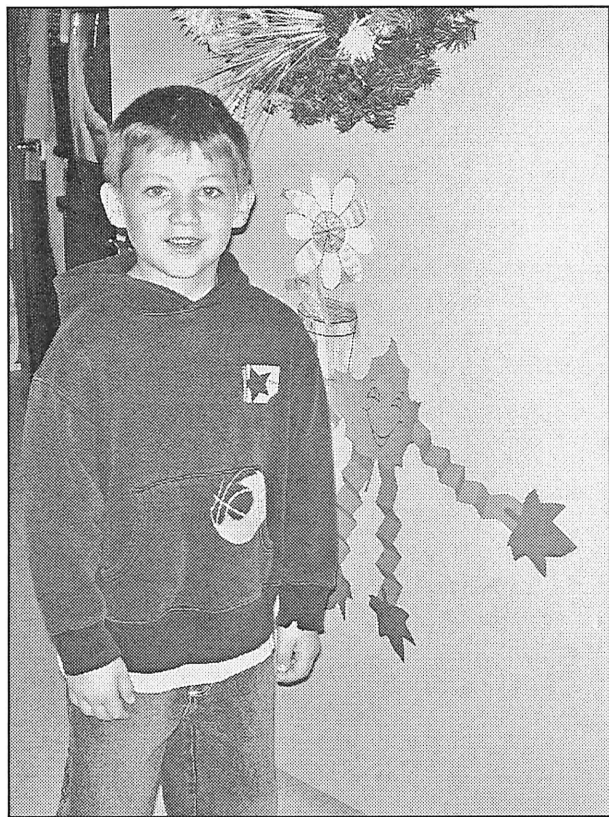
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**FALL IS IN THE AIR!**—Zachary Taylor displays one of the doors decorated by Haskell Elementary students for residents of Haskell Healthcare Center to enjoy. Made with love, kindness and friendship, as part of the K-12 SCP School Community Partnership Grant, the autumn artwork was hung on each door as the students visited with their friends at the center.

## FSA election ends Dec. 5

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the election period for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is open through Dec. 5, as ballots to eligible producers have been mailed.

"County committees help administer federal farm programs at the local level and it is vital that committees represent a cross-section of producers in each community," said Johanns. "I encourage all eligible producers, especially minorities and women, to make a difference in their community by voting in this year's FSA county committee elections."

Johanns made the announcement at the Missouri Farm Bill Forum, the 22nd and final forum that will be hosted by him as part of the nationwide listening tour in which members of the public are invited to express their views about farm and rural policy, in preparation for the development of the next farm bill in 2007. Other USDA officials will continue to hold forums throughout November.

FSA county committees help ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committees provide input on commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs and disaster assistance.

FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. Most committees consist of three to five members and may have one or more appointed advisors to further represent the interests of minority and women farmers and ranchers.

Agricultural producers, who participate or cooperate in any FSA program and are of legal voting age, can vote. A person supervising and conducting the farming operations on an entire farm, but not of legal voting age, can also vote.


Ballots have been sent today eligible farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers. Eligible producers should contact their local FSA offices if they do not receive a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the voter's FSA office or be post-marked by Dec. 5.

The candidate receiving the most votes serves a three-year term as the elected county committee member. The person receiving the second most votes serves a three-year term as the first alternate. The candidate receiving the third most votes serves as second alternate for three years.

Approximately one-third of the nearly 8,000 committee seats nationwide are up for election annually. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1.

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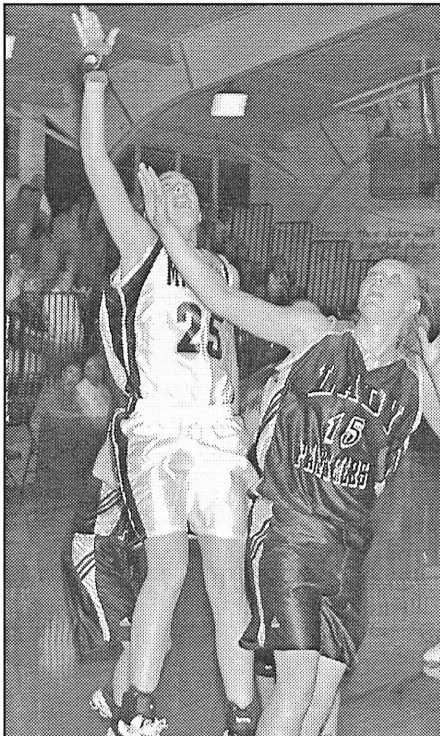
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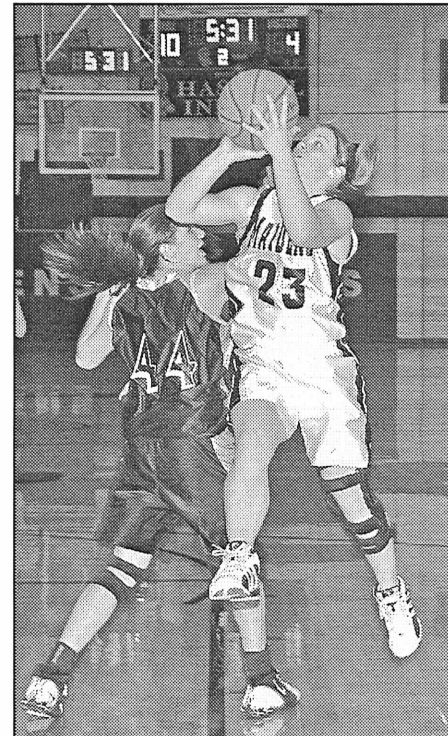


**YOUNG HUNTER**—Koby Foster of Haskell shot this 12 point buck while hunting with his Uncle Craig Foster on the Burnett Ranch last weekend.



**UP FOR HASKELL**—Mollie McKnight (#25), goes up to add points in the Maidens' winning game with Seymour, Nov. 22.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



**PLACING A BASKET**—Haskell Maiden, Kerrri Newton leaps to score in the game with Seymour, Tues., Nov. 22.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### GOD GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO DO HIS BIDDING

There was many a thing you attempted to do,  
Then discovered it couldn't be done;  
Like a worthless vocation you tried to pursue,  
Or some foolish adventure for fun.  
With your mission abandoned, in only one way  
could you learn it was not in accord

With your temple of worship, where lessons convey  
That your life's in the hands of the Lord.  
Let's obey His commands and remember at length  
It will help us in getting along.  
If we heed His advice, He will give us the strength  
That we need; and we'll never go wrong.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

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

**New Vision Family Worship Center**  
 Dan Kinjorski, pastor  
 864-3465  
 Sun. 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 East Hwy 380, 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. 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**  
 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. 7 p.m.  
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

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

**Cross of Christ Fellowship**  
 Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors  
 864-5404  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 455 CR 410, 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  
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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—ROCHESTER—  
**Church of Christ**  
 Steve Wills, minister  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**  
 Jim Davis, pastor  
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 11 a.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester

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

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

—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

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Terry O'Rear, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Bill Trice, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

—PAINT CREEK—  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. Morn. 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.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien

## Area basketball scores

**Girls**  
 Haskell 44, Seymour 29  
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 22, Chavez 7, Medford 5, Tribbey 2, Newton 2, Pannell 2, Rodriguez 2, Peiser 2.  
 JV score: Haskell 27, Seymour 15.

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 Rule 53, Woodson 47  
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 18, A. Lisle 9, Ke. Scheets 7, Ky. Scheets 6, Lehrmann 4, M. Lisle 3, Gary 2,

**Boys**  
 Seymour V 64, Haskell JV 41  
 Scoring for Haskell: Chavez 31, Lara 5, Gonzalez 2, Bitner 2, Delce 1.

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 Rule 72, Woodson 45  
 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 19, Brown 18, Pace 11, Dudensing 10, Simpson 8, Hall 4, Bishop 2.  
 JV score: Rule 20, Woodson 15

## Goin' wild hog huntin'? Pack gloves with those guns!

Texas is a sportsman's paradise for hunting wild hogs. With an estimated population of more than three million of the prolific feral (wild) animals roaming across the state, many ranchers welcome hunters to help with population control.

"Today, almost all feral hogs are actually domestic hogs that have escaped or were released from pens. With each generation in the wild, the pigs refine the traits needed to survive," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. "The animals are alternatively praised for hunting, and hated for damaging crops and fences, gouging holes in pastures, and killing young lambs, goats or ground-nesting birds."

"Like any wild animals, feral swine can carry parasites or diseases, some of which could be transmitted to humans. One is swine brucellosis, a bacterial disease that has been detected in about one percent of wild hogs tested. When handling carcasses, hunters should take basic precautions to protect against disease and pest exposure, and most importantly, prevent blood-to-blood contact with the animals," said Dr. Hillman, who also heads the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Dr. Hillman urged hunters to:

- Avoid eating or drinking (or reaching for cigarettes or chewing tobacco) when field-dressing or handling carcasses. Don't risk

putting "germs" directly in your mouth!

- Put on latex or rubber gloves before making the first cut.
- Wear long sleeves to avoid getting animal blood into scratches, open wounds or skin lesions.
- Wear a dusk mask and glasses or safety goggles to prevent blood or bodily fluids from splashing into eyes, nose or mouth.
- As much as possible, avoid contact with reproductive organs and fetuses.
- Wash hands thoroughly and disinfect knives when finished.
- Launder hunting clothes in hot water as soon as possible.
- Follow safe-handling procedures with the meat and cook it to at least 160 degrees F.

Although rarely seen today, swine brucellosis can be contracted by humans, with symptoms that can include night sweats, swollen joints, back pain and general illness. If a hunter is cut while field-dressing a feral hog, exposed to the animal's blood or bodily fluids, or develops symptoms comparable to those listed, a physician should be consulted, so appropriate diagnostic tests can be run. Medical care and antibiotic treatment are essential for recovery, said Dr. Hillman.

"Hunters should not be overly concerned, but they should practice good hygiene when handling carcasses of any animals," said Dr. Hillman. "These basic biosecurity measures are a good habit to develop; one that can protect your health."

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 391 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 26, according to Bill Cox, reporter. 29 sellers and 23 buyers were present.

Packers \$1-2 lower. Stockers \$1-3 lower. Feeders steady. Stockers cows \$5-20 lower.

Cows: fat, .38-.43; cutters, .40-.48; canners, .30-.36.

Bulls: bologna, .58-.65; feeders, .80-.96; utility, .54-.62.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.85; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.48; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.38; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 800 lbs. and up, .80-1.04.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.14; 600 lbs. and up, .75-1.09.

Bred heifers medium frame, 675-850.

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**NOTICE**  
Haskell County Commissioners' Court voted to change the speed limit on a section of CR 174. The speed limit will be 45 MPH from FM 617 west and north to FM 2279 (approximately 4 miles) or from FM 2279 south and east to FM 617 (approximately 4 miles) to 45 miles per hour. 48-49c

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# 4-H'ers participate in County Food Show and projects

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Twenty-one 4-H youth from throughout Haskell County competed at the annual 4-H Food Show Mon., Nov. 7. The event was held at the Rochester School and was hosted by the Rochester 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. Meghan Glover, Rochester; 2. River McTasney, Haskell.

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

Junior Nutritious Snacks: 1. Ashley Adams, Haskell.

Junior Desserts: 1. Celeste Caddell, Rule.

Intermediate Main Dish: 1. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. Laycee Tullos, Haskell.

Intermediate Fruit & Vegetable: 1. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 2. Allison Petty, Rule.

Intermediate Bread & Cereal: 1. Andrea Anderson, Haskell.

Intermediate Nutritious Snacks: 1. Stewart Urich, Rochester; 2. Payne Utley, Paint Creek.

Intermediate Desserts: 1. Kate Rowan, O'Brien; 2. Stephanie

Threet, Rule; 3. Donna Thomas, Rule.

Senior Main Dish: 1. Gay Lynn Gary, Sagerton.

Senior Fruit & Vegetable: 1. Emery Dudensing, Sagerton.

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

Senior Nutritious Snacks: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell.

First place winners in all junior, intermediate and senior categories will advance to the district competition Sat., Dec. 10 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 Culinary Arts Department at Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater.

This fall many of them collected canned foods and donated to the Noah Project North.

First year participants were

invited to a special workshop Nov. 1 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

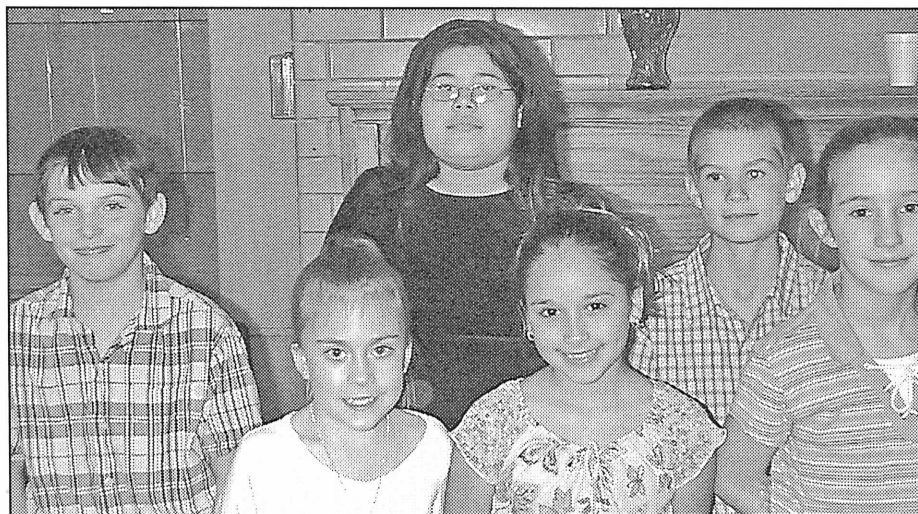
featured a variety of learning sessions including MyPyramid, Food Show 101, Measuring It Up, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Cupshakes and a special session for the older youth on careers in the food industry.



**SENIOR SHOW WINNERS**—Winning first place in the County 4-H Food Show categories were: I-r, Emery Dudensing, Senior Fruit and Vegetable; Gay Lynn Gary, Senior Main Dish; Molly Dudensing, Senior Bread and Cereal; and Candace Brister, Senior Nutritious Snacks.



**INTERMEDIATE FOOD SHOW WINNERS**— Participants taking honors at the Haskell County 4-H Show were: back row, I-r, Andrea Anderson, 1st in Bread and Cereal; Jenny Dudensing, 1st in Main Dish; Stephanie Threet, 2nd in Desserts; Allison Petty, 2nd in Fruit and Vegetable; Donna Thomas, 3rd in Desserts. Front row, Brooke Bullinger, 1st in Fruit and Vegetable; Laycee Tullos, 2nd in Main Dish; Kate Rowan, 1st in Desserts; Payne Utley, 2nd in Nutritious Snacks; Stewart Urich, 1st in Nutritious Snacks.



**JUNIOR 4-H WINNERS**—Placing in the Haskell County 4-H Food Show held in Rochester were: I-r, Aaron Urich, 2nd in Junior Main Dish; Ashley Adams, 1st in Junior Nutritious Snacks; Celeste Caddell, 1st in Junior Desserts; Meghan Glover, 1st in Junior Fruit and Vegetable; River McTasney, 2nd in Fruit and Vegetable; Crissy Bassett, 1st in Junior Bread and Cereal. Not pictured is Emily Fouts, 1st in Junior Main Dish.

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