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October 28-November 1 Breakfast
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Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Donut

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: Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad

Tuesday: Taco salad/cheese, nacho chips/hot sauce, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle spears, assorted chips, fresh apple/cookie
Thursday: Lasagna, garden salad, corn/fried okra, breadstick, brownies
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle spears, curly fries, ice cream

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Oct. 28
Lunch-Beef stew, pea/cheese/macaroni salad, tomato wedges, pickles/onions, cornbread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Oct. 30
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch-Wiches bat entree, ghostly puffs, shocks of beans, harvest moon jello, pumpkin pie with a whisp of fog, scarecrow stuffing, Casper's brew, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Nov. 1
Lunch-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, cornbread, Cherry Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Obituaries

Mouryce R. Price

Graveside services for Mouryce R. Price, 89, of Haskell were held Mon., Oct. 21 in the Rule Cemetery with Rev. Steve Beatty officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Price died Sat., Oct. 19 in Abilene. Born Oct. 6, 1913 in Alvord, he was the son of Tom and Bertha Price. He was a farmer and has served his

country in the U. S. Army. He was a member of the Old Brushy Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Zelma Price of Abilene; one brother, D. D. Price of Waco; one sister, Bobbye Price of Edmond, Okla.; four nieces and two nephews.

PD NOTICE

Edna Pauline Andress

Funeral services for Edna Pauline Andress, 59, of Haskell were held Sat., Oct. 19 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Tony Grand and Rev. J. C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Andress died Thurs., Oct. 17 at the Haskell hospital.

Born Sept. 20, 1943 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Dee Thomas and Pauline Gibbs Carmack Andress. She was a lifelong resident of Haskell where she was co-owner of Kountry Kookin' cafe and the Haskell Livestock Auction cafe for many years. Edna enjoyed her grandchild-

ren and always attended their ballgames whether it was football, basketball, baseball or softball. They kept her going day-to-day. All she wanted was to watch them doing what they loved most. She was very proud of their accomplishments.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Shonna Lynn Andress; and two brothers, Joe Dell Andress and Winfred L. Andress.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Shanee Mays and Edward L. 'Bubba' Mays, both of Haskell; one brother, Thomas D. Andress of Fort Worth; and one sister-in-law, Martha Andress of Haskell.

PD NOTICE

Water well testing set next week

by Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson

Haskell Co. Extension Agents

Water testing to check for two common contaminants, fecal coliform and nitrate, will be conducted by Monty Dozier, Extension Water Resources Specialist, Oct. 29 in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

The presence of fecal coliform in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces has microorganisms present that can cause a number of "waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L or parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin.

Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left

untreated, death may result. Infants less than 6 months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

If you would like to have your water tested for these two contaminants, pick up an approved water sample bag for each sample from the County Extension Office on one of the following dates: Oct. 23, 24 (morning only), 25, and 28. Office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fri., 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you cannot make it to the County Extension Office during these office hours, contact the office by calling either (940) 864-2658 or 2546 so arrangements can be made to see that you get an approved water sample bag.

Samples will need to be returned to the County Extension Office between 3 and 5 p.m. Mon., Oct. 28, and 8 a.m. to noon on Tues., Oct. 29.

For the most accurate results, the water sample needs to be as fresh as possible. The sample bag will include a detailed sheet of instructions telling

how to collect the sample. \$5 will be charged for each sample tested to be paid when the sample is returned for testing. To get the same tests run by an independent lab, the cost would be approximately \$70 plus the expense of delivering the sample to the lab. The closest lab to our area is located in Abilene.

The results of the testing will be available Wed., Oct. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the County Extension Office. Monty Dozier will be available to discuss the results and answer any questions. If you do not wish to come by and pick up your results, they will be mailed to you. Be sure you list the address on the sample bag as your mailing address especially if you have a new 911 address.

The Haskell County Extension Program Council's Executive Board and the Haskell County Extension Office are sponsoring this event.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546.

Kids enjoy fishing

Despite rough weather conditions the night before, the first annual Kids Fishing Tournament was held on Lake Stamford, Sat., Oct. 19.

Winners and their categories

were:
Bass: 1st, Riley Meinzer
Carp: 1st, Brett Seigfried
Drum: 1st, Rocky Haggard
Sand Bass: 1st, Cannon Edwards;
2nd, Shelby Morrow; 3rd, Riley Meinzer.

Brett Seigfried received the \$100 Grand Prize for Biggest Fish and Rocky Haggard received the Smallest Fish Award. Each contestant received prizes for participating in this year's event.

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Paint Creek promotes Red Ribbon Week

Paint Creek ISD is joining with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week 2002.

"Texas had made a great deal of progress in reducing drug use among young people, and the Red Ribbon Campaign is an excellent opportunity to celebrate that good news," says TCADA Executive Director Dr. Dave Wanser. "It also provides communities with a forum to bring together parents, schools and businesses as we look for new and innovative ways to keep even more kids drug free."

The Commission is sponsoring the statewide celebration from Oct. 23-31. Students from across Texas began the celebration early during a kickoff rally on the steps of the Capitol in Austin Oct. 17.

Paint Creek Student Council and Family, Community and Career Leaders of America members are excited to be promoting the awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. During the week of the Red Ribbon Celebration, the students will be active in many activities to encourage their peers to be drug free.

More than 200,000 Texas students in grades 4-12 participated in the Commission's 2000 Texas School Survey, the largest of its kind in the nation. The agency has been conducting the statewide survey every two years since 1988.

Among the findings: In grades 7-12, there was a 9 percent decline since 1998 in the percentage of students reporting they had used any illicit drug in the month before the survey. There also was a 17 percent decline in past-month inhalant use.

Secondary students reported a 15 percent decline in past-month use of tobacco.

Past-month use of marijuana fell 10 percent among secondary students, and past-month alcohol use dropped 5 percent.

In grades 4-6, 2.8 percent of students said they had tried marijuana, a drop of 22 percent from 1998. Marijuana use among this age group peaked in 1994, but has fallen 50 percent since that time.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique Camarena, an agent with the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of U. S. children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

"Red Ribbon Week is a chance to be visible and vocal in our desire for a drug-free community," says Cherry Pittcock, Paint Creek Student Council Advisor. "Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to substance use and abuse."

For more information about Red Ribbon Week or prevention resources, visit www.drugfreetexas.com/redribbon or contact the Commission's Prevention Resource Centers at (888) PRC-TEXX.



JENNIFER LANDRETH



KELLY GLASS

Students visit Rotary

Jennifer Landreth is the daughter of Dwayne and Cindy Landreth of Rule.

In school she is active in band and a member of the Haskell Tribal Winds band group.

Among her favorite things to do are playing pool, flying remote-control gliders, riding in her boyfriend's 67 Dodge Charger, fishing and hanging out with friends.

After finishing high school, she may go to a technical school or trade school.

Kelly Glass is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Glass of Haskell. Among her favorite activities are

hanging out with friends, fishing, playing pool with friends.

She is undecided about her plans after finishing high school.

Hospital

Admissions

Wilton Weise, Haskell
Marion Carlisle, Haskell
Pauline Ross, Rule
Floyene Holder, Haskell
Leta Norman, Haskell

Dismissals

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Glenn visits art club

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Oct. 14 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a program by guest artist Esme Glenn of Abilene.

Glenn did a watercolor demonstration, giving lots of helpful hints using the color chart.

With Peggy Middlebrook presiding, members attending were: Frances Olson, Fern Livengood, Bobbie Harrison, Jeannie Lychman,

Dorothy Brown, Betty Berry, Martha Spitzer, Flo Olson, Denia Cunningham, Betty Hook, Doris Reeves and new member, Adeline Laird of Stamford.

Hostesses were Jeannie Lychman, Fern Livengood and Frances Olson.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Legislative budget storm brews in colleges

AUSTIN — The approach of a violent wind and rain storm is usually signaled by thunder. But a lot of quiet, behind-the-scenes activity in Austin and at colleges and universities across the state is signaling the coming legislative budget storm.

State agencies and higher education institutions are quietly doing a lot of what-if planning in anticipation of significant funding cuts.

The scenarios are not pretty. For some, the ongoing planning translates into major job uncertainty. One university professor, for instance, recently got the word that classes in his area could be cut by as much as half next spring. That, of course, would negate the need for his professional services.

Interestingly enough, so far this year, the number of jobs is up, despite the economy.

Overall, Texas has about 25,000 more people drawing paychecks this year than last.

Election countdown...

The final election countdown is beginning. Early voting started Monday (Oct. 21).

The buzz is that Republican incumbent Gov. Rick Perry is about 10 points ahead of Democrat challenger Tony Sanchez. As usual, the buzz on the private polling has the race closer.

Either way the campaign signs for the gubernatorial candidates and all the other races still are as common as rain lilies after a gully washer. The signs are predictable, as is a last minute TV blitz by the major candidates.

Perry's spokeswoman added to suit...

An attorney for former Lottery Commission director Linda Cloud has included Perry campaign spokeswoman Kathy Walt in Cloud's slander and defamation lawsuit.

Cloud, who resigned from the commission Sept. 26 over a flap concerning statements she made to

the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, had previously sued Perry campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan and state spokesman Gene Acuna.

Meanwhile, Cloud was hospitalized the weekend of Oct. 12 for treatment of a blood clot on her brain. Her lawyer said she was recovering satisfactorily.

It's a bird, it's...

A Department of Public Safety helicopter. For the first time, the DPS has stationed a helicopter in McAllen to serve the Rio Grande Valley. Purchased with seized drug money, the \$1.7 million helicopter comes with a powerful spotlight, video camera and thermal-imaging device used in locating heat sources such as missing children or fleeing fugitives.

Bad year for fires...

The State Fire Marshal's Office reports that fire deaths in Texas increased 23 percent in 2000 compared to the year before. One hundred forty-three Texans died in fires in 2000, the latest year statistics are available. Three-fourth of those deaths occur in the victim's residence.

Two smart things you can do to keep from becoming a statistic include installing and maintaining smoke detectors and having a fire escape plan that features at least two ways to get out of any room in your house.

New homeland security site...

The state has a new homeland security Web site up and running: www.texasomelandsecurity.com. The site has all the security-related Internet resources currently available, from the nation's present security level to information on health matters.

Digging the past...

In honor of those who dig the past, literally, October is Texas Archeology Awareness Month. The Texas Historical Commission's Archeology Division has produced a brochure listing all scheduled activities available through its Web site www.thc.state.tx.us or by calling 512-463-6096.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago October 22, 1992

Gene Plunkett raised the most money during the American Heart Walk. Ruby Turner and Travis Solomon were runners-up. Haskell County walkers raised more than \$3,400.

Haskell Webelos II den captured sweepstakes honors at the Chisholm Trail Council Double Mountain District pushmobile races for Cub Scouts held in Hamlin. Members of the winning team are Kevin Patton, Craig Cunningham, Jason Trammell, Dawson Druessedow, Brent Watson, Matt Arendall, John Mark Hodgins and Jason Shaw.

Mabel Overton, Violet Earles, Ethyl Earles, Christine Speer, Lyla Mary Isbell, Mary Ellen McCollum and Rozelle Wilkinson participated in the first session of the Grandmothers' Lap Reading Program at Paint Creek.

20 Years Ago October 28, 1982

Troop 470, Girl Scouts, elected officers recently. They are president, Loutina Hadaway; vice president, Christi Bartley; reporter, Gia Henshaw; and secretary/treasurer, Gena Decker.

First place winners in the senior division of the Haskell County 4-H Food Show are Stephanie Browning of Haskell, main dish; Jill Jennings of Haskell, side dish; Debbie Quade of Rochester, breads and cereals; and Kim Jones of Rochester, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Haskell High School cheerleaders for 1982-83 are Shannon Lane, April

Turner, Sheila Klose, Tina Morris, Marla Gonzales and Holly McBroom.

30 Years Ago October 26, 1972

U.S. Senator John Tower announced the appointment of eight outstanding citizens to the Haskell County Steering Committee of Texans for Tower. Named as chairman was Dr. Temple W. Williams of Haskell and Mrs. John Rike of Haskell as co-chairman. Named to the committee were: H.T. Fillingim, Dr. Frank Cadenhead, Dr. Robert Johnson, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Charles Thornhill and Herman Williams, all of Haskell.

Governor Preston Smith announced his approval of a community action grant of \$37,390 in new federal funds to Aspermont. Small Business Development Center (ASBDC) in Aspermont for operation of a general community program to assist in economic development of 17 rural counties.

40 Years Ago October 25, 1962

First Poll Tax receipts were issued for 1962, receipts No. 1 and 2 went to Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Bland of Haskell.

A new member of the sales staff at Bill Wilson Motor Company, local Ford and Mercury dealers is W.L. (Dubb) Price, formerly of Corpus Christi. He is well experienced in all phases of Ford's sales policies.

50 Years Ago October 23, 1952

District Judge and Mrs. Ben

Charlie Chapman and son, Charlie were in Austin last weekend where Judge Chapman attended the annual meeting and conference of District Judges of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Wilson and daughters of Amarillo, spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Robertson.

Last Thursday evening the Junior Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church enjoyed a party in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Pvt. Richard I. Baccus, who entered the Army in March, 1952 and received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., has been transferred to Fort Benning, Ga. to the Army's Airborne Battalion. He is assigned as a student in the Airborne Course.

90 Years Ago October 26, 1912

Earl Cogdell of the Haskell Oil Mill tells us that there were more cattle fattened here last season than any point in the West.

Ex-Sheriff M.E. Park was in the city Friday and reported that the crops this year were very good.

O.E. Patterson, cashier of the Farmer's National Bank, took in the Dallas Fair this week.

A.J. Cobes, Sr. went to Seymour Tuesday to look after the Haskell Telephone company business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Smith and little son, left this week for Dallas, where they will spend a couple of days.

H.M. Rike and Henry Johnson left Saturday night to attend the State Fair in Dallas.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Beware of these Scams

Instead of my usual question-and-answer column, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about two scams that have been reported to the Consumer Protection Division of my office.

The first relates to the new Texas No Call list. During the last legislative session, the Texas Legislature enacted a law that allows consumers to put their name on a list for people who do not want to be contacted by telemarketers. A telemarketer is someone who tries to sell goods or services to you over the telephone by asking for your credit card information or bank account numbers. A telemarketer may also represent fraudulent charities and attempt to solicit a donation from you.

Most telemarketers are prohibited from calling Texas consumers whose names are on the list. Consumers can sign up for the No Call list online at www.texasnocall.com or by calling 866-TXNOCAL (896-6225). The cost of adding your name to the general No Call list is \$2.25, which puts you on the list for three years. The Texas No Call list is administered by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

We have received inquiries from consumers who have been contacted by telemarketers who claim to be calling on behalf of the Texas No Call list. The caller tells the consumer that he needs to update the consumer's credit card information. In another version of this scam, the caller asks the consumer if he or she wants to join the No Call list and offers a 10-year membership for a much larger fee than what is charged by the PUC. Both of these scenarios are probably scams aimed at getting your credit card information to run up phony charges to your account.

The PUC does not contact consumers to update credit card information. Consumer information stays in the PUC's files until it is time for the consumer to renew after three years. The consumer will then receive an official e-mail or letter from the PUC. In addition, the PUC does not solicit membership on the list. Signing up for the list is entirely voluntary, and consumers need to take the initiative to join. If you receive a call from someone trying to get your credit card information on behalf of the PUC, say "No" and hang up. If you are able to get a name and phone number, please report the call to my office and the PUC. You can file a complaint online on my Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

It is important to remember that you should never give out vital information such as your credit card or bank account information to someone who calls you. Take time to check out any offer you receive. A legitimate business organization will not mind if you take your time to do a little research.

The second scam that has been reported involves the IRS. Consumers have reported receiving forms that appear to be from the IRS. These forms request personal information such as the consumer's social security number, bank account information, credit card account numbers, mother's maiden name, passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs).

Some of these forms, notably the W-9095 and the W-8888, are very similar in appearance to real IRS forms, the W-9 and the W-8BEN. However, real IRS forms require only a person's name, address, and Social Security Number. You can view samples of these forms on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. The information requested on these phony forms could be used by identity thieves to steal a consumer's financial identity, which is a state and federal crime. If you have received a phony IRS form, you can report it to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by calling (800) 366-4484. You can access their Web site at www.ustreas.gov/igtta. You can view samples of the phony forms on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's Web site at www.occ.treas.gov.

Framework in place to guard food supply

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Extension experts have created a process to help assess the vulnerability of our nation's food supply to terrorist attacks. Officials will use a model assessment tool to determine possible agriculture targets.

The USDA and the U.S. Department of Justice are expected

to recommend nationwide implementation of the program. The process was ongoing before 9-11, but rural vulnerability was only partially considered until recently.

Determining a jurisdiction's exposed sites will lead to preventative planning scenarios. Local officials can then respond and identify needs for additional planning, training, and equipment.

Haskell CISD Comments

by Eddie Bland
Superintendent

Did you know that Haskell CISD's student attendance has fallen more than 120 students over the last 5 years? How does declining enrollment affect the school district? What can the school district do to cope with this issue? Good questions with difficult answers.

During the 1997-98 school year the average daily attendance for Haskell CISD was 688 students. The average daily attendance for the 2001-02 school year was 564 students. The average daily attendance for the first six weeks of this school year was 548 students.

Average daily attendance determines how much money our district will receive from the state. Funds provided by the state account for approximately 75% of the total money required to operate our district.

For Haskell CISD the state contributes approximately \$33.00 per student for each day they attend school. The annual amount is \$5,940 per student. So, for every 10 students our district loses in average daily attendance we lose approximately \$59,400. A decline of 120 students results in a loss of more than \$700,000.00 in state funding.

What can the school district do to cope with this loss of revenue? The

first thing we can do is continue to stress the importance of every student attending school every day. When a student is absent, they are missing the opportunity to learn; plus they are costing the district money.

Traditionally Haskell CISD averages 97% daily attendance rate. Increasing the attendance rate by 1% would generate an additional \$34,000 for the district. So when students are in school they are learning and earning!

As Haskell CISD continues to lose students and revenue we will be evaluating all programs to determine if we are getting our "bang for the buck." When and where possible we will be consolidating and reducing operating costs across the board. This will not be a painless process.

The future will bring many changes to rural public schools. As we make difficult decisions it is vital for all of us to stay focused on what is important—our students! While reality is that change is inevitable, if handled with careful planning it can be very positive for our students.

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Once again on Halloween, children masquerading as pirates, fairy princesses or dinosaurs will be taking to the streets in search of treats.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) safety experts are urging that along with the preparations and decorations should come precautions to keep the evening safe as well as fun.

Citing the fact that four times as many children ages 5 to 14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening as compared with any other night of the year, Susan Warren, director of the TDH Safe Riders Program said, "Many young children are not accustomed to walking after dark, and older children may be more interested in playing and getting treats than in watching out for traffic on Halloween." In addition, she said that drivers have difficulty seeing children, especially at night.

Safety tips for parents to go over with their children are:

- *Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- *Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks or alleys.
- *Have children eat dinner before going out. They will be less likely to eat treats before they are checked.
- *Remove breakable items or obstacles such as ladders, tools and toys from your yard.
- *Keep jack-o-lanterns and lighted candles away from areas where costumes or paper decorations might touch the flame.
- *Use a flashlight when walking. Be sure it has fresh batteries.
- *Wear light-colored costumes and

put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.

*Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big floppy shoes are not safe for walking.

*Use face paint rather than a mask or hood that covers your eyes.

*Stay away from lighted candles, matches or open fires.

*Trick-or-treat only at homes with porch lights on.

*Be careful around animals. Even pets you know may be scared by costumes and loud or strange noises.

*Don't eat any treats until they are checked by an adult.

Safety suggestion for adults:

*Look for a "flame resistant" label on costumes, masks, beards, and wigs. Use fire resistant materials when making costumes.

*Be sure children carry only soft, flexible knives, swords or other props.

*Accompany trick-or-treaters under age 12.

*Set a time for older children to be home. Know the route they will take.

*Never let a child go trick-or-treating alone. Be sure at least two buddies go together.

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Safety tips for motorists:

*Slow down in residential neighborhoods. Watch for children in the street or on medians or curbs.

*Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.

*If you are driving children around, be sure they get in and out of the car on the curb side, away from traffic.

*Do not wear a Halloween mask while driving.

"Be realistic," Warren advised. "Don't overestimate a child's safety skills."

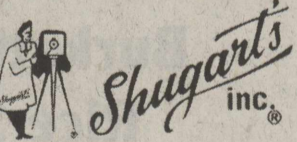
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Semion-Sanders families meet

The descendants of the late Henry, James Semion and Andrew Jackson Sanders families met Oct. 12, at the Moran Community Center for their 52nd annual reunion.

The annual reunion began in 1950 at the Fort Griffin State Park with the late Andrew Sanders of Weinert as president. This year, the children of Henry Sanders' daughter, Nellie Turner, served as reunion hosts and hostesses. Next year's hosts will be the children of Lois (Sanders) Cates at the Moran Community Center.

At noon, the family enjoyed a bountiful lunch brought by members of the family. Glenn Glasson of Gorman led in prayer.

Andy Sanders of Cross Plains was auctioneer for crafts, pictures and relics brought those attending. Money raised will be used to defray costs of future reunions.

Four of the Semion Sanders children were present, including Ammie Newton of Sweetwater, who will be 99 years old on Oct. 30. She received a gift for being the oldest member attending. Present with her were her children, Myrtle Mae Dickey and daughter Sandra Gook of Sweetwater; Mavous Stoker of Breckenridge; Doffice Newton of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Larry Newton of Sweetwater. Her sister, Dola (Sanders) Williams of Breckenridge and her children, Faye McCullough, Jesse Hodges and Sue Skidmore, all of Breckenridge, attended. Another sister attending was Elva (Sanders) Williams of Weatherford and two of her children, Norma Norman of Granbury and Pellum and Sue Williams of Breckenridge. Another daughter of Semion Sanders attending was Oma (Sis) Farris of Breckenridge.

Also present were Eddie Sanders, son of Andrew Sanders, and his son, Kenneth Sanders of Weinert, Descendants of Henry and Lou Sanders present were two daughters, Effie Mae Jones of Hobbs, New Mexico and two of her daughters,

Elaine Hood of Hobbs and Teresa Jones of Houston; Lois Cates and her family, Betty and Stephen Bullard and children and grandchildren, Wanda Smith, Carla and Jennifer Jones of Milsap; Darla and Danny Salazar of Bedford; Amanda, Jasman and Ingram Carpenter; Jana Jones, Sharon and Stephanie Stuart, Darren Fuqua, Christopher Smith, Aline, Elizabeth and Brittany McCormica and Jeffery Martinez of Moran. Marvin and Annita Cates and Cheryl Lucky, Terry and Aline McCormack of Moran, Marchueta and Jordan Matthews of Petrolia, Marvin, Kristina and Tyler Rainey of Gorman.

Members of the Jack Sanders family present were Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell, Travis Sanders of Coleman, Andy Sanders of Cross Plains, Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo and Rocky Sanders of Abilene. Gussie Sanders family present were Frances and Bill Babbitt and Jeannie Whittier of Gorman, and Wade and DeLores Bowsher of Perrin. Daughters of J. B. and Laura Duckworth present were Jewell Heard of Pampa and Doris Lucky of Wichita Falls.

Gertie Statum children present were Norma Jo Tedford of Gorman and Dorothy Pool of Austin. Blonnie Sanders children present were Ray and Janet Sanders and Billy Sanders, all of Gorman, and Steve and LaTrisha Sanders of Albany. Nellie (Sanders) Turner and children present were Jimmie and Glenna Turner, Gloria Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Glasson, Jo Nell Terry, all of Gorman, Effie and Jazzie Taylor of Breckenridge, and Blonnie Sanders granddaughter, Tina Sanders of Weatherford.

Teresa Jones of Houston received a gift for traveling the farthest and Betty Lou Bullard had the most members from her family there.

The families are looking forward to next year's reunion.

Cotton producers should call TDA about checks

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Don't trick your kids

As Halloween approaches, many children are eagerly awaiting that fall evening to go out with family and friends and fill their bags with candy and other treats.

But as children dig into those treats when they return home, parents may want to let them choose a few of their favorites and save the rest for later, says Cindy Cunningham, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

"It's OK for children to have candy, just in moderation," says

Cunningham. "Freezing the candy or placing it in snack bags allows them to have treats in the coming weeks."

Instead of miniature chocolates and sweet tarts, Cunningham suggests giving out healthier treats, such as raisins, nuts, sunflower seeds, dried fruits, sugar-free gum, rice-cereal and marshmallow bars, granola bars, or trail mix.

"Younger children also like stickers, pictures to color, games, unsharpened pencils and erasers," she adds.

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COLLEGE FAIR—Gathering information at one of the displays at the College Fair held in Haskell, Mon. Oct. 21, were Paint Creek students, l-r, Courtney Buerger, Kasey Duniven, Amy Huggins and Bonnie Emert.



AT COLLEGE FAIR—Paint Creek students, l-r, Craig Lowrance and Hattie Walton look over the materials during the College Fair held in Haskell, Mon., Oct. 21.

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Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court convened for a regular meeting, Oct. 14.

Topping the agenda was a report by James Elam about the Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center.

In the matter of personnel, the resignation of Steve Hawkins in Precinct 2 was accepted. Sara Parker has been named as the new dispatcher at the county jail. Betty Berry is now working part time in the County Clerk's Office.

The compensation for election workers was left at \$5.15 per hour.

County officials and employee salaries were set as stated in the budget.

Approval was given for appointing each commissioner as buildings and grounds overseers.

It was decided that the Commissioners' Court regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of each month. Special meetings of the Court will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Approval was given for leaving jury pay at \$6.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00.

County mileage rate will remain at 34 1/2 cents per mile.

Elected officials will continue to be paid on a salary basis.

Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield was appointed as County Judge Pro-Tem.

The following County Holidays were set for 2003:

- Jan. 1, New Year's Day
- Feb. 17, President's Day
- Apr. 18, Good Friday

May 26, Memorial Day
July 4, Independence Day
Sept. 1, Labor Day
Nov. 11, Veterans' Day
Nov. 27, 28, Thanksgiving
Dec. 24, 25, 26, Christmas
Beginning Jan. 1, 2003, all leases at the Anchor will go up \$50.00 per year, with residents being responsible for their own trash.

The Haskell Housing Authority was made exempt from the P.I.L.O.T. tax.

The Court approved requesting all County Offices to get in compliance with the records management plan for their office.

Sharon Lusk was appointed to the County Appraisal Board.

Approval was given for the sale of one lot in O'Brien to Edgar Weber for \$175.00 by the Appraisal District.

Haskell FFA boosters hold meeting

The Haskell FFA Booster Club met Mon., Oct. 14 with ten members present.

During a business session, the club voted to pay at least \$1,000 toward the construction of a new, low-profile hog/sheep trailer to be built by Haskell FFA and exhibited at the San Angelo Ag Mechanic Show.

The Booster Club will hold a potato lunch Nov. 17 for the community prior to the dress rehearsal for District Leadership events.

A silent auction is planned by the club to auction off the services of several students who would like to donate their time to community members needing work done around the house or farm.

Kent Cockerell gave the itinerary for the Louisville trip.

Among the various activities and fund raisers discussed by the club was a Showmanship Clinic and concession stand Dec. 7 for the surrounding towns.

The next meeting of the Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m., Mon., Nov. 11 in the Ag Building. The club invites everyone to attend and support the program for FFA.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Allison Paige Mitchell of Haskell had a birthday party and sleepover for her thirteenth birthday Fri., Oct. 11 at her home. Thirteen girls attended including Monica Soto, Stephanie Grand, Amber Bingham, Leslie Tonche, Lacey Peiser, Kayla Tidrow, Kellye Tidrow, Jodi Langford, Ashley Belcher, Meagan Markey, Laurie Gonzales, Roxanne Chavez, Daniela Payan and Janie Walker. The girls all attended the football game in Hamlin and had a pizza supper.

Lona Mae Phelps, Marie Sanders and Sue Cox were in Weatherford Monday to be with their brother Jacky Sanders for surgery. Lona Mae went home with Jacky, Sandra and Jacklyn from their reunion in Moran on Saturday and attended church with them in Joshua on Sunday.

Visiting in Haskell on Saturday with Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell were Betty Sue, Michael and Lewis Lee Lacey, Johnny Lee and Debbie Lacey, Lewis Don, Caleb and Lucas Lacey, and Faye Krueger, all of Odessa; Rodney Dale and Linda Lacey of Rule; Tina Lacey of Clarendon; Chuck and Billie Jean Campbell of Wichita Falls; Billy Jo Campbell of Stamford; and Dorothy Nicholson.

Hyrum and Jean Richards and Lois Redwine were in Big Spring last week visiting with Jean's uncle and Lois' brother-in-law, Gaylon Head. He lives in the Texas State Veterans Home there.

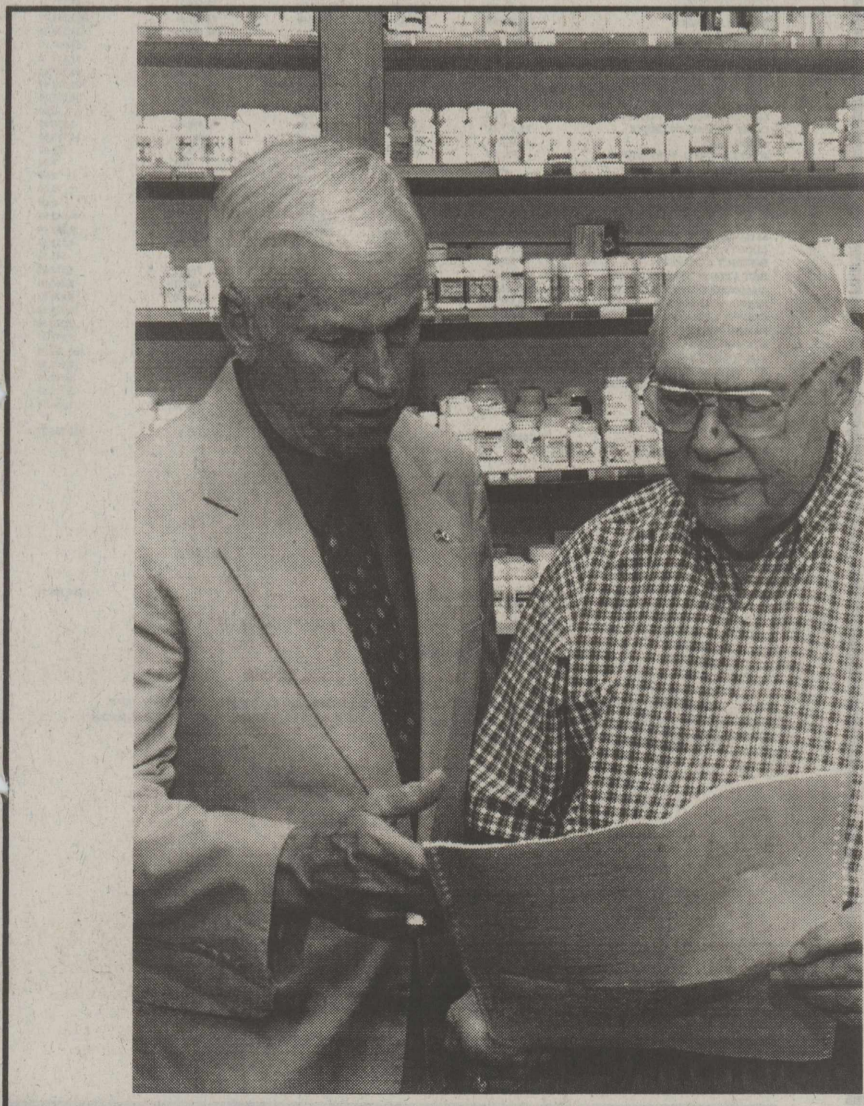
Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Sat. morning were Glendon and Donna Hawkins and Jessie of

Stamford and Donna's mom and step-dad, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Skillen of Belton.

Those helping Taylor Tatum celebrate his second birthday at his home were parents, Christopher and Melissa; brothers, Zachary and Garret; sister, Christian Tatum; and grandmothers Margaret Tatum and Linda Chapman; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman and Joyce Hawkins; and aunt Creora Tatum.

Jean Blair is spending the week with her grandson, Cody Blair, in Megargel.

Margaret Tatum went to Dalhart Saturday to spend the night with her son and his family, Jonathan Tatum. Her grandsons, Zachary and Garret Tatum, accompanied her on the trip.



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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto y PARA adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional asi como fueron sometida por la 77th Legislatura Regular Sesion, de las Estado de Texas.)

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The Bill Hertel family would like to thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. We appreciate all the visits, prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorials that were given at the time of our loss of our husband, Daddy and Grandpa. The family would like to thank Dr. Hart, Dr. Hirsch, Pat Hokanson and Stamford Home Health for their loving care of Bill. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered.
Love, The Bill Hertel Family
Margie Lynn
Karla, Vicki and Mike

A special thank you goes to the following sponsors for making the First Annual Kids Fishing Tournament at Lake Stamford possible with donations of cash, gift certificates or merchandise.
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The most important thank you goes to each of the contestants and parents or guardians for participating in the First Annual Kids Fishing Tournament. We look forward to seeing each of you again next year. Remember to bring a friend!
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NEW CLASS OFFICERS—The Haskell High School freshman class of 2002-03 officers are: l-r, Sharon Harlan, reporter; Mollie McKnight, treasurer; Caleb Hudgens, president; Shannon Bird, secretary, and front, Robbyn Tribbey, vice-president.

Freshman class elects officers

The 2002-03 freshman class at Haskell High School recently named the officers for the year. Elected were: president, Caleb Hudgens; vice-president, Robbyn Tribbey; reporter, Shannon Harlan; secretary, Shannon Bird; treasurer, Mollie McKnight.

Hudgens, son of Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens, has been class president for the past two years. He is on the A-honor roll and both he and Robbyn Tribbey were the two highest ranking students in junior high. He plays basketball, tennis and is in UIL competitions and the high

school band.

Tribbey, daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, was class officer during the 8th grade year. She was the homecoming chairman for the class. Also on the A-honor roll, she plays basketball, softball, golf, is in the band and is a varsity twirler.

Harlan, daughter of Yvette Harlan and Jerry King, is on the Maiden basketball team and plans to play softball, golf and tennis. She has been active in UIL and is in FFA and FCCLA.

Bird is the daughter of Ricky and Sharon Bird. She plays basketball,

softball, golf and runs track. She was a junior high cheerleader and represented the class on student council in 7th grade.

McKnight, daughter of Rob and Amy McKnight, enjoys basketball, track, cross-country, UIL, and band, in which she play the French horn.

The freshman class advisers are Wanda Thompson, Clark Richardson, Kelly Layman and Coach Kent Colley.

The class will have the basketball concession during the junior high basketball games this year.

Calendar

Country day of fun

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

Veteran's breakfast

Haskell CISD is updating the list of addresses for veterans living in Haskell County in preparation for the annual Veterans breakfast on Nov. 11. To receive an invitation or to correct an address, contact Tonya Cypert at 864-2654 ext. 314 or 864-2768 after 6 p.m. or David Davis at 864-2851. Please leave your name and mailing address. Information must be received by Oct. 28 in order to be included in this year's mailing.

Church homecoming

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell will host the 83rd anniversary and 26th homecoming Sun., Oct. 27, beginning at 3 p.m. A morning service will be held at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. James Webb of New Fellowship Baptist Church in Abilene. Homecoming speaker will be Barbara Smith of Greater Emanuel Church using the theme from Colossians 1:15-18. Everyone is invited to attend.

Penny program

Paint Creek School is collecting pennies for the Malls4schools program. Each gallon jug filled with pennies will earn the school 1000 points.

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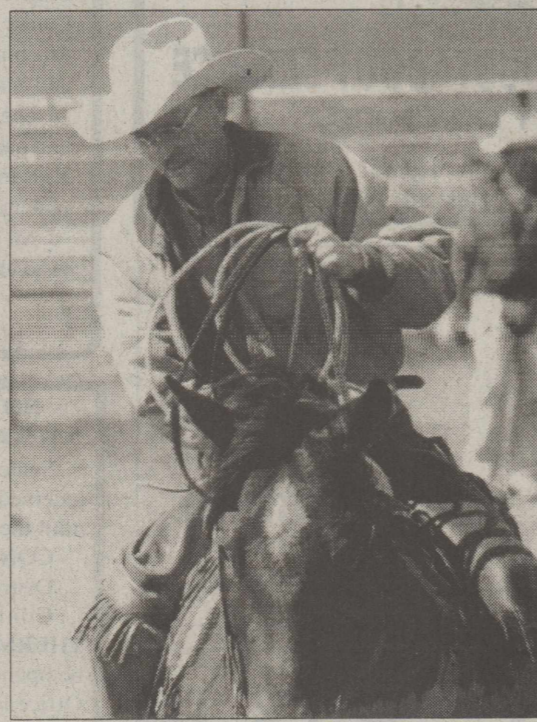
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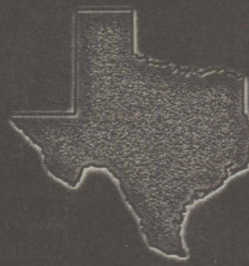


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