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Tournament
Thur.-Sat., Dec. 5-7

Hawley JVG-B Tournament
Thur.-Sat., Dec. 5-7

JVB, VB vs Iowa Park
Tues., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.
at Iowa Park

JVG, VG vs Eastland
Tues., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
at Eastland

Paint Creek
Woodson Tournament
Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 5-7

Rochester JH Tournament
Sat., Dec. 7 at Rochester

Paint Creek JH vs Jayton
Mon., Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Paint Creek vs Highland
Tues., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
at Highland

Calendar**Early deadline**

Deadline for news and advertising for the New Year's edition, Thurs., Dec. 26 will be Wed., Dec. 18 at noon.

Santa letters

Deadline for Santa letters is Mon., Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. Santa letters will be published in the Christmas edition of the Haskell Free Press, Thurs., Dec. 19.

Rule garage sale

The Rule Chamber of Commerce has canceled the city wide garage sale and children's Christmas parade scheduled Sat., Dec. 14 due to conflicts.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., Dec 6 at noon for a pot luck meal.

Christmas concert

The Haskell CISD bands will present a Christmas concert Mon., Dec. 9 at the Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. The sixth grade, junior high and high school bands will perform.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A Christmas party including a meal and gift exchange. Those attending should bring a toy to donate to Goodfellows.

Study Club

Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. on the north parking lot of the First Baptist Church for a tour of local churches. Guests will include members of the Stamford Pierian Club.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 8 at the Irby Hall. The hall will open at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. The meal will be Mexican food and dessert.

Christmas for children

Wal-Mart in Stamford will donate a portion of sales purchased Sat., Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to the Haskell County Child Welfare's Christmas for Children program. The organization helps provide gifts, clothes and other items to those in need during the holiday season.

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Christmas Parade, Downtown Sat. 2 p.m.**The Haskell Free Press**

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EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE-Haskell Volunteer Firemen responded to a call at approximately 4:15 a.m. Mon., Dec. 2, to a

fire at the residence of Vickie White located at 1205 N. 11th Street. Cause of the fire was under investigation at press time.

November sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered \$368.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$252.3 million to Texas cities, \$20.2 million to Texas counties. Seventy-four special purpose taxing districts received \$9.8 million and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$86.5 million in sales tax revenue.

November sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by

quarterly filers, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

Haskell County had a 20.57 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$33,819.49 in comparison to \$42,579.09 for November 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$338,243.21 reflect a 2.98 percent increase over 2001 payments to date of \$328,436.65.

The City of Haskell had a 17.74 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$31,105.62 in comparison to \$37,815.62 for November, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$316,227.48 reflect a 4.11 percent

increase over 2001 payments to date of \$303,727.63.

The City of O'Brien had a 65.57 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$91.81 in comparison to \$266.72 for November, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$770.55 reflect a 36.35 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$1,210.77.

The City of Rochester had a 37.68 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$644.55 in comparison to \$1,034.27 for November, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$6,120.89 reflect a 0.35 percent increase over 2001

payments to date of \$6,098.97.

The City of Rule had a 37.75 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$1,801.87 in comparison to \$2,894.82 for November, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$13,607.63 reflect a 10.01 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$15,121.40.

The City of Weinert had a 69.05 percent decrease for November, 2002 of \$175.64 in comparison to \$567.66 for November, 2001. 2002 payments to date of \$1,516.66 reflect a 33.41 percent decrease over 2001 payments to date of \$2,277.88.

Goodfellows project to help Haskell's needy

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 7 and Sat., Dec. 14, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell

County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the new Free Press address at 420 N. 1st., or mailed to the Free Press at P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Tx 79521

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows, sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club, are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Donations of food, toys and clothing are being accepted. Cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

Dec and Ruth Larned, in memory of Sandra Wallace	\$50.00
Friendly Fellows Sunday School Class, Methodist Church	\$50.00
Hazel Weaver Bible Class, Methodist Church	\$50.00
Total	\$150.00

Decorations to be judged

As it has for many years, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Christmas lighting contest for residences and businesses.

All that is required for entry is to decorate your home or business and

have the lighting turned on from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Dec. 17.

Judges will cover the entire community to view each home and establishment. Special recognition of outstanding entries in several categories will be announced.

Patriotic Christmas parade set Sat.

At 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Santa Claus and a procession of colorful floats will join in the fun of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Patriotic Christmas Parade around the Haskell County Courthouse square.

Interesting floats are being prepared by local business establishments and organizations, and local band students are preparing to liven the atmosphere with music.

Downtown stores will be loaded with ideas and items for Christmas shopping after the parade, as the holiday season gets underway in the city.

On Sat., Dec. 14, at 3:00 p.m., a special entertainment event for the holiday season will feature the Texas Tornadoes line dancers performing on the east side of the Haskell County Courthouse. Live music will be provided by the Haskell High School Tribal Winds group performing at the courthouse gazebo.

Also planned for the afternoon of Dec. 14, is a Christmas Poetry Reading at Flatlands, on the west side of the square.

Tour of Homes is Sunday

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held Sun., Dec. 8, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Included on the tour are the beautifully decorated Haskell homes of Billy and Tina Lamb, County Road 414; Debbie Maines, 1507 N. Ave. E; Mike Price, 304 S. Ave. H. and Bailey and Nancy Toliver, 1601 N. Ave. F.

Refreshments will be served at "Good Times," 512 North 1st Street.

Tickets for the entire tour are \$5.00 each and may be purchased from an advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door of any of the homes on the day of the tour.

All proceeds of the tour will be used to benefit area victims of domestic violence.



TEXAS TORNADOES-The colorful line dance group from Abilene and surrounding area will be performing at the Haskell County Courthouse gazebo, Sat., Dec. 14 at 3:00 p.m.

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VARSITY MAIDENS—Haskell girls basketball team members pose with their coach, David Middleton. Back, l-r, are Calina Kendall, Whitney Hise, Brittany Lindsey, Monica Buerger, Katie McKnight and Brittany Bird. Front, Lynzie Harlan, Mandy Adams, Shanee Mays, Consuelo Gonzales, Brittany Rutkowski and Whitney Wallace.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Local students named to Who's Who

A total of 53 students from this area are included in the 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002.

Holmes dies in accident

An automobile accident early Thanksgiving morning in Beaver, Oklahoma, claimed the life of Neil DeWayne Holmes, 24-year-old grandson of Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead of Haskell.

Holmes was the son of Helen Mary and Wayne Clements of San Angelo, and Billy and Lynda Holmes of Oklahoma. Born in Haskell, he attended Texas schools in Allen, Hawley and Haskell, and graduated high school in Beaver, Oklahoma.

A resident of Beaver for several years, he worked for the Oklahoma Highway Department and was active in the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department.

tional Communications, Inc. Austin, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Students selected from Haskell include: Sydney Brueggeman, Monica Buerger, Ross Bullinger, Ryan Burgess, William Cooper, Kristin Cypert, Jacklyn Escobedo,

Kelly Gadry, Vanessa Gomez, Consuelo Gonzalez, Leslie Grand, Lauren Hutchinson, Melody Kennedy, Jacqueline Kilgore, Larissa Kloog, Debbie Long, Benita Lucio, Katy McDaniel, Alfred Ozuna, Bergen Peiser, Wendy Proctor, Tracy Richardson, Trent Richardson, James Rincker, Brittany Rutkowski, Chase Seelke, Taylor Seelke, Christi Sorrells, Samantha Steele, Wes Steele, Jillian Thomas, Derrick Tribbey, Meagan Wallace, Jill Watson, Josh Webb.

Students selected from Paint Creek include: Kasey Duniven, Bonnie Emert, Lesli Isbell, Jesse Medford, A. J. Shaw, Hattie Walton.

Students selected from Rochester include: Jeremy Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Melina Garcia, Hayley Herode, Kristie Silvas, Amy Turner. Students selected from Rule include: Haley Brown, Misty Davis, Jonathan Hisey, Ricky Truelsen, Samuel Turner.

Student selected from Stamford includes: Brian Mays

Obituaries

Viola Katherine (Darden) Brueggeman

Funeral services for Viola Katherine (Darden) Brueggeman, 79, of Haskell were held Mon., Nov. 25 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Kenneth Blair and Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Burial was in Roberts Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brueggeman died Fri., Nov. 22 in Wichita Falls. Born Jan. 29, 1923 in Rochester, she was the daughter of Richard and Molly Darden. She married Lewis Frank Brueggeman May 2, 1951 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a farmer who chopped cotton and drove tractors. She worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital for over eight years and Haskell Elementary School for over four years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Clifford and Clarence Darden.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis Frank Brueggeman; one daughter, Linda Haynes and husband, Tony of Haskell; son, Danny Brueggeman and wife, Connie, and grandchildren Sydney Brueggeman and Garrett Brueggeman of Haskell; son, Lynn Brueggeman and wife, Nancy, and grandchildren Malinda Brueggeman of Haskell and Amanda Bibb of Munday, and great grandson, Austin of Munday; three brothers, Orville Darden, Glenn Darden and Curtis Darden, all of Haskell; one sister, Margaret Bird of Haskell; sister-in-law, Sara Jane Darden of Denton.

Memorials may be made to the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. First St., Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

James 'Jess' Templeton

Funeral services for James 'Jess' Templeton, 68, of Haskell were held Sun., Nov. 24 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Tony Grand and Kenneth Blair officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Templeton died Fri., Nov. 22 in Stamford. Born Feb. 20, 1934 in Coleman, he married Helen Bartley Oct. 23, 1982 in Haskell. He worked in the oilfield business for over 30 years as a toolpusher before his retirement. He worked at Mesa Drilling and Sojourner Drilling. He served his country in the U. S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grundy and Josie Templeton; and two brothers, John Templeton and Herbert Templeton.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Templeton of Haskell; five children, Michael and Debra Bartley of Haskell; Terry and Kelly Bartley of Knox City; Sheila Hawkins and Tammy Adkins, both of Abilene; Danny Harris of Aspermont; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; one sister, Willie Mae Hart of Haskell; eight nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Billy Wayne McDonald, Wayne Stout, Billy Joe Campbell, Jackie Reed, Vernay Andress and Cliff Morris. Honorary pallbearers were H. B. Berry, Morris Jenkins, Doyle Langford, Marvin Blair and Roy Wright.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605. PD. NOTICE

Thelma Lorene Hanson

Funeral services for Thelma Lorene Hanson, 85, of longtime resident of Haskell were held Sat., Nov. 30 at Hopewell Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hanson died Tues., Nov. 26 in a Haskell care home.

Born Feb. 20, 1917 in Rockdale, she was the daughter of McKinley Wilson and Janie Sullivan Wilson. She moved to Haskell at the age of eight. She was a lifetime

member of Hopewell Baptist Church where she served as the secretary/treasurer for many years. She was a vibrant woman, a loving mother and devoted grandmother and caring friend.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Franklin of Frisco and Janie Wheatley of Chicago, Illinois; one son, Charles Franklin of Houston; one stepson, Ronnie Franklin of Minneapolis, Minnesota; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Mary Maxine Needham

Funeral services for Mary Maxine Needham, 82, of Graham were held Sat., Nov. 30 at Morrison Funeral Home Chapel in Graham with Rev. Edgar Jones of Graham and Rev. Jim Senkel, pastor of Salem Crestview United Methodist Church in Graham officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Needham died Wed., Nov. 27 at Graham Oaks Care Center.

Born July 16, 1920 in Glen Dean, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Jesse Theodore and Mellie Vera (Walker) Jolly. She married Richard Eava Needham Jan. 30, 1982 in Graham. She was a homemaker, member of

the First Baptist Church in Graham where she served as a volunteer for the activity center and an outreach leader in her Sunday School class.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Eava Needham of Graham; three daughters, Shirley Ann Eirtle of Graham, Lula Leah Savage of Blessing and Wanda Louise Brown of Tucson, Arizona; four stepdaughters, Ruth Ellen Adair of Graham, Margie Wright of Plainview, Marilyn Edlund of Fort Worth and Sharon Franklin of Arlington; one stepson, Marshall Crouch of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Audrey Anderson Westmoreland

Funeral services for Audrey Anderson Westmoreland, 88, of Rule were held Mon., Dec. 2 at the Church of Christ in Rule.

Mrs. Westmoreland died Fri., Nov. 29 at a Lubbock hospital.

Born Sept. 5, 1914 in Anson, she was a homemaker

and a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one son.

Survivors include one son, Bobby Holwick of McLean and one daughter, Audrey Gay Jones of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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MR. AND MRS. MARLIN E. BROWN

Reception to honor couple's anniversary

Sat., Dec. 7, Marlin and Elizabeth Brown of Farmington, New Mexico will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Marlin E. Brown and Elizabeth Marie Mullins met at the Pinkerton Baptist Church in Haskell County, and in 1947 were married at the Pinkerton Church by Rev. Robert Barnett.

Marlin is the son of the late Calvin Brown and Lillian Norman Brown. He graduated from Rule High School.

Marie is the daughter of the late Johnny Mullins and Lorene Welsh Mullins. She attended Haskell High School.

After marrying, they lived in Rule approximately four years, before moving to Farmington, New Mexico in 1951, when Marlin began his long career with El Paso Natural Gas Company.

In 1954 they moved to Ignacio, Colorado, where they raised their family of three daughters and one son. Leaving Ignacio in 1975, Marlin

was stationed in several El Paso camps in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico.

In 1982 the couple again returned to Farmington, where they still reside. Marlin retired from El Paso Natural Gas in 1991. They now enjoy being involved in the lives of their family, friends and Sunday School Class. They also enjoy golfing, fishing, playing bridge, working on family genealogy and traveling.

The Brown's children are daughters Shirley Olbert and husband, Robert of Bloomfield, New Mexico; Minnie Sparks of Farmington and Jeanett Goley of Tucson, Arizona. Their son, Randell Brown and wife, Vida, live in Bloomfield. Marlin and Marie have twelve grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

In celebration of their 55th anniversary, a reception is being held by their children and grandchildren on Dec. 7, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Farmington.



MR. AND MRS. WAYNE DUNNAM

Dunnams to celebrate 50th anniversary

Wayne and Eva Dunnam of Haskell will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at the Fifty Yard Line in Lubbock, hosted by her sister, Betty and Elmer Lee Criswell, the Criswell's sons, Don, David and wife, DeAun, and their children Taryn, Todd and Ty, all of Plainview.

The Dunnams were married Dec. 13, 1952, at the Haskell Church of

Christ. The couple's son, Jim, died of Muscular Dystrophy in 1991.

Wayne Dunnam is retired from West Texas Utilities. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dunnam.

Eva Dunnam is retired from Abilene Christian University. She is the daughter of the late James and Lorene Adkins.

Local bank receives honor

BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation's leading independent bank research firm, has the distinct pleasure of issuing its top 5-star superior rating to Haskell National Bank for the 42nd consecutive quarter. Earning this prestigious award secures Haskell National Bank's position as one of the strongest banks in the country and underlies its status as a pillar of the community.

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Admissions
Carmen Luna, Goree
Iola Everett, Haskell
Dismissals
Layoid Robertson

Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Suzanne Wollard of Bryan, Rickey, Debbie, Todd and Kaylee of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving holidays with their parents and grandparents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell.

Harold and Deene Strasser of San Angelo spent Sunday night with Hyrum and Jean Richards. They were en route to Branson, Missouri.

Dan Burson and Chunky Tidwell spent Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock in the home of Travis and Peggy Burson and Bruce and Sheeley Burson.

Visiting with the Johnny Castillo family last week were his sister, Veia Castillo and her friend, both of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Chucky Castillo of Lewisville.

Charlene Hawkins hosted

Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roysdon of Mansville, Mr. and Mrs. Gery Wallers of Abilene, Tamera and Brian Hearn and children, Christopher and Melissa Tatum and children, Margaret and Creora Tatum, Clarence and Bo Tatum and Rylie and Joyce Hawkins, all of Haskell.

On Sunday Faye Gray went to Abilene to visit with her son, Lee and Judy Gray. Others who visited while she was in Abilene were Lynn Gray of Grapeland, Michael and Kyle of Brownwood, Kevin and Nancy Hicks, Melissa and Colby of Dallas; John and Cindy Hugart of Corpus Christie; Bob and Loretta Gray of Haskell.



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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Whooping cranes numbers increase in Texas

AUSTIN—Turkeys (the edible variety, no political joke intended) are the bird on most folks' mind these days, but one other member of the avian species has been getting some attention.

The endangered whooping crane has begun showing up at its winter home on the coast and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is urging waterfowl hunters to be careful not to get that bird confused with its legal-to-hunt cousin, the sandhill crane.

Whooping cranes are protected and can't be shot. They are white with black wingtips. The smaller sandhill cranes are gray. (If you're a hunter, make sure you get this right: A mistake is illegal and expensive.)

Biologists in Canada have reported that somewhere between 180 and 190 of the big birds—they stand more than 4 feet tall and are the tallest in North America—left their breeding grounds for their annual migration to the Lone Star State in late September and early October. That's an increase from the 176 whooping cranes that wintered in Texas last year.

If you spot a whooping crane, call the Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-792-1112 or e-mail a report to lalinam@wimberley-tx.com.

One thing to be thankful for...

A lot of Texans don't seem to have much trouble coming up with a reason not to get a flu shot: "don't have the time," "it'll give you the flu," "I never get sick" and on and on.

Here's a new idea: Remember the last time you had the flu and how badly you felt. As Texas Health Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez put it recently, "Millions of people get a flu shot every year. Millions more need to."

The vaccination is particularly recommended for persons over 50 (an increasingly large percentage of

the population), nursing home residents, people with diabetes, people with asthma or other chronic respiratory conditions and those with heart or kidney troubles. And for the first time this year, public health officials also recommend the shot for infants 6 months to 23 months.

To put the importance of the shots into perspective, every year about 8,000 Texans end up in the hospital with a bad case of the flu. In addition, flu or its complications kills 1,500 in Texas annually.

Finally, something to look forward to if you have not had your shot yet: The peak season for flu is during January and February.

West Nile update...

Unfortunately, there's no shot to prevent West Nile virus. The virus has now been identified in 195 of Texas' 254 counties, up from 176 in the previous survey.

Of the cases reported in Texas, 165 have been in humans, the Department of Health reports. Of the 165 human cases 23 became ill in July, 76 in August, 50 in September and 16 in October.

There have been eight deaths — four from Harris County and one each from Tarrant, Randall, Hood and Dallas counties.

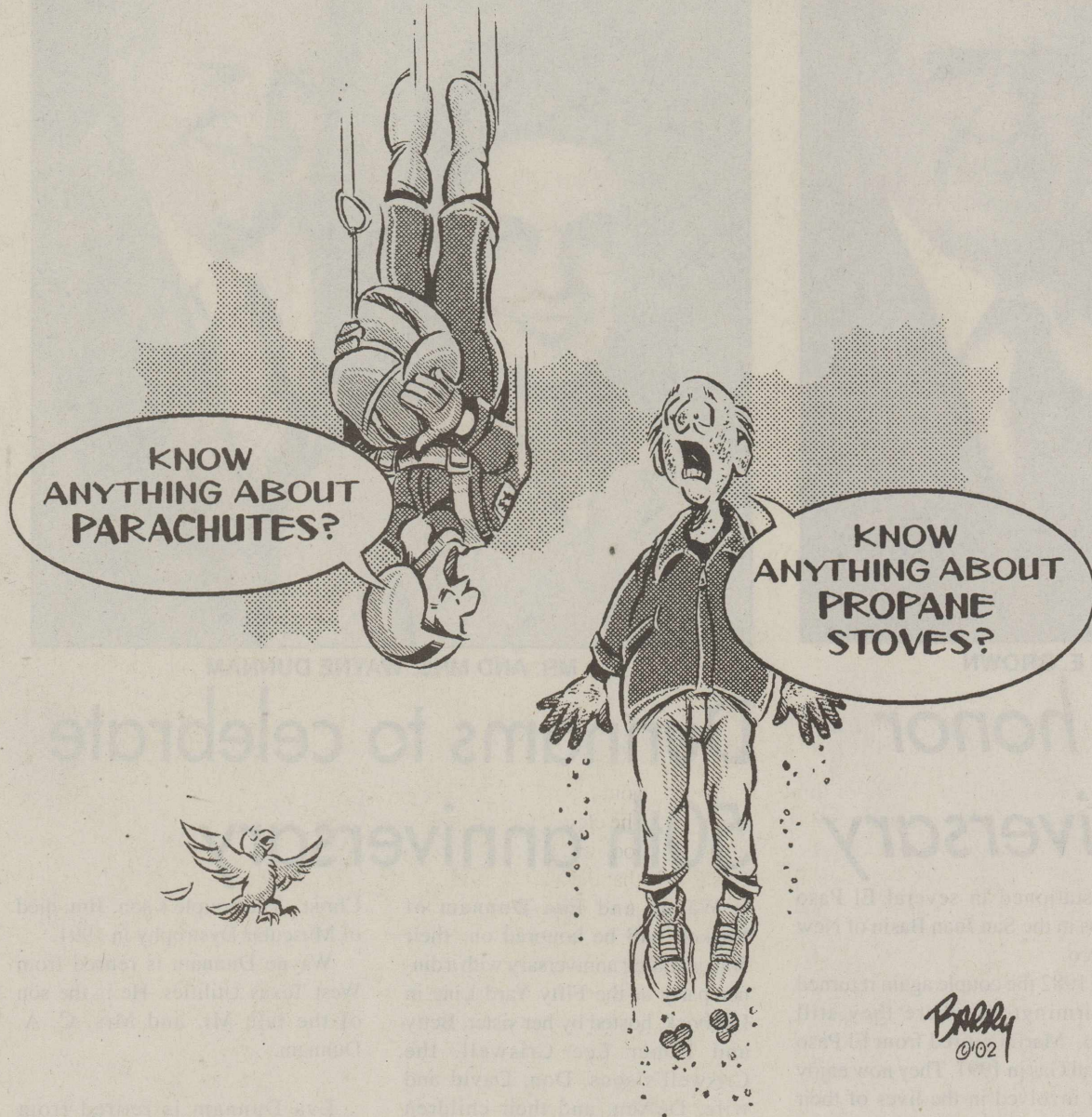
Looking ahead to college...

The Comptroller's office has opened a new enrollment period for the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan.

Under the plan, parents can fix their children's future college tuition costs and other required fees at current prices, and pay the amount in monthly installments to lessen the shock many parents experience when their kids graduate from high school and head to the proverbial ivy-covered halls.

The enrollment period continues to May 23.

For more information on the plan, check www.texastomorrowfunds.org or call 1-800-445-4723.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in the Midway Community, between Rule and Haskell.

I have been married for 44 years and have 3 children. I attended school at Rochester and Rule.

No one knows that I once worked for Wooten Grocery Company in Stamford.

My favorite TV show is Match Game.

My favorite song is "The Old Rugged Cross Makes the Difference."

I like to read, crochet, shop, watch the Game Show Network, sing in the choir, cook, E-mail, square dance and travel to various places.

The last book I read was *The Brethren*, by John Grisham. I am now reading *Their Mysterious Ways*, compiled by Phyllis Hobe.

My favorite place in Texas is Abilene.

My favorite vacation spot in the world is Colorado.

My best quality is the gift of hospitality. My worst quality is not having enough patience.

I hate it when people are unorganized and when they don't support their community in projects or their local church.

My greatest accomplishment is working for the public and loving it.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the friendly, caring people. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

(Learn the answer next week)

Update

Last week's Mystery Free Press Reader was Arch Mayfield, PhD, of Plainview, who graduated from Weinert High School in 1966.

The son of Lavern and the late John Mayfield, he left Haskell County to attend college, and has been in Plainview since 1973. He is now in his 31st year of teaching English at Wayland Baptist College, where he also serves as Chair of the Division of Language and Literature.

His wife, Eddy Lou, is from the Panhandle and Perryton area, where her parents still reside.

During his years at Wayland, Dr. Mayfield has had the opportunity to do several travel studies for the college, including two to Great Britain, Scotland and Wales, and one to New England. He is looking forward to others in future years.

He and his wife attend Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, where he is a deacon. He also is director of the Panhandle Writers' Workshop in Plainview.

One of the things he enjoys when coming back to visit his mother in

Weinert is shopping in the local Haskell stores.

A Thought For the Week

Perhaps at this time of the year, as we begin to look back at a year now almost spent and ahead to what we will do and be in the new year that is just around the corner, we might consider the following thoughts written by Dwight H. Judy.

"Where will you place the 'talent' you have been given? We must ask that question afresh each day, each year. Where will you focus the potential for creative action that is yours? Those are the questions before the man and woman of our time. I think we do not improve on the answer given by Isaiah twenty-four hundred years ago, 'Here am I, Lord, send me.'

"Send me into the village square, send me into the schools, send me into the day camps for children, send me into the task of creating beauty, send me into the business world to struggle for the values I hold dear, send me into the earth as her son, to love her and to cherish her. Send me to help create the 'thousand healths and hidden isles' not even yet imagined. Then I will know that I have lived and loved well with this precious gift of life that has been given to me."

Haskell CISD Comments

by Cindy McCulloch
Haskell Elem. Counselor

You are your children's guiding star. Everyone knows the importance of helping your child succeed. Haskell Elementary would like for you to encourage your children at a very early age. Guide your children

to college. College is possible and affordable. Financial aid is available for everyone. Success in college means a world of opportunities. It's never too early to start planning! Here are some tips to start or continue a college legacy in your family:

Believe in your children. Tell them that they are bright and that they can do it. Let them know you're committed to helping them achieve their dreams.

Be a shining example by setting aside a little money regularly to show your children that you are planning for their future. Even pocket change adds up. Have fun together by "feeding" a piggy bank for college.

Nurture healthy habits within your children. Encourage them to be involved in school and community activities. Go to the library together. Provide them with a quiet place to study and help them with their homework.

Get involved! Visit the school or call their teachers and counselors to find out what programs are available to prepare your children for success in college. Help your children find a mentor or tutor.

Visit a college campus together. Explore possible careers with your children. Ask a trusted college graduate to talk with your children about the importance of college and the difference that it made in their life.

SBA workshop set

An "SBA Financing and Informational Workshop," will be held Wed., Dec. 11, at the Abilene Small Business Development Center, 500 Chestnut, Suite 601, Abilene, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center at Abilene and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Subjects for the evening workshop include: "Financing Options: All You Should Know." Advance registration is encouraged due to limited seating, however there is no charge for the workshop.

Information will be available on what a business owner should have

before applying for a loan, what the banker is looking for, information needed in a business plan, and the programs and services available from the Small Business Administration. This is an opportunity for small business owners and prospective business owners to learn about financing options and the SBA Guaranty Loan Program.

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

For more information or registration call the TTU SBDC, at 915-670-0300 or SBA at 806-472-7462, extension 236 or 1-800-676-1005.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
December 3, 1992

Haskell Indians Tommie Isbell and Jonathan Tatum have earned places on the all-district football first team chosen by district 7-2A coaches. Isbell is on both offense and defense team: Tatum on offense.

Three Haskell County intermediate age 4-H'ers received awards at the district food show in Vernon. Anna Rieger, of Haskell, placed first in snacks and desserts; Paige Lammert, of Sagerton, placed third in fruits and vegetables; and Shannon Sanford, of Haskell, placed fourth in breads and cereals.

All six members of the senior class at Rochester High School are male. Members are Steven Lopez, Kurt Sloan, Guy DeMerritt, Robby Strickland, Chris Carver and Jacob Marin.

20 Years Ago
December 9, 1982

A large crowd was on hand for the first Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawing. Winner of \$100 was J. L. Grand. Winners of \$50 each were Karen Lehrmann, Helen Temperman, Linda St. John, Earlene Lewis, Rachel Rodriguez, Bobby Ruth Hendrick and Sheila Wolf. Winners of \$25 each were Inez Rawlins and Willie Buerger.

The Haskell Indians won the consolation trophy at the Seymour tournament. Patrick McCoy made the all-tournament team.

30 Years Ago
December 7, 1972

District 5-B's offensive player of the year was Don Hisey, senior, from Rule.

The Haskell girls won the Rule Tournament last weekend defeating Knox City 56-64; Rochester 55-45 and Rule 63-54. Mary Ann Elliott was named to the All-Tournament Team for the third year.

Elected as Most Talented at Rule High School are Marcia Brass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brass and Lane Hertenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hertenberger.

40 Years Ago
December 6, 1962

Billie Jack Ray, president of Haskell Jaycees, presented Hallie Chapman, administrator of the hospital, with a check for \$975.00 to cover the cost of a defibrillating machine.

The Haskell Maidens defeated the Albany girls 61-32. Eva Bartley score 26 points and Carolyn Fischer 19 points.

Paulette Allen, 19, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen of Haskell, placed fifth in the Miss Rodeo of America contest held in Las Vegas.

The sheriff's office has been moved to the third floor, southwest corner of the courthouse. The reason for the move was to give Sheriff Garth Garrett and his co-workers additional space and also more privacy.

50 Years Ago
December 4, 1952

Billy Mack Taylor, Abe Turner, Buddy Lane, Nancy Bailey, Nancy Furrh, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver, George D. Christian and Milton Christian are all home for the Christmas holidays from Texas Tech University.

Travis T. Burson, 20, son of Theo Burson of Haskell, has completed his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

William C. Porter, student at Texas Tech, spent Thanksgiving day in Rochester with his mother, Bess Porter.

90 Years Ago
December 7, 1912

S. G. Dean, who has a lumber business at Swenson, spent Thanksgiving at home with his family in Haskell.

E. E. Marvin and Bill Whatley went to Dallas Sunday night to get a new automobile that Whatley had purchased from Marvin.

Earl Cogdell shipped two cars of cattle to Fort Worth this week.

The local gin had turned out about 5,000 bales of cotton up to the end of last week. Receipts at the two local cotton yards total a little over 7,000 bales for the season.

Information sought about 1957 film

Several inquiries have been received locally about a film made in 1957 about the history of Haskell.

The film was mentioned in an article that featured Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hilliard, and their grandson Joseph L. Hilliard of McKinney is seeking information as to whether the film is still in existence, and if it possible to obtain a copy of it.

At the time it was made, the film was shown at the Texas Theatre in Haskell on a weekend. Part of the film was made at Scott's Crossing on top of Rattlesnake Mountain. Rex Felker, of the chamber of commerce may have been in charge of putting the film together.

Anyone having information about the location of the film may contact the Free Press. Information will be passed on to the families who have requested help in finding it.

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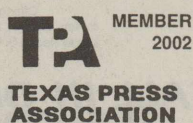
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PARENTS VISIT SCHOOL—Parents of Haskell Elementary and Secondary students enjoy pie and cobbler served to them after a visit with their child's teacher and picking up report cards during Parents in Education (P.I.E.) Night at the schools.

School starts new programs

Parents of Haskell Elementary and Secondary students recently attended Parents in Education (P.I.E.) Nights at the schools.

On Nov. 13, elementary parents were invited to come to the school to pick up their student's report card and visit with the child's teachers. The parents were invited to the cafeteria to enjoy some delicious pie and cobbler, where a parent information meeting followed.

Parents of secondary students were invited to come to the school on Mon., Nov. 18, to get their child's report card and meet with their teachers. Pie and cobbler were served in the foyer of the auditorium, with a parent information meeting following in the auditorium.

At both meetings, the principals welcomed all parents to the school and thanked them for taking time from their busy schedules to be a part of their child's education. A presentation was made about the EXCEL program, which is being implemented this year. This exciting program provides children with leadership skills and teaches children to be self-governing and responsible for

their own actions. As a part of this program, teachers personally greet each student daily with a handshake. Each class writes their own social contract, which is used to avoid and settle conflicts that might come up in the classroom. Parents were encouraged to ask their child about the program.

The school counselors spoke about the differences between the TAAS test and the new state TAKS test. Parents were given examples of test questions from previous years to demonstrate how the level of difficulty has increased over the years. Copies of released TAAS tests were made available for parents to take home and study so they might be more aware of the types of things their children are being taught. Counselors also discussed the Migrant program and the benefits available to those students; the Reading Proficiency Test in English and services provided to ESL students; the Gifted & Talented Program and that anyone could make nominations to this program at any time.

An explanation was given at both

campuses about School-wide Title I Programs. The elementary school is already a school-wide Title I campus. This means that the federal funds received by the school can be used to benefit every student in the school, not just a select few. The secondary campus is currently in the process of becoming a school-wide Title I campus. It was explained that this would not bring any more funds into the school district, but would affect how those funds could be used.

Each campus is beginning a new parent volunteer program. Volunteer survey forms were distributed and completed by interested parents. Skills of those who volunteered would be matched to the needs expressed by the teachers throughout the year. It was noted that volunteer programs benefited everyone involved. The schools receive free labor and a greater confidence level from parents who volunteer. The parents find that they are more informed about their child's activities at schools. And, volunteering on campus communicates to a child that the parent cares about what goes on at the school.

Use care with natural gas

Natural gas is safe and dependable. But, like with anything else, precautions should be taken to avoid unsafe situations with heating and other household equipment that uses natural gas.

The following gas safety tips may help you stay warm and safe at home during the cold months ahead:

Have a certified heating and air conditioning contractor check heating equipment before each heating season. Only qualified service people should install and maintain all gas appliances.

All gas appliances should produce a blue flame when lit. Call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor if the flame is red or yellow. A color other than blue is a sign of improper burning, which could produce excessive carbon monoxide.

If an appliance pilot light should go out, turn off the gas. Allow several minutes for gas to dissipate before attempting to re-light it.

When re-lighting, hold the lit match close to the opening. Then slowly turn on the gas.

Never use an oven or range burner to heat a room.

Make sure the vent is operating properly on a space heater.

For space heaters not equipped with a vent or oxygen cut-off switch, slightly open a window to provide ventilation. Be sure to turn it off before going to bed.

Keep space heater away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.

If you have a gas water heater in the garage, be sure it is installed 18 inches above the floor.

Never store or use, paint, gasoline,

or do anything that might cause a spark. Go to a neighbor's home, and call the gas company. Don't call from your home because some telephones use a small amount of electricity that may produce a spark.

If you smell gas in your house, leave immediately, do not touch any electrical switch, don't strike a match

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



DO TAX PLANNING BEFORE YOU BUY A VEHICLE

You've seen the ads. Dealer incentives, no-interest loans, and rebates are aimed at creating new car demand. Before you jump on the buying bandwagon, it may be worthwhile to do some tax planning. Recent tax law changes may impact your buying decisions.

Depreciation. Two tax law changes make it possible to write off the cost of a new business car more quickly. One change lets you claim an extra 30% bonus depreciation for new cars. Also, the first-year depreciation limit for most business cars increased from \$3,060 to \$7,660. Both changes apply to cars bought after September 10, 2001. Still available is the so-called Section 179 deduction under which you may be able to immediately deduct a limited amount of the car's cost.

Weight limits. Business vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds are not subject to the first-year depreciation limit. Many full-size SUVs meet this qualification. Without the depreciation limitations, you may be able to deduct up to \$24,000 of the vehicle's cost for a 2002 purchase. The limit increases to \$25,000 for 2003. That's in addition to the regular depreciation deduction and the new 30% bonus depreciation deduction.

Luxury tax. High-end vehicles are assessed a luxury tax at the time of purchase. For 2002, the luxury tax decreased from 4% of the purchase price in excess of \$38,000 to 3% of the amount over \$40,000. The deal gets even better in 2003, when the tax is scheduled to expire altogether.


Hybrid cars. Looking to make an environment-friendly car purchase? Consider a hybrid gas/electric vehicle. Buyers of certified hybrid cars can deduct up to \$2,000 as an above-the-line deduction. That means you don't have to itemize deductions to get this tax break. Before you buy, get the details about this deduction.

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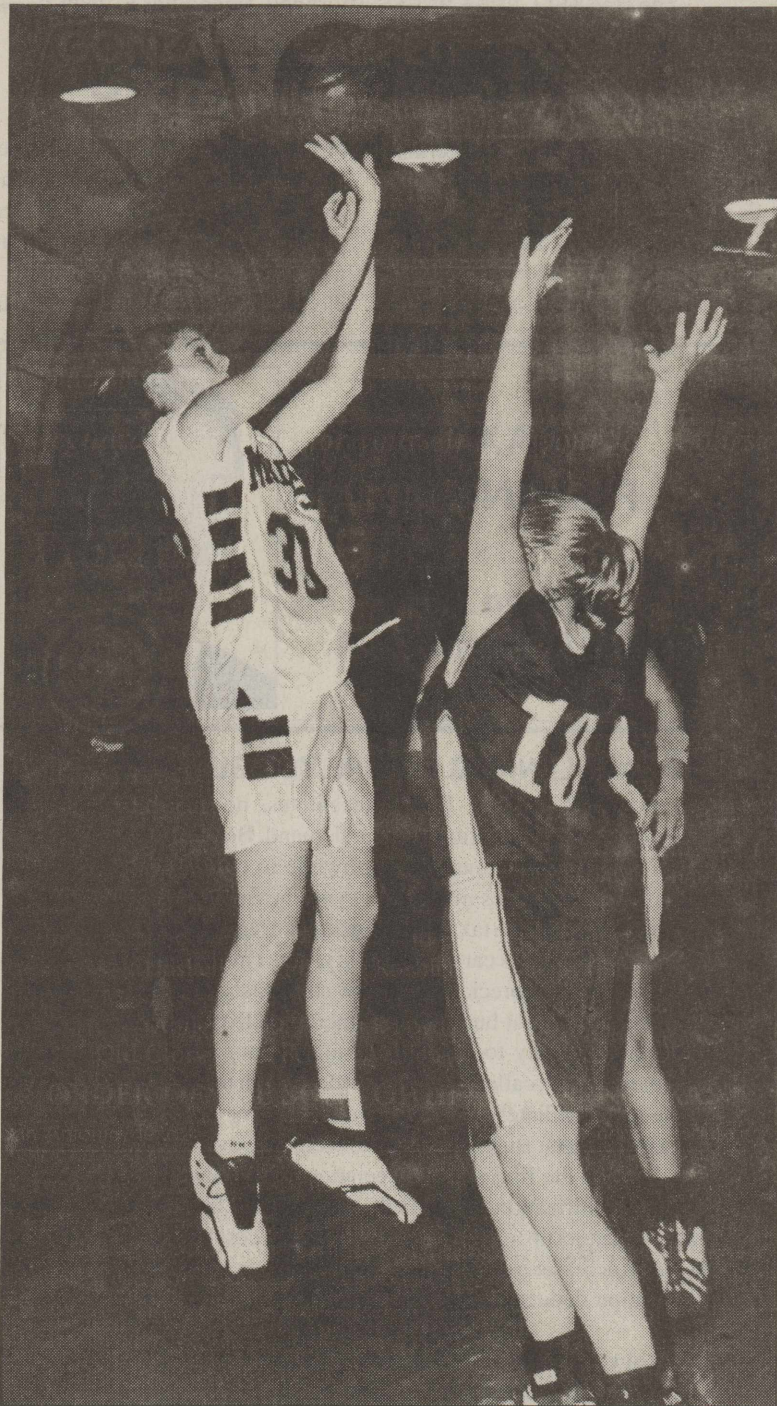
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MAIDENS SCORING—Lynzie Harlan (33) lofts a basket in Haskell's winning 38-34 game with Rule, Nov. 22. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 38, Rule 34
Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 10, Buerger 10, Hise 4, Lindsey 4, Adams 3, Harlan 2, McKnight 2, Mays 2, Rutkowski 1.
Scoring for Rule: Lisle 11, Marquis 8, Lehrmann 7, Dudensing 4, Brown 4.
JV Score: Haskell 29, Rule 21.

Haskell 57, Munday 28
Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 10, Wallace 8, Hise 8, Gonzalez 6, Rutkowski 5, Bird 5, Kendall 4, Harlan 4, Mays 4, Lindsey 3.
JV Score: Haskell 35, Munday 22.

Rochester 48, Trent 38
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 27, Turner 7, Ramos 5, Brown 3, Martinez 3, Sanchez 2, Martin 1.

Rotan 56, Rochester 53
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 17, Ramos 16, Turner 10, Brown 4, Sanchez 3, Martinez 3.

Rochester 65, Bryson 32
Scoring for Rochester: Byrd 33, Ramos 9, Brown 6, Martin 6, Martinez 5, Sanchez 3, Saucedo 2, Turner 1.

Paint Creek 66, Bryson 33
Scoring for Paint Creek: A. Daniel

11, Gonzalez 10, K. Daniel 10, Reel 8, Walton 6, Brzozowski 6, Lamb 5, Duniven 4, Thomasson 4, Isbell 2.

Boys

Haskell 62, Big Spring 32
Scoring for Haskell: E. Loyd 15, Goudeau 14, Burgess 9, Hairgrove 7, B. Loyd 7, M. Garcia 6, Webb 4.

Haskell 54, Munday 36
Scoring for Haskell: E. Loyd 16, Goudeau 12, Burgess 9, M. Garcia 7, B. Loyd 6, Webb 4.

Bryson 47, Rochester 26
Scoring for Rochester: McGhee 11, Earle 7, Self 6, Carrasco 2.

Trent 49, Rochester 36
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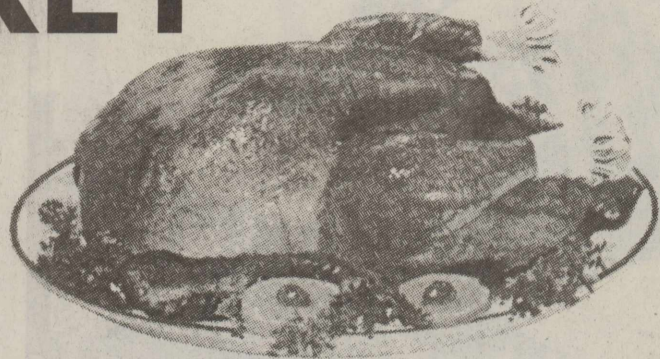
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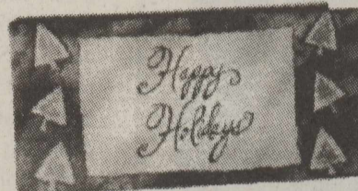
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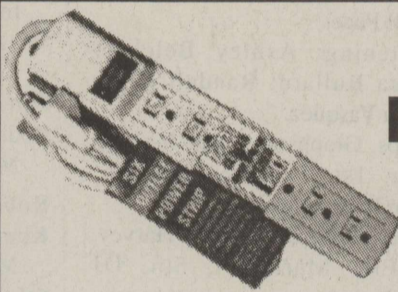


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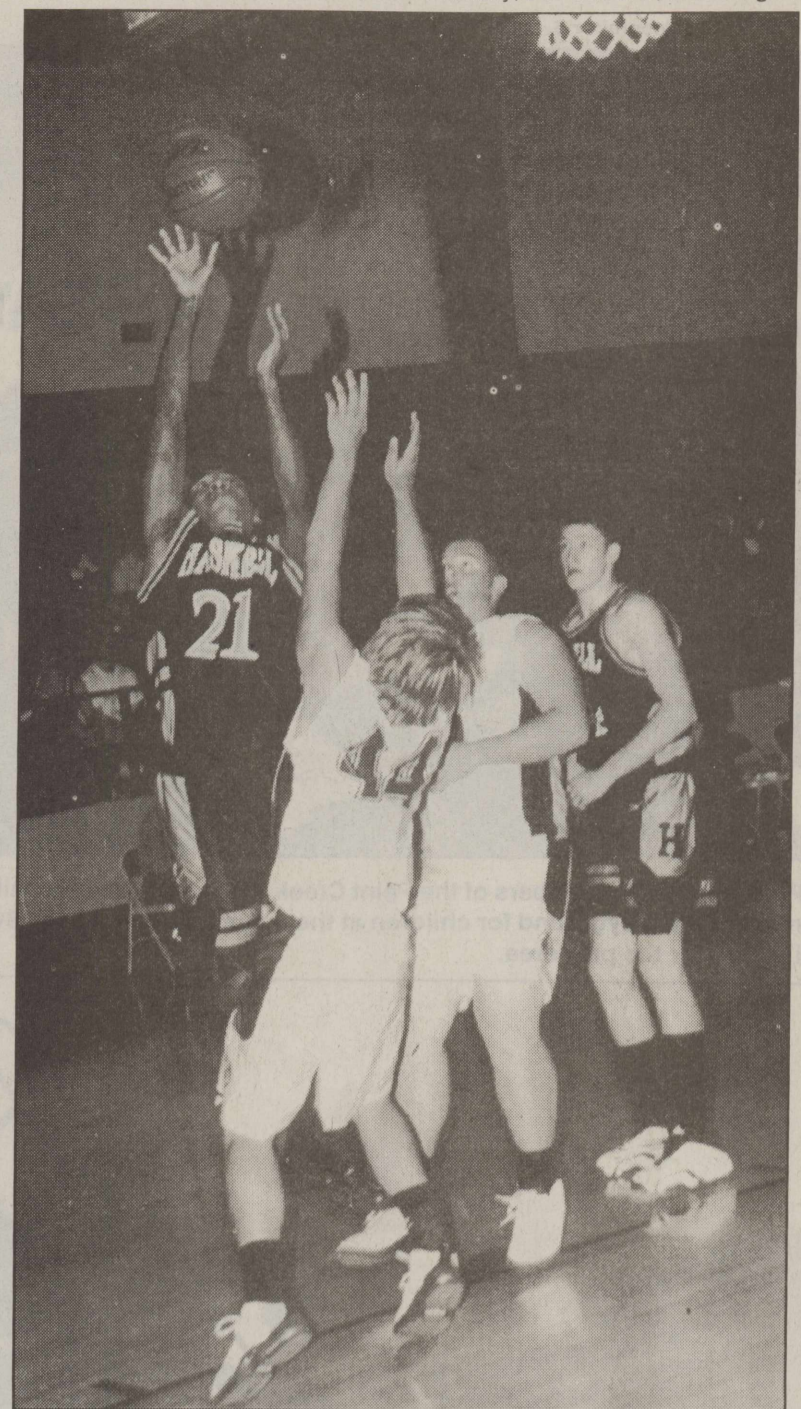
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PANTHERS AND INDIANS—Haskell's Leon Goudeau (21) goes up in crowd of Panthers during the Indians' winning 69-36 game with Seymour, Nov. 19. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Mustangs advance to state semi-finals

The Mustangs of Sands High School outlasted the Ft. Elliott Cougars 45-41 in a six-man Quarter-final Football game Friday night in Happy.

After trailing 28-23 at halftime, the Mustangs scored in their first drive of the second half, and then held on to defeat the Cougars in a very close ballgame.

Scores by quarters were Ft. Elliott,

7-21-7-6; Sands, 8-15-15-8.

Sands (12-1) will play the Sanderson Eagles (13-0) Friday night at 7:30 in Big Lake for the Semi-Final Round.

Sanderson defeated Sands in Sanderson 50-40 in the third game of the season. The Mustangs are coached by Larry Reid, a 1987 graduate of Rochester High School.

Commissioners' Court report

During the regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, Nov. 26, a line item transfer in the budget was approved to move \$2,250.00 out of County Park Repairs and Maintenance into County Park Miscellaneous.

The opening of bids for a new

Sheriff's car was tabled until the next scheduled meeting, Dec. 9. The sum of \$23,875.00 is budgeted for the Sheriff's car.

Approval was given for the sale of two lots in O'Brien to Edgar Weber by the Appraisal District.



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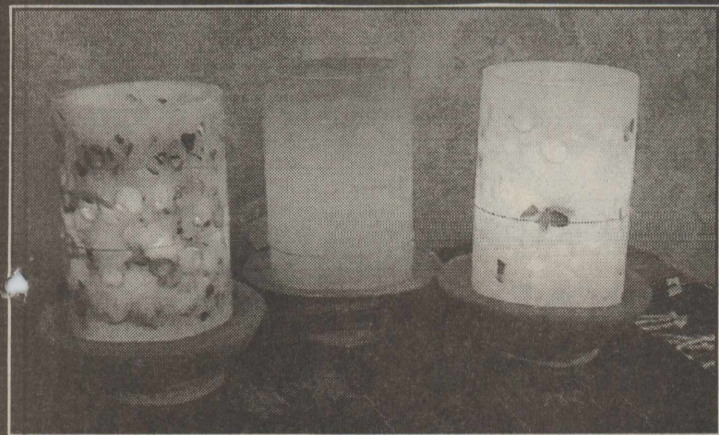


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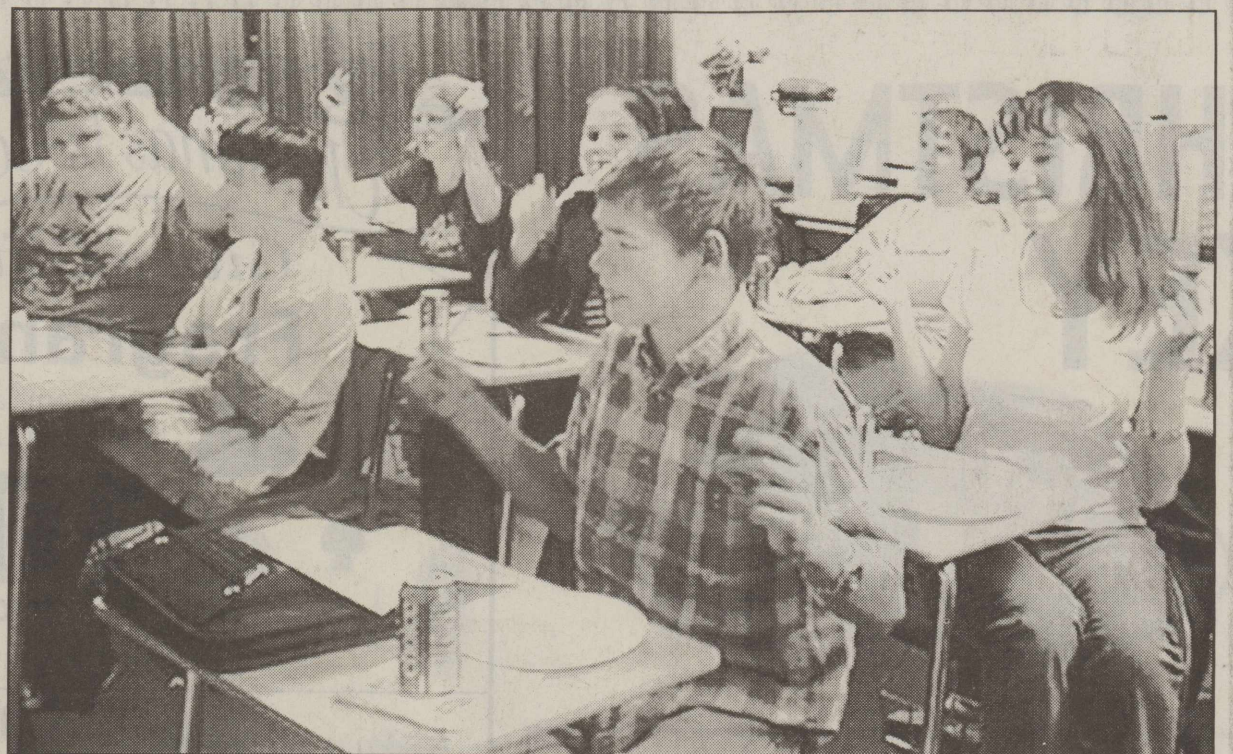
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NEW PLAYGROUND—Members of the Paint Creek PTO help students build a base for a new slide and equipment at the playground for children at the school, Sat., Nov. 16. Swings were refurbished and gravel added for the play area.



NEW SLIDE—Paint Creek kindergarten through third grade students try out the new slide on the first day after it was installed on their playground.



POETRY PARTY—Students of Paint Creek teacher Launa Medford's freshman English class respond to the reading of student Lindsey Reel's poetry during a party to wrap up a study unit of poetry.

Jr. High students compete at UIL

Haskell placed third in the district 8-AA middle school UIL academic competition held in Eula on Nov. 5 and 11. Seventh and eighth students received 295 points for their efforts. This score put them in third place overall, following Eastland with 524.6 point and Eula with 396 points. Academic teams and individual results are as follows:

7th grade
 Calculator Application: Lacey Peiser, 1st; Alexis Chaves; Moses Munoz.
 Dictionary Skills: Paige Wheatley, 2nd; Veronica Session; Mali Torres.
 Editorial Writing: Lacey Peiser, 2nd; Greg Guzman; Colton Young
 Impromptu Speaking: Vanessa Vasquez, 2nd; Jennifer Farber; Randall Pace.
 Listening: Ashley Belcher; Chelsea Bullard; Randall Pace; Vanessa Vasquez.
 Maps, Graphs & Chart: Jennifer Farber, 1st; Veronica Session; Weston Rutkowski.
 Mathematics: Meredith Harvey, 3rd; Eric Markunas, 5th; DJ McCulloch.
 Modern Oratory: Colton Young; Derek Agraz; Mali Torres.

Number Sense: Eric Markunas, 1st; Lacey Peiser, 4th; DJ McCulloch.

Oral Reading: Alexis Chavez; Randall Pace; Vanessa Vasquez.

Ready Writing: Meredith Harvey, 5th; Chelsea Bullard; Paige Wheatley.

Science: Eric Markunas, 1st; Jennifer Farber; Colton Young.

Spelling: Veronica Session, 5th; Shelby Morrow; Mali Torres.

8th grade
 Calculator Application: Diana Maurico, 2nd; Kristen Martinez, 5th; Stephanie Grand, 6th.

Dictionary Skills: Sarah Garcia, 3rd; Kelley Tidrow; Jerrica Escobedo.

Editorial Writing: Kelley Tidrow; Diana Maurico; Tamisha Dever.

Impromptu Speaking: Erin Hise, 5th; Andrew Long; Scott Agraz.

Listening: Sarah Garcia; Angela Pena; Jerrica Escobedo; Josh Rodriguez.

Maps, Graphs & Chart: Alexa Roberts; Matthew Brown; Josh Kimmel.

Mathematics: Diana Maurico, 5th; Kristen Martinez; Roxann Chavez.

Modern Oratory: Erin Hise; Janie

Walker.
 Number Sense: Andrew Long, 4th; Jared Webb; Roxann Chavez.

Oral Reading: Stephanie Grand; Sarah Garcia; Amber Bingham.

Ready Writing: Stephanie Grand, 4th; Erin Hise, 5th; Jasmine Thomas.

Science: Jared Webb, 5th; Kayla Tidrow; Kristen Martinez.

Spelling: Jerrica Escobedo, 3rd; Diana Maurico, 6th; Tamisha Dever.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

December 2, 2002

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Haskell Co-op Gin	2,010
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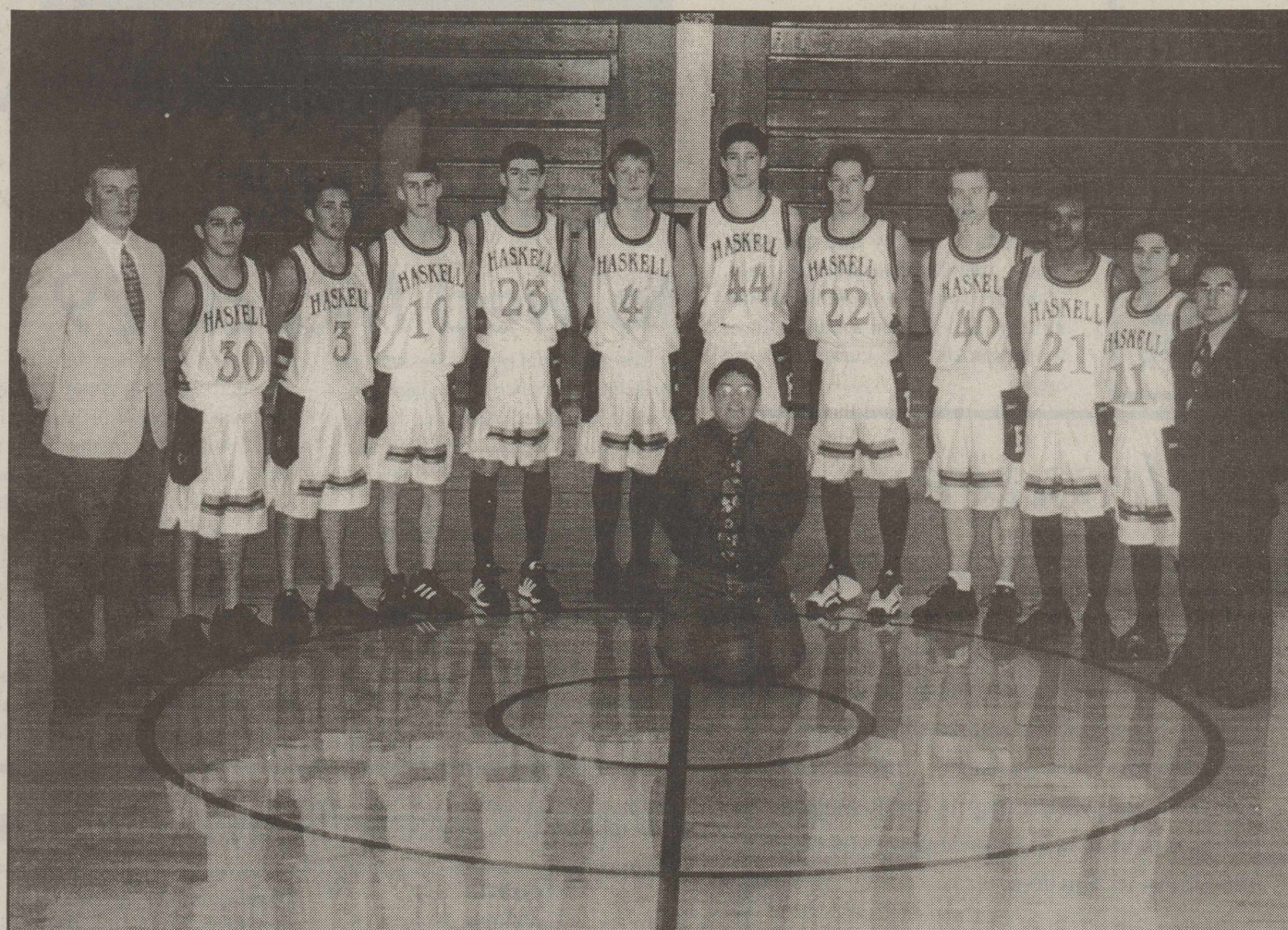
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GOOD LUCK, INDIANS and MAIDENS



HASKELL INDIANS: from left, Coach Mark Adams, Osiel Garcia, Melvin Garcia, Kendall Mitchell, Ross Hairgrove, Josh Webb, Ryan Burgess, Eddie Loyd, Bobby Loyd, Leon Goudeau, Angel Pena, Coach Toby Villa. Center: Larry Trevino.



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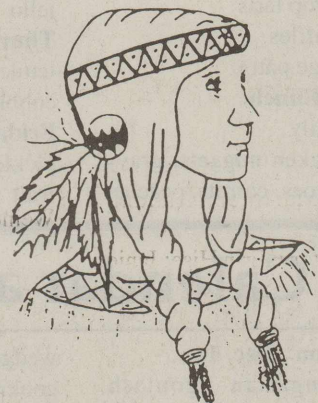
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HASKELL MAIDENS: From left, Coach David Middleton, Coach Shawna Faircloth, Brittany Lindsey, Monica Buerger, Whitney Hise, Calina Kendall, Katie McKnight, Lynzie Harlan, Brittany Bird, Mandy Adams, Whitney Wallace, Brittany Rutkowski, Shanee Mays, Consuelo Gonzales

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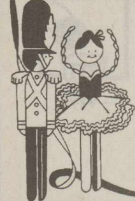
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December 9-13

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Peanut butter and jelly, graham crackers

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich

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.

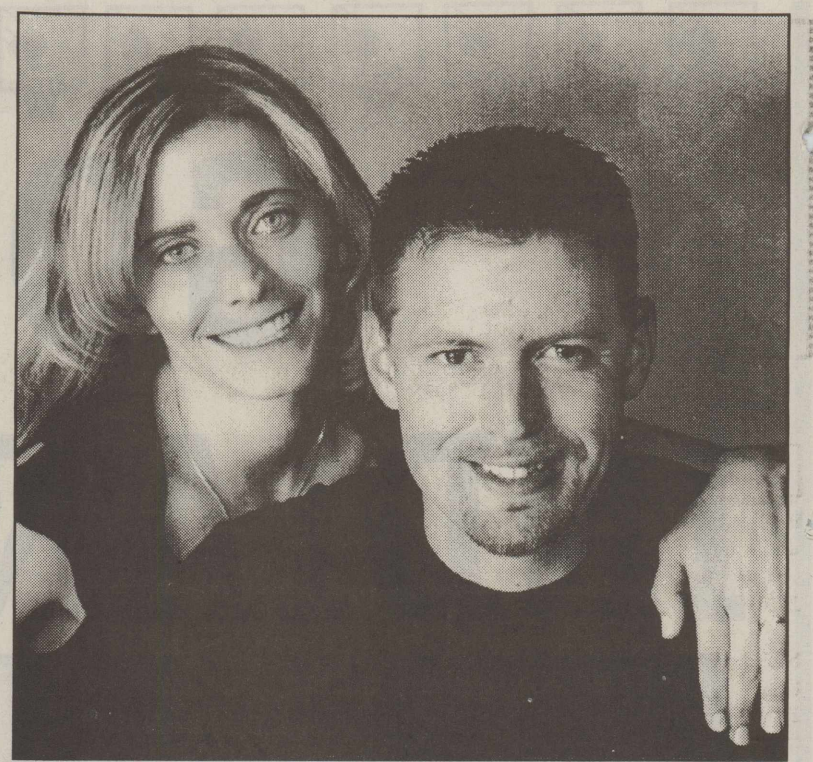
Monday: Steakfingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, lemon pudding

Tuesday: Elementary: Taco salad/chips; Secondary: Frito pie, cheese/salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce/tomato slices, pickle spears, assorted chips, apple/cookie

Thursday: Turkey and dressing/gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, hot roll, fruit salad

Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle slice, curly fries, ice cream



TENILLE MATHIS - JEFFREY WILLIAMS

Mathis, Williams to wed March 29

Ron and Pam Opitz of Haskell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, April K. Tenille Mathis to Jeffery Jason Williams, son of Ronnie and Jerri Williams of Stephenville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and attended Texas Tech University.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Stephenville High School and attended Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University while serving a four year tour in the United


States Coast Guard. He also attended Tarleton State University and now operates a private business.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Wilbert and Dwanna Klose of Haskell. Her great-grandmother is Delma Matthews, also of Haskell.

Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Jeral and Pat Smith of Lake Brownwood and Margaret Williams of Early.

The couple plans to be married Mar. 29 in a twilight ceremony at The Chapel in The Woods in Glen Rose.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH AND SERVICE CAN HELP US FORGET ALL OUR WOES

We all have times when either things go wrong or else we're afraid they will, and these real and potential calamities seem to come all at once. We worry about our health, our job security, bills, taxes and so on. This can throw us into a real fit of depression, and we often wonder if it's all worth it. But take heart; there are some constructive things you can do while you're waiting for the answers. First, go out and help someone who needs you. This will give you a good feeling and take your mind off your own troubles. Second, attend your House of Worship and pray for God's guidance. Talk to your clergyman, who will also pray for you. Remember that he is there to help you whenever you need him, so just let him do it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church David Page, pastor Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church Dusty Garrison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>Church of God James Rincker, pastor • 864-5438 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church Gary Bruns, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Allen Brooks, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church Father Michael Melcher Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ Brett Anderson, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Steve Beatty, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>Hopewell Baptist Church John Lewis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p>	<p>Greater Independent Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Baptist Church Kevin Hall, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Church in the Park Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Gazebo or Pavillion</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—PAINT CREEK—</p> <p>Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Chris Powell, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert</p> <p>Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—ROCHESTER—</p> <p>Church of Christ Steve Willis, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester</p> <p>First Baptist Church Jackie Brem, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester</p> <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church Rev. Clarence Walker Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—O'BRIEN—</p> <p>O'Brien Baptist Church Kyle Gullledge, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m. O'Brien</p>	<p>Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Dolan Brinson, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church Melissa Bemis, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ John Greeson, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Tommy Wilson, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 10 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Ornegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p>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</p>
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Paint Creek School Menu

Dec 9-13

Breakfast

Milk and juice served daily.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls

Wednesday: Pop tarts

Thursday: Waffles

Friday: Sausage patty

Lunch

Milk served daily.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, scalloped potatoes, carrots, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, corn on the cob, creamed potatoes, bread, gravy, banana pudding

Wednesday: Beef tostadas, refried beans, salad, shredded cheese, salsa, jello

Thursday: Grilled chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, peach cobbler

Friday: Hamburger with trimmings, pickles, sliced cheese, chips, mixed fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Dec 16

Lunch—Hungarian goulash, buttered rice, green beans, yellow squash, yeast rolls, gingerbread, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Dec 18

10:30 a.m. Bingo
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
Lunch—Shepherd's pie/with beef and topped with potatoes, tomato wedges/pickles, cornbread, greens, cookies/pears, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Dec 20

Lunch—Turkey and dressing, cranberries, giblet gravy, green bean casserole, candied yams, yeast rolls, pumpkin square/topping, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 891 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Nov. 25, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 75 sellers and 50 buyers attended.

Packers \$1 to \$2 higher, stockers and feeders steady to higher.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots \$5-\$25/ \$100 less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .30-.35; cutters, .28-.37; canners, .15-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.46; feeders, .63-.73; utility, .37-.42.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.35; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .78-.9250; 600-700 lbs., .78-.85; 700-800 lbs., .75-.82; 800-up lbs., .65-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .72-.88; 500-600 lbs., .68-.80; 600-up lbs., .60-.75.

Bred heifers medium frame, 450-600.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-825.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 700-875; aged or small, 500-700.

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 381 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Dec. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 40 sellers and 25 buyers attended.

Stockers \$1 to \$3 higher, packers and feeders steady.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots \$5-\$25/ \$100 less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .29-.34; cutters, .31-.36; canners, .10-.22.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.46; feeders, .62-.72; utility, .38-.44.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .84-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .78-.95; 600-700 lbs., .74-.86; 700-800 lbs., .72-.80; 800-up lbs., .62-.78.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .77-.90; 500-600 lbs., .72-.85; 600-up lbs., .55-.78.

Bred heifers medium frame, 475-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-775; aged or small, 425-550.

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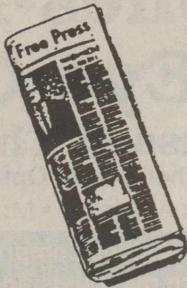
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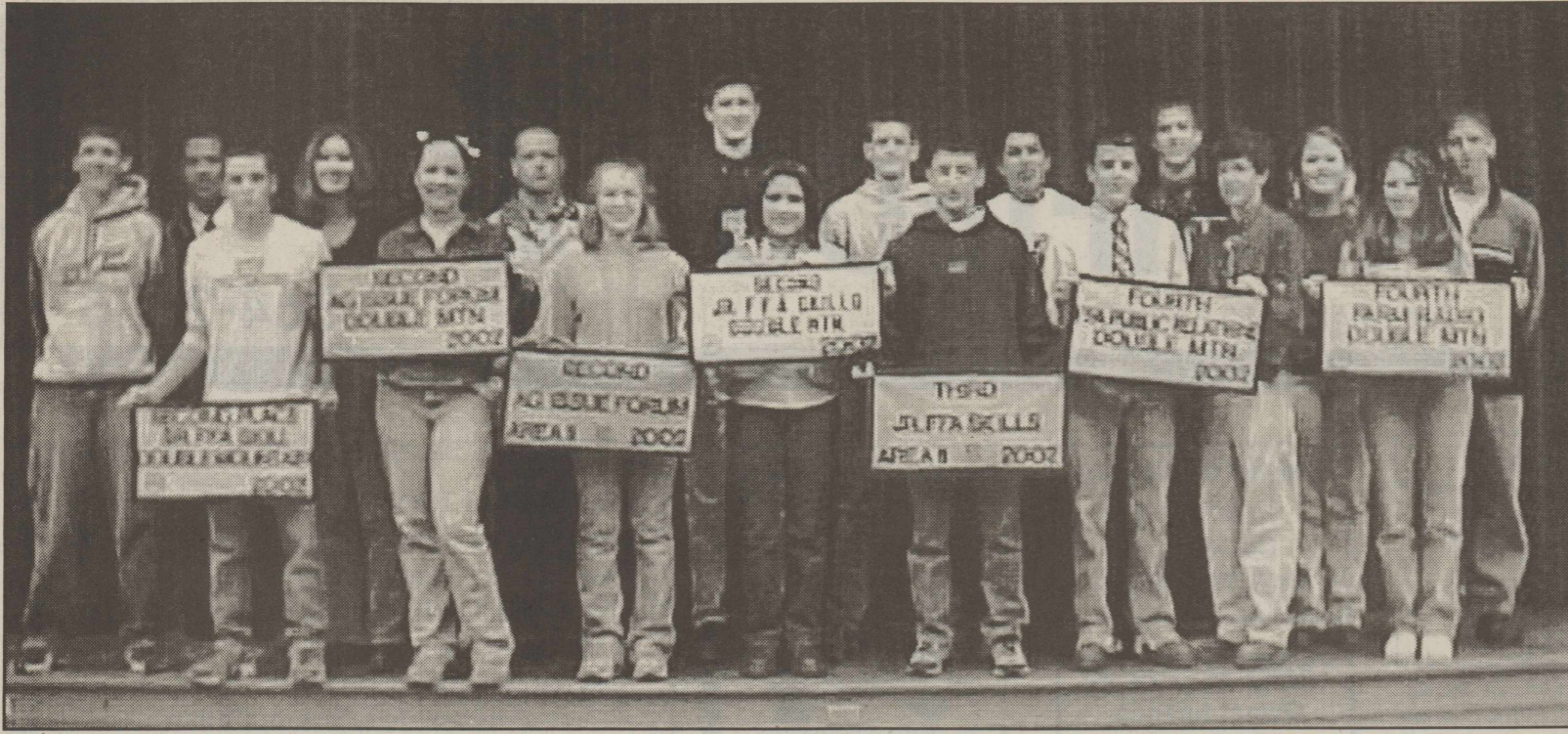
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FFA LEADERSHIP TEAMS—Haskell FFA members hold their banners won during Double Mountain District and Area II Leadership competitions. From the left are Jeremy Sorrells, L. J. McCulloch, Heath McCulloch, Christi Sorrells, Whitney Hise,

Ross Bullinger, Alexis Reed, Ryan Burgess, Jackie Lopez, Dax Pueschel, Jeff Silba, Julio Solano, Ronald Chapman, Brad Blanks, Austin Coker, Wendy Proctor, Sydney Brueggeman and Mike Payne. Not pictured is Chase Cockerell.

Haskell FFA Leadership teams compete

The Haskell FFA leadership teams recently participating in the Double Mountain District and the Area II Leadership Competitions were successful in several events.

Placing 2nd in District and 3rd in Area in Jr. Skills were Jackie Lopez, Jeremy Sorrells and Jeff Silba.

Placing 2nd in District and 4th in Area in Sr. Skills were Ross

Bullinger, Heath McCulloch and Wendy Proctor.

Placing 2nd in District and 2nd in Area in Ag Issues were Whitney Hise, Christi Sorrells, Ross Bullinger, Sydney Brueggeman, Alexis Reed, Wendy Proctor and Chase Cockerell.

Placing 4th in District in Public Relations were Julio Solano, Brad

Blanks, Austin Coker and Ronald Chapman.

Placing 4th in District in Farm Radio were Alexis Reed, Sydney Brueggeman and Chase Cockerell.

Competing in Sr. Quiz were Ryan Burgess, Mike Payne, L.J. McCulloch and Dax Pueschel.

Competing in Jr. Creed Speaking

were Jackie Lopez and Jeff Silba.

All of the FFA teams are to be congratulated for their hard work and success this year. They have expressed their appreciation of the community for its support this year, and they look forward to success in the future.

District 7 All District football teams named

Several Rule and Paint Creek six-man football players were named to the District 7 All District Teams.

Named to First Team Offense were: Receiver, Trey Kittley, senior from Rule; Center, Brady Standefer, senior, Rule; Quarterback, Craig Lowrance, senior, Paint Creek; Spreadback, Will Smith, senior, Rule; Utility Back, Kolt Kittley, sophomore, Rule.

On First Team Defense were: Defensive Line, Brady Standefer, Rule; Cornerback, Ricky Truelson, junior, Rule; Safety, Will Smith,

senior, Rule; Safety, Craig Lowrance, Paint Creek and Trey Kittley, Rule.

Named to Second Team, Offense were: Tight End, Jason Biba, senior, Paint Creek. Spread Back, Roland Cisneros, sophomore, Paint Creek.

On Second Team, Defense were: Defensive Line, Jason Biba, Paint Creek; Linebacker, Kolt Kittley, Rule and Roland Cisneros, Paint Creek; Kicker, Will Smith, Rule.

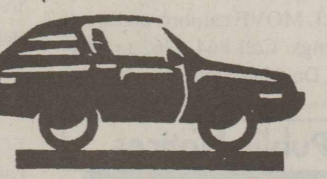
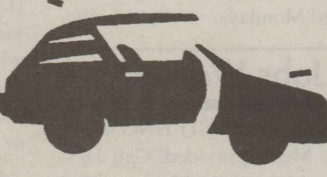
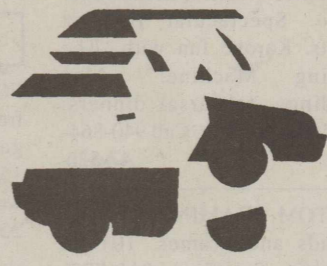
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Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project-North will feature their annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Haskell Sun., Dec. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. Homes on the tour will be Billy and Tina Lamb, Bailey and Nancy Toliver, Debbie Maines and Mike Price. Refreshments will be served at Good Times, 512 N. First. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member of at any home on the day of the tour.

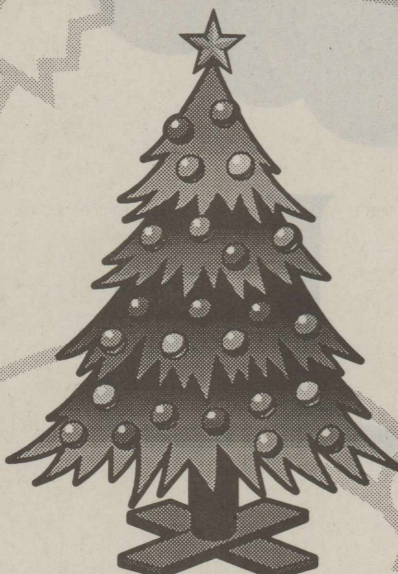


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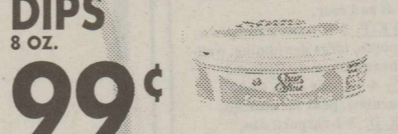
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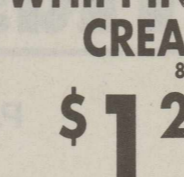
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