

Vote Tuesday

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"The People's Choice"

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Football games

HASKELL

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

PAINT CREEK

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

RULE

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

Basketball games

HASKELL

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

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

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

Study Club supper

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

Medical fund

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

Concert

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

Potato supper

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

Sagerton Bazaar

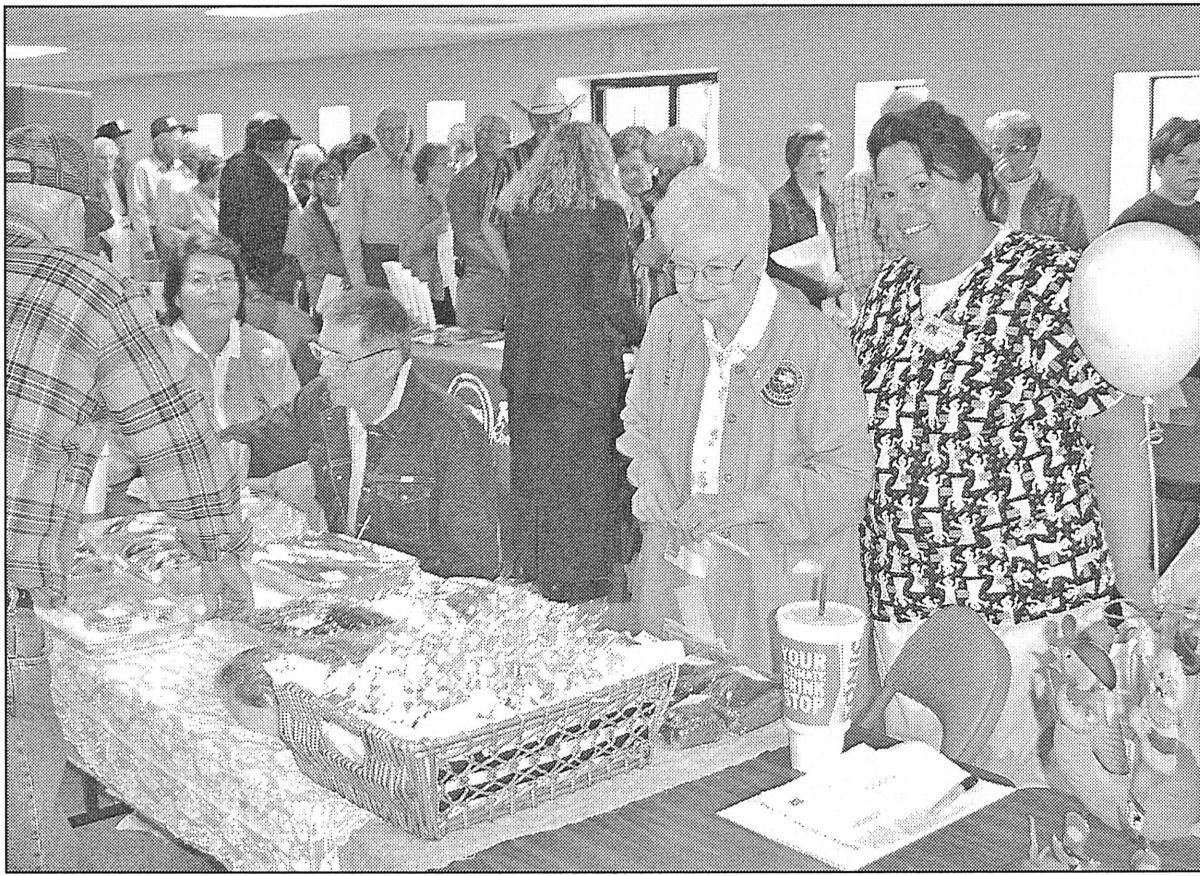
The annual Sagerton Hobby Club bazaar will be held Sat., Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Featured will be arts, crafts, baked good and holiday items for sale. For information call 940-997-2103 or 325-773-3832.

Focus group

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

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

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

Indians down Stanton; to face Hawley

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

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

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

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

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

Haskell would add more scoring in the third quarter, when Rodriguez

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

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

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

The Indians had 43 rushes for 385 yards. QB Matt Brown had 11 carries for 89 yards. Running back Adams had 144 yards on 13 rushes and 2 TDs. Running back Guzman got 2 TDs on 14 carries and 89 yards. Running back Rodriguez had 5 carries for 63 yards.

The Indians will play their last

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

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

Friends of Faith to meet Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

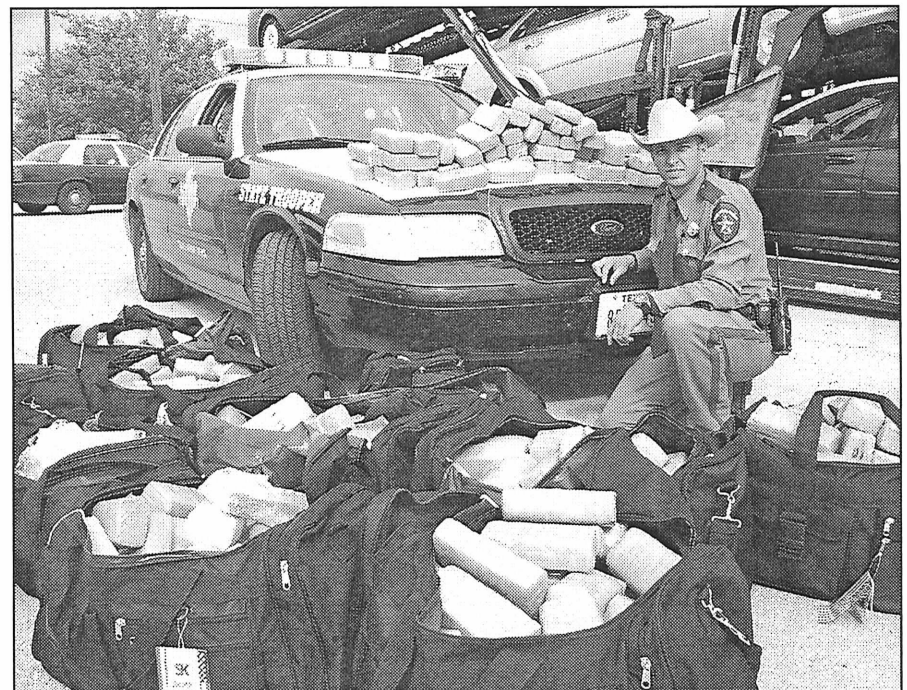
Friends of Faith is an ecumenical group started in Haskell for women from all churches who enjoy sharing an informal time of Christian fellowship. The time together offers an added opportunity for fellowship, deeper understanding and fulfillment in the common bonds of Christian faith.

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

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

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

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



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

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

Haskell recognized for contribution to local project

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

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

undertakings, including local infrastructure development (planning, capacity building, water, wastewater) projects, disaster relief, healthcare accessibility enhancements, medical facility improvements, and healthcare professional recruitment endeavors, to name a few.

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

Heating and cooling

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

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

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

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

EEA members learn car care tips

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

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

Sept. 19. Agent Jane Rowan and members will sponsor a booth at the annual health fair to be held on Oct. 24. Theme of the booth is "Put it Outside," with handouts and visual aids provided about the dangers of smoking around children and grandchildren.

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

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

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

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

City Council report

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

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

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

On a motion by Roberts, the council approved the purchase of land from Wilda Medford and Davis and Wardlaw, and for Mayor Lane to sign all documents and add the difference from the first document to Kent Oil Co.

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

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

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

The council returned to general session at 8:06.

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

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

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

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

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

Emergency farm loans accepted

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

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

McDaniel said farmers may be

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

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

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 12, 2007 but farmers should apply as soon as

possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

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

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

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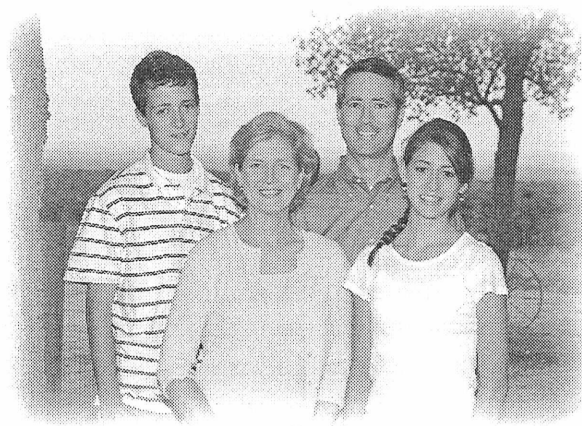


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Local 4-H'ers compete at annual food show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

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

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

Results of the judging were:

Junior Main Dish: 1. Emily Fouts, Sagerton; 2. Aaron Urich, Rochester.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Intermediate Desserts: 1. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. River McTasney, Haskell; 3. Celeste Caddell, Rule.

Senior Main Dish: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell.

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

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

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

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

competition to be held Sat., Dec. 9, in Vernon.

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

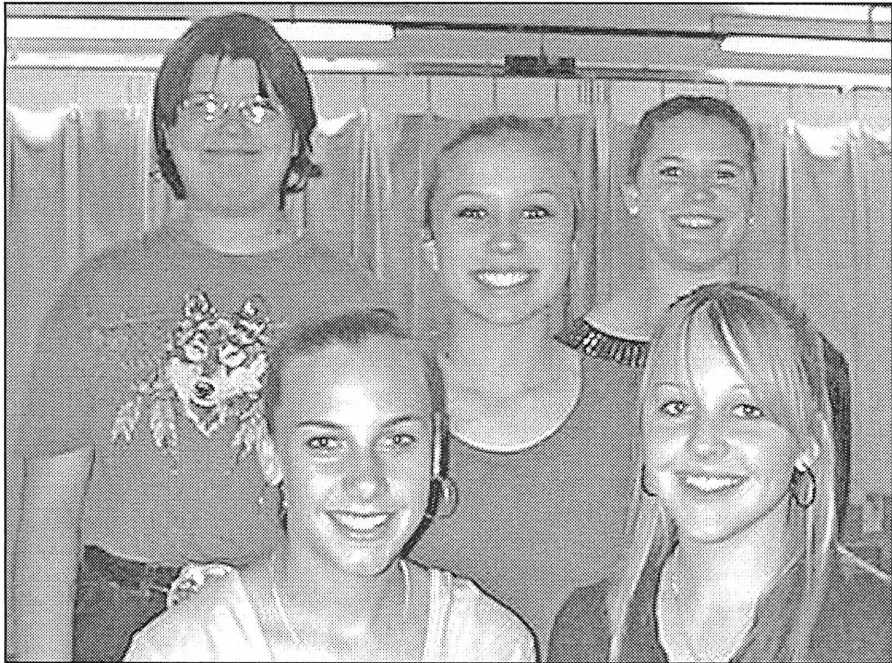
Cookbooks featuring each of the participants recipes are available from the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Cost is \$1.00.

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

Ministry to prepare sack lunches for the homeless, Hendrick Medical Center with a program on "Childhood Obesity" and Mary's Paleterea for some authentic "Mexican ice cream."

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

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



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



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



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

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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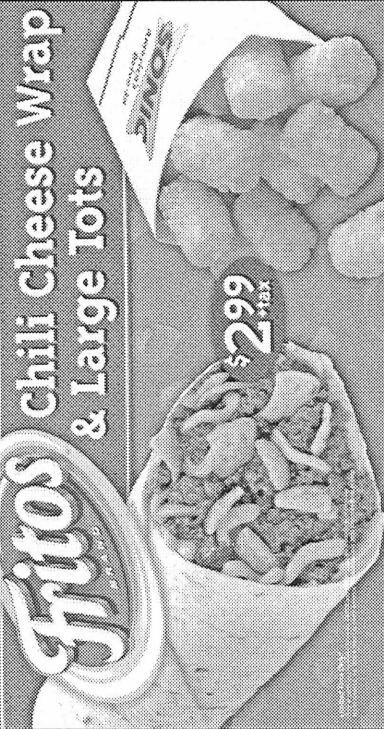


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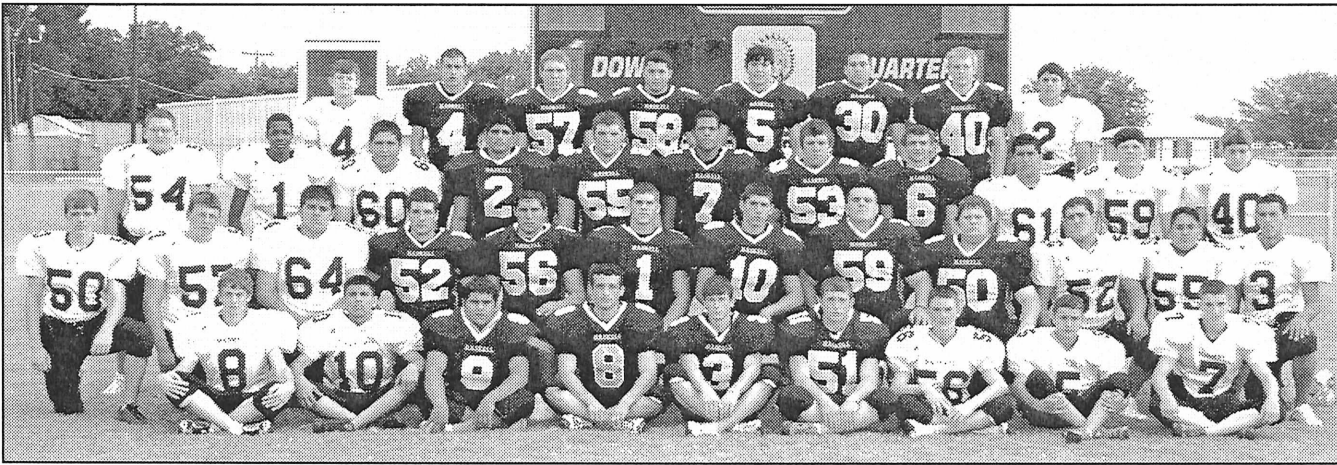
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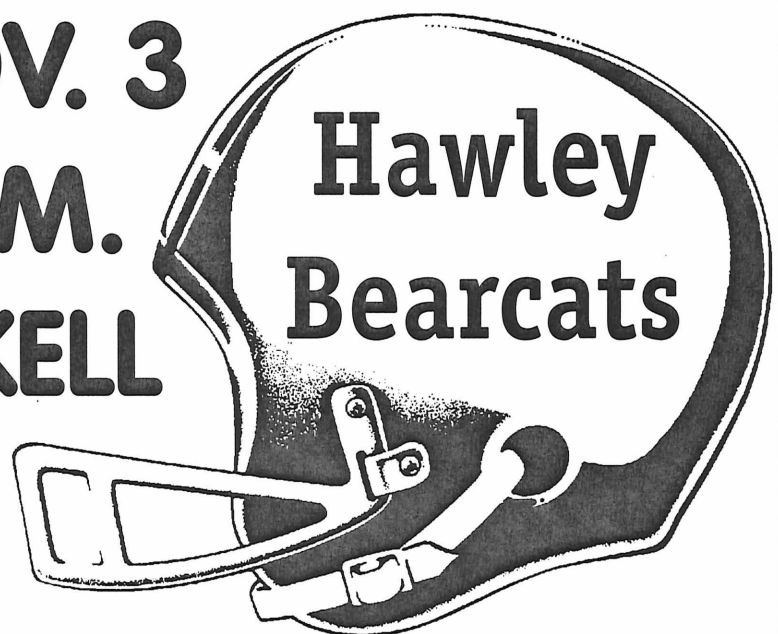


2006 HASKELL INDIANS: front row, l-r, #8 JV Steven Fillmon, #10 JV Raul Villarreal, #9 V Gerardo Torres, #8 V Justin Rodriguez, #3 V Weston Rutkowski, #51 V Cody Wyrick, #56 JV Tyler Reese, #5 JV Tyler Rodriguez and #7 JV Ethan Frierson. Second row, #50 JV A.J. Benton, #57 JV Andrew Crail, #64 JV Lee Hernandez, #52 V Josh Kimmel, #56 V Scott Agraz, #1 V Matt Brown, #10 V Derek Agraz, #59 V Billy Lusk, #50 V Rylie Tatum, #52 JV Brett Siegfried, #55 D. J. Rodriguez, #3 JV Stephen

Guevara. Third row, #54 JV Cody McClemore, #1 JV E.J. Ned Jr., #60 JV Justin Amaro, #2 V Vicente Castillo, #55 V Gary Frierson, #7 V D.J. McCulloch, #53 V Clyde Frierson, #6 V Aaron Rodriguez, #61 JV Ruben Robledo, #59 JV Donald Morris, #40 JV Clint Hamilton. Back row, #4 JV James Williams, #4 V Anthony Hernandez, #57 V Randall Pace, #58 V Moses Munoz, #5 V Gregg Guzman, #30 V Josh Rodriguez, #40 V Travis Adams and #2 JV Austin Marshall. Photo by Bill Blankenship



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Go Indians!

Local detention center sponsors art contest

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

asked to just be creative in their own way.

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

the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility lobby area.

Everyone who participated in the contest received an award.



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

Rochester plans to dedicate Vet's memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long term planning urged

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

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

"Own Your Future" is an aggressive campaign the federal

Department of Health and Human Services developed to promote long-term care planning among state residents.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Cattle Market Report

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

Packers, steady. Stockers, steady \$2 lower. Feeders, steady. Bred cows and pairs, weaker.

Cows: fat, .45-.5250; cutters, .43-.48; canners, .35-.40.

Bulls: bologna, .56-.64, feeders, .50-.65, utility, .45-.53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.55-1.67; 300-

400 lbs., 1.28-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.12-1.32; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.22; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.08; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.04; 800-up lbs., .92-.95.

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

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

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

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



DO YEAR-END TAX PLANNING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Change a light bulb and save

Saving \$30, and protecting the environment, is as easy as changing a light bulb. If every American household changed a single light bulb to an Energy Star bulb, it would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes, while also saving consumers money.

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

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

lights at home will yield the most savings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

will host a sign-up night Nov. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. for all 4-H'ers with an animal project wishing to participate in any of the above named major stock shows. Those wishing to enter should to come in, sign up, pay appropriate fees and bring a parent to sign papers.

The County Extension Office Those having a conflict with this date or time should contact Wes Utley, County Extension Agent or Tammy, Secretary at 940-864-2658 before Nov. 9.

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

Child Welfare Board project to help kids at Christmas

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is holding a fundraiser for the annual "Christmas for Kids" project. Each year this project provides clothing and toys at Christmas for needy children in Haskell County. Last year 41 families and 86 children received Christmas presents through Christmas for Kids.

This year members of Haskell County churches will again have an opportunity to donate the amount they wish on the designated Sundays of Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. The goal of the board is to have at least one dollar a person donated on these

dates. If your church has not been contacted and is interested in taking part, contact Betsy McManamon at 864-2194.

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

Protective Services (CPS office) at 500 S. 10th, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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

Brochure available on permitting procedures

In an effort to provide additional public assistance with its environmental permitting

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

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

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

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

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

*Includes gas cost of \$8.6452 per Mcf (2005 average cost)

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

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

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

Docket Services Section
Office of General Counsel (Re: Gas Utilities Docket No. 9670)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P. O. Box 12967
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Pursuant to an order entered by the Commission on May 16, 2006, the proceeding initiated by Atmos at the Commission is being consolidated with all appeals from all other municipal rate proceedings, including those initiated by the filing of the Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 1, 2006. Rates in unincorporated areas will become effective when rates become effective within the nearest incorporated municipality. The Commission hearing on the merits of Atmos' request will begin on or after October 31, 2006.

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

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Poinsettias

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

Christmas Cantata

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

Museum fund-raiser

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

Thanksgiving service

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

Society to meet

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

Veterans breakfast

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

Old Timers luncheon

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

Christmas pageant

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

Veterans lunch

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

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas parade will be held Sat., Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. Entries must include lights on their float. Santa will be present for pictures with the children at no cost. Local choirs are encouraged to perform on the night of the parade for additional entertainment. All inquiries must call Lori Rodriguez at Rolling Plains Correctional Facility Monday through Friday at 864-5694.

Food drive

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

Thanksgiving dinner

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

Alexander presents craft ideas to Garden Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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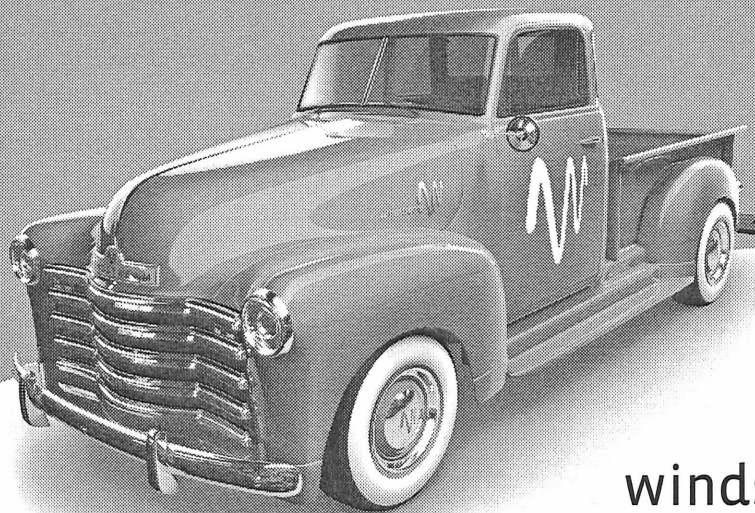
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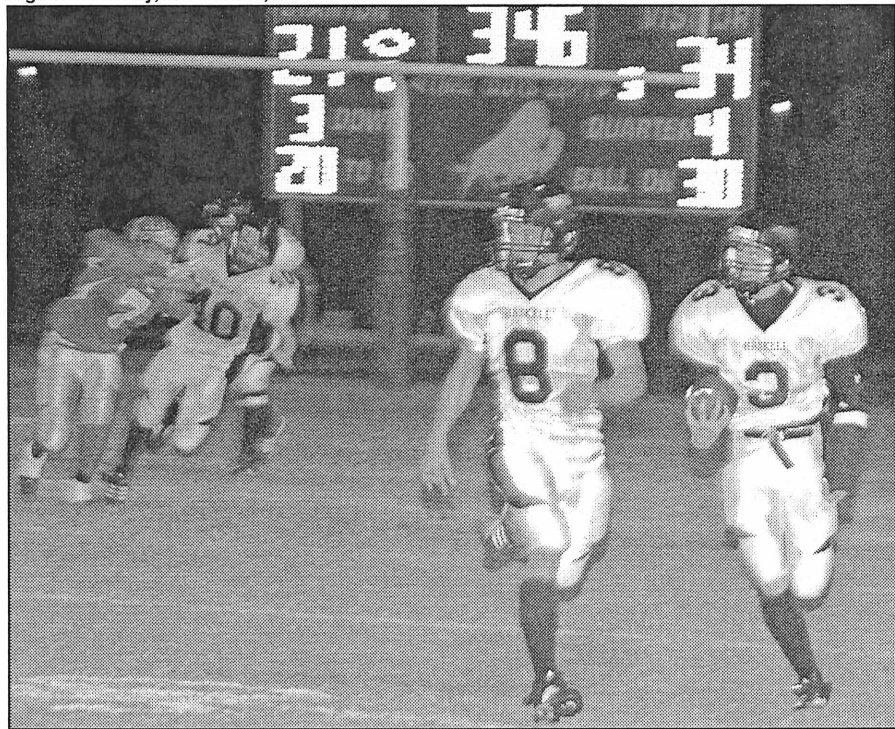
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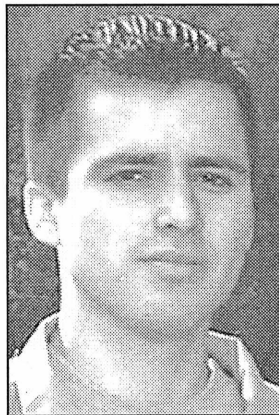
PASS INTERCEPTION—Haskell's Weston Rutkowski, #3, intercepts a pass, and running back Justin Rodriguez, #8, blocks for him in their game with the Stanton Buffaloes, Friday, moving the Indians to 8-0 for the season.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNING UP THE MIDDLE—Haskell running back, Travis Adams, #40, goes right up the middle of the field, ending the night's scoring on a 63-yard TD run, to finish the game with the Stanton Buffaloes in Stanton, Fri., Oct. 27.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



ANGEL PENA

Pena runs for Army

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

Pena is stationed at Landstuhl Germany with the 4005th Det. 22 as a Nutritional Care Specialist in the Medical Service Corp branch of the U. S. Army.

A 2003 graduate of Haskell High School, he is the son of Angel and Angie Pena of Haskell.

Six-Man Football Scores

The Rule Bobcats ran past the Knox City Greyhounds Friday night with a score of 48 to 0 in a game called at halftime.

The Bobcats scored six aerial touchdowns and remain undefeated at 8-0.

The Bobcats have an open week next Friday.

The Paint Creek Pirates defeated Lueders-Avoca Friday night by a 60-34 score.

The Pirates will play Woodson at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Woodson.

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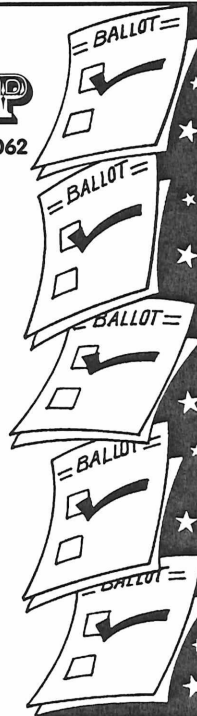
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