

## Football games

### RULE

Bobcats vs Happy  
Sat., Nov. 24, 8 p.m.  
Lowrey Field, Lubbock  
Throckmorton vs Valley  
Sat., Nov. 24, 5 p.m.  
Lowrey Field, Lubbock  
(1 ticket sees both games)

## Basketball games

### HASKELL

JV-VG, JV-VB vs Munday  
Tues., Nov. 27, 4 p.m.  
at Munday  
7th-8th Girls vs Stamford  
Mon., Nov. 26, 5 p.m.  
at Rochester  
7th-8th Boys vs Stamford  
Mon., Nov. 26, 5 p.m.  
at Stamford  
PAINT CREEK  
JH G-B vs Roby  
Mon., Nov. 26, 6 p.m.  
at Roby  
VG-VB vs Benjamin  
Tues., Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m.  
at Benjamin  
RULE  
JH G-B vs Lueders-Avoca  
Mon., Nov. 26, 6 p.m.  
at Rule  
VG-VB vs Jayton  
Tues., Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m.  
at Rule

## Calendar

### Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual lighted Christmas parade Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Lighted floats, high school bands and Santa Claus are expected. Area merchants will be open for holiday shopping, and visitors may enjoy Christmas stories, carolers and Santa on the square. For more information, call Sally Rueffer at 940-864-2477.

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### Pageant

The Merry Christmas Pageant is set for Dec. 1 at the Rule School auditorium. For more information, call Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or Lynn Dodson.

### Toy, clothes run

The motorcycle riders of Haskell County will sponsor a gift run for the Child Welfare Board Sat., Dec. 1. All motorcycle riders are invited to participate. Staging will be at Kathy's Barber Shop in Rule at 10 a.m. Riders will be escorted to Haskell to deliver toys, clothing and personal hygiene items for the children. The Child Welfare Board has asked for clothing, underwear, socks and personal hygiene items, etc. for both boys and girls, ages 0 to 16. After delivering the goodies, riders are invited back to Rule for refreshments. For more information, contact Pat at 864-8910.

### Lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Home and Yard Lighting Contest in Rule. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. To enter the contest, call 996-2214. No entry fee will be charged.

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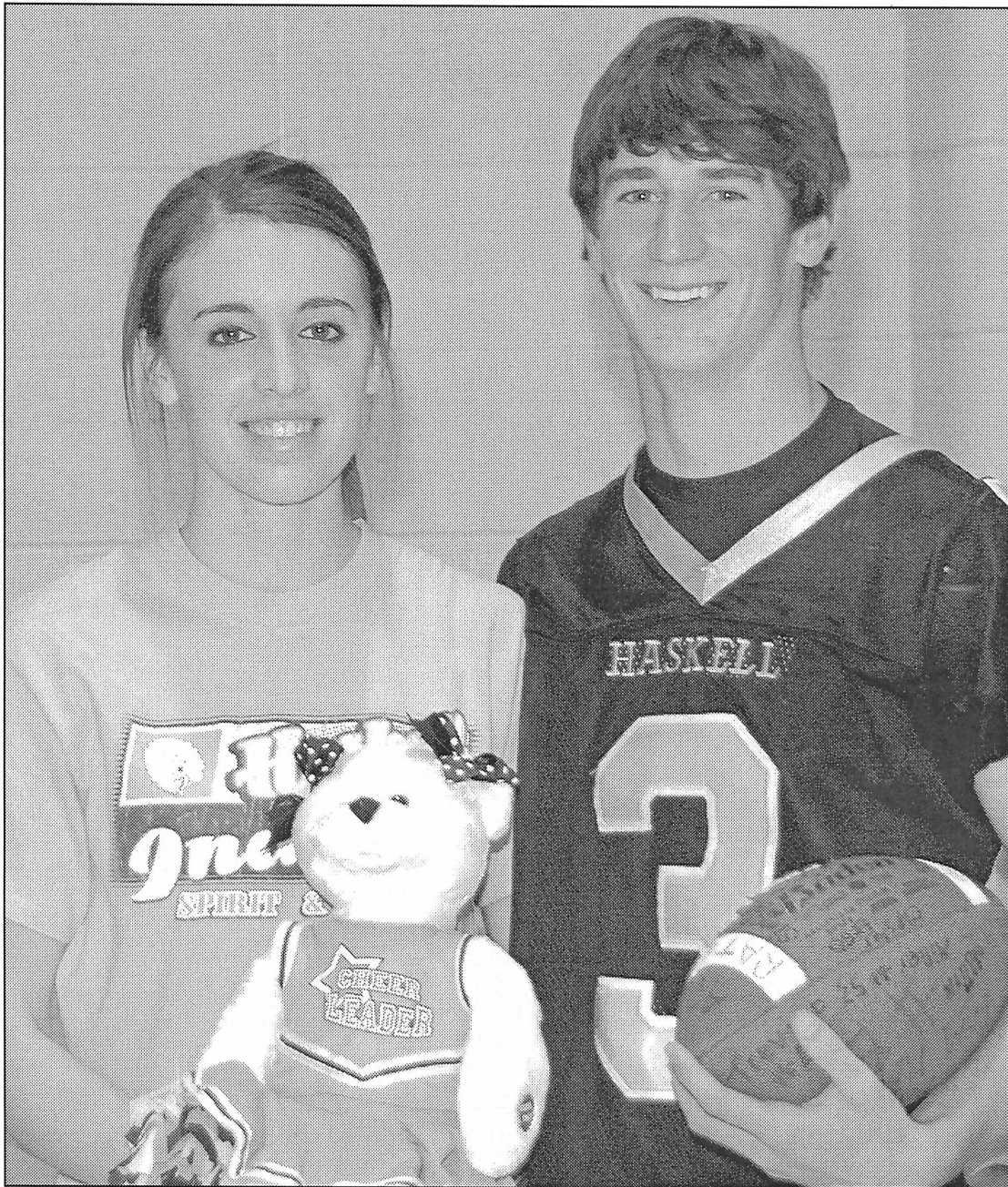
# Happy Thanksgiving

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**FOOTBALL FAVORITES**—Hannah Wallace, left, was named Football Sweetheart and Weston Rutkowski was named Football Beau during the Haskell Indian pep rally held Fri., Nov. 9 in Indian gym. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Indians drop Bi-District game, 17-7

The Haskell Indians saw their 2007 season come to a close with the same team and at the same site as the 2006 season. The Coleman Bluecats defeated the Indians 7 to 17.

Both teams seemed to be evenly matched all throughout the first half of play.

Haskell would open first with a 72 yard drive on 14 plays that

took right at 8:00 minutes of the second quarter. The Indian QB Weston Rutkowski hit tight end Aaron Rodriguez on a two yard pass at the 4:58 mark of the quarter. Rutkowski added the PAT with a perfect kick. The score was 7 to 0 in the Indian's favor. Coleman came right back on the ensuing kickoff with a 80 yard run by Glen Edington. Oscar

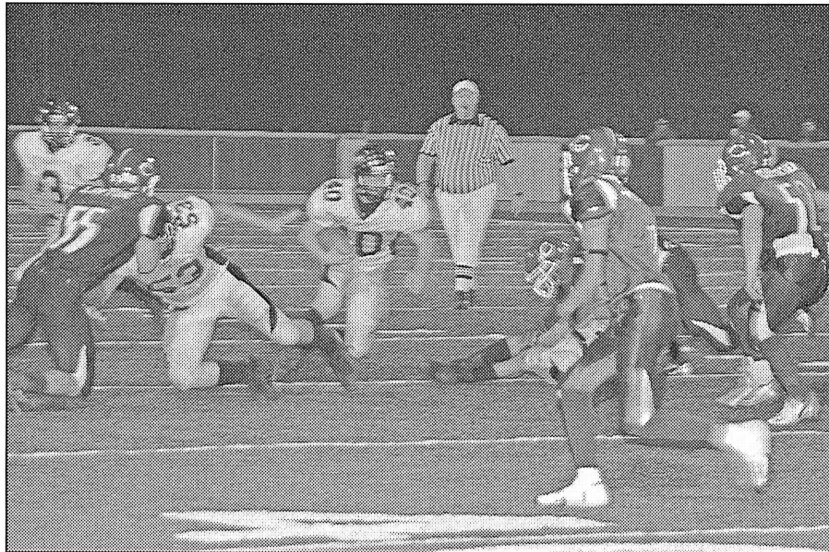
Villeda added the PAT kick. Score at intermission was 7 to 7. The Indians only gave up eighty rushes to Coleman the entire second quarter. Coleman's only delight came on their kickoff return for a touchdown.

Neither team could mount a drive during the third quarter. Haskell did maintain better field

position during the quarter, but could not cash in on it. Toward the end of the third quarter, Coleman began to move the football and extended that drive into the fourth and final quarter of the Bi-District game.

The Bluecats used twelve plays and moved 92 yards to score on a one yard run. They also added the PAT kick to make the score 7 for the Indians and 14 for Coleman with 9:17 to play in the game. Haskell came up short one yard on its first possession of the fourth quarter. On the second and third possessions of the pigskin during the quarter, the Indians were intercepted on pass plays. Coleman at the 3:22 mark of the final period, drove in the win with a 21 yard field goal. The Indians fine season came to a close, 17 to 7.

Haskell had 32 rushes for 107 yards. Rutkowski had 15 carries for 42 yards. Greg Guzman had 7 rushes for 41 yards. Travis Adams had 10 carries for 24 yards. Rutkowski had 11 pass attempts, completing six with one interception. Rutkowski threw for one touchdown. Guzman had one pass attempt which was intercepted. The Haskell Indians will live to fight another day, but that day will be in the 2008 season.



**FINDS A HOLE**—Haskell Indian #40 Travis Adams finds a hole made by the Indian offense on his quest for yardage against the Coleman Bluecats in a game played on Sat., Nov. 17 in Cisco. Adams ran 24 yards in 10 carries. The Indians ended their playoff bid in a loss to Coleman, 17-7. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Tour of Homes set Dec. 2

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be bought from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes.

On the tour this year include Jason and Lanessa Hall's home, 502 S. Ave. P; Irene Castillo's home, 509 N. Ave. E; Pam Norton's home, 605 N. Ave. F; First Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F; Tom and Amy Long's home, 604 N. 2nd. Refreshments will be at Denton and Dee Bates pool house, 402 S. Ave. H.

Helping celebrate the tour, these businesses will be open during the tour: The Carousel, The Personality Slipper-Shoppe, and the R & B Western Wear.

Proceeds will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

## Goodfellows project underway

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas package 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. 1 and Sat., Dec. 8, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 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 Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First Street, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

## New manager

Sally Rueffer has been named manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, located at 510 S. 2nd Haskell.

Rueffer may be reached by phone at 940-864-2477, e-mail at haskellcc@srcaccess.net, or www.haskelltxchamber.com

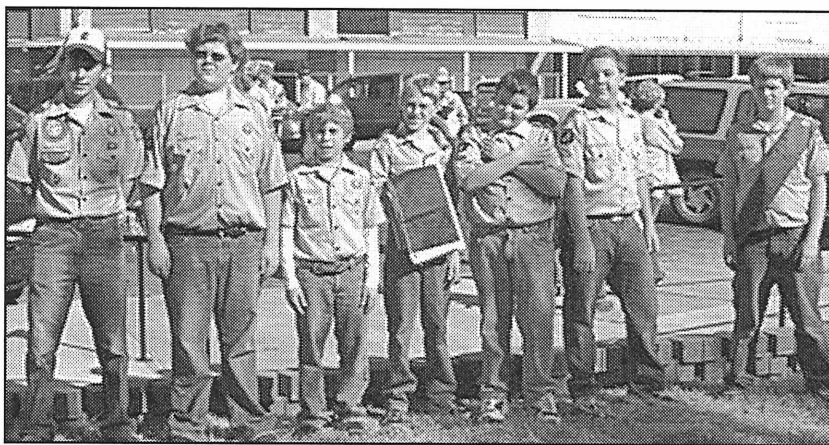
Chamber office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call or drop by the Chamber office to find out about upcoming events and programs.

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**SIDEWALK RENOVATION DONATION**—Lonnie Meredith, left, owner of The Drug Store in Haskell, presents a check to Jane Short, Marguerite Gauntt and Modelle Barton to help with the sidewalk renovation at the Rochester Veterans Memorial.



**SCOUTS PARTICIPATE**—Members of Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 participated in the Veterans Day programs at Rochester Junior High School held Mon., Nov. 12. Scouts are, l-r, Tucker McCormick, Preston Morrow, David Newton, Cole Casey, Jamie Todd, Hunter Jordan and Levi Grand.

## Obituaries

### Alma M. Merchant



ALMA M. MERCHANT

Funeral services for Alma M. Merchant, 97, of Haskell were held Mon., Nov. 19 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Brother J.C. Amburn and Dr. Morris Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Merchant died Sat., Nov. 17 at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Born May 31, 1910 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of the late Paul Zahn and Amelia Foster Zahn. She married Ray Merchant Oct. 12, 1925 in

Haskell County. He preceded her in death in 1985. She was a life time resident of Haskell and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; nine brothers; one sister; and son, Luther Dale Merchant.

She is survived by sons, J.R. Merchant and wife, Inez of Haskell, Cleo Merchant and wife, Jean of Comfort; six grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and 23 great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## In the Service

Master Stephen R. 'Rick' Messenger, age 31, was recently honored as a hometown hero.

Messenger is Master Sergeant of the USMC's 7th ESB 1st EOD Company of Camp Pendleton, California is currently serving his second tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

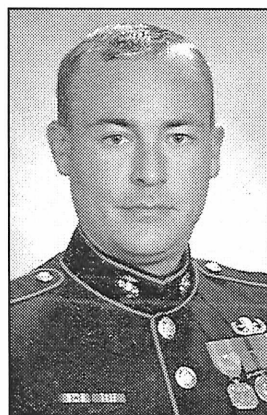
Born in Haskell, Messenger is the grandson of C.R. and Bea

Messenger of Haskell, and Gene and Donalene Muhle of Rochester.

Raised in West Texas, Messenger, is the son of Odessa residents Rick and Barbara Messenger and graduated from Midland Lee High School with the class of 1994 and promptly joined the United States Marine Corp the following spring. Upon graduating recruit training in San Diego, he was sent to Motor Transport School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and was assigned to Golf Battery 2nd Battalion 11th Marines 1st Marine Division. From there he was deployed to Okinawa, Japan twice over the next three years while receiving Corporal meritoriously, and then he was promoted to Sergeant.

After his re-enlistment in 1998 while deployed to Camp Hansen Okinawa, Japan, he was reassigned to 8th and I Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. While attached to the barracks at Eglin AFB, Florida, he laterally moved into Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). After graduating EOD school, he was assigned to MWS 271 at Cherry Point, North Carolina where he volunteered to attend recruiting school in San Diego, California. In 2002, he was assigned to RS Kansas City, RSS K-Metro, where he successfully recruited Marines resulting in a meritorious promotion to Gunnery Sergeant.

After being reassigned to Camp Pendleton, California, GyStg Messenger was deployed to Iraq first in August of 2006 through March of 2007 where he served as a team leader who successfully completed over 290 combat missions resulting in the defeat of over 150 IED's and the collection of more than 100,000 lbs of explosives. In August of 2007, he was deployed for the second time to Iraq and upon his arrival in Fallujah was promoted to Master Sergeant. He is attached to 2nd EOD company 2 MLG II MEF where he manages 9 EOD teams who have already completed over 300 combat missions resulting in the defeat of an additional 150,000 lbs. of



STEPHEN R. MESSENGER

explosives.

On a daily basis these EOD teams respond to all 9-line responses that deal with any explosive hazards located throughout an area of operation (AO) which deals with all improvised explosive devices (IED), unexploded ordnance (UXO), or home made explosives (HME). To include vehicle borne improvised explosive devices (VBIED's) as well as all-conventional, chemical, biological, and nuclear explosives. They also go out with the Route Clearance missions driving slowly down predetermined routes looking for any signs of an IED. When a hazard is located the EOD team, that is with the route clearance detachment, takes control of the situation and alleviates all explosive hazards to prevent any injury or damage to all coalition forces (CF) and civilians.

During his 12 1/2 year career in the Marine Corps, MSgt. Messenger has received three good conduct medals, an Army commendation medal, three Navy Achievement medals, outstanding voluntary service medal, two national defense medals, four overseas deployment ribbons, recruiting ribbon, two meritorious unit citations, Iraqi campaign medal, and global war on terrorism.

He is the loving father of two daughters, Hannah, age 10 and Reese, age 5, both of Oceanside, California

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## Jones' to celebrate 50th anniversary

Delight and Leon Jones of Haskell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sun., Nov. 25.

to attend a reception at Haskell First Baptist Church Family Activity Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Your presence is your gift to them.

Friends and family are invited

## Tidwell presents Beta Chi program

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held a Pampered Chef party during its November meeting. Members and guests met at the Haskell Homemaking Cottage. The program was presented by Lianna Tidwell.

Lots of Christmas shopping was done through the Pampered Chef catalog.

A luncheon will be held for the December meeting at the home of Byron and Shirley Gass in Goree. Cindy Neander of Lewisville, area coordinator, will be in attendance.

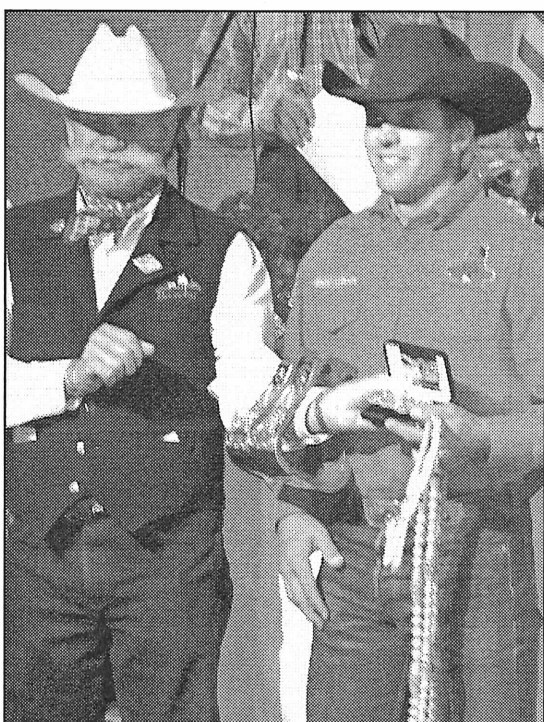
## Haskell's 4-H clubs elect officers

The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club held the first meeting of the year Oct. 28 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

Hadaway, reporter; Tillie McGuire, sgt. in arms; and Alyssa Fraga, snack committee. After elections, refreshments were served.

Serving as new officers for the 2007-08 year are Brooke Bullinger, president; Laycee Tullos, vice president; Ashley Adams, secretary; Carson

The Sr. Club and the Jr. Club trick-or-treated for canned goods to benefit the Noah Project.



TOP HAND—Bob Moorehouse, left, presents Hegan Lamb of Haskell, Top Hand honors during the Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championship Ranch Rodeo Finals held in Amarillo Nov. 8-11. Lamb, along with team members, Larry Thompson, Tyler Thompson, Trey Thompson and Eric Hager, rode for the Thompson Ranch of Munday. The team won the Wild Cow Milking and finished third in the over all competition.

## Jackson shares art collection to Art Club

The Brazos West Art Association met Mon., Nov. 12 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room with Ruth Jackson, popular Abilene artist, presenting a demonstration using pastels to draw a portrait of a young woman of India.

Jackson went to India to help establish a school for orphan children. She brought a display of pictures and acrylic paintings of the children she met while on her

visit. Jackson has helped raise thousands of dollars to help this school through her artistic efforts.

Each one attending the meeting received a hand-painted note card that the Indian children had created. Through the sale of the children's work and Jackson's own painting, Jackson has been able to raise funds for the orphan's school.

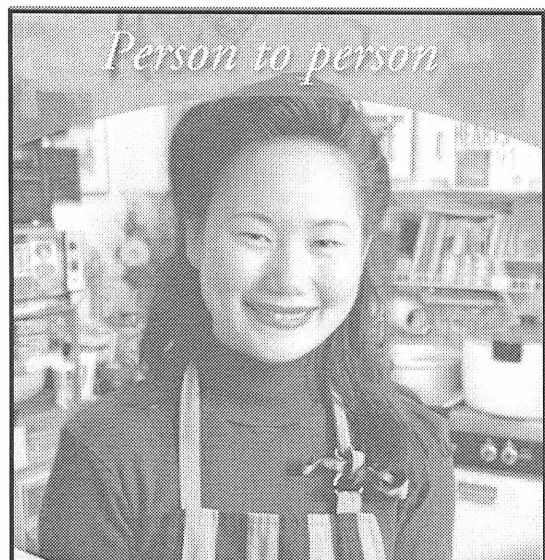
Jenny Lyckman and Flo Olson were hostesses.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Highway department releases Trans-Texas Corridor impact study

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration on Nov. 13 released a 1,072-page "draft environmental impact statement" for the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor/Interstate 69 project.

The draft statement examines a 650-mile long area stretching from far south Texas to extreme northeast Texas that someday could include a matrix of new roads, rail and utilities.

Existing highways will be considered first when it comes to choosing where the project might be routed, TxDOT suggested.

The draft statement combines nearly three years of work with local officials and input from citizens, TxDOT said.

But there is more left to do. Opportunities for the public to be involved will be unprecedented over the next several months, TxDOT said.

### State offers Clean Bus rebates

The state's environmental agency is accepting applications from school districts to reimburse costs for installing emission-reducing equipment on school buses.

In promoting the "Texas Clean School Bus" rebate program, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said:

- More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students drive Texas roads every school day.

- More than one-third of these buses are more than 10 years old. Most older buses emit more pollution than most newer models.

- Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies.

In some cases, an \$800 retrofit can reduce emissions by 70 to 80 percent, said TCEQ Commissioner Larry R. Soward.

All public school districts and charter schools in Texas that operate one or more diesel-powered school buses or a transportation system provided by a countywide district are eligible to be reimbursed for costs of approved retrofits.

### Snake permits to be required

People who sell, transport or possess venomous snakes not indigenous to Texas would have to purchase a \$60 permit under proposals the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission may adopt Jan. 24.

Four species of python and one of anaconda likewise would be regulated and anyone who possesses one of the controlled

exotic snakes but does not sell it would be required to buy a \$20 "recreational controlled exotic snake permit."

People who buy one from a pet store could use their sales receipt as a temporary permit good for 21 days, giving them time to buy an official state permit.

HB 12, enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, requires Parks & Wildlife to establish the permits.

### Unemployment rate matches low

The Lone Star State's October statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, down from 4.3 percent in September and 4.8 percent in October 2006.

For the third month in 2007, the jobless rate reached the lowest point since the current series began in 1976.

Non-agricultural employment grew by 24,200 jobs in October. Employers have added 206,400 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Nov. 15.

The national unemployment rate is at 4.7 percent.

### Turkey, troopers signs of season

Most people who drive personal cars and trucks over the Thanksgiving holiday will be paying \$3 or more for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline.

While they are on the road, they most likely will see more state troopers than usual on duty, ticketing speeders and pulling over other motorists that catch their eye.

When many of the holiday travelers reach their destination, the cost of that home-cooked Thanksgiving meal they'll be eating, with turkey, the standard side dishes and dessert, is expected to run about \$4 per person.

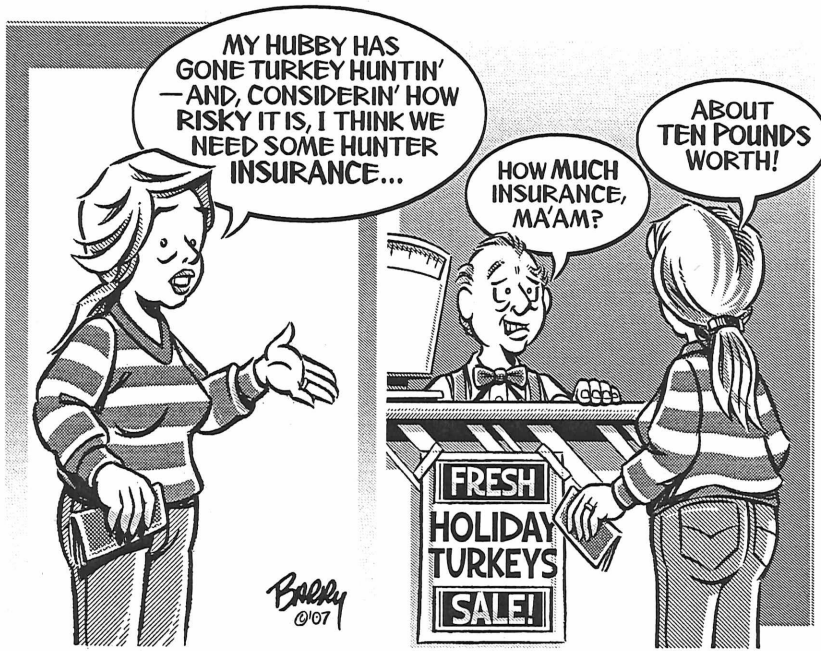
### State will have more to spend

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Nov. 15 that the state will have \$83 billion for general revenue expenditures in fiscal 2008-2009.

That's about \$2 billion more than expected. Combs attributed part of the surplus to an 11 percent increase in state sales tax collections.

### State settles pharmaceutical case

Pharmaceutical manufacturer Glaxo-Smith Kline, its parent company, SmithKline Beecham Corp., and a subsidiary, on Nov. 16 agreed to repay the state of Texas almost \$1.4 million for charging the state inflated prices for the prescription drugs Kytril, Zofran and Amoxil from 1994 to 2002.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago November 20, 1997

Katie Doyle celebrated her 100th birthday.

Friends and customers of Gary Hawkins are glad to see him back at work at M-System Super Market in Haskell.

Jason Briles and Amy Burson were named Haskell Indian 1997 Football Hero and Sweetheart.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamera spent the weekend in Haskell visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters and Joyce Hawkins. Robert Hawkins came with them and spent time with grandma Joyce.

### 20 Years Ago November 19, 1987

Deborah Wilson and Tara Moeller of the Haskell Lone Stars accepted the teams trophies at the acrogymnastics meet in Rotan.

Dana Hale of Haskell High School won second place in editorial writing at the 1987 Texas High School Press Association convention at Texas Woman's University.

Dusty Garison and Clayton Fowler have been appointed by the City Council to serve on the Haskell Housing Authority Board. They succeed R.C. Couch and Joe Alves.

R.C. Couch was saluted for his 22 years of service as a board member of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority.

### 30 Years Ago November 17, 1977

The Haskell Indians won their first district championship in

seven years last Friday, defeating Crowell 16-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Toliver celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children.

### 40 Years Ago November 16, 1967

Ricky Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry, was elected most athletic at Paint Creek High School.

Mile Dulaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dulaney, and Bill Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cox, were advanced into scoutings' highest rank, Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Thurman Melton of Corpus Christi, a native of Haskell, visited with the Clarence Taylors along with other relatives.

Larry H. Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Sears, Jr., was designated the "Outstanding Cadet" of the Midwestern University Reserve Officers Training Corps.

David C. Allison and Gary D. Druesdow enrolled at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

Eldon Anderson, owner of the Anderson Tire Company, celebrated his fifth anniversary in Haskell.

Doris Walker and Carol Lewellen announced the opening of the Hairdresser Beauty Salon.

### 50 Years Ago November 21, 1957

Mae Williams of Los Angeles, California visited in the home of her sister, Carrie McNulty.

Kathryn Blauvelt of Hollywood, California visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. N.I. McCollum.

Sarah Sue Roberson, senior in Haskell High School, was crowned 1957-58 sweetheart of the Haskell High School Band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stodghill and daughter, Charlene, accompanied by Mrs. J.W. Graham of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mrs. J.L. Dilbeck and Mrs. C.F. Graham.

Class favorites selected at Rule High School were seniors Sonja Carroll and Jimmy Hamilton, juniors Myra Wheeler and Ronald Hill, sophomores Mary Whorton and Jackie Colbert, freshmen Nona Bryant and Keith Whitaker.

### 100 Years Ago November 23, 1907

C.H. Wisdom states that he will have everything ready for the opening of his barber shop on the north side.

Elder J.H. Shephard returned from Abilene where he filled a preaching engagement.

Elder C.N. Williams, who was pastor of the Christian Church, visited friends.

W.E. Linley and family and Etta James went pecan hunting on Paint Creek.

The Haskell school kids have challenged the Benjamin boys for a game of baseball next Thanksgiving.

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

November 16, 2007

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade finished Thursday at their lowest level in more than a month on speculative fund sales and long position liquidations. Analysts said gains were limited in the market this week due to weak demand and larger production numbers in last week's supply and demand report. The industry is closely watching crop developments in Texas.

According to the latest crop production estimate released by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, for the second time in the last three years Texas will produce a crop in excess of eight million bales. At 8.1 million bales, the November 2007 Crop Production report pegs the Lone Star State's cotton harvest as the second largest on record.

A majority of the Texas production increase is projected to come from the High Plains. There, cotton producers now are expected to harvest 5.3 million bales of the state's 8.1 million bale projection. Gins there now are working at full capacity and above average yields and quality are being reported.

"The best way to describe the 2007 High Plains cotton crop is to paraphrase one of the oldest sayings there is in agriculture 'Big crops get bigger,'" said a West Texas market observer. "So far, the 2007 Texas cotton crop, which has grown in each of the last three USDA Crop Production reports, is doing its best to guarantee that a new generation of agriculture producers and analysts believe in the validity of that saying," he added.

The harvest season is drawing to a close in South Texas. Farmers have been cutting and shredding stalks in preparation for the winter. Ginning also is drawing to a close, with only a few gins in the Upper Coastal Bend still processing cotton.

Elsewhere in the country, lower-than-average yields continue to be reported from drought-stricken fields in Alabama and Georgia, with production ranging from 250 to 500 pounds per acre in most Alabama fields. Producers also have been disappointed with the quality of their crops attributing the shorter than average staple length to a lack of water during the growing season.

Final picking activities have been completed in the Memphis Territory. Many small gins have finished processing for the season, while larger plants still have backlogs of cotton to press. Ginning, therefore, will continue for several more weeks. A vast majority of fields already have been prepared for winter, and an extended period of cold, wet weather would be welcome to help improve water table supplies and to kill overwintering insects.

In other news, net export sales of 146,200 bales in the week ended Nov. 8 were down 41 percent from the previous week and 27 percent from the four-week average. Major buyers were Mexico, Turkey, China and Pakistan. Sales of 9,700 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were for Mexico and South Korea.

Export shipments of 177,100 bales were two percent more than the prior week, but eight percent below the four-week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Mexico, China and Indonesia.

Sales were lower in the spot cotton market as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 14,117 bales in the week ended Nov. 15 compared to 49,080 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 57.41 to 60.41 cents per pound versus 60.13 to 61.31 cents per pound one week earlier.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

### Office Supply Scams

Several businesses recently complained to the Office of the Attorney General about invoices they received for office supplies that were never ordered, including paper, toner cartridges and other office products.

Business owners should be aware that scam artists often send fraudulent billing invoices to companies of all sizes, hoping that the accounting department will simply pay the bill. Crooks count on the business's failure to confirm that a purchase order was issued or that goods actually arrived.

Office supply schemes can take multiple forms. In one variation, the scam artist simply sends an invoice without ever

delivering any products. Other thieves send merchandise that the business did not order and charge a price that dramatically exceeds what the same supplies would cost at a local retailer. If the invoices are unpaid, scammers try to intimidate the businesses with threatening telephone calls and letters.

Most office supply scammers are based in other states, so Texas businesses can only communicate with them by telephone or e-mail. Businesses that attempt to question the invoices are often met with vague statements claiming that "someone" at the company ordered the supplies.

By law, businesses that receive unordered merchandise are under no obligation to pay to return the

unwanted products. Generally, these items can be considered a gift. Otherwise, the retailer that sent the merchandise must pay to retrieve it within a reasonable period of time at no expense to the business. A scam artist will seldom bother to do so.

Businesses should consider alerting all employees about office supply scams, not just those who work in accounting and billing departments. Some scammers are known to dial random numbers throughout a business until they find an unsuspecting employee who will "accept" the unordered merchandise. According to some reports, employees have also been persuaded to fill out sweepstakes forms without realizing that the fine print committed their company to buy unwanted, overpriced supplies.

Businesses that receive fraudulent invoices or unordered supplies, or are subjected to bogus collection threats or any other scam should file a complaint with the OAG Consumer Protection Division by calling 800-252-8011 or visiting the OAG Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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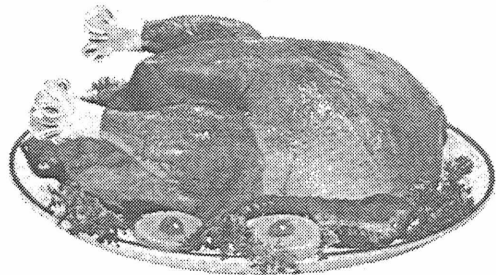
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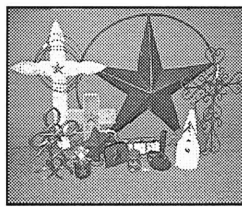
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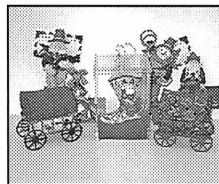


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**ROCHESTER CLISD 1957 CLASS REUNION:** The 1957 graduating class of Rochester High School held a 50th class reunion in Alpine at the home of Douglas McGuire. Attending were: front row, l-r, Sue Burleson Wyatt of Electra, Bryan Speck of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Cleo Williams Casey of Houston; back row, Wayne Qualls of O'Brien, Barbara Ann Russell Lee of Odessa, Frankie Turner Simpkins of Big Spring, and Douglas McGuire of Alpine. Others attending, but not pictured, were Olen Gene Simpkins, Jimmy Wyatt and Maria Granado.

## Haskell School Menu

**Nov. 26-30 Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Glazed french toast

**Tuesday:** Pig in a blanket

**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast

**Thursday:** Chocolate muffin

**Friday:** Breakfast on a stick

### Lunch

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

**Monday:** Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, applesauce

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, salsa, peppers, onions, cheese, corn, garden salad, sunshine bars

**Wednesday:** Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, apple

**Thursday:** Beefy nachos, salsa, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, orange slices

**Friday:** Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, Gogurt strawberry or raspberry

## Students visit Rotary Club

Jodi Langford is the daughter of Scott and Betsy Langford of Haskell.

She attends church at East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she is enrolled in college classes, is on the honor roll and in the top fifteen percent of her class.

She enjoys painting, interior decorating and scrapbooking. She is very involved with the youth group at her church.

She plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University majoring in early childhood education to become a first grade teacher. Her passion is working with children.



**JODI LANGFORD**

## Calendar

### Cantata rehearsals

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

### Storytime

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

### Children's choir

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

### Storm sirens

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

### Christmas dinner

The Rule Chamber of Commerce and the churches of Rule will host a communitywide Christmas dinner and program Sun., Dec. 9. The dinner will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria followed by a program at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Reservations are required, but there is no charge for either event. To make reservations, call the Church of Christ at 997-2141, First Baptist Church 997-2321 or complete the flyer distributed by the churches or school. If you call, do not leave a message on the answering machine. Reservations must be received by Tues., Dec. 4.

### Tour of homes

The Noah Project-North will hold their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be bought from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes. On the tour this year include Jason and Lanessa Hall's home, 502 S. Ave. P; Irene Castillo's home, 509 N. Ave. E; Pam Norton's home, 605 N. Ave. F, First Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F; Tom and Amy Long's home, 604 N. 2nd. Refreshments will be at Denton and Dee Bates pool house, 402 S. Ave. H. Helping celebrate the tour, these businesses will be open during the tour: The Carousel, The Personality Slipper-Shoppe, and the R & B Western Wear.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### WE CAN ALL FIND GOOD REASONS TO GIVE OUR THANKS

Though fortune seems to pass you by,  
There's something that you can't deny:  
At times we all have things go wrong,  
But manage still to get along.  
If you can somehow pay each bill,  
And no one at your house is ill,  
And if your children get good grades  
And don't indulge in escapades,

And if you have just one good friend,  
In case misfortune should descend,  
Then you have blessings by the score,  
Of things you should be thankful for.  
Your house of worship will convey  
This message for Thanksgiving Day,  
Se let us all, with one accord,  
Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

### Greater Independent Baptist Church

- Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Greg Gasaway, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**  
C.C. Curran, pastor  
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.  
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

### WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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### ROCHESTER

- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Fred Garvin, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

### SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

### PAINT CREEK

- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegs  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

### O'BRIEN

- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Nov. 26-30 Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Cereal or toast

**Tuesday:** Biscuits, gravy

**Wednesday:** Pancakes

**Thursday:** Eggs and toast

**Friday:** Waffles

### Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken strips, gravy,

mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, chocolate cake

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, applesauce cake

**Wednesday:** Tacos, refried beans, corn, salad, fruit

**Thursday:** Stew, cornbread, peach cobbler

**Friday:** Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Nov. 26**

Lunch—Ham slice, club spinach, scalloped potatoes, candied yams, yeast rolls, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., Nov. 28**

Lunch—BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickles, garlic toast, misc. dessert,

milk, tea, or coffee

**Fri., Nov. 30**  
Lunch—Meatballs, gravy, cheese potatoes, sliced onions, English peas, garlic toast, dessert, 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 1,240 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Nov. 17, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

556 steers and bulls, 454 heifers, and 230 cows and bulls were sold. 68 sellers and 32 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, 43-46; cutters, 44-48.50; canners, 25-35.

Bulls: bologna, 53-60, feeders, 85-94.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 125-137; 300-400 lbs., 116-125; 400-500 lbs., 110-116; 500-600 lbs.,

105-110; 600-700 lbs., 97.50-105; 700-800 lbs., 97.50-100; 800-up lbs. 87.50-97.50 lbs.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 90-100; 300-400 lbs., 90-101; 400-500 lbs., 95-100; 500-600 lbs., 93-100; 600-up lbs., 88-100.

Bred heifers: medium frame 650-750.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-900; aged or small, 325-400.

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**FOR RENT:** Two bedroom, one bath. 304 N. 4th St. 864-3920. 47p

### Real Estate

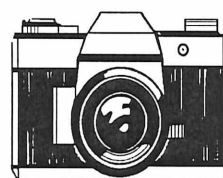
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### Public Notices

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF HASKELL §  
NOTICE HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT:  
Pursuant to the Writ of Execution issued in Cause No. 11,008; First National Bank in Munday v. H&J Mechanical Incorporated, Ronnie Jenkins and Kenneth Saffel, in the 39th Judicial District Court, Haskell County, Texas, dated August 22, 2007, levy was made on the 9th day of October, 2007 of the following real property:

BEING thirty-six (36) acres, more or less, at the northwest corner of the east one-half of Section 3, M.H.P.&P. R.R. Company lands, Haskell County, Texas, and being located and situated

at the northwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 North and Texas State Highways 6 and 283, northwest of the City of Stamford, Texas.

That Writ of Execution is the subject of a *Venditioni Exponas* issued by the District Clerk of Haskell County, Texas, on the 2nd day of November, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Halliburton, Sheriff of Haskell County Texas, pursuant to the above described Writ of Execution and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 621, et seq, in order to satisfy the indebtedness awarded in the above described cause, hereby given notice that I will sell on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 (that being the first Tuesday of said month), at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the south door

to the Haskell County Courthouse, at Haskell, Texas, at 11:00 a.m., on that date, the above described real property.

Haskell County Sheriff's Office  
David Halliburton, Sheriff  
45-48c

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6168-11-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on December 19, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$143,280.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 25441

State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**901 N. AVE. E.** This property is a "must see" and is one of Haskell's finest! The two-story beautiful vintage home is located on "Brick Street" with many desirable qualities and amenities. The downstairs floor has an entry accessing the stairway to the upstairs, a half bath, the formal living and dining rooms, kitchen and breakfast area and the family den. These areas have 10 ft. ceilings with beautiful crown molding, wood floors, a fireplace and French doors. Upstairs there is a landing at the top of the stairway, three large bedrooms, two baths and a sleeping porch. There is a basement, well and sprinkler system, detached garage and apartment and many other items too numerous to mention. Please call for an appointment.

**907 N. AVE. E. NEW! NEW!** Remodeled 1930's three bedroom, one and one-half bath home on a corner lot. Amenities include kitchen with all new appliances, beautiful cabinets, counter tops and laminated floors, utility room, living-dining, and beautiful decorator colors. This home has been rewired, has a new roof and decking, new C/HA, new plumbing and new porches. Don't miss this real deal.

**RULE-900 UNION.** Beautiful three-bedroom, one bath brick home with a detached garage and built in the 1920's. Amenities include the original wood floors, doors, door frames and baseboards, updated kitchen with new cabinets, dishwasher and disposal. The large formal living room has wooden bookcases with glass doors and a mock fireplace. Everything is in working order and ready for a new owner.

Come by Rike Real Estate for a complete list.



**CHRISTMAS DISPLAY**—Bob Smith, left, and his new volunteer, Kenneth Jarred, were busy last week assembling the Christmas decorations around the courthouse square. More decorations will be appearing this week to complete the holiday display.

## Rule ISD lists honor roll

Rule ISD has announced the A and A-B honor rolls for the second six weeks.

First grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel, Brittany Macias and Avery Tanner; A-B honor roll, Leann Manske.

Second grade: A honor roll, Hagan Isbell, Alexandria Martinez, Christina Moore and Alexandra Cooper; A-B honor roll, Breanna Burce, Pablo

Sandoval and Thomas Short.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Alysia Hollabaugh, America Shelton and Hunter Threet.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Haley Macias, Braden Tanner and Kade Lowack; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baize, Sarah Campbell, Mathew Frazier, Samantha Lewis, Gasper Magallow, Cody Percell and Shanisha Vanderbilt. Fifth grade: A honor roll,

Christina Herrera; A-B honor roll, Keelie Deville, Nikki Flores, Stormie Hollabaugh and Ryan Pace.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Steven Lefevre.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero and Daniel Turner; A-B honor roll, Travis Cox and Daryl Williams.

Eighth grade: A-B honor roll, Dennise Salas.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Jenny Dudensing; A-B honor roll, Grace Burgess, Allison Petty and Brittany Roberts.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Joseph Turner; A-B honor roll, Victoria Benavides, Sonya Camacho, Nick Johnson and Kate Rowan.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Molly Dudensing and Kelsie Miller; A-B honor roll, Steven Anderson, Tate Clark, Marty Hall, Andrew Hertel and Tiffany Rios.

Twelfth grade: A-B honor roll, Stephen Pace.

Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

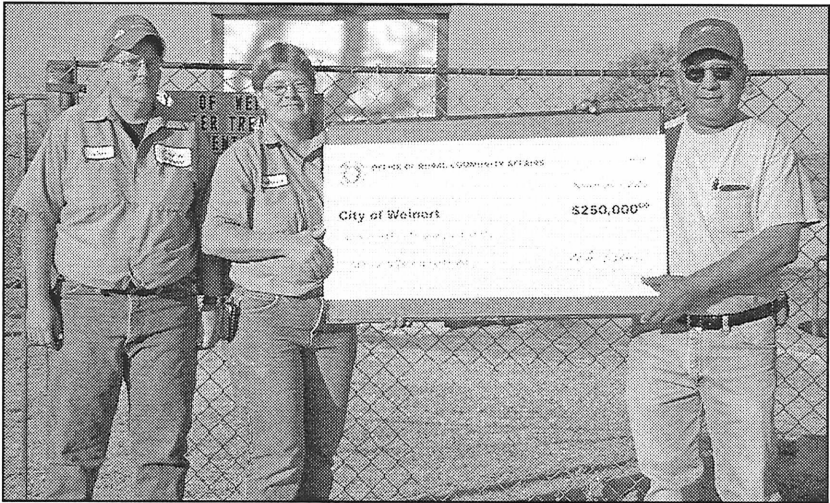
Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is 5 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 6. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Dec. 20 issue.

## Santa letters to be published Dec. 20

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

Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St. or mailed to Santa Claus at P.O.

## City of Weinert receives grant



**RECEIVES GRANT**—The City of Weinert received this ceremonial check from the Office of Rural Community Affairs in the amount of \$250,000 representing the amount of grant money received by the city. City Secretary Patricia Horan, center, and Mayor Julian Estrada, right, are holding the check. Looking on is Lisa Frame, left, City Water Operator.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) has recognized the City of Weinert with a large ceremonial check for having secured a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the agency.

Funds awarded by ORCA support 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.

"ORCA was created to support rural Texas," said Charles S. Stone, ORCA Executive Director. "We are pleased to have awarded more than \$2.9 million in grants to the West Central Texas area during the past year. Many of these grant programs are competitive, so it is appropriate that we honor the efforts of every recipient for their dedication to their rural community."



Wishing you a  
*Happy*  
*Thanksgiving!*

Misty Gibson, RN Branch Supervisor  
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