

## Football

**HASKELL**  
 7th Indians vs Clyde  
 Thurs., Oct. 30, 4 p.m.  
 at Hamlin  
 8th, JV Indians vs Hamlin  
 Thurs., Oct. 30, 4 p.m.  
 at Hamlin  
 Indians vs Hamlin  
 Fri., Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.  
 at Haskell  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
 JH Pirates vs OPEN  
 Pirates OPEN  
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**RULE**  
 JV Bobcats TBA  
 JH Bobcats vs Woodson  
 Thurs., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Woodson  
 Bobcats vs Woodson  
 Fri., Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.  
 at Rule

## Calendar

### Friends of Faith

The Friends of Faith 'Faith Fall Fellowship' is set Sat., Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Area ladies are asked to bring a covered dish finger food for brunch and join for a morning of worship, praise and fellowship. Guest speaker is Melissa J. Hohnstreiter. Singing praises will be led by Judy Underwood, guest musician.

### Chili, stew supper

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host a chili or stew supper and cornbread supper Fri., Oct. 31 at the Haskell High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each and takeouts will be available. Proceeds will help benefit the Evangelism/Outreach projects of the church. For tickets or more information, call the church office at 864-3202.

### Christmas pageant

The Committee to Help Haskell County will host the third annual Merry Christmas Pageant Sat., Nov. 8 at the Rule School Auditorium. The pageant is open to anyone from the age 0 to 12th grade with divisions for both boys and girls. The deadline has been extended to Mon., Nov. 3. Entry forms can be picked up at any school campus in the county. Entry fee is \$20.00. Applications may be turned in to Susan Cockerell in the County Judge's office on the second floor of the courthouse. For more information contact pageant coordinators, Cockerell at 940-864-2851 or Lynn Dodson at 940-864-2903.

### Trick or Treating

Pre-K, Head Start and PPCD classes will trick or treat Fri., Oct. 31 at the Head Start playground at the Elementary School. If any local businesses, individuals, or groups would like to put goodies in their Halloween bags, check in at the school office and be ready for the kids at 10 a.m. Sixty children will participate.

### Open house

The Haskell CISD Early Learning Center open house will be Sun., Nov. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend and see the new facilities. Refreshments will be served and activities will be available for the children.

### Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. Cost is \$12.50 each to be delivered the first week in December. To order, call 940-864-2551 or contact any advisory committee member.

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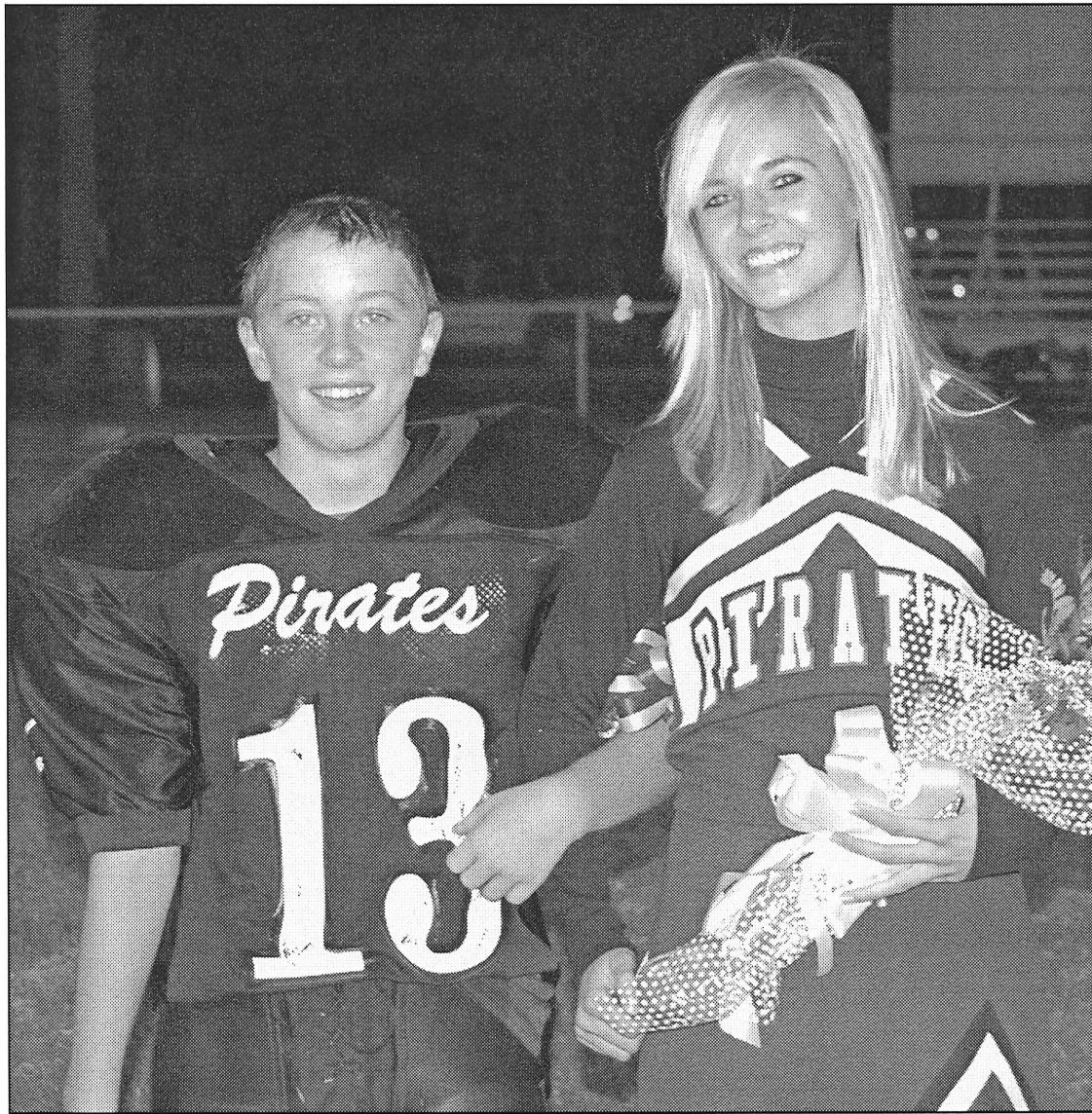
## Vote Tuesday

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"The People's Choice"

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**PAINT CREEK FAVORITES**—Freshmen students, Dalton Barnett, left, and Katrina Buerger were named Paint Creek Football Beau and Sweetheart during ceremonies at a recent Pirate football game. Barnett is the son of Joel and Michelle Barnett. Buerger is the daughter of Kenny and Gina Buerger.

## Health Fair set Nov. 6

The fourth annual Haskell Community Health Fair is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 6 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, sponsored by The Haskell Health Net, a group of individuals concerned about the health and well being of our communities. The group is comprised of healthcare providers, professionals, private citizens, ministerial representatives and county officials planning on the future of the Haskell Community. The purpose of the health fair is to provide the community at large with information about services available in our community regarding aspects of health care. Information and materials will be available for every age group.

The Health Fair will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Vendors will be set up to provide education, brochures about services and free items.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering flu shots during the fair. A representative of the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank will be available to help with enrollment into the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) as well as Medicaid.

For more information, contact Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office at 940-864-2851 during office hours of 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Elections to be held Tues., Nov. 4

Early voting in the upcoming November general election is underway and will continue through Oct. 31 at the office of the County Clerk in the Haskell County Courthouse.

Early voting in the Paint Creek ISD school board election will be held at the administration office at the school, 4485 FM 600 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. until Oct. 31.

To vote, a voter must bring their voter registration card or the required identification documents to the election site.

The general election will be held Tues., Nov. 4.

Polling places for Haskell County are:

Box 1: Catholic Church, 901 N. 16th, Haskell;  
 Box 2: Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell;  
 Box 3: Extension building, S. Ave. D, Haskell;  
 Box 4: Experienced Citizens Center, S. First St., Haskell;  
 Box 5: Rule City Hall, 100 Union Ave., Rule;  
 Box 6: Fire Department, Main Street, Rochester;  
 Box 7: O'Brien City Hall, Grand Central Ave., O'Brien;  
 Box 8: Weinert School building, Hilmar St., Weinert;  
 Box 9: Paint Creek School Library, 4396 FM 600, Paint Creek;  
 Box 10: Sagerton Community Center, Garfield Ave., Sagerton.

Candidates and offices appearing on the general election ballot include:

John McCain/Sarah Palin, Rep.; Barack Obama/Joe Biden, Dem.; Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root, Lib.

U.S. Senator: John Cornyn, Rep.; Richard J. (Rick) Noriega, Dem.; Yvonne Adams Schick, Lib.

U.S. Rep. District 13: Mac Thornberry, Rep.; Roger James Waun, Dem.

State Railroad Commissioner: Michael L. Williams, Rep.; Mark Thompson, Dem.; David Floyd, Lib.

State Chief Justice, Supreme Court: William B. Jefferson, Rep.; Jim Jordan, Dem.; Tom Oxford, Lib.

State Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Dale Wainwright, Rep.; Sam Houston, Dem.; David G. Smith, Lib.

State Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8: Phil Johnson, Rep.; Linda Reyna Yañez, Dem.; Drew Shirley, Lib.

State Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Tom Price, Rep.; Susan Strawn, Dem.; Matthew E. Eilers, Lib.

State Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4: Paul Womack, Rep.; J.R. Molina, Dem.; Dave Howard, Lib.

State Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9: Cathy Cochran, Rep.; William Bryan Strange, III, Lib.

State Senator, District 28: Robert Duncan, Rep.; M.J. (Smitty) Smith, Lib.

State Rep. District 68: Rick Hardcastle, Rep.

State Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 2: Rick

Strange, Rep.  
 District Attorney, 39th Judicial District: Mike Fouts, Dem.

County Attorney: Kristen L. Fouts, Dem.  
 Sheriff: David Halliburton, Dem.

County Tax Assessor-Collector: Bobbye (Guffey) Collins, Dem.

County Commissioner, Precinct 1: Johnny Scoggins, Dem.

County Commissioner, Precinct 3: Kenny Thompson.

The Paint Creek ISD school board election will be held Tues., Nov. 4.

Polling places for Paint Creek School District are:

Box 3: County Extension Office, S. Ave. D, Haskell;  
 Box 10: Sagerton Community Center, Garfield Ave., Sagerton;  
 Box 9: Paint Creek ISD, 4396 FM 600, Haskell;

Precinct 3: Stamford High School Auditorium, Stamford.

Places on the ballot include:

Place 1: Bruce Waters, incumbent;  
 Place 3: Brenda Reel, incumbent, Debora (Di) Whitfield, James Groves;  
 Place 4: Gina Buerger, incumbent; and,  
 Place 5: Randy Emert, incumbent, Dolores Medford.

Polls for both the general election and Paint Creek School election will be open Tues., Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Grand named Chief of Police

by Caron Yates

Haskell's new Chief of Police has a very familiar face. In fact, officer Steven Grand, who was hired as police chief by the City Council on Oct. 23, has served on the city's police force for the past twenty-five years.

Grand, son of Bud and Carol Grand, was born and raised in Haskell where he graduated from Haskell High School in 1974. He and his wife Pat, who serves as financial secretary for the First Baptist Church, have always made their home in Haskell. They have raised two daughters. Leslie and her husband James Jeanes live in Lubbock and Stephanie is a junior at Texas Tech.

After graduation, Grand began farming in the area. It was while he worked for a year as a dispatcher for the sheriff's office, that he became interested in law enforcement. He graduated in 1983 from the Police Academy in Abilene, where he received his

official police training, and has had many hours of continuing education and training since joining the police force. His experience and continued service to the city was most certainly an added plus, when being considered for the position of chief.

When asked about his future goals for the city police department, Chief Grand stated, "We will need to upgrade some equipment, and try to stay as progressive as possible. We may possibly look at adding a fifth officer in the future, to help carry the load." The department is presently taking applications for a replacement officer for the city.

Grand acknowledges that his job will be made easier with the help of city officers Bill Glass and Jeff Caparoon. He looks forward to continuing the successful working relationship already established with county

law enforcement officials.

Chief Grand says, "I appreciate the confidence and support shown to me by the city council, city manager and mayor."

In light of his years of experience and knowledge, the city police department will continue moving forward in the capable hands of Chief Grand.

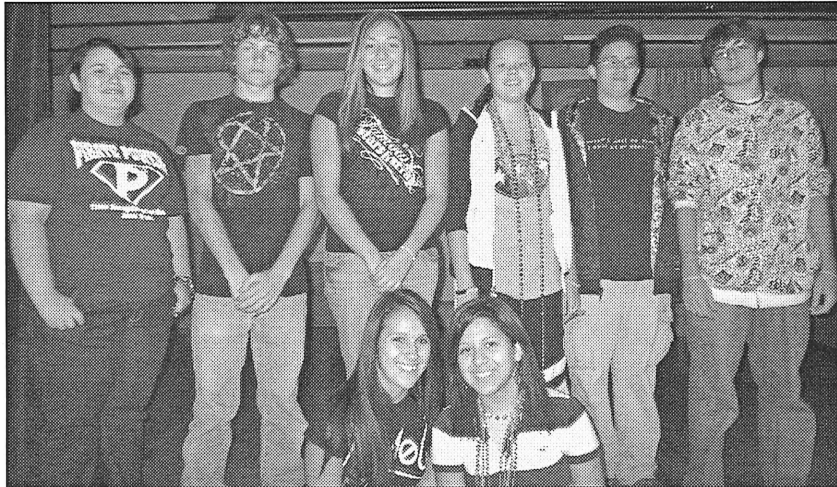
STEVEN GRAND



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**FCCLA OFFICERS**—Serving as officers for the Paint Creek FCCLA for 2008-09 are, front row, l-r, Britney Martinez and Samantha Lopez; back row, Cidney Jordan, Nathan Edwards, Brittany Waggoner, Felysha Walker, Josh White and Jordan Adkins.

## Paint Creek FCCLA elects new officers

Paint Creek Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter members have elected the following officers for the 2008-09 school year, Cidney Jordan, President; Nathan Edwards, Vice President of Projects and Programs; Brittany Waggoner, Vice President of Records and Finance; Felysha Walker, Vice President of Public Relations; Josh White, Vice President of Achievement; and Jordan Adkins, Vice President of Parliamentary Law. Elected as Monthly Leadership/Meeting Committee Chairmen were Britney Martinez and Samantha Lopez. Curtis Bishop is also a member.

The chapter will meet each

month at lunch in the room of Paint Creek FCCLA advisor Darlene Hopkins. Plans are made to involve members in such projects as Red Ribbon Drug Abuse Prevention Week, Noah Project Blanket Project, Character Counts, YES/Nursing Home Service Projects, School Board/Teacher Appreciation, Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, School/Community Service and Beautification, Canned Food Drives, PTO Assistance, Stop the Violence, FACTS and Lifeskills Consumer Quizzes.

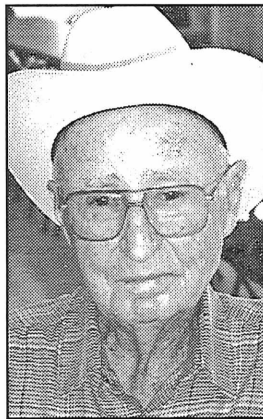
Chapter members also plan to participate in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference/Contest

in Power of One and Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEOs). Members also plan to participate in National FCCLA Week, Feb. 8-14 and area fairs such as the West Texas Fair in Abilene, the Jones Co. Fair in Anson and the King Co. Fair in Guthrie.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its center focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are involved in programs dealing with management both personal and financial, child development, entrepreneurship, food service, nutrition, housing and career awareness.

## Obituaries

### Floyd Alvin Ulmer



**ALVIN ULMER**

Funeral services for Floyd Alvin Ulmer, 90, longtime Haskell County resident, were held Mon., Oct. 27 at Sagerton Methodist Church in Sagerton with Rev. Stephanie Gilkey officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Ulmer died Thurs., Oct. 23 at his home.

Born Jan. 6, 1918 in the Plainview community in Haskell County, just north of Stamford, he was the oldest of eight children born to David Allen and Eula Hanson Ulmer. He

attended schools at Plainview and McConnell and graduated from Stamford High School in 1936. He married Evelyn Pruitt on April 22, 1939 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Two children were born to this union, Kirby Winston and Jana Karen.

A lifelong farmer, Ulmer was active in various community activities. He served on the Sagerton School Board, Sagerton Water Board, and the Appraisal District of Haskell County for many years. For 56 years, he was the Haskell County Democratic precinct chairman and also served as an election judge. The state Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District recently honored him for 35 years of service to the Haskell County board. He was the 'official moaner' and an original cast member of the Sagerton Hee Haw, an event in which he always looked forward. He was also a member of the Sagerton Methodist Church as was chosen as Man of the Year by the Sagerton community.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn of 62 years; one son, Winston Ulmer; and two sisters, Jean Bennett and Stella Huffstutler.

He was a beloved dad and granddad and is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Jana and Keith Whitaker of Meeker, Colorado; one daughter-in-law, Mary Ulmer of Katy; three brothers, Ray Ulmer of Stamford, Macon Ulmer and wife Evelyn of Lockney, and Yuel Ulmer and wife Doris of Hobbs, New Mexico; two sisters, Bertha Shepard of Fort Pierce, Florida and Carol Newton of Gilmer; three grandsons, Brad Ulmer and wife Dora of Seabrook, Mark Ulmer of Houston and Kyle Whitaker and wife Sherry of New Castle, Colorado; two granddaughters, Paige Stockard and husband Mark of Katy and Stacey Burke and husband Jim of Meeker, Colorado; 12 great grandchildren, Tyler, Madison, Sean and Joshua Ulmer, Kirby, Matthew and Claire Stockard, Kale and Makenna Burke, and Jake, Jared and Nathan Whitaker.

Memorials may be made to the Sagerton Fire Department, the Sagerton Fairview Cemetery Association, the Sagerton Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice. Memorials may be sent c/o Joyce LeFevre, Sagerton, Texas 79548.

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## Calendar

### Veterans breakfast

A veterans breakfast honoring all veterans will be served Mon., Nov. 10 from 8 to 9 a.m. at Wal-Mart in Stamford for all veterans of the community.

### Health fair

The Haskell Community Health Fair will be held Thurs., Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building. Various vendors will offer health information, flu shots will be available, and help with enrollment into Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPs) and Medicaid will be offered. Call Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851 for details.

### Medical fund

A fund for medical expenses to benefit Beverly Peters Watson has been established at First National Bank in Haskell.

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., Nov. 6 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

### Broiler order

Now is the time for Haskell Co. 4-H and FFA members to place their broiler order and to begin getting their pens ready. Members intending to show broilers at the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show must place their orders by Thurs., Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. Orders may be called in to the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

### Veteran's lunch

A free lunch to honor all Veterans will be served Wed., Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ activity building gym. The lunch will be for all veterans of the community and their spouses in honor of their service to our country.

### Toy run

The third annual toy run to benefit the Child Welfare Board of Haskell will be held Nov. 15 beginning at 10 a.m. All motorcycle riders will stage at Not-A-Bar in Rule to ride to the CPS building in Haskell to drop off the donations, then return to Rule for refreshments. Toys, clothing, school supplies and personal hygiene items are needed. Do not wrap items. Riders will accept donations from non-riders. Contact Lonnie Rolls at 940-864-8910 for more information.

### Seeking names

The Progressive Study Club is seeking names of those who are serving in the military from Haskell and the surrounding area. Call Nancy Toliver at 940-864-2037 if you know of someone who should be included.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Nov. 3 in Haskell County Library at 6 p.m. A program will be presented by members of the Knox County Visioning Committee. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Flu vaccine

Flu vaccine will be available at the Haskell Health Fair Thurs., Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haskell Hospital Education Building. For more information call DSHS at 325-773-5681.

### ECC lunch

The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will host a fund-raiser lunch Sun. Nov. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal will consist of chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberries, hot rolls, tea or coffee and peach cobbler. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 13 and up.

### Fund-raiser

The First Presbyterian Church, 306 N. Ave. E in Haskell, will host a garage/bake sale and luncheon Sat., Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the church. The meal will start at 11 a.m. and consist of homemade chili, beans, cornbread, crackers, tea and dessert. Cost is \$5. Take outs will be available.

### Lodge meeting

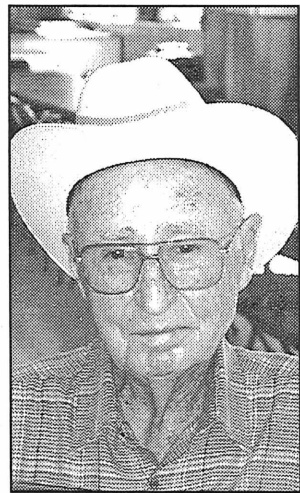
The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Nov. 7 at the Pit & Grill restaurant. Dominoes begin at 2 p.m. followed by a meeting at 3 p.m. The meal will be held afterwards.

### Sr. auction

The Paint Creek High School senior class will host an auction and chili and cornbread supper Thurs., Nov. 13 in the school cafeteria. Donated items will be auctioned to the highest bidder. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. and continue until all is sold.

### Meet Ladycats

The Rule Ladycat athletes will be introduced at the first "Meet the Ladycats" Sat., Nov. 1, in the Rule Gym. Basketball scrimmages with Lorraine and Byers will begin at 1 p.m. After the last scrimmage, athletes, parents, students and fans will enjoy homemade ice cream and cookies. Booster Club members, parents and guardians should bring either homemade ice cream or cookies to share. All girls in athletics should be present so that they can be introduced.



**F.A. ULMER**

F.A. Ulmer of Sagerton, Texas passed away on Thursday, October 23, 2008. The following Monday at the Annual State Meeting, he was to receive a plaque from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for 35 years of dedication and service to the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Ulmer was presently Chairman of the board and had held that position for a number of years. The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation Board was able to present the plaque to Mr. Ulmer's family.

We would like to acknowledge the fact that Mr. Ulmer was a dedicated director and will be missed greatly by all of us who knew and loved him.

Haskell SWCD Board Members  
Kenneth Sanders, Kenneth Newberry,  
Bob Earles and James Raughton  
Board Secretary - Elizabeth Howard and  
NRCS Staff

Danny Lamberth, Ryan Olson and David Manthei

### RULE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 414,004	\$ 10,815	\$ 424,819
State Program Revenues	1,148,993	69,152	1,218,145
Federal Program Revenues	-	181,130	181,130
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,562,997</b>	<b>261,097</b>	<b>1,824,094</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	911,667	186,285	1,097,952
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,132	-	1,132
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	641	-	641
School Leadership	90,247	-	90,247
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	57,957	-	57,957
Health Services	9,404	-	9,404
Student (Pupil) Transportation	44,724	-	44,724
Food Services	1,741	85,625	87,366
Extracurricular Activities	80,534	-	80,534
General Administration	119,034	-	119,034
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	128,622	-	128,622
Data Processing Services	33,637	-	33,637
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	39,116	-	39,116
Other Intergovernmental Charges	13,217	-	13,217
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,531,673</b>	<b>271,910</b>	<b>1,803,583</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	31,324	(10,813)	20,511
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers In	-	10,314	10,314
Transfers Out (Use)	(10,314)	-	(10,314)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(10,314)</b>	<b>10,314</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>21,010</b>	<b>(499)</b>	<b>20,511</b>
<b>Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)</b>	<b>1,494,561</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,495,792</b>
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,571</b>	<b>\$ 732</b>	<b>\$ 1,516,303</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**QUILT ENTHUSIASTS**—Three generations of quilt enthusiasts were found enjoying the Stitches in Time quilt held at the Weinert School building in Weinert on Saturday. Taking in the stitching artwork were, l-r, Tammi Hawkins, her daughter Bailey Hawkins, and Bailey's grandmother, Sue Miller, all of Haskell.

## Starr speaks to local cancer support group

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group held their bi-monthly meeting. Guest speaker was Suzanne Starr of Hendrick Cancer Center in Abilene who spoke about many different types of cancer. "There are so many stages in cancer and its effects" said Starr. She also spoke about cancer screening for women and urged them to contact their healthcare provider for a yearly screening. "Breast Cancer can effect men and women, Men too should have exams."

Free mammogram through Alliance for Women and Children are available for those who qualify by calling 325-677-5321.

A discussion was held about the fashion show held last week in efforts to help raise money for Cancer Services Network in Abilene. This group assists many families with the cancer diagnoses by providing transportation,

medical equipment and nutritional drinks among many other things. The Huttos of Haskell were two of the three chosen to make a video to assist in fund-raising.

The Haskell Cancer Support Group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God. Hutto added, "We want to thank everyone at First Assembly of God for allowing us to hold the meeting in their meeting room." A light meal was provided by the women of the support group.

Hutto said, "This time of year is hard on some families and with a cancer diagnoses, it is even harder. We just want you to know, you are never alone no matter the stage," said Hutto. Call the Huttos at 940-864-5964 for more information on group meetings. The next meeting will be Nov. 6 due to elections on Tues. night the Nov. 4.

## Richards pens new book

Judge Not, a third novel by Haskell resident, Hyrum E. Richards, has just been released. Set in the late 19th century, Judge Not tells an enduring tale about murder and mayhem among the Mormons, who are struggling to find a way to live their faith and yet fit in with the general population.

Readers will meet Ezra Clements, a religiously skeptical man married to Matilda. His brother, Henry, is a strong-willed and outspoken man with four wives. Hack McGrady, a loyal friend of Ezra, is a man cohabitating with one Indian woman. Together, they become part of the Mormon migration to south Alberta, Canada.

Life becomes intense for them when the Indian, Red Crow,

is killed by a fellow Mormon. Soon enough, Ezra, Henry, Hack and their families realize that religious intolerance, racial bigotry, hate, murder and injustice are alive and well among their own kind. Neighbor is pitted against neighbor, relative against relative.

Richards grew up on a small ranch in southern Alberta, Canada. He has been an oil field geologist, a high school teacher, and, for the concluding twenty-four years of his professional career, a practicing psychologist. Retired since 1992, he lives in Haskell, spending his time golfing, writing and attending to his three donkeys and one cat.

His wife is the former Jeanie Redwine of Haskell.

## Brazos West Art Club sees acrylic demonstration

The Brazos West Art Association met for its regular meeting Oct. 13 with nine members present.

Ruth Jackson of Abilene was the guest artist. Working in brilliant acrylic colors, she painted a blue macaw against a background of red and green.

Many photographs and prints of paintings were displayed from

her missionary trips to Haiti and Jamaica.

Members attending were Jennie Lyckman, president; Ann Strand, Adeline Laird, Marsha Whittemore, Nelwynn Beakley, Betty Berry, Betty Hook, Florence Larned and Gary Conn.

Betty Hook and Betty Berry were hostesses.

## Friends of Faith to meet Saturday

The Friends of Faith Fall Fellowship Brunch for all women of the Big Country will be held Sat., Nov. 1, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, 602 S. 1st St., Haskell.

Guest speaker will be Melissa Hohnstreiter of Granbury. Hohnstreiter earned a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and Master's Degree in Education from Tarleton State University. Hohnstreiter calls Granbury her home as she has basically lived her entire life in the small lake town. Hohnstreiter is a public school teacher and has held many leadership roles in education and business. Through her personal testimony, motivational teaching, and humor, she discusses the real battle that rages among the minds and hearts of women. Through the guidance of God's truth, experience, and tough love, she brings a message of truth and light to women seeking freedom and encourages them to embrace who God created them to be. Hohnstreiter has a warm and thought provoking message for all ears to hear, men and women alike.

Requiring no structured membership, Friends of Faith is a local group, which comes together as a non-denominational association for all women, offering the added opportunity for fellowship, deeper understanding fulfillment in common bonds



**MELISSA HOHNSTREITER**

of Christian faith. The group embodies all ages of women from all churches in the Big Country who enjoy an informal time of praise and prayers, listening to insightful guest speakers, and who want to grow in their walk with God.

Casual attire is recommended for the day that will begin with prayer, praises led by musician, Judy Underwood, of Throckmorton, 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.

## Christmas for Kids project to begin

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is conducting a fund-raiser for the annual Christmas for Kids project the first two Sundays of November. Each year this project provides clothing and toys at Christmas for needy children in Haskell County. Last year 56 families with 131 children, plus four foster children, received Christmas presents through the Christmas for Kids program.

This year members of Haskell County churches will again have an opportunity to give to this

cause through donations on the designated Sundays of Nov. 2 and Nov. 9. The goal is to have at least one dollar per person donated on these dates.

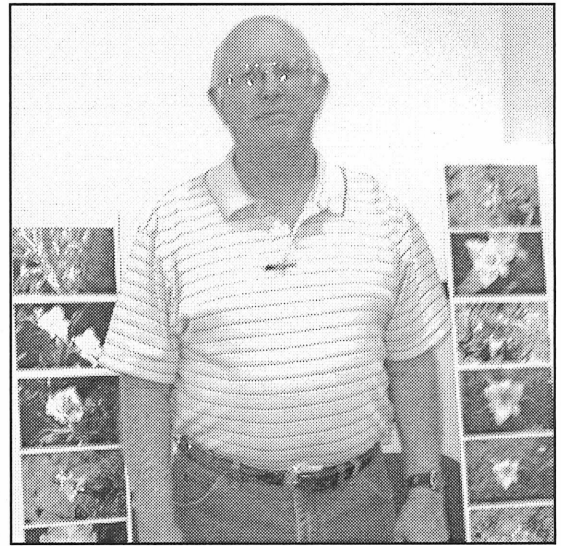
If your church has not been contacted and is interested in participating, call Betsy McManamon at 940-864-2194. Anyone not affiliated with a local church is welcome to send donations to Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS office) at 500 S. 10th St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

## Sagerton bazaar set Sat.

The Sagerton Hobby Club's twenty-sixth annual bazaar will be held Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used for the academic award fund and community projects.

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

Booths are available. For more information call 940-997-2103, 325-773-3832 or 940-989-2966.



**DAYLILY EXPERT**—C.H. Underwood of O'Brien brought pictures and discussed his interest in daylilies at the meeting of the Haskell Garden Club.

## Underwood discusses daylilies for Garden Club

The Haskell Garden Club met Oct. 16 at the Haskell County Library with eleven members and two guests present.

At the September meeting, the club voted to meet on the third Thursday of every month instead of the second Thursday.

The speaker was C.H. Underwood of O'Brien, an expert on daylilies. He grows and sells over 280 varieties, most of these he has cross bred himself. He displayed pictures of some of the daylilies. Each year the last week of May or the first week

of June the daylilies are at their peak. He invites the communities come and enjoy walking through his field.

During refreshments, members visited with his wife, Linda.

The next meeting on Nov. 20, will be a field trip to Buds For You in Munday. Those attending will meet at 1:30 in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot to carpool to Munday. New members are welcome. For more information, call Paula Rennegarbe, president at 864-2193.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

**Abbott proposes legislation to keep homeowners in homes**  
AUSTIN—Is there anything that can be done before Texas gets hit with a market-driven wave of home foreclosures like Florida, California, Nevada and other states? Maybe so, if state lawmakers approve.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Oct. 23 proposed the Texas Foreclosure Deferment Act, legislation to help Texas homeowners stay in their homes.

Under Abbott's proposed act, a mortgage loan servicer would be required to provide a homeowner with a certified letter stating that the debtor has 45 days to cure a loan default before a notice of sale.

Current state law only provides homeowners a 20-day window to cure a default, Abbott said.

"Today's proposal ensures that struggling homeowners have more time to cure mortgage loan defaults and save their homes," Abbott said.

The Texas Legislature will convene Jan. 13, 2009. Early filing of legislation will begin Nov. 13.

Abbott's idea, expressed Oct. 23, fell between two messages from Gov. Rick Perry, one suggesting action to prepare for hard times and the other touting how well Texas is positioned, compared with other states.

At a function in Dallas Oct. 21, Perry said, "As Texans face the impact of Hurricane Ike and prepare for effects of the national financial downturn, Texas businesses and families are tightening their belts and exercising greater financial discipline.

"State government should act no different," Perry said. "We have made tough choices over the years that have earned Texas the economic strength it enjoys today; and we must continue to follow these principles if we hope to weather these storms."

Three days later, on Oct. 24, Perry sent out an "In Case You Missed It" new release, quoting an Oct. 9 survey published by the Financial Times of London, asserting that Texas is the best state to live and do business in with harder economic times on the way.

#### Phones seized in prison sweep

The problem of cell phones smuggled in to the Texas prison system was the subject of an Oct. 21 interim meeting of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice.

State Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the committee, said that during the preceding weeks

he received many calls from death row inmate Richard Lee Tabler via an illegal cell phone.

Whitmire's complaint about those calls led to a lockdown and contraband search throughout the 111-unit prison system. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice found and confiscated 22 cell phones in the possession of death row inmates alone. It was learned that at least nine other death row inmates had used Tabler's cell phone to make more than 2,800 calls over the past month.

Whitmire spoke of his concern for the safety of judges, jurors, attorneys and witnesses involved in the trials of death row inmates and for public safety in general.

Among suggestions officials made at the meeting:

- Jam cell phone signals
- Use dogs trained to detect contraband

•Make pat-down searches mandatory

•Install metal detectors and surveillance cameras

•Increase pay for guards to make them less susceptible to bribery by inmates.

#### Austin joins ban-box movement

The criminal history box on city of Austin employment application forms is going to be a thing of the past.

Austin City Council voted to remove the box that asks applicants if they have ever been convicted of a crime.

"Ban the Box" is a movement that began in California five years ago. The idea was to help make re-entry into society easier for former prison inmates.

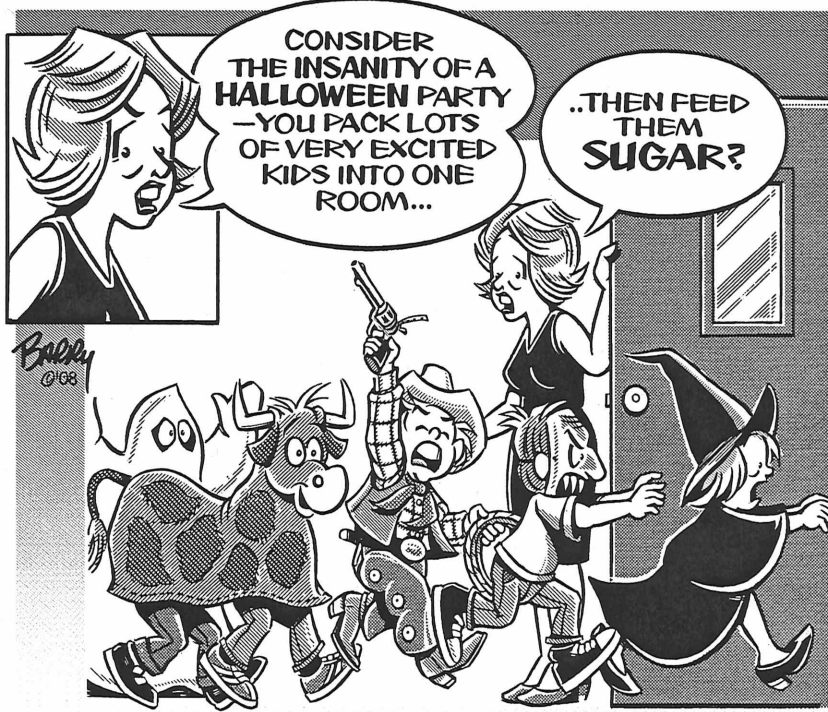
Even without the box, officials said the city will continue conducting criminal background checks on applicants. Travis County passed a similar measure earlier this year.

#### Money to help in clean air effort

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has given the Texas Railroad Commission another \$12 million in grant money to help fleet operators in 34 counties replace their old forklifts, school buses and medium-duty trucks with low emissions equipment fueled with propane gas. This is the second \$12 million infusion for the purpose.

#### Early voting higher than in 2004

More than 1 million Texans had cast ballots halfway into the 10-day early voting period that began Oct. 20. In the 2004 general election, about 650,000 Texans voted early, over the whole 10-day period.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

October 29, 1998

Making the Dean's list were Janeen Jordan, a University of Texas student, Sarah R. Cothron, a Harding University student, Angela A. Palacios, a Sul Ross State University student and Tomi E. Pheil, a Howard Payne University student.

Maxine Hertenberger of Rule was presented the Community Builder Award by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas and Rule Masonic Lodge #954 for her contributions to beautifying the city of Rule.

Nelda Rogers, a Hardin Simmons University social work major, passed the Texas licensing examination for social work.

The Haskell Kindergarten teachers Rhonda Lisle, Susan Cox and Melissa Burson were recently chosen by the Haskell Educational Foundation to receive a grant of \$500 for their "Broadening Our Horizons!" project.

### 20 Years Ago

November 3, 1988

Twenty-seven employees of the United Sewing Agency turned out 9,000 pieces of goods.

More than 200 seniors attended the College Fair at the Civic Center in Haskell.

Fred Shaw was named the area's offensive player of the week by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Linda Herricks of Dallas visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stimmel, and attended the Rule homecoming.

Traci Fry of Rochester, junior English education and journalism major at ACU, has received notice of her acceptance into the "W" Club at the University.

Julie Roewe of Haskell has

been elected vice president of the Western Texas College Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Elena Rodriguez and Connie Childress won cash prizes for the best Halloween dress among employees at United Sewing Agency.

### 30 Years Ago

November 2, 1978

Jim and Ruby Alvis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dr. William J. Kemp retired as president of the American Association of Dental Examiners.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Knight of Austin visited in the home of Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley.

Don Griffis, Jace Dunnam, Danny Josselet, A.D. May and Tim Everett met and talked at a meeting in Sweetwater about Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company owned by the American Cotton producers.

Brian Burgess and his wife, Jennifer, went to the State farm's regional convention in San Antonio.

### 40 Years Ago

October 31, 1968

Lynda Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Ivey, has been studying drama in New York for the past four years. She is now appearing on Showboat in the play, "A Girl Could Get Lucky."

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Sego celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Scotty Griffin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Harris of Haskell, attended the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City.

Harold Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Ivey, will appear on TV with the Texas Tech band.

LeAnn Miller, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Matthews of Haskell, was crowned Miss La Petite of New Mexico.

### 50 Years Ago

October 30, 1958

Willie Baccus announced the opening of Baccus Mobil Station, west of the courthouse square on the Rule Highway. The location was formerly the Red Howard Service Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr and daughter Carolyn and Suzanne Lane attended the Baylor A&M football game in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson, Sr. returned home from a three day hunting trip to Colorado.

Airman William A. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hastin Russell, completed his course of Air Force basic military training at Chanute, Illinois.

John Holt, a 1956 graduate of Haskell High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Holt, was named chairman of the committee in charge of the bonfire for homecoming at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls.

### 100 Years Ago

October 31, 1908

F.M. Morton and J.S. Boone went to the Dallas fair.

J.T. Bowman showed a bucket of potatoes that came from one hill in Haskell. The potatoes weighed 10 1/4 pounds.

Eva Fields visited friends at Munday.

R.B. Russell went to the fair in Dallas.

Mable Wyman spent Sunday with friends in Goree.

L.W. Mayfield of the west side was in town and said the cotton in the neighborhood would make from one-half to one-fourth bale per acre.

## Report elder abuse

"Mr. Smith" awoke this morning with only the monotony and isolation of a typical day to look forward to. At 77 years of age, and a widower, the highlights of the day would be a favorite television show or perhaps the likelihood he'd get a phone call from one of his three children, none of whom live in the same town with him. But today is Tuesday, and his private-pay provider will come in later this morning. A smile forms on his weathered and lonely face. He'll have company through lunch, and maybe even through the afternoon—if only she'll stay a bit longer.

He's grown attached to her in a unique sort of way, and since she is his only regular form of contact, the bond sometimes overshadows that which he has with his own children. He rationalizes to himself that this is fine because he knows they are busy with their own lives and so the guilt of having assigned his unrelated helper as his power of attorney quickly diminishes. He won't even have to tell them because his "helper" understands and assures him his children will worry further if they know he needs help with writing checks. She will make sure he and his children don't have to worry.

Smith has become a victim. He is a victim of undue influence which is often a part of the scourge associated with elder financial exploitation. In its most simplistic form, undue influence is simply using trust or power as leverage for replacing a person's desires or wishes with another's. Sometimes it is subtle, or it can be as profound as "emotional blackmail."

Sadly, "Mr. Smith's" situation is only one of countless variations of financial exploitation. In his particular case a properly, but covertly executed legal instrument later proved to be the undoing of a substantial part of his life's savings. This should have been a warning sign, but it was noticed too late.

There are several red flags—indicators of undue influence or potential exploitation. Isolation is a significant red flag—making the victim an easy target. Another potential warning sign is when an elderly person begins to have financial problems. It's sometimes a concerned banker who thankfully notices. Perhaps it's the claim by an elderly individual that things are missing from his house—a matter often dismissed as forgetfulness although later may be discovered to be a caregiver who took a little bit here and there.

Indeed, life was already tough enough for Mr. Smith without having to face the indignities of someone else's greed and deception. There is hope, however.

Adult Protective Services (APS), a division of the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services is the agency charged with investigating situations such as Mr. Smith's. Specifically, if abuse, neglect or (financial) exploitation is suspected of being perpetrated against an individual over age 65, or against a person with disabilities over age 18, then APS will investigate. The alleged perpetrator must be a person related or providing care to, or who has an ongoing relationship with the elderly individual or person with disability.

If you suspect abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly or disabled, call 1-800-252-5400. Your call can help stop exploitation. You can help protect the unprotected.

## Don't wait for cold weather to get your flu vaccine

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials are encouraging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu shot now.

"Don't wait for cold weather to get your flu shot," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner. "A flu shot before the holiday travel season begins is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from flu and its complications and to reduce the spread of the virus."

Lakey said getting a flu shot now is especially important for children who will be receiving a vaccination for the first time because they will need two doses of flu vaccine at least four weeks apart.

People at high risk of having serious flu complications are especially encouraged to get their annual flu shot as soon as

possible. These groups include children ages 6 months through 18 years, those 50 and older, people with chronic medical conditions, residents of long-term care facilities and pregnant women. People who live with or take care of those at increased risk of flu complications and people who have close contact with children younger than 6 months also should get vaccinated every year.

Each year in the United States about 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 die from flu complications. About 100 of those who die are children.

Flu season typically runs October through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in January and February. People should get their flu shots early but can get them anytime

throughout the fall and winter. The shot takes about two weeks to become effective.

Because flu viruses change, a new vaccine is produced each year. Three strains of the flu virus are addressed in this year's vaccine: A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1), A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2) and B/Florida/4/2006. Flu shots do not contain live viruses and cannot cause the flu.

A nasal-spray flu vaccine, which contains live weakened viruses, does not cause the flu either and is an option for healthy people ages 2 years to 49 years who are not pregnant.

Call your health care provider, 2-1-1 or your local health department to find out where to get a flu shot in your community.

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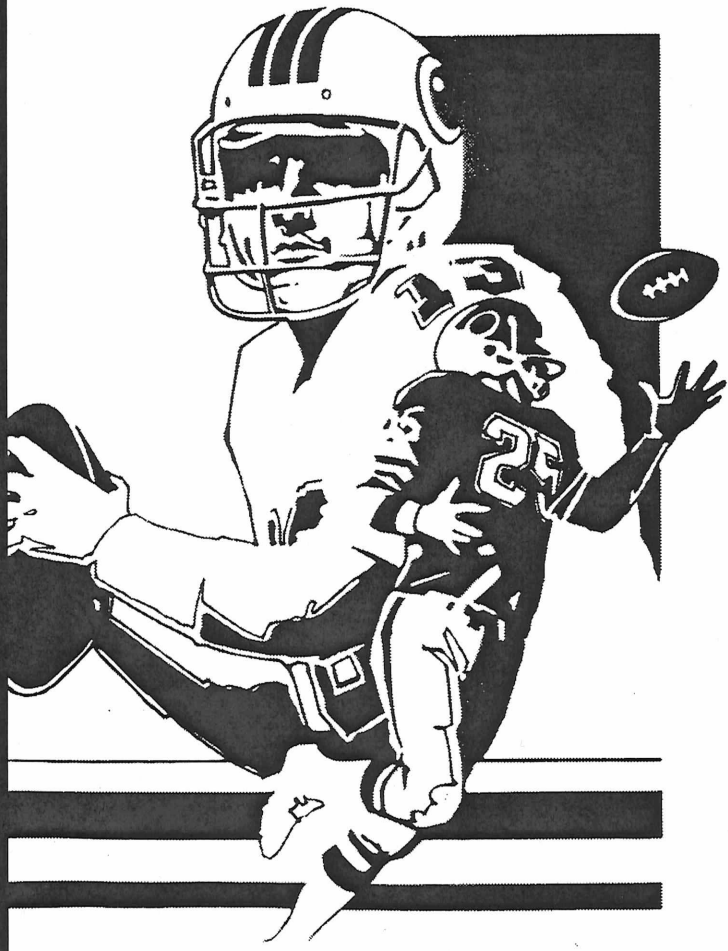
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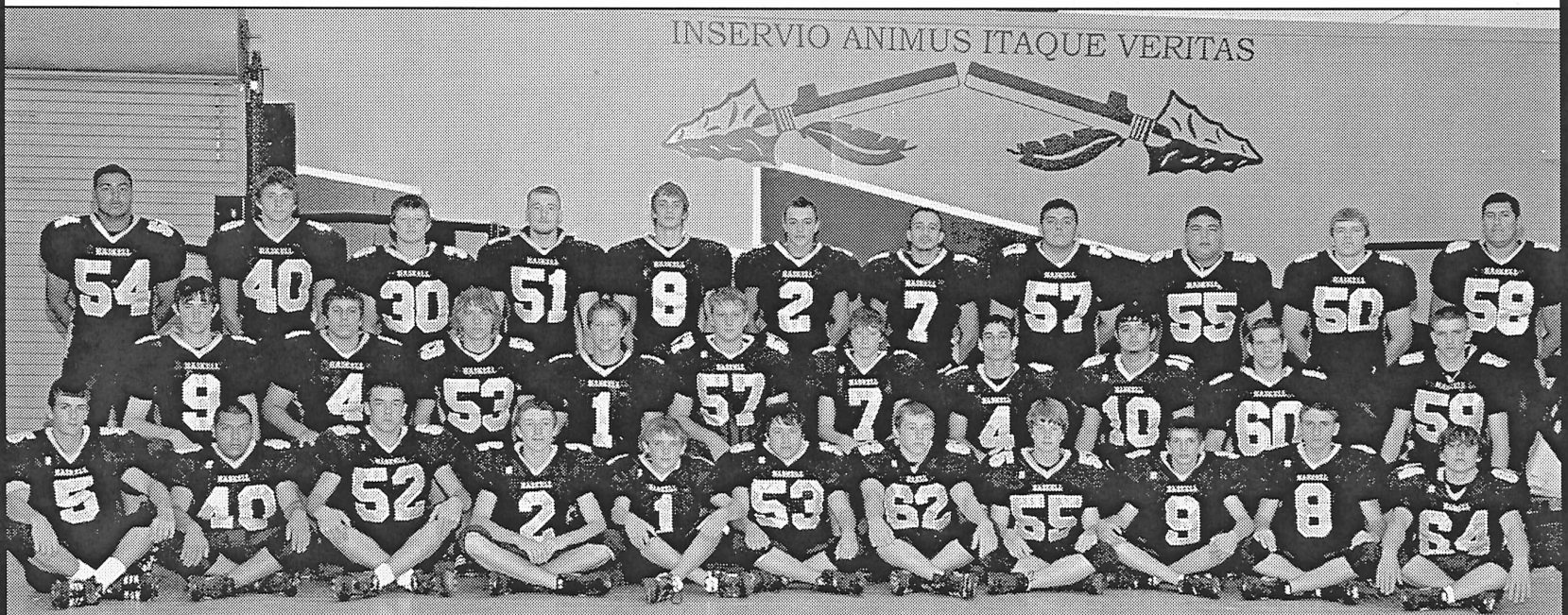
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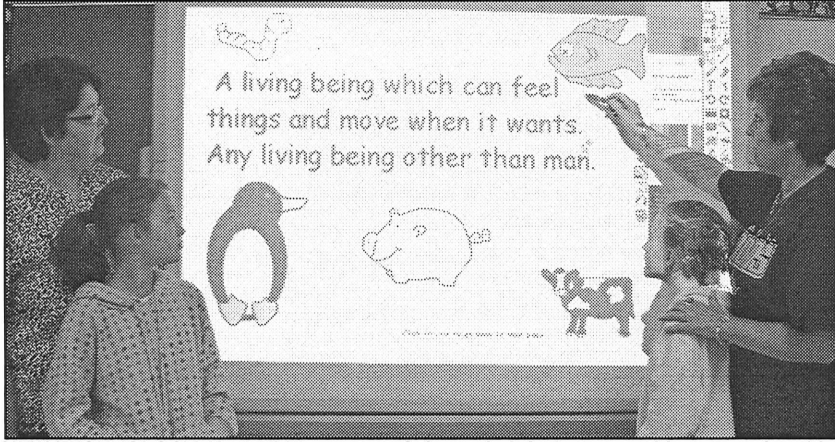
2008 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, Sterling Bird (JV), J.J. Aguilar (JV), Zack Trussell (JV), Dylon Cook (JV), Brady Leach (JV), A.J. Rodriguez (JV), Zack Wyrick (JV), Garrett Brueggeman (JV), Stewart Urich (JV), Payne Ultey (JV) and Colton Kimmel (JV); middle row, Tyler Reese (JV), Tony Trevino (V), Garrett Miller (V), Christian Myers (V), Markus Martinez (JV), Austin Nanny (JV), Kelson Aguero (JV), Ricky Barrett (JV), Taylor Hull (V) and Ethan Frierson (V); back row, Simon Rodriguez (V), Clint Hamilton (V), James Williams (V), Cody Wyrick (V), Steven Fillmon (V), Tyler Rodriguez (V), Jonathan Martinez (V), Lee Hernandez (V), Scottie Rodriguez (V), A.J. Benton (V) and Ruben Robledo (V).  
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**NEW TECHNOLOGY**—Haskell Elementary Science Lab is fortunate this year to be able to use a Promethean Board to assist Paula Everett in teaching her students through the newest technology available. This interactive board allows students to become active learners. Promethean Planet's website has core curriculum available, in the forms of teacher-made lessons that enhance learning through visual, auditory and tactile styles of learning. Haskell schools over the past decade have benefited through Learn & Serve America Grants to promote learning through community service. This is the last year of the 3-year grant cycle. If your organization, club, business, or agency is involved in community service or wants to become involved, contact Everett at peverett@haskell.esc14.net or Debbie Miller at dmiller@haskell.esc14.net at Haskell Elementary. Our students want to become more active in their community. Through their participation of service learning grants they have the opportunity to become life-long service volunteers. Pictured are, l-r, Miller, Kaylee Walker, Hannah Foster and Everett.

## Halloween tips and 'tricks'

Halloween is one of the most enjoyable holidays for adults and children alike. It is also a time for making sure our kids are safe—in their costumes, on the street, and enjoying all the treats collected on their rounds. And let's not forget about making sure Mom and Dad have fun with their children on this spooky night! The following tips will help ensure your trick-or-treaters enjoy haunting their neighborhoods while gathering their munchings and crunchings.

### Pumpkin carving:

- Never let young children near carving tools. Non-toxic paint, stickers, and push-in lights are safe decorating alternatives. Or let your child draw the face on the pumpkin; you do the carving.
- When permitting older children to carve, always supervise closely. Work on a flat, tip-proof surface in a well-lit room.

- Don't let your child use adult kitchen knives—supply safer, kid-size tools created specifically for this purpose.

- Consider using battery operated candles, tea lights or flashlights to illuminate your decorative accents instead of candles.

### Treats:

- Make sure your children understand they're not to snack on their treats while they're out trick-or-treating.

- Parents should inspect the goodies (even commercially wrapped) for any signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance, discoloration,

pinholes or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

- For young children, remove hard candies as they can become choking hazards; even larger varieties, which will shrink as they are mouthed.

- Other choking hazards for younger children include gum, nuts, small toys and coins.

- If juice or cider is served to children at Halloween parties, make sure it is pasteurized or otherwise treated to destroy harmful bacteria. Juice or cider that has not been treated will state it on the label.

### Costumes:

- When purchasing costumes and accessories, look for "Flame Resistant" labels. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate that the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.

- Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape.

- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.

- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.

- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Exaggerated

footwear can result in slipping or twisting ankles while walking.

- Hats and scarves should be fitted enough to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

- Apply a natural mask of child-safe cosmetics rather than wearing a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used however, make sure it fits securely, has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision, and an unobstructed breathing opening.

- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

### Pedestrian safety:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child.

- Have your trick-or-treater carry your cell phone.

- All children should walk, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street.

- Only cross the street at crosswalks and always look both ways.

- Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

- Going out in groups with several adults in attendance ensures children will be supervised.

- Choosing safe houses and safety in your home:

- Children should go only to homes where they know the residents.

- Choose homes which have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

- Homes should be well lit inside as well as out.

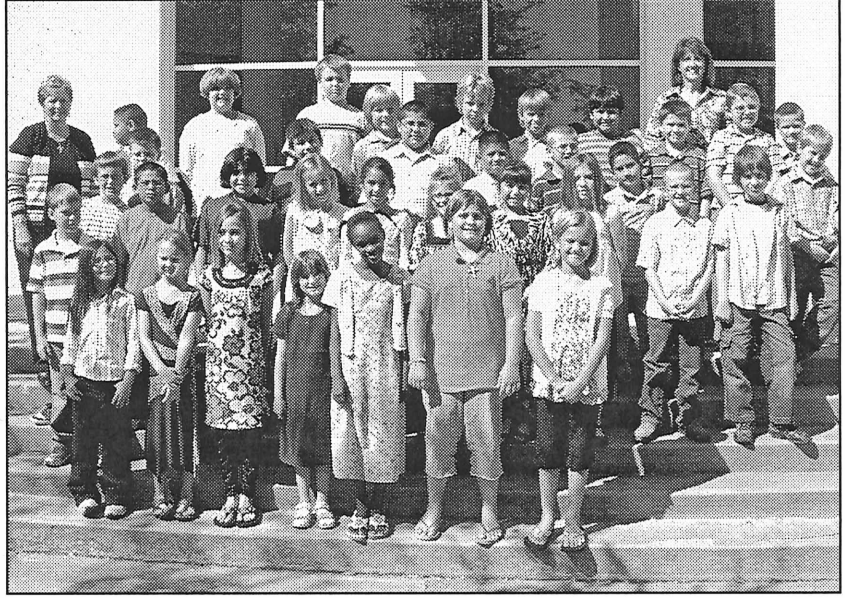
- Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.

- If you are expecting trick-or-treaters remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches.

- Candlelit Jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.

- Indoor Jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.

- Consider using battery operated candles, tea lights or flashlights to illuminate your decorative accents instead of candles.



**ATTENDS CONCERT**—Haskell third grade students attending the Abilene Philharmonic concert Oct. 2-3 include front row, l-r, Angelica Green, Marily Naylor, Hollyn Hadaway, Ariel Wolf, Tysha Dever, Morgan Sanders and Kameryn Mathis; second row, Dalton Meinzer, Servando Martinez, Melissa Sandoval, Moriah Gassaway, Marina Salinas, Sarah Fouts, Ariel Martinez, Riley Hardin, Crow Parham and Evan Wheatley; third row, Chris Hall, Riley Sloan, Michael Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, R.J. Chavez, John Anderson, Javier Morales and Cody Dutton; and back row, teacher Tonya Cypert, Jacob Lopez, Lori Rodgers, Turner Wade, Griffin Buchanan, Kyle Hoover, Rocky Haggard, Frankie Masias, Tanner Thomas, teacher Pam Gibson, Bristol Wagner and Hagen Isbell.



**ATTENDS CONCERT**—Haskell fourth grade students attending the Abilene Philharmonic concert Oct. 2-3 include front row, l-r, Ashley Roque, Lupe Olverz, Victoria Hertal, Hannah Grand, Madaline Williams, Kaylee Hardin, Katie Newberry, Alye Stewart and Macey Coker; second row, Laura Brown, Ashlyn Bevel, Jacee Guess, Kylie Adams, Krysta Winegart, Kasie Isbell, Amber Alexander, Tiesha Babcock, Briana Rodriguez, Kelsey Guzman, Chelsea Chavez and Gabby Mendoza; third row, teacher Amy Sloan, Richard Rodriguez, Hayden Leach, Aaron Wolf, Devon Barrios, Day'Veon Dockins, Kellen Parks, Austin Alsbrook, Alec Roewe, Sam Fouts and Garrett Campbell; back row, teachers Jennifer Roewe and Evelyn Verden; Payton Thomas, Chase Gibson, Lane Burson, Hayden Hudson, Colton Wright, Jonathan Primm, Bryce Rodriguez and Rudy Espinoza.



**ATTENDS CONCERT**—Haskell fifth grade students attending the Abilene Philharmonic concert Oct. 2-3 include front row, l-r, Ceelia Almanza, Kyra Salas, Adam Andress, Harley Foreman and Bobby DeLosSantos; second row, Jordan Ortiz, Kourtney Howard, Andrea Aguilar, Davis Benavides, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Harrison Jarred, Hannah Foster, Katie McLemore, Chris Wilson and Nancy Fuentes; third row, Zeleste Estrada, Celicia Rodriguez, Travon Dessivia, Marc Guzman, Anthony Lerma, Mykal Abila, Kaylee Walker, Taylor Buchanan, Garret Tatum and teacher Sherry Adams; back row; teacher Bonnie Fouts, Toby Salazar, Ruben Torres, Kyle Glass, Trey Lira, Pryce Stewart, Dylan Hanson, Destiny Pierce, Abby Masias, Jolene Navarrette, sponsor Cindy Foster and Michaela Martinez.

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## Elementary students attend Spooktacular

Haskell Elementary third, fourth and fifth grade students attended the Abilene Philharmonic Association's Discover Music Education Concert series 'Spooktacular' Oct. 2-3. The orchestra performed Harry Potter Symphonic Suite, Addams Family, selection from 'The Phantom of the Opera,' Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D

Minor,' and other scary, spooky selections.

The orchestra opened the performance with 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

Teachers from the group include Melodee Christian, Tonya Cypert, Evelyn Verden, Amy Sloan, Jennifer Roewe, Sherry Adams, Bonnie Fouts and Pam Gibson.



# Haskell County Farm Bureau holds annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Haskell County Farm Bureau was held Mon., Oct. 20 with president Robert A. Turner presiding. Agency Manager Kenny Tanner gave the invocation.

Reports on projects held

during the year were given. Ag In the Classroom was presented to every fourth grade student in Haskell County. A donation was made to each exhibitor making the sale during the County Livestock Show.

A Citizenship Seminar held at

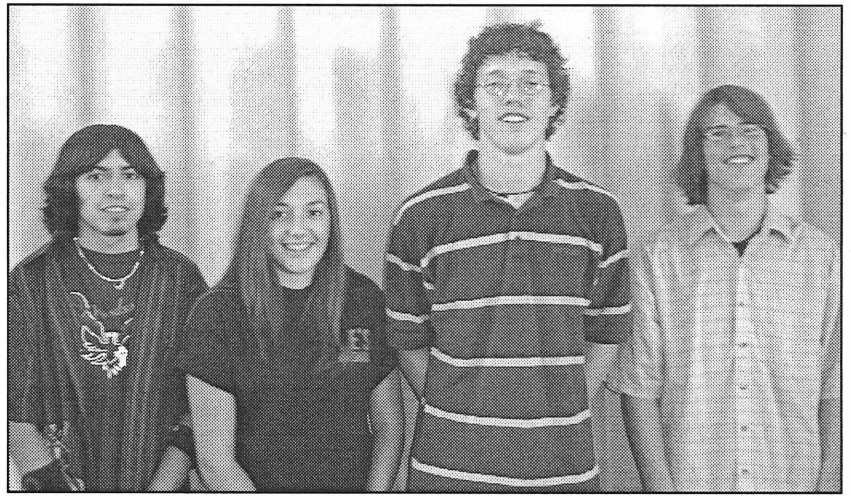
Angelo State University in San Angelo was attended by four Paint Creek students including Brittany Waggoner, Brennan Medford, Caleb Whitfield and Johnny Escamilla.

Jesse Magallon of Rule, Weston Rutkowski, Paige Wheatley and Clyde Frierson, all of Haskell, were awarded academic awards for college.

Charles and Pam Gibson and Steve and Phoi McGuire attended the National Affairs trip held in Washington D.C. in March.

Darin Drury and Bryan Lehrmann are members of the Board of Directors, placing Robert A. Turner and Clayton Stegemoeller.

A meal of fried fish, chicken and home baked desserts was served by the Lutheran church group.



**ATTEND SEMINAR**—Four Paint Creek School students attended a citizenship seminar held at Angelo State University in San Angelo. They were sponsored by Haskell County Farm Bureau. Students attending were, l-r, Johnny Escamilla, Brittany Waggoner, Brennan Medford and Caleb Whitfield.

## Final payments for 2007 cotton issued by USDA

Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced that USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will issue \$384 million in final 2007 counter-cyclical payments to eligible producers with enrolled upland cotton base acres in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. Under the 2002 Farm Bill for 2007 crops, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes final counter-cyclical payments on behalf of the CCC at the end of an applicable crop's 12-month marketing year.

The final counter-cyclical payment rate for producers with enrolled upland cotton base acres is 6.43 cents per pound. Upland cotton farmers who accepted the first partial payment in February 2008 of 3.09 cents per pound, are now due an additional 3.34 per pound.

The counter-cyclical payment rate is the amount by which the target price of a commodity, specified by the 2002 Farm Bill, exceeds its effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of either: (1) the national average market price received by

producers during the marketing year for the commodity as determined by the Secretary; or (2) the national average loan rate for the commodity. The counter-cyclical payment amount equals the counter-cyclical payment rate, times 85 percent of the farm's base acreage, times the farm's counter-cyclical payment yield.

No partial or final 2007-crop counter-cyclical payments were made to producers with enrolled corn, grain sorghum and soybean base acres because effective prices averaged well above levels that would trigger counter-cyclical payments.

Final 2007-crop counter-cyclical payments for rice, if triggered, will be announced when the final average farm price for the marketing year becomes available. This price is scheduled to be released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service on Jan. 30, 2009.

For more information on the direct and counter-cyclical payment programs, visit your local FSA office or the FSA Web site <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Some CRP lands to be opened for hunting

Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer has said that USDA would fully implement President George W. Bush's directive to offer incentives to farmers and ranchers for opening up their land in the Conservation Reserve Program to the public for hunting, fishing, bird watching and other recreational activities.

Schafer made the announcement at the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy in Reno.

"The President is committed to enhancing support of habitat conservation by offering public access to Conservation Reserve Program land," Schafer said. "The Conservation Reserve Program is the largest public-private partnership for conservation and wildlife habitat in the nation and we expect robust participation in this initiative. It will provide better access and allow more efficient management of game populations while allowing CRP participants to continue to provide vital environmental benefits such as improving air and water quality, enhancing wildlife habitat and reducing erosion."

The goal of this incentive, Schafer said, is to double public access by providing up to 7 million acres of CRP land for public access in the next 5 years in participating states. The CRP public access incentive permits partnerships with existing state public access programs to identify and mark tracts of land as publicly accessible and publish maps for hunters and recreation enthusiasts. The incentive is consistent with current state public access incentives and will enhance the ability of state

game departments to use hunting seasons as a wildlife management tool.

The CRP public access incentive will be limited to CRP participants in the 21 states that already have public access programs. These 21 states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

The public access incentive will pay \$3 per acre, per year, for the life of the CRP contract, provided the contract acres remain enrolled in the state public access program. CRP contracts are between 10 and 15 years. This incentive will be available to CRP participants with new or existing CRP contracts. This public access incentive is available to CRP participants that voluntarily agree to open CRP land to public hunting, recreation, wildlife viewing and other recreational activities.

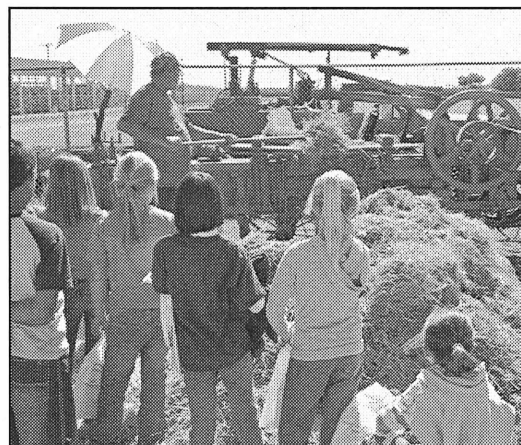
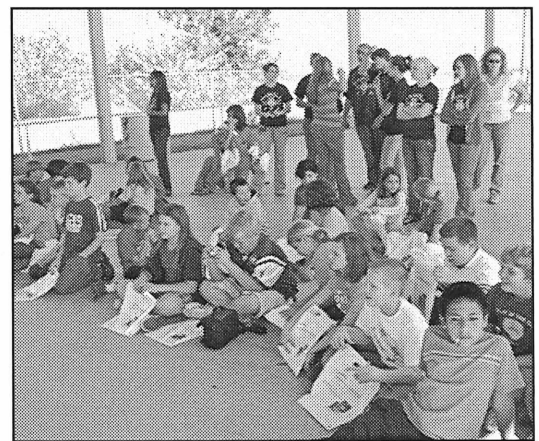
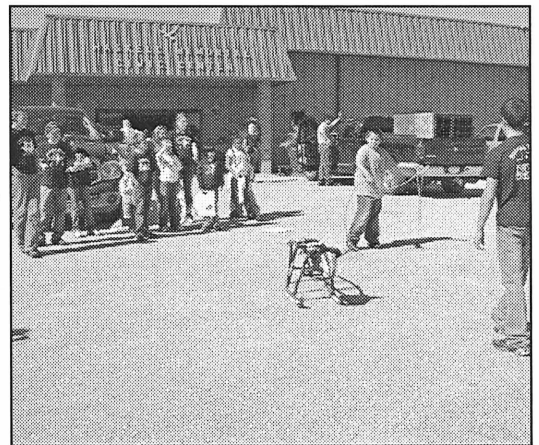
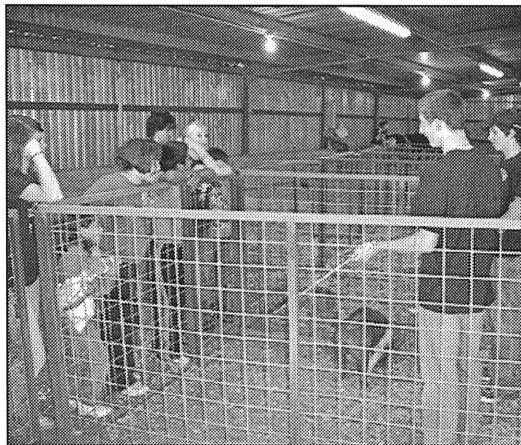
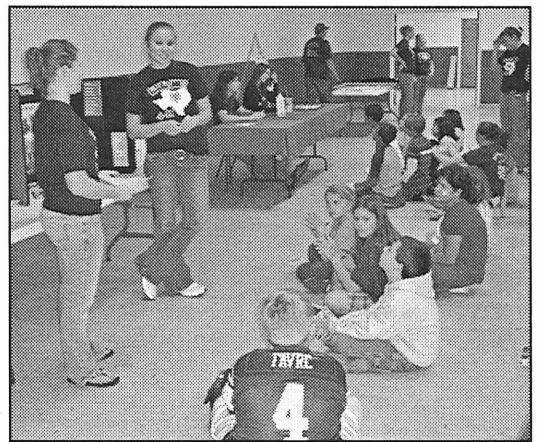
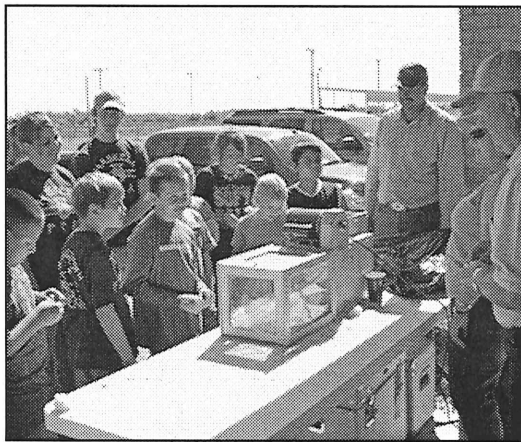
CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers enhance environmentally sensitive land. Producers enroll in CRP and plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitats for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, USDA provides producers with rental payments.

After environmental compliance requirements are complete, USDA will announce a sign up date when farmers and ranchers can begin to enroll at their local county FSA office.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Consecutive Ag in the Classroom Field Day

hosted by Haskell County Farm Bureau was held to help make students realize that we come in contact with agriculture on a daily basis from the clothes we wear to the food we eat.

The unique event features youth teaching youth about aspects of the impact of agriculture on their lives.



### The Board of Directors and Office Staff wish to thank:

- Dr. James Gober for the hamburger patties.
- The Ag teachers and students of the county schools for conducting the station.
- Each organization for each station.
- All individuals that furnished the equipment.
- All persons who furnished the animals.
- Wes Utley and Jane Rowan from the Ag Extension Office.
- Special thanks to the teachers and students for attending and making 'Ag in the Classroom Field Day' a big success.

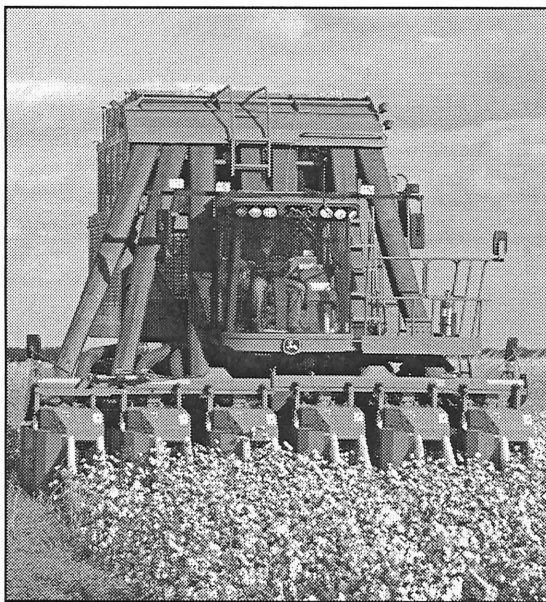
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**COTTON PICKER**—Shown is one of three six-row John Deere cotton pickers from Jigger, Louisiana that have been doing work for the Toliver Partnership Farms this week. The JNP Farms is a partnership of a family who does custom farming in Louisiana and Texas. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Buerkle named one of Lubbock's 20 under 40

Rochester native Mary Jane Short Buerkle was named one of Lubbock's 20 Under 40 by the Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock on Thurs., Oct. 23, at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the campus of Texas Tech University.

This award recognizes those outstanding individuals under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership in their career, while actively participating in the community. Almost 100 individuals were nominated by company CEO's, managers and human resources professionals for the award. An independent panel of judges chose the top 20.

Buerkle is vice president for business development at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, where she has been on staff since July 2004. She handles numerous business seminars and events throughout the year, and oversees the following committees: Business Development, Agriculture, Ag in the Bag, Water Conservation Council, Energy, Hub City BBQ, Annual Golf Tournament, Business Expo, and Technology.

Buerkle is also heavily involved in the community through Lubbock Area United Way, National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, Texas AgriLife Extension-Lubbock County, Junior Achievement, Children's Advocacy Center, West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, and the West Texas Pharmacy Association. She recently received the national Sigma Alpha "Advocate for Agriculture" award and the Texas AgriLife Extension-Lubbock County "Friend of 4-H" award.

"We're very proud of Mary Jane's accomplishments," said Chamber President Eddie McBride. "She's a great asset to not only the Chamber, but the



**MARY JANE BUERKLE**

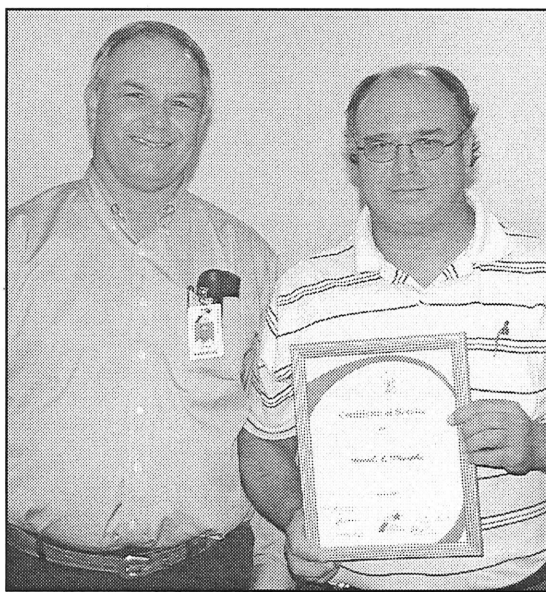
community as well."

In addition, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was recently named the American Chamber of Commerce Executives' Chamber of the Year in their dues category during ACCE's annual conference held in Pittsburgh, Penn. Chamber of the Year is the nation's only award which recognizes the dual role chambers have in creating both leading businesses and communities.

According to ACCE, the Chamber of the Year award is based on chambers' success in community leadership and organizational strength by being among the top in the nation for financial and membership growth as well as making a demonstrable impact on key community priorities in areas like economic opportunities, education, transportation, healthcare, and cultural vitality.

The Chamber submitted an application earlier this year and completed an interview process at the conference.

Buerkle is a 1999 graduate of Rochester High School. She is the daughter of Larry and Linda Short and the granddaughter of Warren and Jane Short, all of Rochester, and Bernice Hilliard of Haskell.



**SERVICE CERTIFICATE**—Danny Kierepka, right, Haskell County assistant supervisor, is presented a Certificate of Service by Lynn Passmore. Kierepka, a 25-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors' meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a 25-year service pin and an Inglewood Award set. Passmore is the interim Abilene District Engineer.

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**FALL FESTIVAL**—The courthouse square was turned into a fall festival scene last Saturday evening as air castles, festival game booths, face painting and music was enjoyed by kids of all ages.

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## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting Oct. 14 with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith in attendance.

No action was taken on the use of the old library building by DPS Officer James Groves.

No action was taken on the discussion of health insurance for County employees brought to the Court by Josh Ensor.

The County Treasurer's monthly and quarterly reports were approved.

All bills were paid including a bill from Nick Mindle and Bob Bass.

A resolution establishing County policy regarding a citizen grievance procedure was approved.

Rule and regulation were established regarding the use of excessive force.

November was proclaimed as

Home Care and Hospice Month. A monthly fire extinguisher policy was adopted.

The lease for boat storage with Texas Parks and Wildlife was renewed.

A resolution for a Flood and Drainage Improvement grant was passed.

An Addendum to Engagement for Auditors was approved.

The sale of the Rolling Plains Jail and Detention Center was approved including authorization for the County Judge to take action and approve minor revisions and to execute any agreements necessary for closing that were approved for by the attorneys for the County.

A motion to leave the county retirement plan as is was passed. Jere Kitley was appointed as Election Judge for Box 5.

A motion to use only tax exempt credit cards for fuel or purchase tax exempt fuel was approved.

## Rochester to honor veterans Nov. 11

All area Veterans and citizens are invited to attend a ceremony to honor our Veterans at 10:30 a.m. Tues., Nov. 11, at the Rochester Veterans Memorial. The ceremony will consist of a flag raising by Boy Scout Troop 136, a speaker and special music by the Rochester Junior High Band. In addition, Rochester Junior High School students will be presenting some of their writings. After the ceremony, a lunch will be served to all veterans and guests at the Rochester Junior High School cafeteria.

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- Keep children away from lit jack-o'-lanterns.
- Make sure costumes are not so long that your child could trip on them. Reflective tape should be put on all costumes—especially dark-colored ones. Also, painted faces are better than masks since masks almost always affect vision.
- Instruct children not to eat any treats before you have inspected them.
- Trick or treat only in well-lighted neighborhoods—preferably only at homes where you know the occupants personally.
- Carry a flashlight and walk on sidewalks, not on streets. Warn children not to run between parked cars to cross the street.
- Inspect treats closely. Candy with torn wrappers or any packaging that looks like it has been tampered with should be immediately thrown away.
- Fruit should be washed and cut into small pieces before eating.



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**SHOW WINNER**—Quilt lovers from far and near enjoyed a wonderful display of beautiful quilts at the second annual "Stitches in Time" Quilt Show, Sat., Oct. 25. Held in the Weinert School, the show, sponsored by the Committee to Help Haskell County, also featured demonstrations, door prizes, vendors and a delicious lunch. Judie Whitten's exquisite entry, done in a Feathered Star design, and pictured above, won the viewers' choice award. The Committee to Help Haskell County would like to thank everyone who helped make the day a success. A special thanks to Amelia Perry, Kim Crawford and Kay Smith for doing demonstrations.



**PROVIDING MANPOWER**—Three students from Paint Creek ISD provided manpower washing fire trucks at the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Saturday. The community service group washed three trucks and a pickup for the firemen. Providing the elbow-grease were, l-r, Felysha Walker, Hanna Colley and Stormy Darnell. Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw expressed his appreciation to the students for their help. Haskell fireman James Martin is sitting in the truck cab. The group's advisor is Sherrie Raughton.

## This Week's Devotional Message:

### GOD MADE THE BRILLIANT AUTUMN FOR A TIME OF HARVEST



The heat of summer's on the wane,  
And clouds may form, producing rain.  
The leaves that turn to red and gold  
Proclaim a year that's growing old,  
Before consumed by bonfire flames.  
It's time for school and football games,  
When winds of change will cool the scene  
And kids prepare for Halloween.

Our Bible lessons will convey  
That harvest time is on the way;  
A time for gathering the yield  
From orchard and the farmer's field.  
Our house of worship now relates  
That God's great bounty demonstrates  
His love, that we should all revere  
When flaming autumn time is here.

#### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**—HASKELL—**  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
 Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; 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 Rennegarbo, 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., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
 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  
 Sunday 11 a.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**  
 Joseph Barrett, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/  
 Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 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.  
 Rochester  
**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

**—RULE—**  
**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  
**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Alfa y Omegas  
 Manuel Marin, pastor  
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Larry Neal, pastor  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule

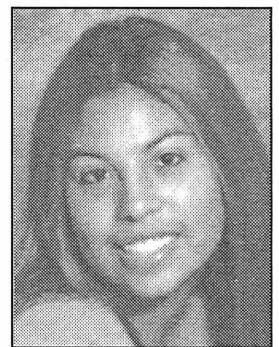
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

**—PAINT CREEK—**  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Paint Creek

**—O'BRIEN—**  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
 Jim Reid, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
 O'Brien



MOLLY AGRAZ



BRITNEY MARTINEZ

### Students visit Rotary Club

Molly Agraz is the son of Elizabeth and Leonard Howard of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she works as an office aide, plays basketball and runs track. She is listed on the A-B honor roll.

She enjoys playing with her daughter, working, playing basketball and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to attend McMurry University or Cisco Junior College and pursue a career in nursing.

Brittney Martinez is the daughter of Virginia and Ruben Martinez of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church.

At Haskell High School, she is a library aide, participates in Ag and plays softball.

She enjoys playing softball and hanging out with her family.

She plans to attend New Mexico Junior College or Cisco Junior College and pursue a career in cosmetology.

### Haskell School Menu

**November 3-7**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Smucker's PB & J  
**Tuesday:** Pretzel roll with bacon  
**Wednesday:** Cereal, animal crackers  
**Thursday:** 2 slices toast, 1 oz. string cheese  
**Friday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Lunch**  
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and

ham.  
**Monday:** Chicken strips, gravy, corn on the cob, broccoli with cheese, breadstick, peach cobbler  
**Tuesday:** Jose Ole' bean and beef burrito, garden salad, chips, salsa, pineapple tidbits, patriotic cookie  
**Wednesday:** Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, ranch dressing, grapes  
**Thursday:** Crunchy tacos with salsa, corn, garden salad, peanut butter pie  
**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange slices

### Paint Creek School Menu

**November 3-7**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Biscuits and gravy  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Eggs and toast  
**Thursday:** French toast  
**Friday:** Toast or cereal  
**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Burritos, Spanish

rice, salad, cookies  
**Tuesday:** Vegetable beef soup, cornbread, salad, peach cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, pears  
**Thursday:** Hot dogs, chili, fries, rice krispies  
**Friday:** Pizza, salad, corn pineapples

### ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., November 3**  
 Lunch—Meatloaf, green beans, cream potatoes, yeast roll, strawberry cake, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., November 5**  
 Lunch—Beef-a-roni, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, kosher pickles, jello, cookie, tea, or

coffee  
**Fri., November 7**  
 Lunch—Hamburger steak, onions, brown gravy, buttered corn, green beans, yeast rolls, ooey gooey cake, tea, or coffee  
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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### For Sale

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

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6031-80-0001 for CRACK SEALING in KENT County, etc. will be opened on November 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$274,444.00.

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.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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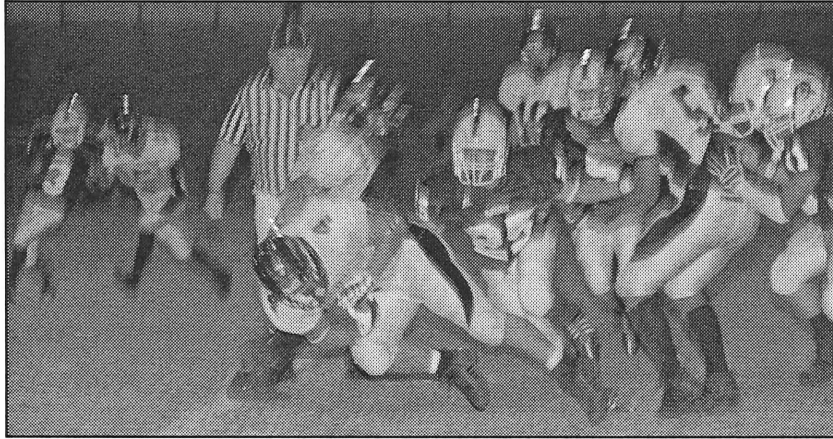
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**QUARTERBACK CARRY**—Haskell Indian #1 quarterback Christian Myers moved the ball against the Roscoe Plowboys. The Plowboys defeated the Indians, 52-12. Myers had 25 carries for 96 yards and one touchdown during the game. Photo by Bill Blankenship



**STRUGGLES FOR YARDAGE**—Haskell Indian #4 running back Tony Trevino struggles ahead for yardage against the Roscoe Plowboys last Friday night. The Indians came up short against the district leading Plowboys who claimed the win by a score of 52-12. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Indians lose to Plowboys

Haskell opened this district football game in fine fashion, 3 and out, in football language. The Indians defense held the Plowboys to three plays and a punt on the first series of play. Haskell then saddled up and moved 85 yards in six plays to put the first score on the board. Quarterback Christian Myers passed to Tyler Rodriguez for the 23 yard touchdown play. The PAT kick failed. Haskell 6 Roscoe 0.

Roscoe came right back with their own 53 yard drive and scored on a six yard touchdown run. The PAT kick failed also. The score was 6-6 at the end of the first quarter of play.

The Indians would move ahead on the score board at the 11:13 mark in the second quarter of play on a beautiful 75 yard drive. Haskell used 18 plays, a good ball possession drive for the Indians. Myers would score on a six yard touchdown run. Again, the kick for the PAT failed. The Indians had the upper hand on the ground during the first half of play. Roscoe, known for their air attack used it to their advantage, to serve three times in the second period of play. Intermission score was Haskell 12, Roscoe 28.

During the second half of the district game against the leading team of the district, the Indians dominated the possession of the football, but failed to cross the goal line. Roscoe, using their talent, scored three times the second half. Roscoe would only have four possessions this entire second half.

It is easy to see why the Plowboys are the leading team in District 11-A. With only two games remaining in district play, they look like a good bet for the title. The Indians with two games remaining still have some work to do for a playoff berth.

The Indians had 63 rushes for 280 yards. Quarterback Myers had 25 carries for 96 yards and one touchdown. Running back Rodriguez had 19 yards on three rushes. He also caught a 23 yard touchdown pass from Myers. Running back James Williams got 67 yards on 16 carries. Running back Jonathan Martinez had 76 yards on 14 rushes. The Indians

### Bobcats win

The Rule Bobcats defeated Lueders-Avoca by a score of 48-44 on Friday night.

The Bobcats are 5-3 on the season.

were three completions for 8 attempts with one interception in the passing department.

Haskell will host Hamlin at Indian Field Fri., Oct. 31. Kick off is 7:30 p.m.

The 8th Warriors won their game while the JV Indians were

defeated. The 7th and 8th Warriors and the JV Indians will all play in Hamlin on Thursday. Games start at 4 p.m. The opponent for the 7th grade will be Clyde while the 8th and JV will play Hamlin. All games are set for playing in Hamlin.

## City Council report

A special called meeting of the Haskell City Council was held Oct. 23 with Mayor Bob Smith, Pro Tem Sue Medford, and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order followed by the invocation by Medford.

The council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters considering the Chief of Police applicants. A discussion concerning compensation and benefit packages to be offered as allowed

by Government Code GC 551.074 was also held.

Returning to regular session, the council voted 2/3 against hiring David Halliburton as Haskell City Chief of Police. Hall and Bowers voted for, and Guess, Medford and Tribbey against.

A vote of 3/2 to hire Steven Grand as Haskell City Chief of Police carried with Guess, Medford and Tribbey voting for, and Bowers and Hall against.

Recommendations on the management of proceeds gained from the sale of the prison were discussed.

## David Middleton inducted into Texas Basketball Hall of Fame

by Caron Yates

Adding to a long list of honors already received, Coach David Middleton, Haskell High School Girls' Athletic Director and girls' head basketball coach, will be inducted into the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame.

UIL Director of Athletics, Charles Breithaupt, notified Middleton Oct. 14, that he will be included as one of the five new members selected for this year. Middleton is a forty-one year veteran of Texas High School coaching.

To be considered for the honor, a coach must have had a positive impact on high school basketball in Texas. Each year the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches accepts nominations for the Hall of Fame. While a nomination is the first step, a very in-depth look at the coach's record, honors or awards received and personal references of character and impact are carefully considered by the committee.

Middleton, a graduate of Haskell High School, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. Returning home, he began his coaching career at Haskell High in 1959. While here, he won district titles with his junior high boys' and girls' basketball teams, as well as girls' volleyball team. He also took the boys' golf team to regional competition three times.

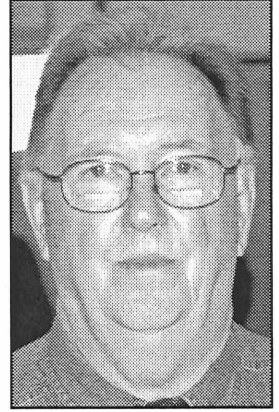
Early in his career, he served as assistant varsity and head junior varsity coach at Abilene High School. During his time there, his JV teams won the JV District Championship two consecutive years and the varsity took third place in the State Tournament.

Middleton began the boys' basketball programs at both Klein Forest and Brazoswood High Schools. He was boys' head coach for ten years at Brazoswood, where his teams won two district

championships and one bi-district title. The next eleven years found him coaching boy's basketball at Klein Forest High School in Houston. While there, his teams won one district and two bi-district championships.

Middleton retired in 1990, but after eight years, realized his heart was in education and coaching. Since his return to Haskell High, his basketball teams have won one district championship and two bi-district titles. As golf coach, he placed the Maiden Golf Team in the State 2-A tournament for two consecutive years, and coached several individuals to the state tournament.

Coach Middleton was honored as the Greater Houston Area Basketball Coach of the Year, named Coach of the Year twice for District 25-4A, twice named Coach of the Year for District 15-5A, selected Coach of the Year for District 5-2A, coached the Texas High School Coaches' South All-Star team and received the Gold Award given by Scholastic Coach and Franklin Life. In 2007, the same year he coached his 800th win, he was selected as the TABC All-Star Coach for the Class A, 2A, and 3A Girls' Blue Team. After forty-one years of coaching, his record stands at eight hundred twenty-two wins and four hundred fourteen



DAVID MIDDLETON

losses.

During his "spare time," Middleton has spoken and taught at various basketball clinics and coaching schools.

Middleton and his wife Patti have five children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He is known for his ability to mold average players into a competitive unit, while emphasizing the team concept on both ends of the floor. The induction ceremony will be held in May at the TABC convention in San Antonio.

Being inducted into the TABC Hall of Fame is one more tribute to the long and successful career of Coach David Middleton.

## Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Jones Co. Sheriff's Dept., is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing the Fairview Cemetery Church at Tuxedo. The crime occurred Sun., Oct. 12.

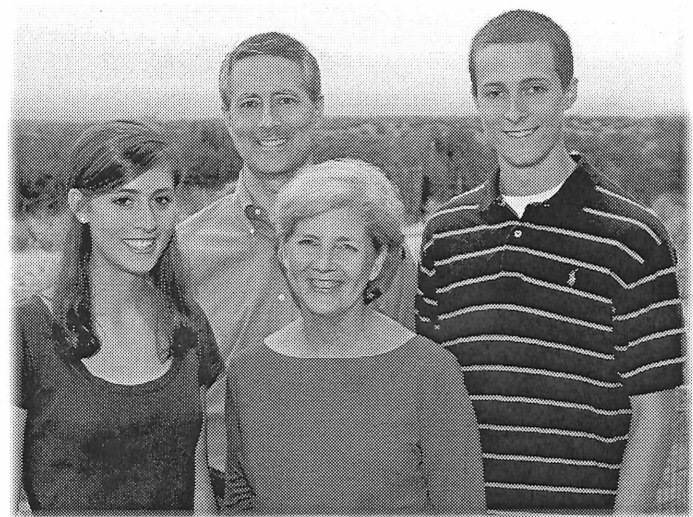
Damage included breaking windows and overturning pews.

This is the third vandalism in two years and much damage has been done to this historic church.

Anyone with information about this or any other crime is encouraged to call Clear Fork Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or the sheriff's department at 325-823-3201. All callers remain anonymous.

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## Congressman Mac Thornberry



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