

Football

HASKELL
7th-8th-JV OPEN
Thurs., Oct. 13
V Indians OPEN
Fri., Oct. 14
PAINT CREEK
Pirates OPEN
Fri., Oct. 14
RULE
Jr. High vs Guthrie
Thurs., Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.
at Guthrie
Bobcats vs Guthrie
Fri., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Bonfire

The Haskell Indian senior bonfire will be held Wed., Oct. 19 at the Carmichael farm, located at 864 Jim Strain Road. Individuals having limbs, brush or other burnable materials may call 940-256-0046 or 940-256-1057 for more information or to make arrangements. No metal, nails or other non-burnable material will be accepted.

PTO fund-raiser

Haskell Elementary PTO is selling cookie dough, pizza kits, other edible goodies and gift items as our main fall fund-raiser through Oct. 18. Orders may be placed through any elementary school student or by contacting haskellelementarypto@gmail.com or through the Facebook page at Haskell Elementary PTO.

Quilters to meet

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild of Haskell will meet Mon., Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Oct. 14 at noon at the Haskell County Courthouse. The Noah Walkathon to be held in Abilene at ACU will be discussed. All proceeds from the runners will be kept in our area to provide services for victims of family violence. The Young Homemakers Craft Show, where baked items will be sold and orders for poinsettias will be taken, will also be discussed.

Enchilada dinner

An enchilada plate dinner will be held Sat., Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. George Catholic Church in Haskell. Proceeds will benefit the youth group.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Library board

Friends of the Haskell County Library Board will meet Mon., Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E., for the election of officers for the 2011-2012 year.

Convention

The Haskell County Farm Bureau convention will be held Mon., Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Members are urged to attend.

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Indians lose to Panthers, 25-22, in district opener

As most fans and coaches know, when district play starts, the war is on. All fans got a real taste of the struggle which happens in District 4-A. As the game played out, the Panthers of Seymour overcame the Indians of Haskell 25 to 22.

The game progressed to the point that the team which

scored last would probably be the winner. Haskell dominated the first half of offense while Seymour had the upper hand the second half.

Running back Matthew Martinez had a 22 yard run for the first touchdown of the game for the Indians. Omar Mexicano kicked the PAT at

the 1:38 mark of the opening quarter. Seymour had scored on a 24 yard pass play and then added the PAT kick earlier in the quarter.

The Indians scored on their own pass play when Martinez hit wide receiver Payne Utley on a 39 yard touchdown. Mexicano added the PAT on a successful kick

with two seconds left in the first quarter.

The Indians controlled the second quarter of play but neither team could score. Haskell 14, Seymour 7 at intermission.

The Panthers seemed to take more control during the third quarter of play, scoring with 0:52 showing on the

clock. The PAT kick failed and the Indians were still in the lead, 14 to 13, with one quarter left to play.

The Panthers would score at the 9:29 mark of the fourth quarter but failed to add any PAT points. With this score, the Panthers moved ahead 14 to 19. Haskell would score on a pass play with Quarterback Brett Shelton hitting running back Martinez on a 38 yard touchdown throw and run. Quarterback Shelton would pass to running back Kiefer McNelly to tack on two more points to put the Indians up 22-19.

At this point in the game, 7:45 left to play in the fourth quarter, everyone seemed to know the last man standing would win the game. At the 6:29 mark in the final quarter, Seymour's quarterback scampered 40 yards to pay dirt to put the Panthers up 25 to 22. They did not get the extra point. Haskell would have one more possession, moving the pigskin from their own 42 yard line to Seymour's 42 yard line, only to see their hopes fade on an incomplete pass. Seymour ran the clock out with two first downs.

The game was an exciting football match with both going hard. That will be the way district 4-A football goes-hard and fast.

The Indians will have an open date for all Haskell teams this week, but will resume play with arch-rival Stamford on the 21st of October in Stamford.

Haskell had 193 yards rushing on 48 carries and had 98 yards via the air on five catches for eight attempts with no interceptions. Running back McNelly got 92 yards on 18 rushes. Running back Martinez had 13 carries for 60 yards. Running back Warren Flye got 211 yards on five carries. Running back Jarred Escobedo had six rushes for 20 yards. Quarter back Shelton was four for seven in the passing department for 59 yards and one touchdown. Running back Martinez was one for one via the air for 39 yards and one touchdown by passing.

District 4-A, the war is on!



DISTRICT PLAY UNDERWAY-Haskell Indian #2 Kiefer McNelly runs the ball behind a block by #66 Garrett Brueggeman. McNelly had 92 yards on 18 rushes against the Panthers. The Indians have an open date this week, but resume district play against Stamford Oct. 21 at Bulldog Stadium.

Special election set Tues., Nov. 8

by Caron Yates

A special election has been scheduled for Tues., Nov. 8.

According to County Clerk Belia Abila, all that will appear on our local ballot are the ten proposed constitutional amendments.

The last day to register to vote was Oct. 11. Early voting begins Mon., Oct. 24 and will continue through Nov. 4. Early voting will take place at the courthouse during regular business hours.

Information and an explanation of each of the proposed amendments can be found on the website of Secretary of State Hope Andrade, at www.sos.state.tx.us or by calling 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

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.

At first glance, we may be tempted to think that many of the proposed amendments will not have a direct effect on us individually, however it is still important that we as citizens take seriously our responsibility to be informed and then vote. After all, as Texans what does or does not become a part of our state constitution, can't help but affect us to some degree.

"Protect Your Family from Fire" is Fire Prevention Week theme

by Caron Yates

Mayor John Gannaway and the Council of the City of Haskell have proclaimed Oct. 9 through Oct. 15 as Fire Prevention Week in the city of Haskell.

Each year the Haskell Fire Department sets aside a week to apprise citizens of the assistance they can render in preventing fires.

This year, the theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Protect Your Family From Fire." This special week is recognized yearly to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8-9, 1871. It was a massive fire that killed 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

Fire Prevention Week is a time for the entire nation to recognize the skill and dedication of our Fire Service and its attempts to prevent fires and save lives and property through the

education of the general public.

It is important to remember that it is the duty and responsibility of all citizens to use caution and care in the maintenance of property. Maintaining a working smoke detector can prevent the loss of life, suffering and destruction of irreplaceable property.

Virtually all fires can be prevented by the careful planning and implementation of safety procedures. Especially in this time of severe drought, the Mayor and city council urge all citizens to enter into a personal campaign on their property to remove the hazards and conditions that exist which would create a dangerous fire risk, to check and regularly maintain a working smoke detector and to practice home fire drills.

While the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, and others like it across our

nation, are ready and willing to give of their time and effort in fighting fires, they know that one of the most effective tools in their arsenal is the education of citizens in ways to prevent fires in the first

place.

Take some time during this week, to evaluate the fire prevention measures in place at your home or on your property, and if need be, execute a safety plan.



VISITS FIRE STATION-Students of the Haskell Head Start class visiting the Haskell Fire Station recently were, l-r, Miguel Watson, Logan Trussell, Andraes Collins, Calee Phemister, Mahala Williams, Matthew Silvas, Coco Sanchez, Damien Cenicerros, Paisley Guevara, Kiley Mitchell, Trenton Langford, Diamond Silvas, Miley Yohner and Olivia Stoker. They got to see how a fireman looks when he is dressed, look at the firetrucks, and spray water from a fire hose.

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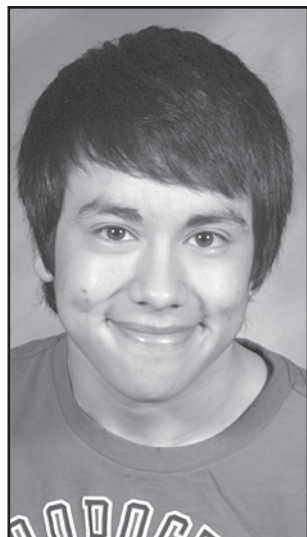




LYNNA BILLINGTON



CLAIRE CARMICHAEL



A.J. RODRIGUEZ



LAYCEE TULLOS



KATRINA BUERGER



HALEY MYERS

Students visit Rotary Club

Lynna Billington is the daughter of Jesse Billington of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she is active in yearbook, journalism, theatre and Spanish Club. She is the vice president of the Student Council.

She is on the A-B Honor Roll and has received awards in Ag, speech and U.S. History.

She enjoys photography and writing.

She plans to attend college after graduating in May.

Claire Carmichael is the daughter of Hew and Beth Carmichael of Haskell.

She attends Bethel Assembly in Anson and East Side Baptist Church youth group.

At Haskell High School, she has served on the yearbook committee for three years; been a varsity cheerleader for four years; participated in varsity softball and track for four years; and has been a member of Ag for three years.

She has been a member of National Honor Society for two years; a member of Quill and Scroll; was a regional qualifier in track for three years; earned district honors in softball including Newcomer of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and First team All District.

She enjoys showing pigs, hunting, snowboarding and learning new skills.

She plans to attend Texas Christian University or Oklahoma State University earning a degree in sports medicine to help start a career in athletic training or physical therapy.

A.J. Rodriguez is the son of Andy and Rosemary Rodriguez of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, he is a band member, participates in UIL events, is class secretary and a Spanish Club member.

He is a three year member of the sweepstakes winning band; on the District UIL accounting team; a regional UIL accounting qualifier and

was chosen Mr. Friendly.

He enjoys playing and listening to music, hanging out with his friends, playing pool and reading.

He plans to attend Midwestern State University pursuing a career in accounting with a minor in business management.

Laycee Tullos is the daughter of Jodie and Tina Tullos of Haskell.

She attends East Side Baptist Church and First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she is a member of the high school softball and track teams, is a member of the yearbook staff and on the cheerleading squad.

She earned honorable mention honors for state photography, was on the softball second team All District for 2009-10 and 2010-11; and earned first place honors for participating in State 4-H photography.

She enjoys playing fall and summer softball, cheering and 4-H, with a particular interest in photography.

She has narrowed the list of colleges she'd like to attend to Midwestern State University, West Texas A&M, Texas Christian University, Tarleton State University or Oklahoma State University. After attaining a degree, she would like to work with a sports team as a physical therapist.

Katrina Buerger is a senior at Paint Creek School and is the daughter of Kenny and Gina Buerger.

Buerger is in her fourth year as a cheerleader and basketball player for the Pirates. She has been a member of FFA each year and a chapter officer three of the years. This year, she serves as co-editor of the yearbook and helps design the school's website. She has been a cast member of the One-Act Play the past three years and plans to try-out again this year. She ran cross country for one year.

Her hobbies include showing steers and

lifeguarding.

She was selected as Miss Pirate her junior year, Football Sweetheart her freshman and junior years, One-Act Play All-Star Cast freshman and sophomore year, and Honorable Mention All-District in basketball her junior year.

She has received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence the past three years and is a member of the National Honor Society. She received the Star Greenhand Award and FFA Chapter Degree. Through the Texas Junior Livestock Association, Buerger ranks in the top ten Maine Anjou Steer category for the 2010-11 show year.

Buerger plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Ag Communications and Journalism.

Haley Myers is a senior at Paint Creek School and is the daughter of Bobby and Shannon Myers.

While in high school, Myers has been involved in cheerleading for three years, Student Council for three years, FFA for four years and serves as a chapter officer this year and the past two. Myers has been a member of the One-Act Play cast for two years. She helped originate the Fellowship of Christian Pirates organization on campus and has served as an officer. She is co-editor of the yearbook this year and helped design the school website her junior year.

She is a member of the PC National Honor Society and was recognized last year as the "Highest Ranking Junior" of her class. She has received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence for three years and has participated in numerous UIL events throughout high school. As a junior, She placed first in district in UIL spelling.

Her hobbies include singing, reading, writing and music.

After graduation, Myers plans to attend Tarleton State University to become a high school English teacher.



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH—Paint Creek September Citizens of the Month were elected from each grade level. Those who most demonstrate school pride and spirit are, front row, l-r, Kayla Bosnjak, fourth grade; Gracie Oliver third grade; Delaina Todd, Pre-K-K; Sara Edwards, eighth grade; Christopher Pannell, second grade; and Addi Yarbrough, first grade; back row, Kadie McCord, tenth grade; Stormy Darnell, ninth grade; Kelsey Smith, twelfth grade; Charitie Winterstein, eleventh grade; Sabrina Conn, seventh grade; Felicity Hannsz, sixth grade; and Bailey Hawkins, fifth grade.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS—Paint Creek School rewards students for their good attendance each six weeks. Winners having perfect attendance for the first six weeks grading period are, l-r, Jr. Bogle, Augie Moreno, Jordan Westerman, Layne Petty, Cody Mayfield and Dakota Mayor. Three students received an iPod nano 6 and three received an iPod touch 4.

Obituaries

Bobbie Jean Johnston Brass



BOBBIE BRASS

Funeral services for Bobbie Jean Johnston Brass, 88, of Rule were held Thurs., Oct. 6 at First Baptist Church

in Rule with Rev. Mike Harrington officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Rule.

Mrs. Brass passed away in Lubbock Sun., Oct. 2.

Born May 6, 1923 in O'Brien, she was the daughter of Joseph W. and Ora H. Austin Johnston. She married Howard Edward Brass in Rochester on March 31, 1951 and lived in the area most of her life. She is a member of the First Baptist Church and was always an active worker at the church. She also worked very hard

in helping Howard and her children through college, as well as her siblings.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Howard; parents, Joseph and Ora; and three brothers, Jack, Lynn and Vernon Johnston.

Survivors include her son Ed Brass and wife Traci of Kennedale; daughter Marcia Talkmitt and husband Randy of Wilson; two grandchildren, Tara of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Blake and wife Erin of Lubbock; one great grandchild, Julie; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

Mylta Jean Kimbler

Graveside services for Mylta Jean Kimbler, 70, of Haskell were held Sat., Oct. 8 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell. A memorial service followed at First Christian Church in Haskell with Rev. Frank Slayton officiating.

Born Oct. 22, 1941 in Haskell, she was the daughter of O.V. and Cortez Wilson Kreger. She married Louis Ray Kimbler March 26, 1965 in Haskell and lived in Haskell for many years. She was retired as

a special education teacher for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis; her parents, O.V. and Cortez; and her brother, Jerry Kreger.

Survivors include her son, Craig Kimbler of Stephenville; a brother, Glenn Kreger of New Home; two grandchildren, Kody Josserand and Taylor Josserand; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

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ATTENDS FALL WORKSHOP—Rule FCCLA members attending a fall leadership workshop recently were, front row, l-r, Braden Tanner, Austin Redden, Dannes Holland, Gabriel Baiz and Hunter Threet; back row, Chris Holder.

Rule FCCLA members attend fall leadership workshop

Six members of the Rule Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended a fall leadership workshop in Abilene Sept. 20.

Members attended sessions given by regional and state officers on five topics, such as texting during driving, STAR events, and other competitions.

Attending were Dannes Holland, Braden Tanner, Gabriel Baiz, Chris Holder, Hunter Threet, Austin Redden and sponsor Fonda Newton.

Rule ISD honor rolls listed

Rule ISD has announced the students on the A and A-B honors for the first six weeks of the school year.

First grade: A honor roll, Sean Gatlin, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis and Austen Sanford; A-B honor roll, Karleigh Hertel, Manuel Ortiz and Julian Trevino.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jillian Herrera; A-B honor roll, Daena Diaz, Hannah Ervin, Patrick Lightfoot, Lenzi Manske, Abigail Ortiz, Macy Rogers and Bryson Silvas.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Taylor Silvas and Carlos Cassal.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Kennedy Fritzier and Danny Kreger.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Kourtney Hertel and Avery Tanner; A-B honor roll, Daniel Cassal, Del Fritzier and Leann Manske.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Mason Helms, Christina Moore and Thomas Short.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Chase Helms.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Sierra Faulkner; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Baiza, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack and Braden Tanner.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Christina Herrera, Stormie Hollabaugh and James Simpson.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Tamran Castillo and Marissa Holden.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Josh Quintero; A-B honor roll, Celeste Caddell and Darryl Williams.

Twelfth grade: A-B honor roll, Mason Grindstaff.

Students having perfect attendance for the first six weeks were:

EE: Rylan Green.

Pre-K: Kaylee Silvas and Julio Tapia.

Kindergarten: Sirena Baiza, Astrid Guzman and Shelby Saffel.

First grade: Sean Gatlin, Karleigh Hertel, Wayland Isbell, Kelly Lowack, Cory Mathis, Manuel Ortiz, Austen Sanford and Julian Trevino.

Second grade: Daena

Diaz, Hannah Ervin, Jillian Herrera, Patrick Lightfoot, Lenzi Manske, Abigail Ortiz, Alfonso Ramos and Bryson Silvas.

Third grade: Carlos Cassal, Dean Kreger, Michael Medford, Yesenia Moreno, Hannah Sears, Taylor Silvas and Gage Thomas.

Fourth grade: Antonio Amaya, Kiya Bailey, Kennedy Fritzier, Fabian Hollingsworth, Cheyenne Kreger, Danny Kreger, Madalyn Navarette and Jessica Ramos Cruz.

Fifth grade: Daniel Cassal, Joseph Chavez, Del Fritzier, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske and Avery Tanner.

Sixth grade: Armando Chavez, Rumaldo Chavez, Adolfo Gonzalez, Mason Helms, Pablo Sandoval and Thomas Short.

Seventh grade: Alysia Hollabaugh, Devin Martinez, Abel Sandoval Cruz and Hunter Threet.

Eighth grade: Gabriel Baiza, Kylie DeVille, Sierra Faulkner, Mathew Frazier, Chris Holder, Samantha Lewis, Kade Lowack and Braden Tanner.

Ninth grade: Jessica Gutierrez, Christina Herrera, Stormie Hollabaugh and Josh Starr.

Tenth grade: Gloria Gonzalez and Marissa Holder.

Eleventh grade: Josh Quintero, Jennifer Starr and Darryl Williams.

Calendar

Anniversary

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, will conduct their 92nd anniversary and 35th homecoming service Sun., Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. The theme is, 'We come this far by faith,' 1 John 4: 1-12. Barbara Smith will bring the day's sermon.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed. A representative from the Wichita Falls Food Bank will also be available to assist anyone in Haskell County interested in signing up for various programs.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 15 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Part D assistance

A representative from the Area Agency on Aging of West Central Texas will provide assistance with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) Open Enrollment Thurs., Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building and Mon., Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st in Haskell. Participants must bring their Medicare cards and a current list of prescriptions, including dosage and strength.

Spaghetti supper

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell will host their annual chicken spaghetti supper Fri., Oct. 28 at the Haskell High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased from any club member or at the door. Carry-outs will be available.

Haskell health fair

The Haskell community health fair will be held Thurs., Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building, 1 Ave. N. Exhibits. Flu shots, free health screenings, hourly door prizes, give away gifts, assistance in Chips and Medicaid enrollment will be available at the fair.

Fall revival

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell is having a revival

Oct. 23-26. The theme is "One Another," discussing what it means to live as a gospel community. There will be a guest preacher and musician. Sunday morning a free breakfast will be served at 9:30 for high attendance day; Sunday School will start at 10 a.m. followed by the morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services start at 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday nights the revival services will begin 7 p.m.

Library, 300 North Ave. E., for a program on Home Life and Education. Chef Darlene Walton, Texas answer to Paula Dean, will present a program on Rockin' Texas Real Ranch Cuisine. Members are asked to bring wigs, hats, turbans, and scarves for cancer patients and in observance of Cancer Awareness. A report of the TFWC Fall Board meeting held in Merkel, Oct. 8, will be given.

Study Club

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell County

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

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4-H Club news

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold the October meeting Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third through the twelfth grades are welcome to come

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

and join.

The 4-Hers are welcome to come in costume. A contest will be held for the scariest and most original. The clubs will meet in costume and go "Trick-Or-Treating" through town to collect canned goods for the local food bank.

A business meeting about upcoming events, contests and future meetings will be held. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

4-H is currently accepting enrollments though the end of October.

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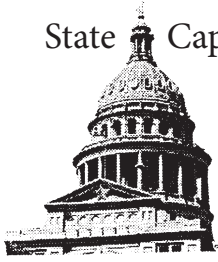
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

'Occupy Wall Street' type demonstration emerges in Austin

AUSTIN—A crowd of Texans gathered peacefully outside of Austin city hall beginning on Oct. 5 to launch a multi-day, non-partisan public demonstration titled "Occupy Austin."

Sign-waving and banner-carrying people and speakers expressed their views on such topics as government bailouts, home foreclosures, lack of job opportunities, corporate greed, hard-to-repay loans and general economic gloom.

Similar events emerged in other cities across the nation, inspired by the world media attention-grabbing "Occupy Wall Street" gathering that began in New York, N.Y. on Constitution Day, Sept. 17.

The Austin crowd, swelling to more than 1,000 at times, generated a carnival-like atmosphere with cautious police on scene. Many participants identified themselves as "The 99%"—meaning those who would not be classified as in the top 1 percent of Americans, by wealth. By the third day of Occupy Austin, and with long-awaited rain falling intermittently, the number of demonstrators ebbed and flowed, sometimes shrinking to fewer than 200. But on the morning of Oct. 10, the Columbus Day holiday, a crowd had assembled again at the city hall plaza.

Austin police closely monitored the demonstration, prepared to enforce the city's ordinance that prohibits the use of a public area to carry on cooking activities, dig, store personal belongings, make a camp fire or use a tent, other shelter or vehicle for a living accommodation.

EPA proposes looser air rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Oct. 6 proposed a tweak to its Cross State Air Pollution Rule that would allow Texas to emit more smoke than originally approved from its coal-fired power plants.

Gov. Perry issued a statement following the EPA's announcement, saying, "The changes proposed today by the EPA prove there are undeniable flaws with the CSAPR rule that would cause job losses and higher energy costs with no definite environmental benefit to Texas. The EPA added Texas in the 11th hour, circumventing the appropriate comment period for this rule without regard to the harm it would cause to Texas families and employers. We will continue to fight the job killing mandates passed down by this administration and the unelected bureaucrats at the EPA."

The Dallas-based power company Luminant called the EPA proposal "a step forward" but said the proposed revisions would have to undergo an

analysis.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Greg Abbott reiterated his and the governor's position that the CSAPR regulations "threaten job losses for hardworking Texans and undermine electric reliability for Texas families." But Abbott went further, asserting, "making minor technical corrections cannot make these regulations lawful." Abbott's office said plans are to continue the state's legal challenge to the federal clean air rules.

Personnel changes at agencies

Deirdre Delisi on Oct. 6 resigned as chair of the five-member Texas Transportation Commission, the agency that oversees the statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Delisi chair in April 2008. Her term was to expire in February 2013.

Gov. Perry on Oct. 7 promoted Texas Transportation Commission member Ted Houghton to the chairmanship, replacing Delisi.

Houghton was appointed to the Commission in 2003 by Perry and reappointed in 2009. The El Paso native is self-employed in the financial services industry and he is the first resident of El Paso to serve on the Commission.

In late September, the Texas Transportation Commission selected former Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson as executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, effective Oct. 17.

Wilson, currently a high level executive for the power company Luminant, also has chaired the Governor's Competitiveness Council and served on Gov. Perry's staff. Wilson succeeds Amadeo Saenz as chief executive of the 12,000-employee agency. Saenz, who had held the post since 2007, retired at the end of August after 33 years with TxDOT.

Wildfire assistance made available

Victims of wildfires may apply for disaster unemployment assistance with the Texas Workforce Commission as a result of an expansion of the Presidential Disaster Declaration, FEMA 4029, the agency announced recently.

Assistance now is to include workers who lost their jobs and self-employed individuals who have been unable to work due to wildfires in Anderson, Caldwell, Fayette, Henderson, Hill and Rusk counties. Similar unemployment assistance previously was approved for Bastrop, Cass, Colorado, Gregg, Grimes, Harrison, Houston, Leon, Marion, Montgomery, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Walker, Waller and Williamson counties.

To apply for assistance the toll-free number to call is 800-939-6631 and the website is ui.texasworkforce.org.

10 Years Ago October 11, 2001

The Haskell High School twirlers kept the medal tradition alive when competing in the UIL Region 2 twirling contest. Advancing to the state competition are Bergen Peiser, Katie McKnight, Olivia Messenger and Tracy Richardson.

Senior Corporal Johnny Josselet of Haskell was honored with a reception upon his retirement after thirty years of service in the Texas Highway Patrol. He received several awards and special commendations.

Paint Creek High School seniors Paul Schonerstedt and Natasha Lopez were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime ceremonies of the football game.

20 Years Ago October 10, 1991

Shana McKenzie, seventeen year old daughter

of Gene and Doy McKenzie, received the F.W. Martin Memorial Achievement Award. The award, presented each year by Mary Martin, goes to an active 4-H member whose activities best exemplify the standards of the late F.W. Martin, Haskell County Agent from 1944 to 1967.

Larry Cunningham, Donald Griffis and Allen Moeller were elected to two-year terms on the board of directors for the Haskell County Farm Bureau during the annual convention. Outgoing directors Lonnie Hodgins, Robert Aycok and Woody Turnbow were recognized for their service to the Farm Bureau.

Holly Hobgood, daughter of Bobby and Debbie Hobgood, was crowned homecoming queen during the halftime ceremony. She was escorted by Cody Josselet.

30 Years Ago October 8, 1981

Samuel Herren, the official observer at Haskell, was awarded the United States Government 40 year service emblem and letter of appreciation from the Director of the National Weather Service.

Joe Clark of Sagerton, was honored as the outstanding dealer for Pioneer brand seeds on the Rolling Plains. He was presented a "D" award, signifying the highest honor a Pioneer dealer can earn.

The Champion Youth Exhibitor for the Haskell County Fair was Debbie Quade of Rochester. Best of Show in the Youth Art Division was Chad Gibson, with Sherre Dumas named Reserve Best of Show. In the Youth Educational Exhibits, Best of Show went to Kay Fisher of Paint Creek, while Jill Jennings and Rebecca

Holt, both of Haskell, received Reserve Best of Show honors.

40 Years Ago October 14, 1971

Ruth Ann Klose has recently passed the Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators examination. It consisted of two day examinations, followed by the Oral Suitability Examination.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Harlan Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Haskell, is a member of Training Squadron 28 at Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi. The Squadron was awarded its second consecutive "Top Prop Squadron" award as well as the quarterly "Aces" award.

50 Years Ago October 12, 1961

Haskell PTA members attending an all day Safety Program presented by Dyess Air Force Base were Mrs. Glenn Sammons, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. R.W. Herren, Mrs. Ed Hester and Mrs. John Hisey.

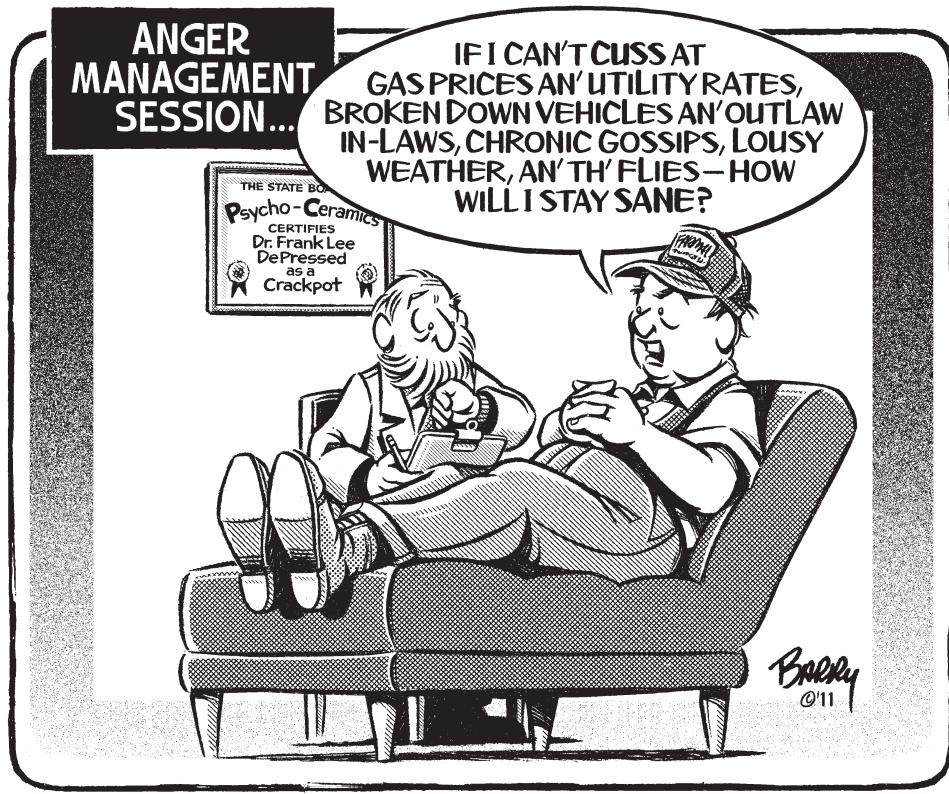
Alton Sanders, Scoutmaster of Troop 28, will receive his Woodbadge award in a ceremony held at First Baptist Church in Weinert.

100 Years Ago October 14, 1911

The Jury Commissioners for County Court were R. Massey, Crawford Allen and O.B. Norman. They selected lists of Petit Jurors to serve in county court.

The Haskell Free Press and the Haskell Herald go to the readers of each paper in consolidated form beginning this week.

M.O. Field of Rule, has purchased the wagon yard on South Clack Street, and moved to Haskell.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Editor's note: Guest columnist is Twyla Pace while Mr. and Mrs. Mayor are attending the cowboy symposium in Ruidoso.

Okay, I admit to being one of those weird people who reads each issue of the National Geographic from cover to cover. The January 2008 issue carried a haunting article, The Emptied Prairie by Charles Bowden, regarding the nearly inevitable population decrease in the rural Great Plains. With Haskell on the decline several years prior to 2008 and even until recently, this article continued to trouble me with a sense of foreboding for the future of our community. Continued ebbing of population of small towns. Or, is that the reverse?

Regarding downward spiraling, the economic development director of Marmarth, North Dakota stated, "The hardest part of living in a declining town is trying to figure out how to stop it. Things happen so slowly, you really don't notice at first...and you wake up one day and wonder what happened here." Through such a demographic spiral, poverty often spreads throughout the remaining community population.

Larger and larger land masses of the Plains are now considered frontier, according to the old census measurement of fewer than six residents per square mile. The size of France and Germany combined, this area of the Plains has fewer people per square mile than

the North Pole or Greenland (The Dwindling Heartland: America's New Frontier by Laurent Belsie, published in the Feb. 11, 2003 edition of The Christian Science Monitor).

Think these statements apply to the Great Plains only? In the article Numbers in Rural America Dwindling written by Hope Yen and published in the July 28, 2011 edition of The Arizona Republic, nearby Cottle and King Counties along with Culberson County are all listed as losing 20 percent of their population within the last 10 years. Entire rural America accounts for just 16 percent of the nation's population, the lowest ever.

So what happened? Some younger families sold their property and moved to where life is easier and more financially rewarding. The ones left are usually older. There are constant funerals. Churches and businesses closed for lack of people and support. Hundreds of small towns disappeared from the map.

It's tough to turn the tide. But the biggest risk is resignation.

A fact that cannot be questioned is that Haskell is fighting to prevent such a future. We don't feel resignation and despair in this community. In fact, the last year or so has brought an air of hopeful expectation and optimism in what the future will bring. Had the residents of Haskell not been encouraged to take steps to improve our town, we would still be caught in a downward spiral resulting

in less population and more poverty experienced by residents.

Instead, Haskell is once again becoming a beautiful, bustling small town. No one at the city level of government is singling anyone out when there are requests to please participate in the town clean up and beautification projects. We should all be willing to participate in an effort that will bring nothing but improvement.

These projects benefit every citizen and every local business by attracting prospective residents and businesses to Haskell. We encourage others to come live here—or not—by the way our town is presented and viewed. Increased population results in more demand for housing thus increasing property values and keeping taxes low.

Clean windows—or not—are noticed. One ex who returned for homecoming commented, "And just think—all these improvements started with cleaning windows on the square."

Our forward thinking city government is always searching for ways to improve our community. Solutions and responses are being developed for a variety of areas found relevant by the citizenry at the town meeting last year.

We have so much to offer those weary of cities. We have the benefits of the Sun Belt without the crowds and problems. This is a place where the local barber and beauty shops and a corner drug store still exist. Neighbors really do look out

for one another. People hang on to small town values of hard work and keeping one's word and expect the same of others. And the pace of life here is anything but slow!

A traffic jam is five cars driving slowly. Haskell has excellent teachers and good schools. We are fortunate to have medical care available through our doctors, nurses and dentists and the means for rapid transport to larger facilities should the need arise. We have a variety of businesses, restaurants and facilities here for our convenience and well being. Our cost of living is low and our taxes are the lowest in the area.

Your neighbor watches your house and feeds your dogs and/or horses while you are out of town. If you miss church on Sunday, that afternoon or at least by Monday morning someone will call to check on you. Many of us keep a casserole in the freezer to quickly respond to the needs of others.

Recently our 21-year old granddaughter was driving across town with her boyfriend when he asked her why she waved at all those she met. She couldn't possibly know everyone here. Raine's response was, "This is Haskell. Everyone is friendly and waves whether they know you or not." We are so blessed to live here!

Through effective encouraging and leadership coupled with determination and effort on the part of residents, Haskell will not become a downward spiraling statistic. When is Haskell's best time? Now!"

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
 October 9-15



Almost all fires can be prevented by taking certain precautions to make your home safe. Here are some fire prevention tips:

Cooking

- Stay close by and pay attention when cooking. Unattended cooking is one of the most common causes of fires.
- Keep combustibles—such as curtains or drapes, clothing, packaged foods and trash—away from stoves.
- Clean grease from the stove and flue.



Heating

- Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.
- Take special care with fireplaces. Use a screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation.
- Keep combustible items away from all heating units.

Appliances

- Don't overload dryers and be sure to remove lint regularly.
- Check your appliances at least once a year to see that they are clean and functioning properly and that insulation has not broken or cracked.
- Buy appliances having Underwriters Laboratories or other nationally recognized testing laboratory approval.

Electrical Distribution

- If there is any sign of electrical trouble, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by an electrician.
- Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed wires.

Safety

- Keep matches and cigarette lighters away from children.

Wildfire control

- Control vegetation within 30 feet of your home.
- Keep trees and brush away from power lines.
- Space trees at least 25-30 feet apart.
- Install spark arrester on chimney.
- Keep roof and gutters clean.
- In rural areas, know where existing water sources can be found, such as ponds, that can be used as a source of water for fire trucks.
- Stack firewood away from home.



Test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Have a family fire drill.

Practice your escape plan.

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Rule School Menu

Oct. 17-21 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Choice of pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit
Tuesday: Choice of biscuit with sausage and gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches
Wednesday: Choice of breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce
Thursday: Choice of waffles

with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, pears
Friday: Choice of biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, applesauce
Lunch
Milk and red slush served daily.
Monday: Choice of ravioli with roll or antipasto salad with salami or bologna and cheese sandwich, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, peaches
Tuesday: Choice of Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese sandwich, glazed carrots, crackers, fresh fruit, lettuce and cheese
Wednesday: Choice of beef and bean burrito or pasta salad or ham and cheese sandwich, Mexicali corn, charro beans, applesauce, mixed fruit
Thursday: Choice of steak fingers with gravy and roll or tuna salad or tuna sandwich, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit
Friday: Choice of pizza or chef salad or po-boy sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie

ECC Menu

Mon., Oct. 17
Taco salad meal, tea or coffee
Wed., Oct. 19
Pulled chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, Coke cake, tea or coffee
Fri., Oct. 21
Beef stew, tuna or pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, chips, lemon cake, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Paint Creek honor roll students named

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls.
First grade: A honor roll, Augustus Blair, Steelyn Blair, Alysha Mitchell, Levi Rhoads, Ragen Thompson, Autumn Westerman and Addi Yarbrough; A-B honor roll, Kaiden Castillo, Brennan Jordan, Ryan Nicholson-Apsitis, Matthew Villarreal and Mason Webb.
Second grade: A honor roll, Chris Acosta and Ethan Jenkins; A-B honor roll, Dawson Conn, Jaron Langford, Donovan Rodriguez, Kolby Tidrow and Jordan Westerman.
Third grade: A honor roll, Eric Perkins; A-B honor roll, William Bogle, Jasmine Boyd, Steven Crain, Dakota Davis, Zakary Elkins, Brett Meurer, Gabriel Mitchell, Gracie Oliver, Dylan Souther and Corbin Waggoner.
Fourth grade: A honor roll, Nancy Acosta; A-B honor roll, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak, Augi Moreno, Jaclyn Snelling and Larissa Villarreal.
Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Manuel Acosta, Garrett Arendall, Jr. Bogle, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipina, Brittany Melton, Chase Thompson, Gabe Todd and Antonio Yanez.
Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham and Katelyn Jenkins.
Seventh grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Buddy Trotter; A-B honor roll, Devon Benitez, Zhenia McTasney, Corey Mengwasser and Melisa Rock.
Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Hanna Colley and Caitlyn Mengwasser.
Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Hunter Hollingsworth, Cody Mayfield and Kadie McCord.
Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones.
Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers and Layne Petty; A-B honor roll, Katie Bosnjak and Felysha Walker.

Rule ISD Employee Spotlight

Leslie Kupatt is the Guidance Counselor and District Testing Coordinator at Rule ISD. She has worked for the district for sixteen years.
She and her husband of thirty years, Kraig, reside in Sagerton where they farm and ranch.
She has two daughters Kortney and Kymbre.
Also around the farm are three cats, Paws, Midnight and Horatio; and four dogs, Maddy, Zippy, Molly and Rhyder.
Kupatt enjoys boating, camping, snow skiing, reading and having fun with her family.
She went parasailing with friends in Hawaii last summer and went up on a 1,000 foot rope, but said that she really couldn't tell much about the experience



LESLIE KUPATT

because she only opened her eyes once!
Her favorite scripture is Romans 8:28, "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose."

Haskell School Menu

Oct. 17-21 Breakfast
Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, apple juice
Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches, orange juice
Wednesday: Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, sour green applesauce, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears, apple juice
Friday: Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, original applesauce, orange juice
Lunch
Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.
Monday: Choice of one: Chef Boyardee ravioli with roll or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; Choice of up to three: sweet corn, green beans, mixed

fruit, peaches, red slushy.
Tuesday: Choice of one: Frito chili pie or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, fresh honeydew, lettuce and cheese, red slushy.
Wednesday: Choice of one: Beef and bean burrito or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce, majestic pears, red slushy.
Thursday: Choice of one: Steak fingers with gravy and roll or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe, whole wheat crackers, red slushy.
Friday: Choice of one: Tony's pizza or chef salad or energy meal with po-boy; Choice of up to three: tater tots, baked beans, original applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, red slushy.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith reminds us of our duty to become good citizens

We all live in or near a community of some kind, be it a metropolitan area or a small village that just barely made it on the maps, and even if we only work or shop there, we should take an interest in it. Every municipality has its governing body made up of men and women whose job is to improve the local quality of life. However, every town also has its problems, and we can help those officials solve them by attending city council or town hall meetings and speaking up about the issues that concern us. At your house of worship you will always receive the courage to do the right thing, and if that includes alerting your elected officials to specific problems, you will thereby improve not only your own life, but also the lives of all the other residents of the area.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.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
Rev. David White, 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., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, 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., 10:45 a., 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.m.
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
First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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
God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
—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
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 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
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.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

Paint Creek School Menu

Oct. 17-21 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Pigs n blanket
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
Thursday: Toast or cereal
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, rice,

broccoli, salad, applesauce
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, oranges
Wednesday: Burritos, corn, salad, jello
Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, bread, gravy, peas, fruit
Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, pickles, salad, fries, cookies

Capital Farm Credit announces distribution

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors recently approved a \$50 million cash distribution by retiring a portion of previously-allocated equities to be paid this fall.
This amount represents more than three times, or \$35 million, more than the 2010 retirement. Capital Farm Credit, a customer-owned cooperative, continues to demonstrate its financial strength and stability and longstanding tradition of sharing earnings with its customers.
Combined with cash patronage paid earlier this year, Capital Farm Credit has returned record cash distributions, totaling \$82 million in 2011. To date, we have returned more than \$400 million to our customers in capital through its patronage program and stock reductions, reinforcing our commitment to our customers' financial success.
"Our Board of Directors is committed to the cooperative principle of managing our

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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 6233-87-001 for SEALING CRACKS in FISHER County, etc. will be opened on October 27, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$182,674.00.
Contract 6234-48-001 for DISTRICT SEAL COAT in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on November 2, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,678,611.78.
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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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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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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Microsoft Word & Excel experience. Knowledge (not required, but helpful) in telephone terminology, IPTV, DSL and Dial-Up Internet, local and long distance calling. Benefits pending the completion of three-month probationary period. Applications may be obtained at Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. or by calling: 940-886-2036. 41c

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MOVING THE BALL—Haskell Indian #1 Mathew Martinez struggles to gain yardage against the Seymour Panthers. He is aided by #60 Sterling Bird. Martinez had 13 carries for 60 yards and scored two touchdowns during the battle. Haskell lost to the Panthers, 25-22.



DOWNED PANTHER—Haskell Indians #10 Ryan Markey and #62 Stewart Urich down a Seymour Panther during last Friday's game at Indian Field.



INDIAN TACKLE—Haskell Indians #9 Brady Leach and #4 Warren Flye tackle a Seymour Panther early in the opening game of District 4-A played last Friday night in Haskell.

City of Rule to sponsor Trunk or Treat Oct. 29

The City of Rule's third annual Trunk or Treat, will be held Sat., Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rule School parking lot.

Those participating are asked to decorate their vehicle, trailer, golf cart, lawn mower, or whatever and to dress up. Persons may bring their lawn chairs, visit, hand out candy and just enjoy the evening. Prizes will be given for best "categorized" decorations and costumes or participants. To register and reserve a parking space call Rule City Hall from now until Oct. 28.

All vehicles participating, decorated or not, need to be in their parking spot no later than 5:30 p.m. Vehicles should enter the parking lot from Sunny Ave. side.

The haunted house will be from 7:30 p.m. til? (donations appreciated). A hay ride will be sponsored by the Rule Prom Committee.

For more information, call Rule City Hall at 940-996-2214 during regular business hours. Sponsoring the Trunk or Treat is the City of Rule, Rule Chamber of Commerce and Rule ISD.

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Walkathon to benefit Noah Project

The Noah Project, a leading advocate for victims of domestic violence, is sponsoring the second annual Noah Project "Stop Domestic Violence One Step at a Time Walkathon."

The walkathon will be held Sat., Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Elmer Gray Stadium on the Abilene Christian University campus in Abilene.

Last year over two hundred people walked to raise awareness about domestic violence in our area, as well as to raise money to help support Noah Project's work with individuals and families who are victimized by violence in their homes. So many times, it is innocent children whose lives are turned upside down by this violence.

Supporters of the walkathon are asking Big Country residents to assemble a team of ten people, gather monetary pledges, and come out to walk against domestic violence in the Big Country.

The Noah Project depends on fund-raisers such as this to carry out their mission of assisting victims of domestic violence. Organize or walk with a team if possible, and if not, offer a pledge. For more information or to receive a team packet, contact Karen Dansby at Noah Project, (325) 676-7107.

Six man football scores

Veribest 58, Paint Creek 12
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Paint Creek attendance soars when students motivated by chance to win iPad and more

by Susie Caraway,
Communications Director
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Associates

Haskell, Texas—Supt. Don Ballard of Paint Creek, ISD and his Board have been painfully aware of poor attendance at Paint Creek—that is, until it all turned around in Feb. 2011.

Mr. Ballard formed a committee of teachers to brainstorm ways to motivate students to attend school. Their attendance hovered slightly over 95 percent, a figure they weren't satisfied with.

The committee reasoned that students were fascinated by technology, so they implemented Paint Creek's Technology Rewards Program.

The plan started in January of this year with a letter going out to all parents listing the details of the program.

Details of their program:

- iPad or notebook mini-computer to 1 winner (random drawing) with perfect attendance, meaning 3 or less excused absences (for junior high and high school students).
- All students with perfect attendance get a \$5 Sonic card.
- MP3 player (random drawing) to 1 winner with "near perfect attendance," meaning 3 or less unexcused absences.
- Drawings held each six weeks for elementary, junior high and high school.
- Elementary students receive Xboxes, DSi, and other age-appropriate prizes.
- Grand prize at year's

end for junior high and high schools students, a large, flat-screen t.v., given to a randomly selected student in the Perfect Attendance category.

School districts receive funding from the state, based on attendance. "Just one student attending regularly, that is, perfect or near perfect attendance, means about \$7,000.00 more for the district each year, and just one student will pay for the program," says Ballard. He went on to say how very excited the teachers are to see so many students attending on a regular basis.

After implementing the program, Paint Creek now is proud to have approximately 98% student attendance.

What has Ballard noticed since the program began? "Students are much more motivated to come to school. Regular attendance leads to greater progress for students



DON BALLARD

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"We've given students incentives to work harder and they are meeting the challenge." Ballard is pleased and humbled by the success.

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