

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-JVB Eula Tourney
 Nov. 18-20, TBA
 at Eula
VG, VB vs Abilene Hawks
 Fri., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roby
 Mon., Nov. 21, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
8th G-B vs Roscoe
 Mon., Nov. 21, 5 p.m.
 at Rochester
JVG-B, VG-B vs Seymour
 Tues., Nov. 22, 4 p.m.
 at Seymour
PAINT CREEK
VG-VB Lueders-Avoca
Tournament Nov. 17-19
 at Lueders-Avoca
VG-VB vs Loraine
 Mon., Nov. 21, 6 p.m.
 at Loraine
JH vs Rule
 Mon., Nov. 21, 4 p.m.
 at Rule
VB vs Benjamin
 Tues., Nov. 22, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 24 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Gospel concert

The Rochester family gospel concert will be presented Thurs., Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Weinert.

Craft show

The Haskell Young Homemakers will hold the annual Haskell Young Homemakers Craft show Sat., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Vendors from across the state will be on hand with their jewelry, hand-painted items, candles, clothing, monogramming machines, food and much more.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 19 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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Quilters to meet

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild of Haskell will meet Mon., Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

Thanksgiving meal

The ninth annual Thanksgiving meal will be served at the Haskell Church of Christ Activity Center located on Hwy. 277 in Haskell Tues., Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. for all residents in Haskell County that might not be able to share this traditional meal with their families for whatever reason. The meal and time of Christian fellowship is provided by a combined effort of local churches and businesses, coordinated by the Christians in Action.

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HYH Arts and Craft Show Saturday

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DECORATIONS GOING UP-Volunteers and Haskell County employees were busy arranging the Christmas decorations around the Courthouse this week. Unloading the goodies from the trailer were, l-r, Larry Brueggeman of Precinct 2, Fred Baitz of Precinct 4 and Rick Tidrow of Precinct 2.

Arrests made in drug store burglary

Arrests have been made in the Nov. 4, early morning burglary of The Drug Store.

On Tues., Nov. 8, Haskell Police Sgt. Jeff Caparoon and Haskell County Chief Deputy

Winston Stephens traveled to Dallas and served a warrant on one of the individuals

wanted in connection with the burglary. The suspect was taken into custody and brought back to Haskell.

With the assistance of the Dallas Police Department, officers recovered a bottle of pills, identified as coming from The Drug Store, along with other items relating to the burglary.

In the early morning hours of Wed., Nov. 9, word was received by the Haskell Police Department that the Dallas Police Department had apprehended the second suspect. He was picked up at the Dallas County Jail and returned to Haskell.

Surveillance cameras in The Drug Store showed the two male suspects entering the store through the front door and making their way to a locked cabinet containing narcotics. They were wearing dark clothing, gloves and had their faces partially covered.

The Haskell Police Department wants to thank the Dallas PD for their help and support in apprehending these suspects. Lead Officer Daniel Kaszuba of the Haskell PD is continuing his investigation of the incident.

Election results reported

by Caron Yates
 With only a small percentage of registered voters in Texas going to the polls, seven of the proposed amendments were approved, while three were rejected.

The approximately 245 citizens in Haskell County who exercised their right to vote, gave their stamp of approval to only four of the ten proposed amendments.

Proposed amendment 1 was approved statewide and passed in the county 199 to 47. It authorizes the Legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation.

Haskell County voters agreed with other Texas voters in favor of Prop 2,

which authorizes the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$6 billion in general obligation bonds. Locally the vote was 124 to 109.

Proposition 3, authorizing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds to finance education loans for students, locally got a nod of approval by a vote of 133 to 106.

The proposed amendment 5, which authorizes the Legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund, passed both across the state and in the county by a vote of 133 to

103.

Haskell County voters rejected all other proposed amendments, however across the state approval was given to Prop 6, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education; Prop. 9, authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision; and Prop 10, which changes the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

Proposed amendments 4, 7, and 8 were voted down by Texas voters and will not become a part of the constitution.

Goodfellows project provides to needy

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

On Sat., Dec. 3 and Sat., Dec. 10, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and

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

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Donnie Rieger, vice president; and Tommy Watson, secretary-treasurer.

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

Goodfellows Donations

Haskell Lodge #241	\$50
Anonymous	\$100
Total to date.....	\$150

Donations to meet Wall of Honor challenge are totaling up

by Caron Yates

The challenge has been issued and the response has been remarkable.

Dorothy Hartsfield, chairperson for the Wall of Honor Project, reports she recently received a call from a local business. The company has committed to match contributions made to the Wall of Honor, up to \$5,000. However, these contributions must be received by Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

Hartsfield says that the fund-raising is moving ever closer to reaching the challenge of matching funds. The deadline, however is also moving closer. At press time a total of \$3680 has been received. The total received to this point for the entire project is \$40,965.

What a boost in fund-raising efforts it would be, to add ten thousand dollars to the project this month. You may send donations to Dorothy Hartsfield at 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, TX 79521. Checks should be made payable to the Progressive Study Club. The club is a tax deductible organization.

Hartsfield says any contribution is appreciated and helps move the project one step closer to reality.

If you have been intending to make a donation, and just haven't gotten around to it, now is the time to act. This is a very generous offer for a very worthwhile project. Let's all step up to the challenge, and help Haskell County honor all those who have had a part in preserving our freedoms.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM-Haskell Elementary School fifth grade students hosted a Veterans Day program Fri., Nov. 11. Haskell Boy Scouts raised the colors. Many veterans and their spouses attended the free breakfast served by students. Musical entertainment was provided by fourth grade students.

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Rochester Family to provide free concert

A free gospel concert will be held Thurs., Nov. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Weinert.

The Southern Bluegrass Gospel Music of the Rochester Family, who perform all over the United States, will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition to being

winner of the National Quartet Convention, individual members of the group have also earned honors as Female Vocalist of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Instrumentalist of the Year and Song of the Year.

An invitation is extended to everyone in the area to

come out and enjoy the music and message of the award winning Rochester Family.

The church is located on business highway 277 in Weinert. For more information call Alton Sanders 940-673-8359 or Pastor Dan Bullock 940-207-1086.

Calendar

Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is taking orders for poinsettias to be delivered the first week in December. The poinsettias are only \$12.50 each again this year and \$25 dressed. Plants are from Dillon's Greenhouse. You may purchase them from any Advisory Committee member or by calling the Noah Project office at 940-864-2551. Orders will also be taken at the Young Homemaker's Craft Show Nov. 19 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Christmas parade set Dec. 10

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade is set Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. To enter, go by the Chamber office for an enrollment form and a waiver. Prizes are, first

place 75 Haskell Dollars, second place 50 Haskell Dollars and third place 25 Haskell Dollars. The Lions Club will serve hot chocolate at the gazebo after the parade. Santa Claus will be at the gazebo after the parade for pictures. For more information, call the Chamber office at 940-864-2477.

Thanksgiving meal set Nov. 24

Mi Familia will serve its first annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community Thurs., Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 500 N. 8th St. in Haskell. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in only.

Filing deadline

The filing window for candidates to file for a

place on the Democratic Primary ballot begins Nov. 28 and ends Dec. 15. For more information contact Sharon Mullino, Haskell County Democratic Chairman at 940-742-3559.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

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 325-864-4466.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Al-Anon

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

Teamkid

Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Join Booster Club

To become a member of the Haskell Athletic Booster Club call Barbara Utley 940-256-0972 or Billie Lindsey at 864-2602. The club dues benefit all athletes in all sports. Dues are \$15.

Bible study

A non-denominational and bilingual Bible study will be held every Tuesday at the Church of God, 714 Hwy. 380 East in Haskell, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 940-864-3982 or 325-665-8182.

Obituaries

Nadra V. Baros



NADRA V. BAROS

Services to celebrate the life of Nadra V. Baros, 79, of Haskell were held Mon., Nov. 7 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock. Services were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of

Lubbock.

After a courageous three year battle with cancer, she passed away Thurs., Nov. 3 at her home in Haskell.

Born Oct. 6, 1932 in Ennis, she was the daughter of Jack and Addie Sain.

She was the beloved wife of Marvin J. Baros and they celebrated 58 years of marriage on March 28, 2011. She was a housewife and loving mother for many years, then with her husband owned and operated ABC Nursery School in Lubbock for 11 years before retiring. She dedicated her life to her family and any children in need. Baros loved traveling and spending time with her

family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Belinda Waters and her husband Jim of Ransom Canyon; three sons, Jerry of Stamford, Kevin of Greeley, Colorado and Kent of Anson; and daughter Kim of Anson; grandchildren, Linzy, Mycki, Matthew and Tara; and many loving sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Joe Arrington Cancer Center. PD. NOTICE

Lillian Vivian Myers



LILLIAN MYERS

Funeral services for Lillian Vivian Myers, 90, of Haskell, were held Fri., Nov. 11 at First

Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Kevin Roberts officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Myers passed away Tues., Nov. 8 in Haskell.

Born Nov. 22, 1920 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Robert and Lillie Strickland Greenwood. She married Carl J. Myers in Haskell June 8, 1936. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl J.

Myers; a son, Carl W. Myers; her parents, Robert and Lillie Greenwood; and two brothers, Homer and Carroll Greenwood.

Survivors include her daughter, Ilene Mansker and husband Robert of Lubbock; a son, Danny Myers and wife Donna of Haskell; daughter-in-law, Myra Myers of Haskell; 11 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 16 great great grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

Lois Inez Pinkerton



LOIS PINKERTON

Graveside services for Lois Inez Pinkerton, 91, of Sweetwater were held Sun., Nov. 13 at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Weinert under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Pinkerton died Thurs., Nov. 10 at the Sweetwater Healthcare Center in Sweetwater.

Orphaned at the age of two, she went to live with Mitchel and Eddie Edwards

of Weinert. She graduated from Weinert High School in 1940. She lived most of her life in Houston where she was employed by Nifty Paper Company.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Iva Hunt Goode; and a brother, Bob Edwards.

Survivors include nieces, Estalynn Liles and Lizette Hastey; and nephews, Robert Wright and Blake Liles. PD. NOTICE

Workshop to be held today for business owners

Have you ever dreamed of owning your own business, but don't know how to get started?

Do you already own a business that has room for improvement or has unmet growth potential and you would take it to the next level? Then you are invited to one or both of two upcoming workshops that offer some innovative tools and strategies that will help you turn your dream for a successful business into reality.

A workshop for owners of startup and early stage businesses will be held Thurs., Nov. 17 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center, 201 S. 2nd St., in

Haskell. Discussion will focus on the basics of business development including identifying successful ideas, evaluating feasibility, formulating a model for making money, funding your business and fundamentals of marketing, financial and operations management.

A workshop for owners of existing business offering tips and tools for improvement, for growth, for accessing capital and for surviving tough economic times will be held Thurs., Nov. 17 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Discussion will focus on assessing the current status of your business prescriptions for remediating weak areas, building on

strengths and mitigating risk. Participants will learn how to implement the Business Assessment Matrix (BAM), a new innovative, one of a kind management tool. The BAM includes 17 keys to business success that help you better evaluate your business plan, establish baselines, set standards of performance and make management decisions that lead to improved company performance.

"The first workshop covers the basics of getting a business off the ground while the second addresses more advanced management issues," explained the instructor, Dr. Greg Clary, economist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Chairman of the Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. "These are one-time opportunities so serious business owners should consider investing time to attend both workshops if possible."

All participants will receive a CD with entrepreneurship business development curriculum authored by Dr. Clary and will be eligible for follow-up technical assistance following these workshops.

Workshops are being provided free of charge by the West Texas Innovation Network and grant funds received from the Texas Workforce Commission. The Development Corporation of Haskell is hosting the event. Attendees are invited from throughout the Big Country including, but not limited to Haskell, Knox, Jones, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

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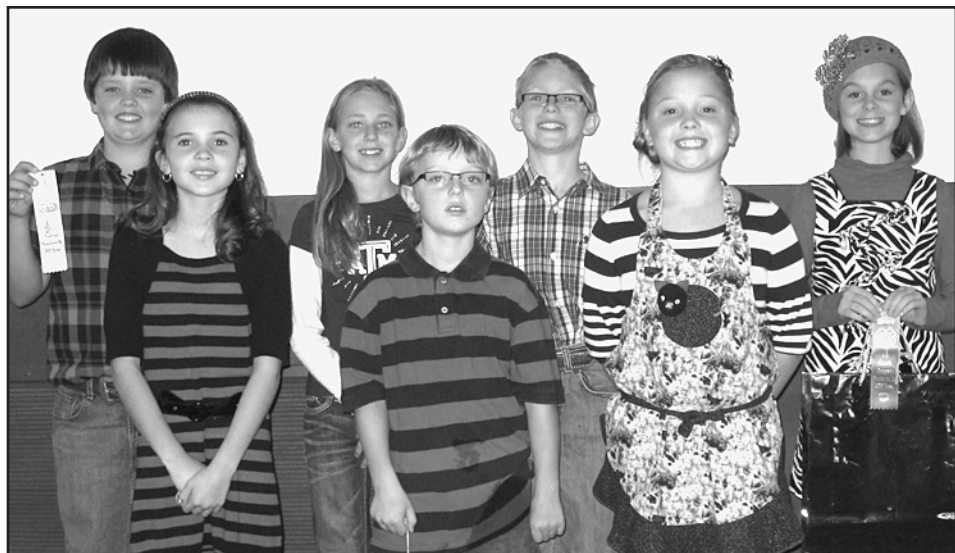
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Sarah Shaw, LVN, office nurse, right



FOOD SHOW—Haskell 4-H'ers participating in the District Food Show in Vernon Nov. 5 were, l-r, Riley Sloan, Leann Manske, Abby Homeyer, Eddie McBroom, Ernie Homeyer, Adaline Utley and Bailey Hawkins.

Hawkins takes top honors at District 4-H Food Show

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Approximately 200 4-H youth representing the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the District 4-H Food Show in Vernon Sat., Nov. 5. The four first place senior winners will advance to the State competition in June 2012. Intermediate and Junior Division winners do not compete beyond the District level.

Seven Haskell Co. 4-H'ers represented Haskell Co. in the competition. Participating in the event were:

Juniors
Main Dish, Ernie Homeyer, Haskell; Bread & Cereals, Eddie McBroom, Haskell; Fruits & Vegetables,

Bailey Hawkins, Haskell, first place; Nutritious Snacks, Adaline Utley, Haskell, fifth place; Desserts, Leann Manske, Sagerton.

Intermediates
Main Dish, Riley Sloan, Rochester, fifth place; Desserts, Abby Homeyer, Haskell.

Adaline Utley also received a certificate for her participation with an educational Exhibit on "Pork." Each contestant had earned first place honors in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District Show.

The food show was judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Serving as judges from Haskell County were Sheila Homeyer, Amy Sloan and Barbara

Utley. Contestants were interviewed on nutritional value, preparation methods and cost of preparation of their respective recipes.

The 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H. The project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy and food storage and safety.

If you would like more information about how to join 4-H and/or how to become involved in a 4-H foods and nutrition project contact the Texas AgriLife Extension—Haskell County Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or by calling 940-864-2546.

Davis presents Progressive Study Club program

Sixteen members of the Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Nov. 10 at the Haskell County Library. President Lynn Dodson called the meeting to order followed by prayer led by Susan Turner, the singing of "From the Halls of Montezuma" and "The National Anthem" led by Franciene Johnson, and the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Susan Cockerell introduced Christopher Davis, Director of Probation Services for the 39th Judicial District. He has over 29 years experience in criminal justice. In addition, Davis also has 42 years of various military services during which he was deployed on four separate occasions to combat tours that included South Vietnam, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and most recently, Iraq. In 2004, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal during his tour in Iraq.

Davis gave an overview of deployments involving American military men and women. He reviewed the history of U. S. military deployments, discussed the present War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, and reviewed the challenges of deployed members and their families.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom Davis was on the Ministry of Justice team of six in Baghdad in 2003-04. This group facilitated the reconstruction of court

facilities in central Iraq. He stated that 20% of injuries in Iraq and Iran are head and spinal injuries caused by roadside IEDs.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Connie Benton gave her report.

Dorothy Hartsfield, Federation Counselor, reported that TFWC's signature project is Domestic Violence, and that Nov. 15 is American Recycle Day. She has an anonymous donor who will match up to \$5,000 if collected by Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day for the Wall of Honor project.

Hostesses were Pam Strickland, Debbie Kennedy and Oleta Cornelius.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H clubs will hold their November meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The clubs will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The group is asked to bring a new toy for donations to be given to the Haskell Child Welfare Board to be used for Christmas gifts for distributions to local families.

A business meeting will be

held concerning upcoming events, contests and future meetings. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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Speed limit signs being removed

Crews have been removing night and truck speed limit signs in TxDOT's 13-county Abilene District.

The 65 mph nighttime and truck speed limit was eliminated by HB 1353 enacted by the 82nd Legislature. Although the law went into effect Sept. 1, signs are just now coming down because the removal had to be scheduled by contract throughout the entire state, said Roy Wright, P.E., Transportation Operations Director for TxDOT's Abilene District.

Signs along I-20 in Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell and Howard Counties were removed first. Signs along other highways throughout the district will be removed over the next two weeks.

The Abilene District includes Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor and Callahan counties.

After visiting the Haskell Young Homemaker's Arts & Crafts Show, stop by to see our Christmas selections!

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Voters amend state constitution in Nov. 8 election

AUSTIN—Voters approved seven propositions and rejected three in the Nov. 8 state constitutional amendment election.

Unofficial figures posted Nov. 9 by the Office of the Secretary of State show that a little over 5 percent of Texas' more than 12 million registered voters cast ballots in the election.

Approved were:

•Prop. 1, authorizing the Legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation.

•Prop. 2, authorizing the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$6 billion in general obligation bonds.

•Prop. 3, authorizing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds to finance education loans for students.

•Prop. 5, authorizing the Legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

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•Prop. 10, changing the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

Rejected were:

•Prop. 4, authorizing the Legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county.

•Prop. 7, adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreation facilities financed by taxes.

•Prop. 8, requiring the Legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Redistricting lines rejected
A panel of three Washington, D.C., federal district judges on Nov. 8 threw

out U.S. congressional and state House and Senate district lines redrawn by the Texas Legislature earlier this year.

The court order denying the State of Texas' motion for summary judgment to have its new redistricting maps declared legal is worded as follows:

"Having carefully considered the entire record and the parties' arguments, the Court finds and concludes that the State of Texas used an improper standard or methodology to determine which districts afford minority voters the ability to elect their preferred candidates of choice and that there are material issues of fact in dispute that prevent this Court from entering declaratory judgment that the three redistricting plans meet the requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act."

New maps must be produced by the Federal District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio.

Veterans story exhibit debuts

"Every Veteran has a Story to Tell," an exhibit at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center, opened on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and will run through September 2012.

Twelve Texas veterans of four wars—World War II, Vietnam and both Iraq wars—are featured in videos recounting their first-hand war experiences. The exhibit is the work of the Texas General Land Office.

Gov. Perry's statement in honor of Veterans Day included this excerpt: "With common bonds of selflessness and bravery, our veterans are a credit to our nation and our state. Their legacy of courage and conviction endures in the form of our most precious gift: freedom."

Jessop sentenced to 10 years

With the sentencing of Frederick Merrill Jessop last week, 10 YFZ Ranch-related defendants have been convicted on felony charges and sentenced to prison.

All were indicted on sexual assault of a child, bigamy or other charges, and two more defendants are awaiting trial, Attorney General Greg Abbott said Nov. 9.

A Coke County jury sentenced Jessop to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for performing a ceremony prohibited by Texas law, Abbott said.

YFZ Ranch, owned by the breakaway Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is near Eldorado in Schleicher County.

Prosecution of certain adult male ranch residents began after the ranch was raided by federal, state and local agencies in the spring of 2008.

10 Years Ago November 16, 2001

Haskell Indian Band Beau, Ernest Palacios and Band Sweetheart, Jessica Rieger were named to the honor during halftime activities of the final football game.

Chris McSmith of Haskell, son of Bill and Carol McSmith, was chosen Homecoming King at Hannibal-LaGrange College. The coronation took place during the Alumni/Student Homecoming banquet.

The Indians closed out the season in a game with district champs Hamlin Pied Pipers. Quarterback Heath McCulloch had 121 yards on four catches for nine passes. Receiver Eddie Loyd had 76 yards catching, Emmanuel Gonzales had 100 yards on 15 carries and James Jeanes had his third straight game of 100 plus yards rushing.

20 Years Ago November 14, 1991

Receiving recognition for service to WTU and its customers, during the annual awards dinner, were Wayne Wainscott, 40 years; N.J. Larned and B.R. Turnbow, 36 years each; J.W. Wallace, 30 years; C.W. Darden, Larry Short and Kenneth Patton, 20 years each.

Haskell CISD counselor, Nancy Toliver, participated in skill building workshops and learning programs when she attended the annual conference of the Texas Association for Counseling and Development.

Blake Henshaw, Haskell sophomore, won second place in extemporaneous speaking at the State FFA contest held at Sam Houston State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Henshaw.

30 Years Ago November 12, 1981

County winners at the 4-H Food Show in the junior division were Stephanie

Browning, Haskell; Melody Speck, Rochester; Michelle Scoggins, Rochester and Dalyn Gilly, Haskell. In the senior division, winners were Debbie Quade, Rochester; Kim Jones, Rochester; Jill Jennings, Haskell and Rebecca Holt, Haskell.

E.A. Howard, a graduate of Haskell High School, has been nominated to receive the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree. He has been a vocational agriculture teacher for thirty years, the last seventeen at Post High School.

Indian quarterback Mark Bailey scored a touchdown when he picked up a Tribe fumble and carried it into the end zone. The Indians defeated the Paducah Dragons 28-20.

40 Years Ago November 18, 1971

Lynda Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Ivey of Haskell, has landed a part in the Dupont Lucite Paint

commercial on television. She is the girl with a dab of paint on her nose.

The Rochester High School girls' basketball team lost a hard fought game with Hawley. Scoring for Rochester was Debbie Beauchamp with 16 points, Cherri Townsend, with 9 points, Sharon Foster with 3 points and Susan Stegemoeller with 2 points.

David Burson, a '58 graduate of Haskell High School, is in his first year of coaching the Haskell High School girls' basketball team.

50 Years Ago November 16, 1961

After ten years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Haskell, Rev. M.D. Rexrode has announced his resignation. He will begin duties as associate pastor and minister of finance at the First Baptist Church in Dallas.

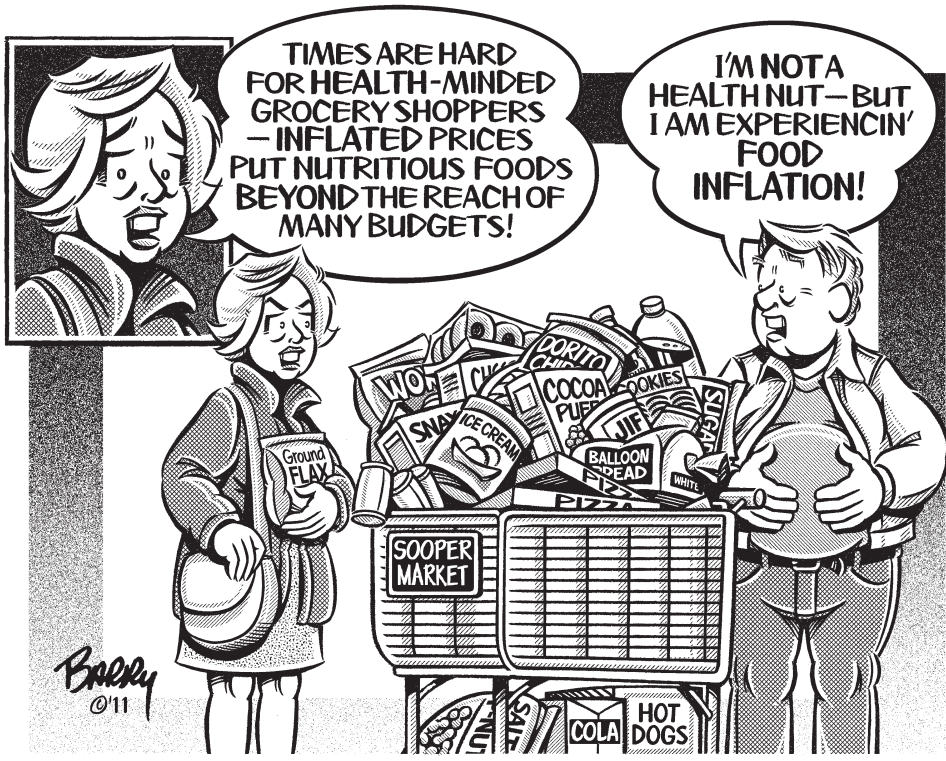
Sherry Newton of Mattson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newton, and Vern Howard Jr. of Paint Creek, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.W. Howard, were named 4-H Gold Star winners for Haskell County.

100 Years Ago November 18, 1911

Dr. Charley Terrell of Ranger was in the city. He owns the corner lot on the west side where the building recently burned. He is contemplating building a handsome brick building there.

Fred G. Hicks of Rochester, came over to take the train for Waco, where he will attend the Cotton Palace.

Mrs. R.C. Whitmire went down to Abilene to bring her daughter, Miss Bessie, home. She has been recovering from a recent operation.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I am beginning to put together quite a collection of utensils while serving as your mayor. First of all I had acquired a 'silver spoon' and then I added a 'power stick' that I used to stir the pot. This past week I added a can opener with last week's question about the Courthouse having hours that would accommodate working people such as a Saturday morning. Legitimate questions deserve legitimate answers and that was my intent. The answers follow: You pay our taxes at the Appraisal District office at 604 N. 1st St.—not the Courthouse; Tax Assessor/Collector office where you obtain license plates and registration is open during the lunch hour; the Drivers' License office is a state office and sets its own hours...you can call to check on that. A phone call and a lengthy email set me straight. I do the city and the city is open during the lunch hour every working day! From now on, you can direct questions concerning the county to Judge David Davis. It's obvious I know nothing about their business. However, I did find out more information concerning the office hours of several of the other offices in the Courthouse. They open at 8:30 a.m., close from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch and then close for the day at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. All of the hours are the same with the exception of Friday when closing time is 4:30 p.m., so you have 37 hours per week to get your business done at the Courthouse involving these offices. Being retired, it is no problem for me to get my business done. However, if you

are not retired, you may find it a bit more challenging.

However, I was surprised how many people thought it would be nice if the offices in the Courthouse had some extended hours either during the week or on a Saturday morning. Seems I not only opened a can of worms, but also awakened a sleeping giant.

I was pleased and excited that the open house for Dr. Capt was so successful. About 50 people signed the guest book and toured his new clinic. Haskell knows how to give a welcome when they're a mind to...again we say, "Welcome Dr. Capt."

The Christmas parade is scheduled for Dec. 10 this year. I'm hoping we will have as much participation as last year. This year we'll have the sound system with Christmas music for the parade, pictures made with Santa in the gazebo and hot chocolate served after the parade. I already have heard of three floats committed: last year's winner, the Garden Club, the Civic Center and the City of Haskell. Remember it is the state's only night time parade and with lots of lights we should be able to get some publicity from the Abilene Reporter-News...of course, we're not Wylie so that cuts our chances considerably. By that time surely we'll have the tops of the building outlined in lights. Big Country Electric is doing this for us as a courtesy so please be appreciative of their efforts/time/money.

The citizenry has had a good time poking fun at me about that offensive couch on the square. My thanks for

whomever took pity on me and removed it. Someone was doing it piecemeal anyway as two cushions had already disappeared. One of our city employees stated, "Let's haul off that couch before the Mayor has cardiac arrest."

The A&E television channel which airs the show "American Hoggers" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. included segments this week that were filmed in Haskell. Our area got better coverage than any other county that has been shown. I haven't seen the show yet but understand from others that I had a small part in it. Our son Jim called yesterday afternoon; we assumed something was wrong because he seldom calls anymore, usually texts or emails. He said he had learned from his cousin Kurt McCord's Facebook that his dad was a redneck. Jim hadn't seen the program yet and was just shocked that the cousin had posted, "My uncle is a redneck." His angst came from the fact that he is the son-of-a-redneck. If you recall, sometime last summer DCOH sponsored a meal with this crew as its invited guests. Haskell wasn't initially supposed to be in the limelight, but fortunately (or unfortunately) Haskell County had more feral hogs than any other place they'd been.

The Christmas spirit is attacking people early this year. I have already seen decorations going up both inside and outdoors and it is not yet Thanksgiving. I heard a newscaster say the other day that it probably would not be long before Christmas was being advertised and decorated for in July. I love the Christmas

season and what it means, but I really do think it should only be a season and not a year.

During our Mayor Run Sunday evening, the wife and I got to talking about the future of the town and what could be done. I've known this for 49 years, but once again it was pounded into my head: I'm the dreamer; she's the realist. Her mantra was: "Do what you can with the funds you have." My point was: "But what if you had all the money you could dream of?" Her comment: "Dream on." Seriously though, as we travel—something about driving—I get to "dreamin." You know that land we purchased to use the effluent water—we put up the pivot so we could use the water to irrigate a crop that would bring money into the city coffers as well. The land on the west side of the road, across from the pivot... why couldn't it be used for a vineyard (maybe the Bakers could advise) and the other part used for a farmers' market area or to grow vegetables? My wife said, "Yeah, plant some food for those feral hogs." She's perfected the art of bursting my bubbles. I know that I'm not the only dreamer in this town so help me out. Give me your ideas plus, more importantly, ways to fund them.

I still need your help finding out who from Haskell County is currently serving in the military and will be coming home soon. Most of these would be young men and women who have been serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to put together a show of appreciation that they will remember forever.

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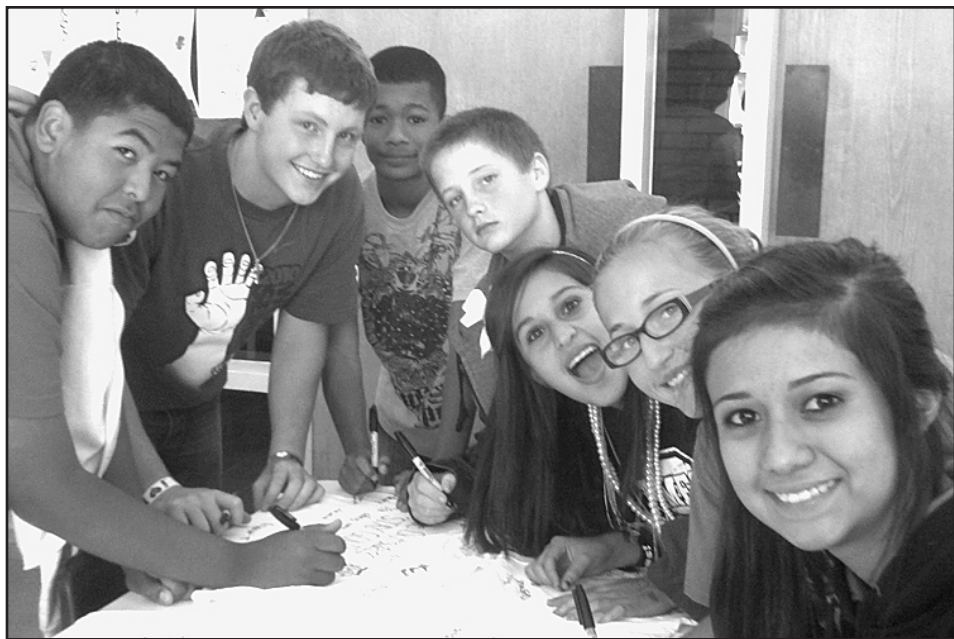
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GOOD GANGS—The Haskell CISD- Rochester Junior High eighth grade class read and studied the book "The Outsiders" by S. E. Hinton. After related class discussions/activities and STARR test preparations in Darlene Hopkins's class, the students participated in designing and signing their "Good Gang" class t-shirts. Students working on the project include, l-r, Toby Salazar, Pryce Stewart, Travon Desiviva, Kaden Seeliger, Kara Ramos, Hannah Foster and Jolene Navarrette.



PAINT CREEK SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS—Veterans who attended Paint Creek School or live in the Paint Creek community were honored with an Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 10 in the school cafeteria. Those in attendance were Wilmer Bunkley, Gary Bunkley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buerger, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Coleman, Clarence Dukatnik, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Kuenstler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marr, Raymond Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Middlebrook, Mr. and Mrs. Waller Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schaake, Jerry Terrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Todd. The students and staff want to thank these fine men as well as all veterans for their commitment and service to our country.



ATTEND FAIR—Dannes Holland of Rule High School, center, and Trevor Reese, left, and Peaches Garcia, right, both Haskell High School students, attended the Transition Fair at Region 14 in Abilene Nov. 3. Sessions were available to help educate students on the transition from high school to college. Colleges including Western Texas College, TSTC, Cisco College, Ranger College and Clarendon College were present, as well as representatives to help students apply for financial aid for college. Students learned about various training programs in fire fighting, criminal justice, health careers, food service, parks and recreation and several other areas.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS—72 students received Sonic Gift Cards for having perfect attendance during the second six weeks grading period at Paint Creek School. The winners of an iPod touch or iPod nano for having perfect or near perfect attendance are, front row, l-r, Dylan Souther and Steelyn Blair; back row, Haley Myers, Katelyn Jenkins, Justin Salinas and Caitlyn Mengwasser.

Haskell CISD seeks gifted students

Haskell CISD conducts a program for students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Any adult wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by any of the three offices: Haskell High School Office, Rochester Jr. High Office or Haskell Elementary Office to pick up the necessary forms. Offices are open from 7:45 a.m. to

3:45 p.m. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this test.

Nomination period for Haskell CISD is Nov. 4-18. During this time parents may pick up an application at any of the three campuses to nominate a student. Fill out the paperwork and return it back to the campus office by Fri., Nov. 18.

For any further assistance, contact Michelle Dunnam at 940-864-2602 ext. 105.

Christmas parade set Sat., Dec. 10 in Haskell

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2011 Christmas parade to be held Sat., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. Enrollment forms and waivers are available at the Haskell Chamber office.

This year prizes will be awarded. The first place prize is 75 Haskell Dollars, second place is 50 Haskell Dollars and third place is 25 Haskell Dollars.

The parade will not have a specific theme other than

Christmas. Santa Claus will arrive on the last float of the parade.

Remember the more lights, the better the float!

After the parade the Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate, and Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to take pictures.

For more information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office at 940-864-2477.



PLACE TENTH—The Haskell Maidens cross country team placed tenth as a team at the regional meet held in Arlington Sat., Nov. 5. Team members are, l-r, Taylor Burson, Maci Colley, Kalyn Wheatley, Ashley Adams, Kaley Mathis, Jacie Klose and Reagan Hadaway.

RULE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 418,089	\$ 9,197	\$ 427,286
State Program Revenues	977,936	7,407	985,343
Federal Program Revenues	-	262,849	262,849
Total Revenues	1,396,025	279,453	1,675,478
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	822,807	176,679	999,486
Instructional Resources and Media Services	432	601	1,033
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,460	-	1,460
School Leadership	96,469	424	96,893
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	64,219	476	64,695
Health Services	10,900	46	10,946
Student (Pupil) Transportation	238,720	-	238,720
Food Services	1,584	92,809	94,393
Extracurricular Activities	60,932	1,054	61,986
General Administration	152,502	693	153,195
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	132,052	-	132,052
Data Processing Services	38,887	16,956	55,843
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Debt	46,612	-	46,612
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,894	-	1,894
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	126,045	-	126,045
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	36,300	-	36,300
Other Intergovernmental Charges	16,807	-	16,807
Total Expenditures	1,848,622	289,738	2,138,360
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	(452,597)	(10,285)	(462,882)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	1,795	-	1,795
Capital Leases	166,855	-	166,855
Transfers In	-	10,285	10,285
Transfers Out (Use)	(10,285)	-	(10,285)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	158,365	10,285	168,650
Net Change in Fund Balances	(294,232)	-	(294,232)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,393,463	-	1,393,463
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,099,231	\$ -	\$ 1,099,231

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

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VISIT PHILHARMONIC—Haskell Elementary third, fourth and fifth grader students attended the “Encounters of a Symphonic Kind” Discover Music Concert performed by the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra Oct. 27-28. The Abilene Philharmonic’s educational mission is to assist area school’s academic goals by presenting a student-friendly concert that will be captivating and enjoyable for every student. Teachers are Tonya Cypert, Vickie Bredthauer, Vanessa Shiplett, Sheila Homeyer, Wendi Parks, Amy Sloan, Jennifer Roewe, Tammie Wallace and Pam Gibson, music teacher. Students enjoying the concert are, front row, l-r, Casey Arendall, J.R. Brown and Jacari Holland; back row, Madyson Moore, Krislyn Tatum and Tori Rodriguez.

Christmas window contest

The Chamber invites business owners to compete in the third annual Decorated Store Window Contest. The cost to enter the contest is \$5 and only those who have paid the entry fee will be judged. Winners of the Decorated Window Contest will be selected Dec. 9 and winners will be announced during the parade. After the parade the Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate, and Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to take pictures. For information or to enter, call the Haskell Chamber office at 940-864-2477.

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 21-25
Breakfast

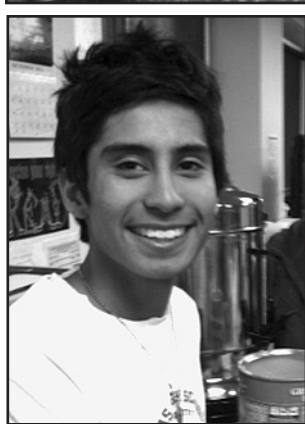
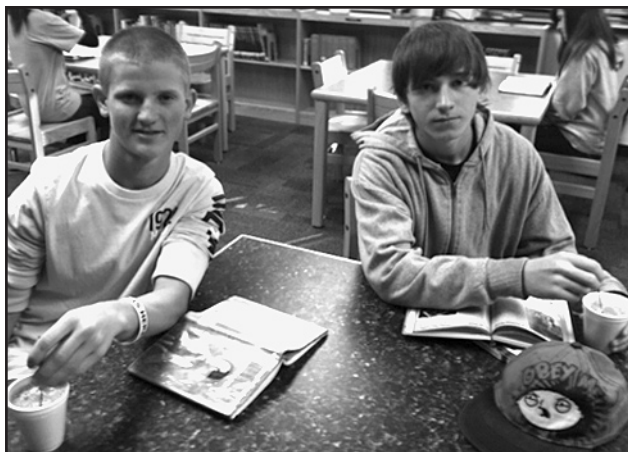
Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Berry Puffs cereal, strawberry applesauce, apple juice
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast and sausage or Lucky Charms cereal, majestic pears, orange juice

Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

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: Classic Italian lasagna with roll or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; green peas, sweet corn, fresh apple, strawberry applesauce, green slushy.

Tuesday: Energy meal with turkey and cheese, fresh fruit, chips, green slushy.
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school



TEEN READ WEEK—Teen Read Week was recognized at Haskell High School and Rochester Junior High School two days during the week of Oct. 17. Top is Micah Thomas, left, and Austin Curran, left is Lorenzo Estrada enjoying a cappuccino/hot chocolate and checking out books.

Readers enjoy cappuccino bar

Teen Read Week is recognized nationwide each year in October to promote reading and literature among junior high and high school students. For two days during the week of Oct. 17, students at Haskell High School and Rochester Junior High came to their respective libraries with the English classes to enjoy a cappuccino/hot chocolate bar and check out books.

This year’s Teen Read Week theme was “Picture It @ Your Library.” This theme was meant to “encourage students to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through the lens of literature.”

All faculty, staff and administration were invited to come in for the cappuccino bar.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



We welcome God’s most colorful season of autumn

When summer fun begins to pall
And cooler winds pervade the night,
The temperatures will start to fall
And frost will paint a brilliant sight,
In which the leaves turn red and gold;
A truly colorful display
That signifies a year grown old,
Against a sky of cloudy gray.

It’s harvest time from tree and field,
For food on which we all rely;
By reaping what the earth will yield,
Before the snow begins to fly.
Our house of worship makes it clear:
God shows His love in many ways,
From indications that appear
With autumn’s beauty all ablaze.

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.
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.
Weinert

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

Stephania 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 Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

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

Rule ISD Employee Spotlight

Ellen Rieger has taught first grade at Rule ISD for 30 years.

She and husband of 34 years, Donnie, reside in Haskell. He is a salesman for Sport-About. The couple has two grown daughters, Anna and Jessica; and a Schnauzer granddog, Chloe.

She enjoys playing the piano and spending time with her family and friends.

Her favorite scripture is “Trust is the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your



ELLEN RIEGER

paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6.

Paint Creek ISD seeks gifted students

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Anyone wishing to nominate a child believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the office at Paint Creek School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up the necessary forms. The

office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this test.

Nomination period for Paint Creek ISD is Nov. 14-21. All completed nomination forms are due back in the Paint Creek School office by 3:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 21. For further assistance, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 21-25
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp
Tuesday: Ham sandwiches, salad, chips, rice krispies
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 21
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, peach cobbler,

tea or coffee
Wed., Nov. 23
Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato wedges, cole slaw and dressing, peach chantilly, tea or coffee
Fri., Nov. 25
Closed

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LAPTOP WINNER—The winner of a laptop computer given by Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperation during their 60th anniversary celebration is Frances Weise, front. On hand during the presentation were, l-r, Isabel Moya, SRTC representative; Leonard Weise; and Debra Medford, SRTC representative.



VETERANS DAY STORY—Rule ISD student Celeste Caddell read a short story about veteran Jack Sellers during the Veterans Day celebration held in Rule Nov. 11. Others students who read stories were, back row, l-r, Chris Holder, Mason Grindstaff, Darrel Williams and Colton Rogers. All veterans were honored including front row, John Hisey, Leroy Wilson, Bill Bowles and Malcolm Hertenberger.



VETERANS DAY SONGS—Rule Elementary students lead the crowd in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," then, sang "Proud to be an American" during the Veterans Day celebration held at Slim Sorrells Park in Rule Fri., Nov. 11.

Area basketball scores

Haskell Girls Haskell 48, Hawley 29 Scoring for Haskell: Shelton	10, Johnson 8, C. Hadaway 8, Rodriguez 6, Garcia 6, R. Hadaway 3, Cassidy 2, Adams 2, Colley 2, Rivera 1.	Jayton 53, Paint Creek 52 Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 31, McCord 7, Trotter 8, Bosnjak 3, Buerger 3.
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RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony during the open house for Dr. Mike Capt's new clinic, Haskell Memorial Hospital Clinic, located adjacent to Haskell Memorial Hospital Tues., Nov. 8. Those attending were, front row, Sally Rueffer, Debbie Curd, Irene Castillo, office manager; Dr. Mike Capt, Sarah Shaw, LVN, office nurse; and Fran McCown, Haskell Memorial Hospital administrator; middle row, Charlotte Welch, Charlotte Johnson, Reida Penman, Haskell Memorial Hospital board member; Charlotte Peiser, Sheila Hester, Pam Strickland and Betty McDermett, back row, Randy Bowers, Laura Bowers, John Gannaway, Bill Alcorn, David Davis, Joey Kimbrough, Robbie Peiser, vice president of the Haskell Memorial Hospital board member; Gena Pierce and Jan Gannaway, Haskell Memorial Hospital board member.



RIBBON CUTTING—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly re-opened Subway restaurant located inside West-Go on N. Ave. E in Haskell. Present were, front row, Sheila Hester, Tammy Cunningham, Caitlan Johnson, Katie Wooten, Tom Bassett, Megan Cox and Laura Bowers; and back row, Geoff Baumgartner and Shasta Dockins. Subway employees are Clay Smith, Yvette Harlan, Sidney Cassidy, Veronica Robledo, Margie Valverde, Wooten, Baumgartner, Johnson and Dockins.

Federal budget cuts could impact Medicare reimbursements for HMH

by **Caron Yates**

With the Federal deficit hovering at 14 trillion dollars, our government is searching for ways to balance the budget. While it would be difficult to find anyone who would disagree that the budget needs balancing, how it is done is certainly up for debate.

Don McBeath, the Director of Advocacy for the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals or TORCH, reports that a special twelve person congressional committee has been charged with coming up with at least \$1.2 trillion dollars in federal budget cuts across the next ten years.

While there is still little insight on their discussions, it is known that cuts to rural hospitals are still on the table as a budget reduction option.

One of the options being considered that could affect Haskell Memorial Hospital is the reduction or even elimination in reimbursement of the Critical Access Hospital special Medicare designation. Several years ago the decision was made for HMH to become a Critical Access hospital, which allows rural hospitals to be reimbursed at cost, rather than on a set scale. This program helps offset lower patient volume in rural hospitals.

Fran McCown, hospital administrator, says that because of this, Haskell Memorial Hospital has been able to remain in good financial condition, while many rural hospitals have struggled to stay open.

Although they do have a small number of private insurance and Medicaid patients, 80% to 85%

of patients admitted to Haskell Memorial Hospital are Medicare patients. McCown states that in other departments of the hospital, requirements such as running scheduled lab controls, are costly for small hospitals. It is much more difficult for rural hospitals to absorb these costs.

The congressional committee must come up with a budget saving plan by Nov. 23. If they fail, then 2% cuts to Medicare provider payments will automatically go into effect. This would have a significant impact on all rural hospitals, including Haskell Memorial Hospital.

With the nearest medical center at least sixty miles away, it is very important that

rural areas be able to maintain initial care hospitals. When the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 was passed and cuts to the budget and Medicare were made, provisions to protect rural hospitals were included.

According to McBeath, the proposed cuts will be insignificant in balancing the federal budget. He adds, we must let our legislators know that the same protection is not only needed, but essential for the future of our rural hospitals.

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The goal for the project is \$60,000.

Delight Jones, Pam Norton, Jayz Recycling (roll off), Kay Cheatam, quilt proceeds, sale of aluminum cans by Volley J. Ivy, Melba Howard, Fairfield History Club flag holder.

In memory of Virgil Cobb: Hess and Dorothy Hartsfield, Bland, Tull and Wheatley, Karla Harris, Keith and Lora Roudth, Vickie Smithson and Mrs. J.W. Aycock.

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