

Football

HASKELL
7th-8th vs Eastland
Thurs., Nov. 8, 5 p.m.
at Eastland
RULE
JH vs Benjamin
Thurs., Nov. 8, 5 p.m.
at Rule

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-VG vs Hawley
Fri., Nov. 9, 5 p.m.
at Hawley
VB vs Abilene Christian
Fri., Nov. 9, TBA
at Haskell, Scrimmage
JVG-VG vs Hawley
Sat., Nov. 10, 1 p.m.
at Hawley
JH-G vs Hamlin
Mon., Nov. 12, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
JVB-VB-VG vs Jayton
Tues., Nov. 13, 5 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VB-VG vs Lueders
Scrimmage
Fri., Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
at Lueders
JH vs Newcastle
Mon., Nov. 12, 6 p.m.
at Newcastle
VG-VB vs Lueders
Tues., Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 22 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Veterans breakfast

The Haskell Elementary School fifth grade class would like to invite all American veterans to attend a breakfast in their honor on Veterans' Day, Mon., Nov. 12 at the Haskell Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. A flag raising ceremony will be held on the front lawn at the elementary school, followed by a breakfast.

Veterans program

A veterans program will be held Mon., Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Slim Sorrells Park in Rule.

Veterans lunch

A free lunch to honor all Veterans will be served Mon., Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Activity Building. The lunch is for all veterans of the community and their spouse or guest in honor of their service to our country.

Veterans luncheon

Paint Creek School will host a luncheon for Veterans Mon., Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. If you are a United States Veteran and a Paint Creek graduate, Paint Creek community member, or a father or grandfather of a current Paint Creek student and have not received an invitation in the mail, call the school at 940-864-2868.

Bake sale

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will hold a bake sale Sat., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Modern Way in Haskell. All proceeds will go to help cancer patients with needs and help provide families with Christmas needs. All donations of baked goods are appreciated. Call Kim Hutto at 325-864-4466 for more information.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Tues., Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

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Indians end football season of 2012



INDIAN EXTRA KICK-Haskell Indian #5 Gabriel Torres blocks while #12 Brett Shelton steadies the ball for #54 Daniel Contreas to kick the extra point during last Friday's game against the Winters Blizzards. The Indians ended their season with a tough fought 21-20 loss to the Blizzards.

The Haskell Indians ended the 2012 football season with a 21-20 loss to the Winters Blizzards last Friday night.

Indian quarterback Brett Shelton threw three touchdown passes, one each to, Henry Smith, Warren Flye and Ryan Markey.

Indian Coach Grady Benton remarked, "I'm proud of how my kids finished the season. Kids with less character would not have been able to endure what this team had to. This team was two plays away from being in the playoffs. Unfortunately, we didn't get it done but it was not from a lack of effort."

Winters defeated the seventh grade 14-12. The Haskell eighth grade won 42-0. The JV Indians defeated Winters 34-0.

The varsity Indians have ended their season, but the junior high teams will travel to Eastland for their final game of the season Thurs., Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

Robertson to head Appraisal District

by Caron Yates

Although paying taxes is usually not high on the list of things we find pleasant to do, it is something we must do for the greater good.

The Haskell County Appraisal District, which was established in 1980 as a result of state mandated legislation, serves to ensure fairness, equality and market values for all taxpayers.

Wanda Hester, the Chief Appraiser for Haskell County the past three years, will be retiring at the end of December, and the governing board of directors for the appraisal district has hired Leah Robertson as the new Chief Appraiser.

Robertson, who was raised in Winnsboro, began her career in Upsure County. Starting off as a file clerk, she has worked in every aspect of the tax business.

Her educational training began with a Computer Science degree from Draughon Technical College in Longview. To be eligible for her current position, she had to obtain certification as a Registered Professional Appraiser or RPA. This was

done primarily through many hours of intense classes and testing mostly offered through the Comptroller's office.

Robertson brings not only knowledge and training, but also fifteen years of experience to the local appraisal district. After nine years with Upsure County, she worked in the Panola County Appraisal District for six years.

She says she has been amazed at the friendliness of the people of this area, which has made the move so much easier. The board of directors have also been very supportive and helpful.

Robertson's husband Randy, who works for Walmart Corp., was able to transfer to the Stamford

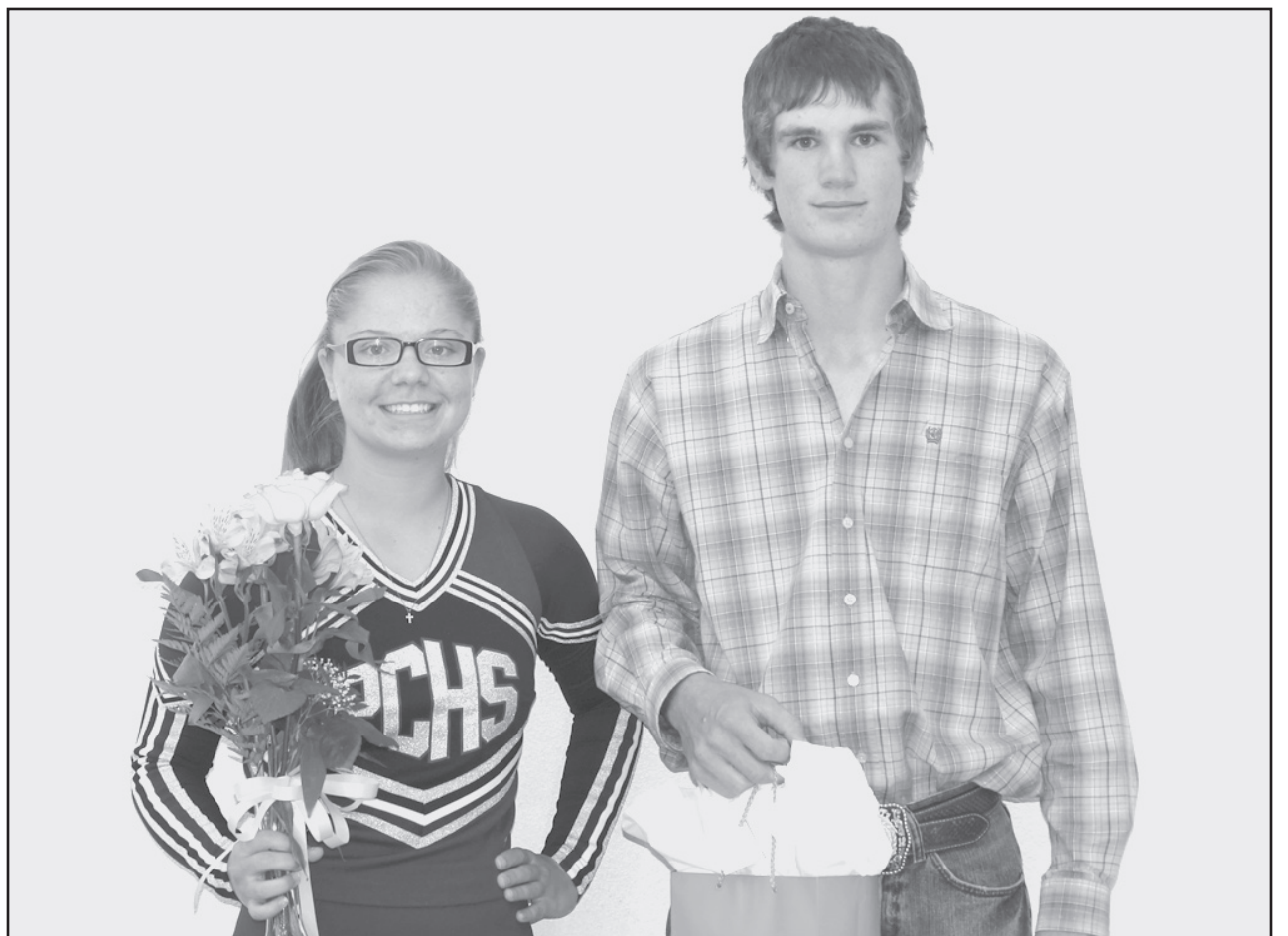
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STATE BOUND-Michael Perez, left, a senior student at Rule High School, will attend the state cross country track meet in Austin Nov. 11. Perez placed ninth at the regional cross country meet on Nov. 3 in Arlington. His coach is Josh Conner, right.



LEAH ROBERTSON



PIRATE FAVORITES-Paint Creek Football rally last week. Receiving the honors are Stormy Darnell and River McTasney.

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Robertson

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store. They have two grown daughters, Kayla and Angela, and are grandparents to Paige and Payton.

She enjoys reading, bible study, spending time with her family and working. She is also civic minded and looks forward to becoming involved in some of the civic organizations in town.

Robertson says most of the upcoming changes for the office will be internal changes, due to adjustments in law made by the Texas

legislature. They are bound by the guidelines of the Texas Property Tax Code. They are also required to conduct an in-depth audit and a Property Value Study alternately every other year.

The appraisal district also serves as the collection office for all the taxing entities of Haskell County.

Five personnel are employed by the appraisal district. In order to make the transition as seamless as possible for the tax office and taxpayers, Hester and Jamie

Weaver, who is also retiring, have agreed to continue working on a part time basis for a while. Melanie Grindstaff continues to work in the office as well.

While you may not enjoy paying taxes, you will enjoy meeting and visiting with Robertson and her staff. Of course they must work within the tax guidelines, but they do encourage anyone with concerns relating to property taxes to come by the office and visit with them.

Obituaries

Juan Rodriguez Herrera, Sr.



JUAN HERRERA SR.

Funeral services for Juan Rodriguez Herrera, Sr., 57, lifelong resident of Rule, were held Thurs., Nov. 1 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Art Flores and Rev. John Greeson officiating. Interment was at Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Herrera passed away Monday afternoon, Oct. 29 at Hendrick Medical Center

in Abilene.

Born Oct. 30, 1954 in Rule, he was the son of Victoria (Rodriquez) and Jesus H. Herrera, Sr. He married Yolanda Ledesma in Benjamin Jan. 18, 1974 and they continued to make Rule their home. Herrera enjoyed the outdoors and one of his favorite hobbies was spending many hours fishing with his son, Juan Jr. Father and son later joined one another in business and developed Double J Equipment where each was co-owner. Prior to this partnership, Juan Sr. custom harvested for many years in Haskell County. Juan and Yolanda enjoyed riding out in the country together and Juan loved spending summers with his two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesus Herrera, Sr.

Survivors include his wife,

Yolanda Herrera of Rule; his son, Juan Herrera, Jr. and wife Melissa of Rochester; two granddaughters, Christina Jenae and Jillian Lita Herrera of Rochester; mother, Victoria Herrera of Rule; three brothers, Jesus Herrera, Jr., and wife Lupe of Jourdanton, Paul Calvillo and wife Ester of Fort Worth, Raymond Herrera of Abilene; three sisters, Maria Calvillo of Frisco, Helen Perez and husband Johnny of Breckenridge, and Linda Herrera of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made in Juan's name to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Herrera family by visiting www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Calendar

Christmas Cantata

Community Christmas Cantata rehearsals will be held Sundays at 4 p.m. at Haskell First Baptist Church in the chapel.

Medical fund

A fund to help defray medical expenses for Donna Sue Anders, Director of the Noah Project North, has been established at Haskell National Bank, P.O. Box 998, Haskell, Texas 79521 and at the Edward Jones Office, 106 S. Swenson, Stamford, Texas 79553. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited

to attend.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Nov. 17 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. 17 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Water turned off

The Haskell Cemetery Association will have the water at the cemetery turned off Thurs., Nov. 15 to

prevent damage to the water system during winter's cold weather.

Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, 500 N. 8th St., in Haskell will serve its annual Thanksgiving meal for the community Thurs., Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in only.

TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" is held Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

Al-Anon

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

Herbert H. Rueffer

Graveside services for Herbert H. Rueffer, 83, of the Shady Grove community in Burnett County and formerly of the Mattson community in Haskell County, were held Tues., Oct. 16 at Shady Grove Cemetery with Pastor Ryan Schmidt officiating. Services were under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home of Burnet.

Mr. Rueffer passed away Sat., Oct. 13 in Bertram.

Born July 25, 1929 in Haskell County, he was the son of August Rueffer and Annie Meinhardt Rueffer. He was a farmer and rancher all his life, both in Haskell County

and in the Bertram area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gus Rueffer, Henry Rueffer and Oscar Rueffer; sisters, Clara Rueffer, Bertha Hohenberger and Louise Mueller.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Janoma Rueffer; three sons, Glenn and wife Caren of Mason, Eddie and wife Wanda of Princeton, Jeff and wife Lisa of Roswell, New Mexico; two daughters, Rowena Guess and husband Danny of Burnet and Manena Rueffer and husband Robert Young of Bertram, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Betty J. Davis

Betty J. Davis, 82, longtime resident of Haskell, passed away Sat., Nov. 3 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She was born July 15, 1930 and married Tommy Richard Davis on Aug. 24, 1951 in Raymondville. She received her Master's Degree in counseling and served as a teacher for many years in Abilene, Odessa and Haskell. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Tommy Richard Davis; her son, Thomas Wayne Davis; and her parents.

Survivors include a sister in law, Catherine Davis Schultz and husband William; aunt, Anita Paden of Raymondville; nephew, Phil Thomas Schultz of College Station; niece, Gail Bass; cousin, Charles Chapman of Abilene; and other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Three of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month 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.

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Haskell Lodge holds November meeting



LODGE MEETING—Enjoying a meal at the Haskell Lodge #241 November meeting were, l-r, Milbert Opitz, Harry Koehler, Jerry Don Klose, Ruth Ann Klose, Phylis Klose and Evelyn Moeller.

Haskell Lodge #241 Order of the Hermann Sons of Texas met at Camacho and Charlie's for a meeting of fun and fellowship.

The meeting was called to order by presiding President Jerry Don Klose. Members were asked to rise and follow the president as he led the group in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

Lodge members voted to give \$50.00 donations to each of the following service organizations: Goodfellows, Haskell Food Bank, Experienced Citizens Center, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Weinert Volunteer Fire Department.

Some of our members have been busy designing and building a float to enter in the Haskell Christmas parade. This is time consuming and must be started early in order to be finished on time. We are so proud of these members.

Members receiving door prizes were Harry Koehler, Kelly Klose and Evelyn Moeller.

Memories are gifts and we shared many gifts during the period following the business meeting and the time to eat. Laughter filled the area and everyone was relaxed and ready to enjoy their delicious meal. Fellowship is a large part of membership in the order.

Members are urged to mark their calendars for Dec. 2, at 4 p.m., at Camacho and Charlie's when we once again will celebrate our friendship, love and loyalty and maybe even a gift from Santa.



HOMECOMING QUEEN—Jennifer Starr was crowned the 2012 Rule ISD Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by her brother, Josh Starr. Other nominees were, Gloria Gonzalez, a junior, who was escorted by her father, Aldofo Gonzales; Stormi Hollabaugh, a sophomore, escorted by her father, James Hollabaugh; and Sierra Faulkner, a freshman, escorted by her mother, Debbie Faulkner. Presenting the crown was Sierna Baiza. Presenting the roses was Michael Ervin.

Haskell CISD seeks nominations of gifted learners

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, Haskell 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. 2-16. 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. 16.

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

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Officials say women's health program is ready

AUSTIN—Dr. Kyle Janek, chief of the state Health and Human Services agency, and Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 31 announced a new state-funded Texas Women's Health Program is ready to step in and deliver services to low-income women "if Washington cuts off funding to the Medicaid program."

"We've got the state program ready to stand up at any time, and that transition would be seamless for patients and their doctors," Janek said.

Since 2007, the program has been funded primarily with federal Medicaid dollars. The state plans to reject billions in Medicaid dollars in order to cut off funding to organizations affiliated with abortion providers in accordance with a state law passed in 2011.

Perry said that any lawsuit filed to challenge the state's version of the women's health program would "kill the program, and would be responsible for denying these important health services to the low-income women of Texas."

Meanwhile, a temporary injunction put in effect by an Austin state district court on Oct. 26 prevents the state from following through on its "affiliate ban rule" until Nov. 8, when oral arguments in a case brought by Planned Parenthood will be heard.

Planned Parenthood called the injunction "a small victory for the approximately 50,000 Texas women who rely on Planned Parenthood for care through the Women's Health Program, which includes lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings, birth control, and testing for sexually transmitted infections."

Windstorm concerns aired

Hurricane Sandy's recent ravage of the eastern seaboard reminds Texans of Hurricanes Rita, Katrina, Dolly, Ike, Alicia and others. Before and after mayhem hits, questions over who pays and who is responsible for what inevitably arise.

On Nov. 1, the Joint Committee on Oversight Board of Windstorm Insurance met at the Capitol, hearing testimony from the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association ("TWIA"), the Texas Public Finance Authority, the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Auditor's Office.

A few of many topics addressed were TWIA's reserve fund, high administration costs, bookkeeping issues, the danger storms pose to coastal counties, slowness and other problems with recovery efforts, and how some coastal property owners struggle to pay high premiums.

TWIA was established by legislative mandate to provide wind and hail insurance for Texas Gulf Coast property owners in the event of catastrophic loss. "We provide 'basic' coverage unavailable in traditional markets for consumers who might otherwise be left uninsured," TWIA's literature states.

Drought proclamation continues

Gov. Perry on Nov. 2 renewed his July 5, 2011, proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

The renewed proclamation, good for 30 days, applies to 121 of the state's 254 counties.

Disaster relief to counties with population under 200,000 and cities under 50,000 that have suffered from severe drought and wildfire may come in the form of federal aid through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

For example, on Oct. 31, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced the award of \$1.4 million in federal disaster relief grants to governmental bodies that applied and met the criteria: Bastrop County and the cities of Florence, Llano and Seymour.

Manufacturing panel forms

House Speaker Joe Straus on Oct. 22 created the Interim Committee on Manufacturing, a panel of 15 state House members tasked with recommending ways the Legislature can strengthen the manufacturing sector in Texas.

Straus said manufacturing is a \$192 billion industry in Texas, accounting for 15 percent of the gross state product, adding that more than 800,000 Texans work in manufacturing.

Straus appointed Rep. Jim Murphy, R-Houston, as chair of the committee and Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, as vice chair.

TEA calls for applicants

Texas Education Agency last week posted notice that it is seeking qualified attorneys to act as independent hearing examiners in local school district employment hearings.

Examiners preside over hearings involving nonrenewal or termination of educator employment contracts and issue recommendations for a school district's board of trustees to consider. Deadline for filing application is 5 p.m. Dec. 3.

Perry welcomes F1 racing

On Nov. 1, the governor participated in a public relations event to promote Formula 1 Grand Prix automobile racing at the Circuit of the Americas track near Austin, where racing events will take place Nov. 16-18.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago November 7, 2002

Seniors Leslie Grand and Angel Pena, were chosen as Band Sweetheart and Beau, during halftime activities of the Haskell-Eastland football game.

U.S. Representative Charlie Stenholm presented a United States flag that was flown over the nation's capitol to Sonny Reynolds, volunteer at the Experienced Citizens Center. It was given in honor of the volunteers that are crucial for the survival of the center.

Haskell County Extension Agents Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson, presented Dr. Tom Hairgrove as "Friend of 4-H," Lynette Tribbey as "Outstanding 4-H Leader," and the Robert Tribbey family as the "Outstanding 4-H Family" during Haskell County 4-H Awards Program.

20 Years Ago November 5, 1992

Haskell city officials and

employees paid tribute to longtime Chief of Police Tom Paul (Bull) Barnett. He has been Haskell Chief of Police for 35 years. He was presented with a plaque and a distinguished service medal.

The Haskell County Extension Homemakers' Club Woman of the Year is Jimmie Weinert. She has served as both president and vice president of the Weinert Club.

Eugene Rhoads, retiring manager of the Rule and Haskell WTU offices, was honored with a retirement party. He has been with WTU since 1957.

30 Years Ago November 11, 1982

James Whitehead, Haskell Indian Band president, accepted the First Division UIL Marching Contest trophy from Haskell Superintendent James Lanier. The band received a superior rating at marching contest in Wichita Falls.

Haskell Mayor Franciene Johnson, inspected the two new lighted tennis courts. The courts are located adjacent to the City Park and feature a timer which will allow lights to be used from 5 to 11 p.m. They were built as a part of a parks grant received by the city.

The Haskell Indians have not only clinched the 4-AA District Championship, but the defense also held all five district opponents scoreless. The district trophy was presented to the team at the pep rally.

40 Years Ago November 9, 1972

Regina Landreth, daughter of Mrs. Elmer Landreth, was crowned Annual Queen at Rule High School. She was escorted by Ed Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray. Selected "Most Talented" were Marcia Brass and Lane Hertenberger. "Most Athletic" were Carol Dudensing and Don Hisey.

Dr. Troy Culpepper, pastor of First Baptist Church in Haskell, was elected to serve on the Texas Baptist Executive Board during the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Serving as chairman at the annual meeting of the Haskell County Farmers Union is Willard Mullins, president. Other county officers are Hollis Callaway, vice president; H.R. Fischer, 2nd vice president; and Janice O'Neal, sec./treas.

50 Years Ago November 8, 1962

Joanie Frazier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Frazier, was selected as Band Sweetheart. She has been a member of the band for six years.

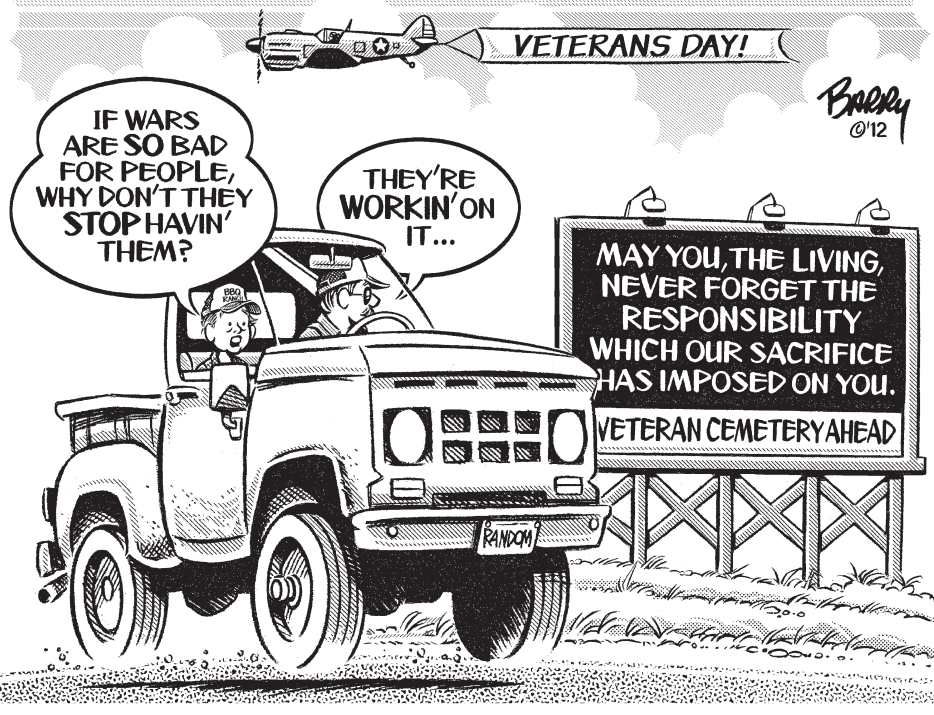
Mr. and Mrs. Trav Hadaway of this city, are new operators of the Dairy Cream. Leasing the popular establishment from Art and Vernie Carter, the Hadaways are well known in Haskell business circles.

Martha Toliver announced this week the opening of Martha's Beauty Center in Haskell.

100 Years Ago November 9, 1912

Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Gov. Thomas Marshall of Indiana, will be the next president and vice president of the United States. They were swept to victory in the general election when the Democratic national ticket was victorious for the first time since 1892.

W.H.C. Brown of the west side was in town and brought in a sweet potato from his field that weighed five pounds and fifteen ounces.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

By the time you read this, I hope that the votes have been counted and we know who will be our President for the next four years. I hope we don't have to go through multiple recounts, hanging chads, faulty voting machines—just hope all goes well and we have a clear winner. That means the campaigning will be over and thank goodness for that. It would be so nice if candidates for the office of President were only allowed to campaign for three months and serve for only one term of six years. It would save a whole lot of money and more time could be spent performing the duties of President of these United States. This is my humble but correct opinion and I know lots of you out there are in full agreement.

Went to Lubbock on Sunday to celebrate our son's 36th birthday. He is currently working on his MS degree in Anthropology at Texas Tech and is employed by the Texas Tech Museum. However, if his chosen profession does not work out for some reason, he could always be employed as a chef because he loves to cook and is very good at it. I don't spend much time thinking about my age until I realize we have a daughter who is 43 and a son 36—then I begin to realize I'm no 'spring chicken.' I've often been told that age is just a state of mind

("if you don't mind; it don't matter") which is probably true until I attempt some sort of manual labor. No, it is more than just a state of mind.

While in Lubbock we stopped by to visit with JoAnn Dulaney who recently moved to The Sherick. This is no old age home or assisted living project. It is a beautifully landscaped home for "distinguished women." They have a beautiful "Gone With The Wind" collection of plates and memorabilia that our daughter would covet. JoAnn has already attacked their library straightening out books, etc. so a job was waiting for her and a bunch of gracious, friendly ladies as well.

We left Lubbock about 5:30 Sunday afternoon and did our best to avoid meeting and greeting a deer or a hog and we were successful. One thing that surprised me on this trip home was how many drivers do not dim their headlights. It is not only dangerous but it is also just plain rude and inconsiderate. I was tempted several times to flash my lights on bright as they approached but I remembered a story told by the late Coach Dick Gaines—the only thing worse than one blind driver is two.

Spent the majority of Saturday afternoon watching the young men and women who were involved in the

Haskell Flag Football League display their talents. We have some young folks with strong arms, good hands and flying feet. They displayed much more talent and discipline than I had imagined. These young folks, their parents, the coaches, the sponsors and even the referees—all of these fine people are to be commended for helping with an excellent program. The cheerleaders were doing an excellent job of getting the crowd involved in the games. And thanks to all who came out and watched them in action on Saturday afternoon—I know they were appreciative of our support.

Last Wednesday I spent most of the day in the court room in the courthouse as an interested observer. It was interesting to observe our judicial system at work. I had the opportunity to visit with a Dallas police officer and a Texas Ranger. I asked the Ranger what kind of reputation our court system in Haskell enjoyed—his response was 'it's excellent' and that is good news. He was very complimentary of Judge Shane Hadaway and District Attorney Mike Fouts. He left me with the impression that if one wants to be involved in the illegal drug business in any way, Haskell is not the place to do it because these two gentlemen will do all they can to have you put away for many years. So if you see these two men, be sure and tell them to keep up the good work.

I notice that we have several loads of dirt ready to be levelled and packed out west of town where Jerry

Lewis will begin constructing our last 'Haskell' monument. It will be nice to get this one finished and lighted as well and put the lights around the east monument and then this project will be complete. Then we will see what is next on the list.

I got a call from Doyle Jetton who now lives in Colorado but grew up in Weinert. His parents are buried in Willow Cemetery and he, like many others, are concerned about the cemetery. This is not a negative about the good work the "Cemetery Ladies" do, more about the dead grass and goatheads. I explained to him that many Haskell residents share his concern. In fact, I believe this subject is the #1 item I hear about with the exception of potholes. It has been suggested that we do something to highlight this problem at homecoming because many returning home have their loved ones buried here. We've investigated the watering/mowing angle of the cemetery and there just isn't enough money for maintenance... unless someone has a brilliant idea we're in a Catch 22 situation. I welcome all suggestions.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Oct. 29 through Nov. 4:

Thomas K. Gwin, assault causing bodily injury by choking, Clay Co. warrant

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A Special Thanks To All Our Veterans

We salute all of the Veterans of Haskell County and pay tribute to all of the American heroes, whose names we may not know, but whose efforts have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the many freedoms that we have today. To all those brave servicemen, who paid with their bodies and souls, we pay our respects and offer our gratitude. Their contributions have not been forgotten.



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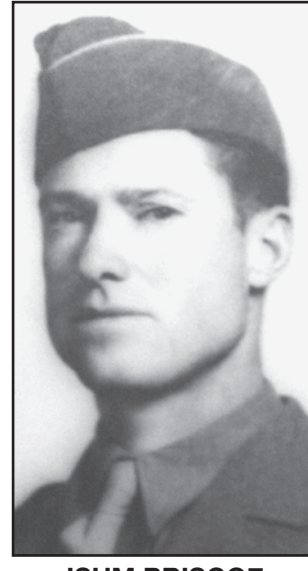
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"One Day 4-H..."—The pictured 4-H'ers collected can goods at Modern Way Food Store on Oct. 13 as part of their "One Day 4-H..." Community Service project. Those helping were, front row, l-r, Brody Stanfield, Eddie McBroom, Tess Homeyer, Garret Dutton, Adaline Utley, Madison Homeyer and Cody Dutton; back row, Shane Stanfield and Abby Homeyer. Not pictured are Bailey Hawkins, Ernie Homeyer and Jacie Klose.



VISITS CARE HOMES—4-H'ers that attended the October 4-H Meeting on Oct. 28 and visited both Haskell care homes included, front row, Corbin Waggoner, Garret Dutton, Tess Homeyer, Adaline Utley, Riley Sloan, Bailey Hawkins, Eddie McBroom and Hadley Sloan; back row, Cody Dutton, Madison Homeyer, Jacie Klose, Abby Homeyer, Makenzie Gass, Felicity Hannsz, Shane Stanfield and Brody Stanfield.

4-H Clubs visit care homes

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The 4-H Clubs met together.

Twenty 4-H'ers and leaders attended the meeting. The program was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H

Motto and Pledge. The meeting was called to order, leading off with the past and upcoming contests, old and new business and other matters on the agenda for the meeting.

The 4-H'ers and leaders then traveled to the two Haskell care homes and delivered decorations that they had made at the

September 4-H meeting. They returned to the County Extension Office for ghost shaped cookies and soft drinks furnished by Barbara Utley. The monthly door prize was won by Brody Stanfield.

The 4-H'ers were asked to come in costume. There was a contest for the "Best Costume," won by Hadley Sloan.

The next meeting is set for Nov. 18. The 4-H'ers will be collecting jackets/coats that are in good condition, to be donated to the Noah Project. So anyone with a jacket/coat in good condition who would like to donate it to 4-H to be given to the Noah Project are asked to give them to any Haskell 4-H'er or they can be dropped off at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell.

Also, the 4-H'ers will get to participate in an ornament project.

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

Blood drive

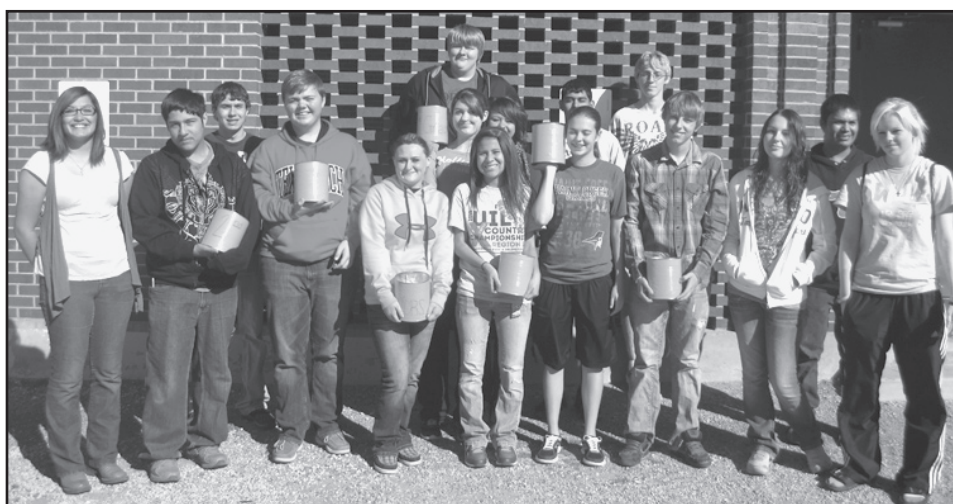
The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Nov. 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Esme Glenn, Abilene artist, will be working with clay. No invitation is needed, just come as you are, and have fun.



COLLECTS DONATIONS—The Paint Creek Student Council and FCCLA conducted a school-wide fund-raiser to support breast cancer awareness. Students emptied their piggy banks and brought their change to donate to the cause. The high school group raised the most money with the junior class leading the pack. The goal of \$500 was exceeded with a total of \$534 collected. All proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation whose mission is to save lives by promoting early detection and providing mammograms to women in need. Principal Richard Cumby kisses a pig for achieving the \$500 goal.



MOST MONEY—The Paint Creek junior class collected the most money for the Breast Cancer Foundation with a total of \$184.64. Juniors are, l-r, Syble Dilli, Marco Martinez, Hunter Hollingsworth, Cody Mayfield, Dalinne Reed, Justin Bailey, Kadie McCord, Baleigh Lopez, Haley Jackson, Tarah Trotter, Jared Masias, Seth Rock, Shawn Myers, Brandy Homstad, Anselmo Ipinia and Samantha Barnett.

Winter canola is new crop for South Plains area

by Vic Schoonover
Producers Cooperative
Oil Mill

Winter canola, an unheard of crop a decade ago, will be planted in 250,000 acres across the Southern Plains this fall, according to estimates from the Producers Cooperative Oil Mill in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Preliminary planting reports by the USDA show nearly 20 percent of the canola acreage has been planted to date. To obtain crop insurance and to get the best stand possible, winter canola should be planted between Sept. 10 and Oct. 10 each fall, according to Gene Neuens, PCOM canola representative.

"More than 125,000 acres of canola were harvested in the Southern Plains this year," Neuens said. "We estimate 250,000 acres will be planted this fall to be harvested in spring, 2013."

"Recent rains in Kansas and northern Oklahoma have permitted farmers to plant canola, while there has been less rain received in southern Oklahoma and north Texas, some farmers have started planting already."

Neuens reports Hugh Carmichael, a Haskell farmer, has canola that is already up. In Kansas, Neuens expects

30-35,000 acres of the crop will be planted, a significant increase.

Rains in northern Oklahoma gave farmers the green light to plant canola, he said. "A lot of that area has good surface moisture, but more rain is needed to allow the crop to extend its roots into the deeper soil."

Neuens reports more farmers are growing winter canola each year due to the educational programs conducted by Oklahoma State University agriculture people and agriculturists working for PCOM.

"Josh Bushong is the OSU Extension canola specialist. He and Heath Sanders, an OSU Extension specialist who came to work for us here at PCOM, work year-round with producers growing winter canola," he said.

Neuens said a lot of seed companies sold out their winter canola seed supplies this year. The harvested crop can be sold to local elevators, to PCOM and to Archer Daniels Midland, a company with a processing mill in Kansas.

Winter canola became a reality approximately eight years ago when Dr. Tom Peeper, an emeritus OSU weed scientist, began looking for a better method to control

perennial weeds growing in winter wheat in the Southern Plains. Presence of the weeds, which were nearly impossible to control in continuously grown wheat, in wheat seed sold at grain elevators significantly dropped the price paid for the wheat.

Peeper found winter canola, originally a spring crop grown in Canada and northern US states, provided farmers with an effective weapon to reduce the presence of the weeds in the wheat.

Winter canola, unlike winter wheat, has a large taproot which helps the plant reach subsoil moisture. Completely different in plant and growing characteristics from wheat, growing the crop is an effective way to control the weeds, Neuens said.

Canola is an oil crop. Its seed consists of 41 percent oil. It is processed for healthy, nutritious cooking oil, cattle feed and for biofuel production. Prices paid for winter canola usually run more than three dollars per bushel above prices paid for wheat.

For more information on canola production and growing contracts, contact Neuens at 405-232-7555 or cscneuens@yahoo.com.

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Veterans' Day activities scheduled in Haskell and Rule

by **Caron Yates**

Although our soldiers, especially those presently deployed around the world, are never far from our thoughts and prayers, it is our focus on Veterans' Day that reminds us all of the cost of our freedom.

America's soldiers, both past and present, carry a heavy burden to ensure that the citizens of the United States are free to choose the path their lives will take.

Several Veterans' Day activities have been scheduled. The Haskell Elementary School invites all veterans to attend a breakfast in their honor on Mon., Nov. 12. It is hosted by the fifth grade classes. A flag raising ceremony will be held on the front lawn at the elementary school at 8:30 a.m., followed by breakfast.

Beginning at 10:30 on Mon., Nov. 12, a Veterans' Day service will be held at Slim Sorrell's Park in Rule. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A free lunch to honor all veterans of the community and their spouse or guest, will be served Mon., Nov. 12 from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Haskell Church of Christ Activity Building.

As Veterans' Day celebrations are being planned in Haskell County, as well as across the nation, The Haskell Free Press is taking the opportunity to share some personal stories of local veterans.

In 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII, the advanced English IV class at Haskell High School interviewed World War II veterans. As

a living history and English project, the students in Mrs. Darlene Bellinghausen's class wrote about the wartime experiences of these veterans. The stories were originally printed in the Haskell County News in 1995. Sixty-seven years after WWII ended, many of these soldiers are no longer with us, but their stories and the stories of all veterans, live on.

George Fouts

written by

Kurt McCord in 1995

for an English IV project

The greatest war in world history began Sept. 1, 1939, with the invasion of Poland by Germany. It ended six years later almost to the day, Sept. 2, 1945, with the formal surrender by the government of Japan and all of the military forces to the United States. The events that follow are through the eyes of one man, a man named George W. Fouts. I recently had the honor of interviewing Mr. Fouts on his experiences in World War II and became intrigued with his story. I believe you will be equally intrigued.

We begin on Dec. 7, 1941, in Wichita Falls, Texas. George Fouts, then 23, slept peacefully, as did shipmen and pilots of a naval fleet at Pearl Harbor several thousand miles away. In a matter of hours, lives in both of these places were to be changed forever. In a brutal Japanese surprise attack, 40 torpedo planes and 50 horizontal bombers dropped tons of explosives on Pearl Harbor. This attack destroyed 19 warships and killed 2,303 people. Hours

later, the U.S. declared war on Japan, and in turn Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S. We returned the favor to the Japanese allies of the superpowers.

George Fouts was awakened and distraught with the news of the Pearl Harbor attack. He had been married for only six months and was working for Western Electric in downtown Wichita Falls. Mr. Fouts feared he might be drafted into the war, and in April of 1943, a month before his newborn baby boy's first birthday, his fear came true.

He was drafted into the Signal Corps and sent to receive basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Mr. Fouts proved his talent and electric experience by receiving an "Excellent" rating in DRI, Signal Radio Intelligence. After his training at Camp Crowder. Mr. Fouts was sent to Camp Shenango replacement depot in Pennsylvania for more training. When his training was concluded in Pennsylvania, he was sent to New York for additional training. Mr. Fouts remarked how he and some buddies that had been with him since Camp Crowder would go into the city and just look at the tall buildings. They didn't know where they would be sent next, so they tried to have fun to keep their minds off the war.

Mr. Fouts was qualified to do some very futuristic, complicated and dangerous work for the Signal Corps, but he was assigned as a field switchboard operator, the result of an urgent and desperate effort for an officer to find one more qualified individual to leave for England in a matter of hours. The FSO in one of the officer's outfits had gone AWOL the night before, and they had to replace him quickly. Mr. Fouts was chosen because of his extensive training in the field of communications. There was not time to train a new cadet, and they knew someone with his intelligence and experience could run a traditional telephone switchboard. So before Mr. Fouts knew it, he was aboard a ship with hundreds of strangers.

As the ship left the harbor, he watched the Statue of Liberty fade out into the distance. His shipmates had been together for two years, so Mr. Fouts felt like an outsider. In fact, no one would even tell him

what branch of the Signal Corps he was in, but when someone finally told him, he knew why it was so secret. Mr. Fouts was in the RIC, Radio Intelligence Corps and about to be assigned to a "bastard outfit" which meant no branch of the Armed Forces would claim them. Their primary mission was to set up instruments at a given coordinate, intercept German codes, break the codes and report back to the allied base. When he arrived in England, there was a few months delay before he and his outfit were sent to France for their first mission.

He and members of his outfit had small living quarters on the English Channel, and they traveled to London very frequently. It was outside London on the Channel where Mr. Fouts became acquainted with the German buzz bomb. The buzz bomb was a poorly controlled missile with a weak 1,000 pound explosive strapped to it. Its purpose was to simply harass the city of London. Several thousand buzz bombs were fired at London, but really heavy damages or casualties from buzz bombs were uncommon. Mr. Fouts told me that London and the vicinity around the city is enumerated with small, five feet tall, two feet wide, solid walls. He didn't quite know how the British used them, but he recalled that he got a lot of use out of the walls one day. He was lying on top of one, watching the British air fighters dog fight with a buzz bomb when, all of a sudden, they gunned one down...in his direction! As the bomb fell toward him, he began to conjure a plan. He would simply roll over behind the wall opposite the side of the impact. A simple, yet brilliant alternative to the instinctive running.

As the weeks passed in London, he knew he and his buddies were soon to be sent out on missions, and that day finally came. They were sent to the border between France and Germany and immediately began missions. They had their equipment set up on the back of trucks, so they could be fully mobile in less than 15 minutes. They were taught that the worst thing that could happen was their equipment falling into enemy hands. This is why outfits like his were very heavily protected by armaments throughout the war. If something happened and their lives were in immediate danger, they were

to pour a certain type of acid, that each one was issued on their equipment and leave it there. The acid would completely disintegrate the devices and prevent any use by the enemy. This method never had to be used, but it proved how important the equipment was.

A typical day described by Mr. Fouts was to get up with his canteen frozen solid and 18 inches to two feet of snow on the ground. The men were bored all day or until their shift came up. A continuous game of poker was played where the person that came off shift took the place in the game of the person going on shift...and so on. Mr. Fouts felt that this got very old after a while, but they did anything to pass the time. When nighttime fell, they always had a visitor though. A German plane randomly fired shots into the forest where they camped. Mr. Fouts said that "Bed check Charlie" knew they were down there somewhere and tried its hand at luck, but never came close to hitting anything.

One evening as the sun was going down, the men kept hearing distant gunfire and lots of it. Mr. Fouts radioed in to see just what was going on because the gunfire seemed to be getting closer. An officer replied at the other end of the line, "Oh, we forgot about ya'll! That place is crawling with

the enemy! Get out of there now!"

The men quickly cut the wires on their equipment and loaded up in about 15 minutes. With no lights, they drove off into the woods, avoiding the German-infested roads at all costs. After driving all night, they found a small village with what seemed like a German road sign in front of it. One of the members of the outfit spoke very fluent German and began asking a villager just where the heck they were. It turned out they had driven all night right into German territory and were in Luxembourg. They immediately headed the opposite direction and arrived safely in Contrexeville, France. They had left from Haghenah on the Rhine River the night before which was Jan. 1, 1945. The battle they had just witnessed was the Battle of the Bulge, one of the last in the war, and also the one Hitler masterminded and oversaw. Soon after the Battle of the Bulge, which occurred on Dec. 19 through January, Mr. Fouts and his buddies toured a concentration camp and the beautiful Eagle's Nest, Hitler's hideout.

Mr. Fouts and his wife received a wonderful Christmas present that year. George W. Fouts returned home on Dec. 23, 1945, after an absence of two years overseas.

Teen Read Week celebrated by Haskell schools

The Haskell Junior High and High School libraries recently celebrated Teen Read Week in their respective libraries by serving cappuccino and hot chocolate to students and faculty. This year Teen Read Week was the week of Oct. 14-20 and the theme was "It Came From the Library—Dare to Read For the Fun Of It!"

Junior High hosted a cappuccino bar on Oct. 16-18 and High School's event was Oct. 25-26. On those days English classes came at scheduled times to enjoy refreshments and check out books. At both libraries students were given the opportunity to list their favorite books so that their friends could get reading ideas. All faculty, staff and

administration were invited to come and enjoy the cappuccino bar.

Teen Read Week is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and was started in 1998. Libraries across the world celebrate Teen Read Week with a variety of special events aimed at encouraging teens to read for pleasure and to visit their libraries for free reading materials. It's important to remind young people to spend time reading for pleasure because research shows that teens who read for fun have better test scores and are more likely to succeed in the workforce. We hope this event can also remind teens of the possibilities within the doors of the library, and within the covers of books.



Michelle Johnson RN

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November is **National Home Care Month**. I would like to honor all the individuals who help our elderly stay at home. Home is more than a place to stay. It is a favorite chair, a beloved pet, a treasured memory, someone you love. But sometimes age or illness can make it more difficult to stay at home.

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I would like to share a few quotes from some of our patients and patient's families.

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"Thank each one of you for the special care you took with Mom. You comforted her, cleaned her wounds, washed her, and loved on her. You are truly the hands and feet of Christ at work daily."

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and recall our many gifts, please remember the home care and hospice professionals who make a difference every day for our nation's seniors, disabled, and infirmed. They make it possible for home care to be where the healing begins.

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God Bless Each and Every One of You,
Michelle Johnson, RN

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Names for the Haskell Veterans' Memorial

Listed are the veterans' names received by the Progressive Study Club to be engraved on the memorial project to be placed on the southwest side of the Haskell County Courthouse.

These names have been received from friends and family members.

In an effort to be sure all are engraved correctly, the Progressive Study Club is printing all the names received to date. The Haskell Free Press is providing this service as a courtesy to the community and club.

Some names are listed more than once. They were submitted from more than one period of service. Names will be engraved only once on the monument.

Please make any corrections or additions by contacting Dorothy Hartsfield, 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email her at dotharts@gmail.com. She may also be reached by calling 940-864-2004.

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Woodard, Horce V.



TOUCHDOWN CELEBRATION—Even though Haskell Indian and senior #74 Doug King was sidelined from injuries sustained during the previous week's game, it did not stop him from celebrating a touchdown with teammate senior #59 Cole Hutchinson. The Haskell Indians fell to the Winters Blizzards during their final district game of the season.

FSA co. committee elections underway

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has announced that the 2012 FSA county committee elections began Nov. 5 with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 3, 2012.

"The role and input of our county committee members is more vital than ever," said Garcia. "New county committee members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of disaster and conservation programs. With better participation in recent years, we also have seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates."

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots from their local USDA Service Center. Dec. 3, 2012, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must also be postmarked no later than Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2013.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm also may be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended Aug. 1.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,700 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2012 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Let's honor those who risked everything for our freedom



The survivors of the battles that were fought to maintain our freedom were fortunate enough to return to us, although many of them suffered permanent injuries in the process. Moreover, even those who came home with their bodies intact have had to resume their interrupted lives scarred with the memories of their nightmare experience. However, it is unlikely that

anyone ever wanted to go to war, and those who did so acted out of what they considered a duty to their country. We should be grateful to them and show them every consideration in return for the sacrifices which they made for us. Let us further honor them by attending our house of worship, the choice of which they helped to preserve for all the rest of us.

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**
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**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
 - First Baptist Church**
Bishop Helsley, interim 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

Haskell School Menu

- Nov. 12-16 Breakfast**
A variety of milk is offered daily.
Monday: Blueberry muffin, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick, orange juice
Wednesday: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, apple juice
Friday: Two pancakes, syrup, orange juice
- Lunch**
A variety of milk is offered daily at all cafeterias.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberries and bananas
Tuesday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, baked potato chips
Wednesday: Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Roasted turkey and cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, candied sweet potatoes, breadstick, fruit salad
Friday: Turkey and cheese wrap, sweet potato rounds, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit

Rule School Menu

- Nov. 12-16 Breakfast**
Juice, milk and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuit and sausage
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Toast, jelly, sausage
- Lunch**
A variety of milk is served daily.
Monday: Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon apples
Tuesday: Hot dogs, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup
Thursday: Turkey with dressing, potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad
Friday: Hamburger, seasoned corn or corn cobbettes, baby carrots, sliced peaches

Paint Creek School Menu

- Nov. 12-16 Breakfast**
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Bagels
Wednesday: Toast or cereal
Thursday: Pigs in blanket
Friday: Hot pockets
- Lunch**
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tater tots, baked beans, peaches
Tuesday: Grilled cheese, veggie soup, salad, pears
Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, gravy, rolls, pumpkin pie
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, peas, salad, apples
Friday: Hamburgers, salad, corn, pineapples

ECC Menu

- Mon., Nov. 12**
Chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, sweet potatoes, hot rolls, pumpkin buckle, tea or coffee
- Fri., Nov. 16**
Beef a roni, au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, beets, peaches, brownie, tea or coffee
- Wed., Nov. 14**
Sloppy Joe's, potato salad, pinto beans, pickles, onions, pears, brownies, tea or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED: Strickland Concrete & Materials have immediate openings for full time drivers having a Class A or B CDL for our mixer, agg, and tanker trucks. Please apply in person to SCM at 175 Bus. Hwy. 277 South, Haskell. 34tfc

Public Notices

NOTICE
The City of Haskell will be taking bids on Farm #3832 located south of Haskell to the north and south of 277. There are 13.09 acres of cultivated land on the North side and 89.5 acres on the South side. 68 acres of the 89.5 are under a new pivot that will be

Public Notices

able to be watered with effluent water from the City of Haskell Wastewater Treatment Plant. We will have a pre-bid meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 12th and bids will be due by 12:00 (noon) on Friday November 16th, 2012. For more details and a bid packet you can come by the Haskell City Hall or call 940-864-2333 and we can mail a packet out to you. If you have any questions feel free to call City Administrator, Brandon Anderson at 940-864-2333 or 940-256-0777. 44-45c

NOTICE

Haskell County Sheriff's Office is taking bids on a new vehicle. Specifications include: 4x4 pickup, crew cab, V-8 engine, cloth seats.

Bids can be turned into the Haskell County Judge's Office.

Bids will be opened on November 27, 2012 during the Commissioners' Court meeting.

David Halliburton
Sheriff Haskell County
44-45c

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS RULE ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating
Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:45 p.m., November 28, 2012 in the library of Rule ISD, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rule ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system. 45-46c

Public Notices

NOTICE
Haskell CISD is requesting bids for the Haskell CISD Ag Building. We are looking to remodel the classrooms and add an awning on the east side. Please contact Bill Alcorn, HCISD Superintendent for bid specifications at 940-864-2602 or email to balcorn@haskell.esc14.net. Bids will be opened on November 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. 45-46c

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The family of Eva Dunnam would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy during this difficult time. It is deeply appreciated.
The families of Wayne Dunnam and Betty Criswell

After fighting a long hard battle, our beloved Paw found his victory in Jesus on October 29, 2012. Even though the word "thank you" is not nearly sufficient enough to truly show our appreciation, I thank all of our friends, relatives and fellow Christians for all the prayers, words of encouragement and support that was sent to us through the prayer chain that extended all throughout Texas, Tennessee, Florida, New Mexico and California. God is wonderful.
Thank you to all the individuals that labored to prepare the food and furnish all the supplies to accommodate my entire family from the time we got back from the hospital to the time of his funeral. God bless you all.
We are also blessed to have the First Baptist Church, all its members, Brother Greeson, Brother Art, all the people who sang and played the hymns, worked in the kitchen and a special thanks to Larry LeFevre for working the video. You all are amazing and thanks to you all. We could not have had a more beautiful service for our Paw.
Also, we would like to thank the Hamlin National Bank, the Rule Banking Center and its staff, Helena and all the wonderful people who donated to the Juan Herrera medical fund. We are all speechless and overwhelmed with the generosity you all have shown us, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Lastly, thank you to those who donated the prizes for the bake sale, and to those who helped work the bake sale.
We are eternally grateful to each and every one of you who has supported us through this very hard and emotional time. I apologize if we have forgotten a group or individual but the good Lord has blessed us with a multitude of people who supported us - too numerous to name.
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Yolanda, Johnny, Melissa, Christina, Jillian and Victoria (Buela) Herrera

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INDIANS TACKLING—Haskell Indian #62 Aaron Urich tackles low in an effort to shut down a Winters Blizzard.



LOOKS FOR TOUCHDOWN—Haskell Indian #24 Tamiya Lowry looks down field for an Indian touchdown during the final game of district play.



GAME SPEECH—Indian Coach Grady Benton speaks to the Indian team after the final football game of the season.

Stock Show sign-up set

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

It is time for Haskell County 4-H'ers to sign up for the upcoming major stock shows. The major stock shows to sign up for include Odessa (Sand Hills), Fort Worth (Southwestern), San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and Star of Texas.

The County Extension Office will be accepting entries all day Tues., Nov. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will remain open that same evening of Nov. 13 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All 4-H'ers with an animal project wishing to participate in any of the above named major stock shows need to come in Tuesday night, Nov. 13 to sign up, pay appropriate fees and have a parent also sign papers.

Again, this year is the Quality Counts test. This test has to be taken on-line before Nov. 13, the day of the major stock show sign up, if you didn't take the test last year. If you do not have a computer at home that has internet hook up, call our office and set up a time to

come in and take the test on one of our computers.

If there is a conflict with this date or time, contact

Wes Utley, County Extension Agent or Tammy, Secretary at 940-864-2658 before Nov. 12.

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