

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-JVB Eula Tourney
 Nov. 15 & Nov. 17, TBA
 at Eula
JH-B vs Hamlin
 Thurs., Nov. 15, 5 p.m.
 at Hamlin
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roby
 Mon., Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
 at Roby
JH-G, JH-B vs Munday
 Mon., Nov. 19, 5 p.m.
Girls at Munday
Boys at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Seymour
 Tues., Nov. 20, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
VB-VG Lueders Tourney
 Nov. 15-17, TBA
 at Lueders
JH vs Graford
 Mon., Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
VG-VB vs Benjamin
 Tues., Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
 at Benjamin

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.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Dec. 6 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

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 needed.

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 service

The Haskell community Thanksgiving service will be held Sun., Nov. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.

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.

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.

Al-Anon

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

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HYH Arts & Crafts Sale Saturday

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**HASKELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SWEETHEART-DELECIA GARCIA
 FOOTBALL BEAU-RYAN MARKEY**

Cross Country teams compete at Regional

The Haskell High School Cross Country teams competed in the Regional Meet in Arlington.

According to Coach Melissa Burson, the girls' team placed 10th out of a field of 24 teams. There were 185 runners in the girls' division. Hannah Foster placed 45th and Kaley Mathis placed 50th. All

the girls ran a faster time than they ran at the district meet.

The boys' team placed 7th at regional, and missed 5th place by only 3 points. Angelo Pena placed 13th, Kelby Bell came in 35th and Austin Curran was 38th.

Coach Burson said, "I am very proud of both teams! Making it to regional is like

icing on the cake! Now we need to get that cherry and

head to state! I expect great things next year."



PLACE TENTH-The Haskell High School Girls Cross Country team placed tenth at the regional meet held in Arlington. Team members are, l-r, Shawnee Hill, Hannah Foster, Delecia Garcia, Kalyn Wheatley, Veronica Robledo, Kaley Mathis, Dana Rodriguez, Jacie Klose, Taylor Burson and Reagan Hadaway.



PLACE SEVENTH-The Haskell High School Boys Cross Country team placed seventh at the regional meet held in Arlington. Team members are, l-r, Austin Curran, Bryan Evans, Kelby Bell, Angelo Pena, Jacob Kreger, Gus Estrada, Trevor Reese and Dakota Silvas.

Goodfellows Donations

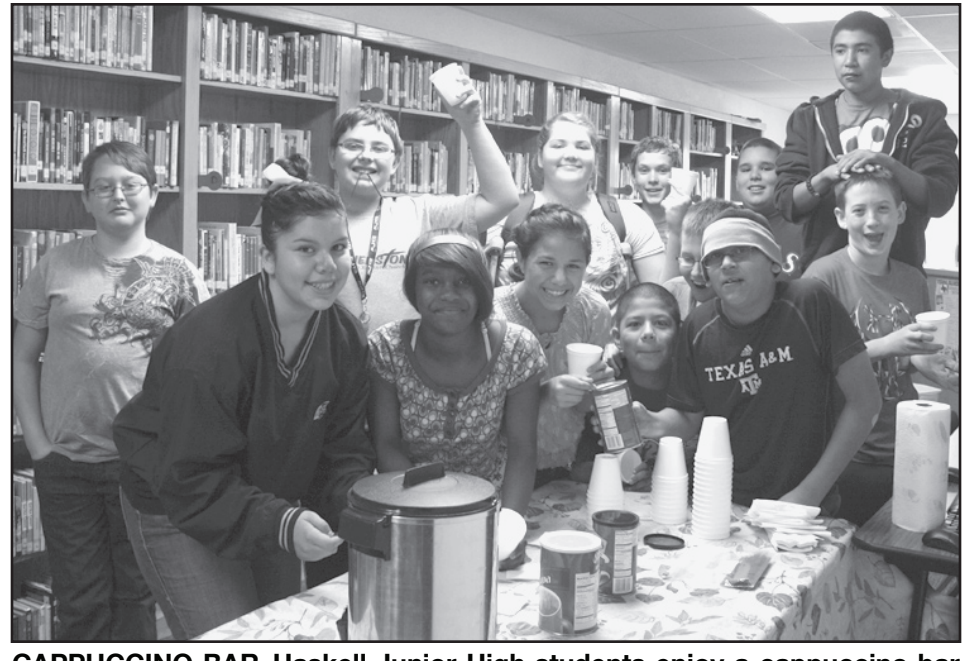
The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept., and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Anonymous.....	\$50
Haskell Lodge #241	\$50
This week's total	\$100
Total to date.....	\$100

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VETERANS HONORED—Fifth grade students at Haskell Elementary honored veterans Mon., Nov. 12 with a flag raising ceremony and breakfast.



CAPPUCCINO BAR—Haskell Junior High students enjoy a cappuccino bar Oct. 16-18 in celebration of Teen Read Week. Students include, front row, l-r, Natalie Contreras, Tysha Dever, Ariel Martinez, R. J. Chavez, Crow Parham, Ankit Bhakta and Evan Wheatley; back row, Lane Tibbets, Bristol Wagner, Lori Rodgers, Dalton Meinzer, Xaviar Bruce and Cruz LanFranco.

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November sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in October was \$2.03 billion, up 8.2 percent compared to October 2011.

“The state’s growth in sales tax revenue continued to be led by collections from the oil and natural gas-related sectors,” said Combs. “We also saw strong consumer spending drive gains in retail trade and the restaurant sector as well.”

Combs sent November local sales tax allocations totaling \$611.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.4 percent compared to November 2011.

The sales tax figures represent September sales reported by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported by quarterly filers.

Haskell County had a .33 percent decrease for November 2012 of \$46,129.40 in comparison to \$46,286.62 for November 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$474,091.47 reflect a 4.87 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$452,052.46.

The City of Haskell had a 1.18 percent increase for November 2012 of \$42,703.66 in comparison to \$42,204.02 for November

2011. 2012 payments to date of \$440,602.51 reflect an 7.83 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$408,582.78.

The City of O’Brien had a 30.38 percent increase for November 2012 of \$287.35 in comparison to \$220.39 for November 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$2,571.22 reflect a 6.54 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$2,751.37.

The City of Rochester had a 27.58 percent decrease for November 2012 of \$827.75 in comparison to \$1,143.00 for November 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$5,425.35 reflect a 21.46 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$6,908.07.

The City of Rule had an 11.65 percent decrease for November 2012 of \$2,003.55 in comparison to \$2,267.93 for November 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$22,964.86 reflect a 26.12 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$31,086.86.

The City of Weinert had a 31.95 percent decrease for November 2012 of \$307.09 in comparison to \$451.28 for November 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$2,527.53 reflect a 7.19 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$2,723.38.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

An informed citizen is the ultimate source of power in a democratic government, which is why Texas’ governmental entities are required to print notices of their plans for actions ranging from annexation to zoning, and from large expenditures to tax hikes.

For several years, lobbying efforts have been underway to eliminate this essential element of government transparency, which bodes ill for an informed electorate. Some state agencies and some associations representing local governments are pressuring legislators to eliminate printed public notices in newspapers, saying they should be allowed to “publish” notices solely on their government-owned, government-controlled and government-operated websites.

Ever since Texas declared its independence, notices of governmental intent have been printed in newspapers to get the word out efficiently to as many citizens as possible through a non-governmental medium. Newspapers—not obscure pages in the maze of a difficult-to-navigate government website—are still the best way to do this.

Most citizens who are vigilant about government activities also happen to be avid newspaper readers. They are well served by the fact that most of the state’s 500 or so newspapers print public notices—and print them at their lowest classified advertising rate, as required by law.

Newspapers also post legal notices on their websites, for the convenience of those who choose to read the paper electronically. And for commercial enterprises that do business with governments outside of their home county, the Texas Press

Association maintains a free statewide compilation of legal notices from all over the state.

There is some cost involved to print a newspaper notice, of course. The expenses of paper, ink, personnel and delivery are very real, and like any other business, newspapers must charge for what they provide or close their doors. There’s no difference between a local government paying a newspaper for a printed legal notice and paying an automobile dealer for police cars...except for price.

When it comes to printed public notice, that price is miniscule. In 2011 Texas counties spent an average of 0.00533 percent of their budgets on legal notices regarding procurement. To put that in perspective, imagine that the height of the Empire State Building represents the total budget of a Texas county. Now visualize the height of a thumbtack, and consider this: 0.00533 percent of the height of the Empire State Building would be the height of the thumbtack.

It’s ironic that the associations lobbying to kill printed notice are funded primarily by dues paid by local governments—governments that get their money by taxing the very citizens who’d find it hard to keep an eye on city hall if legal notices were no longer printed.

Legislators considering this issue should consider the Empire State Building and the thumbtack. And citizens should remind lawmakers that a thumbtack serves a useful purpose and never causes a problem...unless you happen to sit on it.

Donnis Baggett
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PAINT CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012				
	General Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 457,005	\$ 140	\$ 9,197	\$ 466,342
State Program Revenues	1,143,709	-	605	1,144,314
Federal Program Revenues	-	-	168,561	168,561
Total Revenues	1,600,714	140	178,363	1,779,217
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	706,147	-	89,912	796,059
Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,011	-	-	21,011
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	656	-	-	656
Instructional Leadership	64,819	-	-	64,819
School Leadership	28,604	-	-	28,604
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	46,328	-	-	46,328
Health Services	13,792	-	-	13,792
Student (Pupil) Transportation	114,562	-	1,538	116,100
Food Services	-	-	94,247	94,247
Extracurricular Activities	57,117	-	-	57,117
General Administration	89,584	-	-	89,584
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	146,083	-	-	146,083
Data Processing Services	60,967	-	-	60,967
Debt Service:				
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	53,016	53,016
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	52,550	52,550
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	9,000	-	9,000
Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	439,182	-	439,182
Intergovernmental:				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	40,876	-	-	40,876
Other Intergovernmental Charges	13,578	-	-	13,578
Total Expenditures	1,404,124	448,182	291,263	2,143,569
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	196,590	(448,042)	(112,900)	(364,352)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Non-Current Loans	-	510,000	-	510,000
Transfers In	-	-	105,846	105,846
Transfers Out (Use)	(105,846)	-	-	(105,846)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(105,846)	510,000	105,846	510,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	90,744	61,958	(7,054)	145,648
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	501,371	-	12,068	513,439
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	(825)	(825)
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 592,115	\$ 61,958	\$ 4,189	\$ 658,262

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness, but will have the Light that gives Life."

God is calling us to step out of those shadows and be that "God-fident" man or woman He's created us to be. Did you know that by having those negative thoughts we've created shadows in our minds by blocking the Light of God's Truth in our hearts? We are created to live in the Light not to block the Light. My prayer for all is to get some "soul-confidence" as you turn towards the Light and focus your thoughts on His truths: You are CHOSEN—Isaiah 43:10 "You are my witnesses, and the servant who I chose. I chose you so you would know and believe me, so you would understand that I am the true God. There was no God before me, and there will be no God after me." You are ABLE—Habakkuk 3:19 "The Lord God is my strength. He makes me like a deer that does not stumble, so I can walk on the steep mountains." You are PRECIOUS and LOVED—Isaiah 43:4 "Because you are precious to me, because I give you honor and love you, I will give other people in your place; I will give other nations to save your life."

Believe and live in what He says and He thinks about you.
 You and God have a great day!

Munday Nursing Center receives high rating

Munday Nursing Center has achieved a 5-star rating from Medicare, the highest rating a nursing home can receive. The rating is given by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) following an in-depth facility inspection.

According to the Medicare.gov website, "Nursing home ratings come from health inspections, staffing and quality measures. A star rating is provided for each of these three sources... Then, these three ratings are combined to calculate an overall rating."

"I am very excited about the 5-star Quality Rating the facility has achieved,"

commented Joyce Hardin, administrator of Munday Nursing Center. "This rating means that all of the staff are very committed and strive for quality care in all areas daily."

The facility offers skilled nursing, in- and outpatient therapy, short-term care, respite care, and special care services for those whose conditions need specialized attention. The center offers amenities such as beauty salon and barber shop; full activities program; and transportation services.

Munday Nursing Center, located at 421 W. F St. in Munday, is a 61-bed long-term facility.



SPECIAL PROMOTION WINNER—D.L. and Shelly Cooper of Haskell were presented a Kindle Fire at the Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative open house in Haskell.

4-H Club news

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will hold their November meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18 at the Haskell County Extension Office 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.

This month the clubs are going to have a coat/jacket drive, bringing coats or jackets that are in good condition to donate to the

Haskell Noah Project. The activity this month will be designing a 4-H tree ornament to be sent to the State 4-H Office to go on a Christmas tree. Plus, a 4-H craft will be done. The group will also discuss upcoming events and district contests that will be coming up over the next month and have refreshments.

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

SRTC celebrates National Cooperative Month with open house

Hundreds of area residents took part in Santa Rosa Telephone's Cooperative month celebrations. The events celebrated the unique business model of cooperatives and the numerous contributions cooperatives make in their communities. National Cooperative Month has been celebrated since the 1930's, but this year received even more recognition as 2012 has been dubbed the International Year of the Cooperative by the United Nations.

Santa Rosa Telephone held celebratory open houses at their offices in Vernon, Haskell and Seymour. In

the cooperative spirit, the open houses were full of community activities, including: a health fair, social media demonstrations, and a canned food drive to benefit the USSV.

Attendees could register for prizes and qualify for special promotions offered by the company. A Kindle Fire was given away at each event as a grand prize, in addition to numerous door prizes. These customers were the lucky winners of a Kindle Fire at each open house: Edith Beck, Seymour winner; D.L. and Shelly Cooper, Haskell winner; and Pat Word, Vernon winner.

Calendar

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Cantata

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

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.

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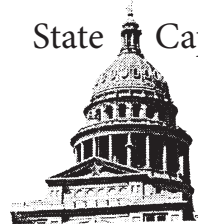
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Incumbents win most contested races on Nov. 6

AUSTIN—America elected Democrat Barack Obama of Illinois to a second term as president on Nov. 6, with Republican challenger Mitt Romney of Massachusetts winning Texas and 23 other states.

Unofficial election night returns for Texas posted by the secretary of state's office show the Obama-Biden ticket with 3,294,440 votes (41.36 percent) and the Romney-Ryan ticket with 4,555,799 votes (57.20 percent) of nearly 8 million total ballots cast. Of the total, more than 5 million ballots were cast in early voting. Seven other presidential candidates on the ballot combined for less than 1 percent of the vote.

Also, as reported by the secretary of state's Elections Division, statewide turnout was 58.36 percent of 13,646,226 registered voters. In contrast, more than 8 million Texans voted in the 2008 presidential election, or 59.5 percent of the 13,575,062 voters registered for that contest.

Below the presidential race on the ballot was the contest for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated at the end of the year by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas. Republican Ted Cruz of Houston, a former Texas solicitor general, won with 56.63 percent of the vote to a former state representative, Democrat Paul Sadler of Henderson, who drew 40.45 percent.

Notably, in the races for congressional seats, state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, won against incumbent U.S. Rep. Francisco Canseco, R-San Antonio, for sprawling West Texas Congressional District 23. State Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, won CD-20, and will succeed retiring U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio. Also, state Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, won the race for Fort Worth's CD-33; former Secretary of State Roger Williams won CD-25 in Central Texas; and state Rep. Randy Weber, R-Pearland, won against former U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, a Democrat, in the race for CD-14 which includes the coastal counties of Brazoria, Galveston and Jefferson.

In other races, incumbent state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, was elected to a second term, overcoming GOP challenger Mark Shelton, a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Republican Christi Craddick, daughter of former House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, won a seat on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates the gas and oil industry.

Looking at judicial, state board of education, and other races, incumbency once again proved an advantage. Complete

election results may be found via the Internet at sos.state.tx.us.

Order sides with provider

A Travis County state district court on Nov. 8 extended a temporary injunction preventing the State of Texas from cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood.

Pursuant to a law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, the state has been planning to ban Planned Parenthood from participating in the state-run but federally funded Women's Health Program. If not for a temporary injunction granted last month, funding would have been cut off on Nov. 1.

The state's case for cutting the funding stems from the law's "affiliate ban" meant to punish health care providers that refer women to any entity that offers abortion services.

The temporary injunction now extends until Dec. 17, the date of a formal hearing in state district court.

Famed Coach Royal dies

Darrell K Royal, coach of the University of Texas Longhorn football team from 1957 to 1976, died at age 88 in Austin on Nov. 7. A private burial was scheduled in the Texas State Cemetery.

Royal's teams won national championships in 1963, 1969 and 1970. In his honor, the Longhorns' home field was renamed Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in 1996.

Royal compiled the most victories of any UT football coach to date, with a record of 167 wins, 47 losses and 5 ties. His teams won 11 Southwest Conference titles.

Lately, Royal made strides in generating awareness about Alzheimer's disease, which he suffered from. Royal and his wife, Edith, founded the DKR Fund for Alzheimer's research.

Noted judge Kilgarlin dies

Former Texas Supreme Court Justice William Wayne Kilgarlin, 79, died Nov. 5 in Albuquerque. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery on Nov. 10.

Kilgarlin served on the court from 1983 to 1989 and served as a Houston state district judge from 1978 to 1982. A Democrat, he was elected to represent a district of Houston in the Texas Legislature in 1958 and did not seek reelection in 1960.

In 1962 he earned a law degree from the University of Texas.

Among his noted roles were in: (1) the 1964 federal case, Kilgarlin v. Martin, which through the U.S. Supreme Court forced Texas to draw redistricting maps by population rather than land area; and (2) the Texas "Robin Hood" law requiring wealthy school districts to share a portion of their property tax revenue with poor school districts.

10 Years Ago November 14, 2002

Diana Gonzales and Craig Lowrance were chosen as Paint Creek High School Football Sweetheart and Beau, during the Pirates last football game of the season.

Winners in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest at Haskell Elementary were Lauren Newton, first; Brittany Garison, second; and Aubrey Bassett, third.

Rule FFA Chapter was one of 45 teams participating in the 2002 National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky. Team members are Craig Simpson, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Kami Baitz and Tara Lisle. FFA advisor is Keith Rowan.

20 Years Ago November 12, 1992

Tara Moeller has been elected president of the sophomore class at Haskell High School. Other officers include Chris Silvas, vice president; Keith McDonald, sec./treas.; and Shannon Meeks, reporter.

Deanne Wallace and Tommie Isbell were crowned Football Sweetheart and Hero during the final pep rally.

Haskell junior high took top honors, winning sweepstakes and first place

with their math, number sense and calculator teams at the Big Country Council of Teachers Math and Science Meet. Individual winners were Marci McSmith, Adrian Palacios, Beau Klose, Jason Briles, Sarah Cothron, Wendy Dulaney, Lyle Fouts, Anna Rieger, Amy Burson, Nisha Patel, Casey Burgess, Kelli Cunningham, Mary Kay Watson, Dacia Phemister and Shelly Palacios.

30 Years Ago November 18, 1982

Nine Haskell Indians were selected for the All-District 4-AA team. They are Joseph Toliver, Lonnie Hise, Shane Welch, Mark Bailey, Steven Bird, Toby Villa, Albert Sherman, Barry Tidrow and James Davis.

Debbie Quade, daughter of Dean and Pat Quade, was crowned Miss Veterans' Day Queen at the Rochester Veterans' Day ceremony. Tracie Fry, daughter of Keith and Sandra Fry was runner-up.

Lavoid Robertson, a native of Haskell, has been selected to serve as Director of Evangelism/Stewardship for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. He has pastored in the Northwest for 21 years. He was pastor at Mattson Baptist Church from 1955-57.

40 Years Ago November 16, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at their home. The event is hosted by their children. The Perrys grew up in the Paint Creek community, and have lived there most of their lives.

Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Colbert announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Pamela, to Barry McDonald of Hamlin.

The Melody Makers, a band composed of Clarence Meir, Doris McFadden and Jessie Sanchez, all of Haskell; Ken Wolch of Rochester; and Bob Morrison of Rule, have released a new record.

50 Years Ago November 15, 1962

J.B. Gipson, John Watson, J.B. Gipson, Jr., Hooper Wilkinson and H.V. Woodard, all of Haskell, along with J.D. Davis, Walter Davis, Jiggs Edwards and Jim Kelley, all of Weinert, returned from a hunt in Plains, Kansas. They brought home 49 pheasants.

Jerry D. Mills, aviation machinist's mate second class, USN, is taking part in the Antarctica undertaking "Operation Deep Freeze 63" at McMurdo Sound,

Antarctica. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mills of Haskell.

Haskell Jaycees again sponsored the second round of Sabin Oral Polio vaccine in Haskell County. Jaycee president Billy Jack Ray said 5500 doses were given.

100 Years Ago November 16, 1912

E.G. Stein spent several hours here Monday, and took the night train to Cisco, where he goes to close a big land deal.

Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Montgomery of Abilene spent several days here this week looking at some farms with a view of locating here.

Judge J.E. Poole advises that he has received instructions for the local committee of the Southern State Cotton Corp. to begin buying cotton.

Crime of the Week

Sometime between Fri., Nov. 2 and Mon., Nov. 5 person or persons unknown stole 1000 gallons of farm diesel and 1000 bushels of cleaned, chemicaled wheat seed from a farm located at 7557 Country Road 267 near Stamford in Jones County.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Jones County Sheriff's Office, is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest(s) of anyone involved in this crime.

Anyone with information is urged to call the tip line at 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS@CRIMES. All callers remain anonymous.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information that leads to arrests for crimes committed in Jones, Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Shackelford counties.

Remember - See something, say something, make some money!



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Well the elections are over; all that is left is the moaning and groaning—some joy with the election of some, but mostly I'm in the doldrums. I've had about two dozen emails with the same message: "God is in His heaven and all is right with the world." I'm a God-fearing Christian and I do believe that statement but I can't help it, I still feel peeved and if the paper would allow I'd probably print a lot stronger word than "peeved." Batten down the hatch, hold onto your wallet because increased taxes appear headed our way.

It is nice to see the flags flying in the breeze this Sunday morning celebrating Veterans' Day on Monday. I think it is a nice commentary that we as a city fly these flags and our thanks to the Rotary Club who delivers the flags and then picks them up later. There are a lot of things honoring our vets going on. I'm aware of programs in the elementary school, programs in the park in Rule and the lunch for all veterans at the Church of Christ. Our thanks to all of the veterans from all the wars past and those currently involved in Afghanistan.

How is your pecan crop? That seems to be the greeting

lately. I didn't think our trees produced decent pecans because the mother-in-law always said they didn't. Now in retrospect I'm wondering if she just didn't want to take the effort to harvest them. I've found that the big pecan tree in the front yard is a proficient producer. I tested them by cracking them between my teeth. The wife seeing this about panicked and screamed, "I can't believe you're doing that with your teeth. You've had enough dental work to know better." So then I had to test them on the sly, but first I had to make my almost daily trip to Richardson's and purchase a dandy pecan roller. After they're cracked, I'll have my winter job of watching football and shelling pecans, an exercise I find quite relaxing—that and shelling peas in the summer time. I know—many of you think I have my rocker a bit off center if I enjoy those two chores, but I do.

It's not even Thanksgiving yet and I've noticed Christmas trees up and lighted. I refuse to let it make me feel like I'm behind. But before you know it, it will be Christmas parade time, Dec. 8.

On our mayoral run it seems to us that there has been more effort given to

cleaning up vacant lots and yards in the city. Maybe it is catagion setting in and that's what you want. No government or entity wants to constantly ride the constituency to do what should be done—much better for neighborsto do their thing and that influences their neighbors to do likewise. Speaking of neighbors, I like to think that all neighbors get along, but the more I think about it the more Robert Frost's, "Good fences make good neighbors" rings true; maybe it should read, "Good neighbors make good fences."

I'm ecstatic about Wes Steele's purchase of the old Smitty's building. I can't wait to see what he decides to do with it. All I really need to satisfy me is the cleaning up he's already done and maybe some cosmetics on the Highway 380 side. Way to go, Wes! By the way, I have heard numerous possibilities of what this building will house. They all sound very interesting so keep us guessing.

Talked with Carl Homeyer briefly Sunday and he said he's moving to Temple but leaving his family here until a daughter graduates—little over a year. Told him and he thought I was joking, that he has to replace his family with

another before we'll let him leave. That's a good idea for a new ordinance. Sounds like a good way to at least keep our population steady and not declining.

Keep your eyes and ears open concerning a Housing Summit to be held in February. Also, please be thinking of sayings, mottos (whatever you choose to call them) that are very catchy and will make people remember Haskell, Texas. One of the most clever ones is from Hooker, Oklahoma—"It's a location not a vocation." We ventured into this briefly last year. There will be a meeting early next year to solicit ideas and suggestions so whenever you come up with a good one jot it down.

Water usage? Are you checking your bill and keeping track of how much water you're using? I'll admit sometimes I'm surprised to see how little I've used but mostly it is, "How could I have used that much?" We now keep our stubs from our city bill in a special place where we compare them month to month. Before you can solve a problem you have to identify the problem.

The scripture says: "The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." So keep praying for rain!

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DRIVES THE BALL—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Danielle Oliver drives to the basket during the Lueders-Avoca game.



TWO POINTS—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Baleigh Lopez shoots for two as Kadie McCord goes in for the rebound during the game against Lueders-Avoca.



MAKES A LAY-UP—Paint Creek Lady Pirate Tarah Trotter going in for a lay-up in the game against Lueders-Avoca.

Player of the week

Reagan Hadaway, a sophomore guard for the Haskell Maidens basketball team, was named to the Other Top Performances list of the Abilene Reporter-News Tues., Nov. 13. Hadaway had a combined 33 points, 12 rebounds and ten steals during the games against Throckmorton and Hawley.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 5-11:

Jamie Gail Cummings, motion to revoke, possession less than 1 gram meth.

Lucas Lee Sammons, DWI 2nd and assault on public servant, felony 3.

Roberto Muniz Jr., burglary of a building, state jail felony

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 9, 2012	
Haskell	
Haskell County Gin.....0	
Haskell Co-op Gin.....0	
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op..... 1,662	
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin..... 861	
Weinert	
Griff's Gin.....0	
Weinert Gin.....0	
Total bales..... 2,523	

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.



PAINT CREEK HONORS VETERANS—Paint Creek School hosted a Veterans luncheon Monday, Nov. 12. Attendees were serenaded with patriotic songs during the elementary lunch and all members of the audience were given a history lesson on the origin of Veterans Day. The veterans were introduced during high school lunch. During junior lunch, students used the letters of the word VETERAN and presented a meaning for each letter. The program concluded with the song, "God Bless America," led by Brian Burgess. Pictured are the veterans and their wives that attended the event, front row, l-r, Bob Earles, Dale and Ruby Middlebrook, Truett and Laverne Kuenstler, Wilda and Anita Medford, R.V. Earles, W.C. Davis, Stuart and Regan Coplan; back row, Walter and Frances Buerger, Jerry Terrell, Clarence Dukatnik, Dan Griffith, Wallar Overton, Phil and Phyllis Coleman, Pat Davis and Rodney Todd. Not pictured is Aaronlyn Todd. Pictured below are the students who used each letter in the word VETERAN to form a meaning of the word. Students, l-r, are Catherine Lemond, Bailey Hawkins, Hanna Grand, Gabby Mendoza, Augi Moreno, Gabe Todd and Felicity Hannsz.



Maidens win season openers

Maidens win season opener, 68-26

The Maidens started fast and never looked back at home in a 68-26 win over Class A Division II 11th ranked Throckmorton. Haskell raced out to a 36-12 lead in the first half and controlled the game from that point forward to win their season opener.

The Maidens had three players in double figure scoring. Senior Carson Hadaway had 12 points, sophomores Reagan Hadaway and Kenzie Shelton both had 10 points each. Shelton lead the team in rebounding with 9 and R. Hadaway finished with 5. Sophomore Jacie Klose lead the team in assists with 5 and senior Maci Colley had 3. R. Hadaway and Klose lead the team in steals with 4 each and senior Caitlan Johnson had 3.

"Overall, I was very proud of all the girls and it

was enjoyable to watch them play at such a high level this early in the season," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell	20	16	15	17	68
Throckmorton	7	5	12	2	26

Scoring: C. Hadaway 12, R. Hadaway 10, Shelton 10, Colley 9, Adams 7, Johnson 6, Klose 6, Bassett 4, M. Rodriguez 4, Adams 2 and Garcia 2.

Maidens dominate Hawley on the road, 69-47

After winning their season opener last Tuesday, the Maidens put the game out of reach early in the second half against Hawley Saturday afternoon. Haskell dominated the second and third quarters to win 69-47 on the road against the Lady Bearcats.

The Maidens started off slow, tied 12-12 at the end of the first quarter. However, Haskell out scored Hawley

43-20 the second and third quarters to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Reagan Hadaway lead the Maiden offense with 23 points while sister Carson Hadaway had 16 points. Caitlan Johnson also had double figure scoring with 12 points. Jacie Klose lead the team in assists with 5 and R. Hadaway had 4. Leading the team in rebounds was C. Hadaway and R. Hadaway had 4. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 10, R. Hadaway 6, Johnson 3, and senior Ashley Adams had 3.

"Overall, I was a little disappointed in our slow start but we did a solid job of overcoming it on the road. All of the girls did a great job on our press and I thought it really rattled Hawley during the second and third quarters," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell	12	21	22	14	69
Hawley	12	9	11	15	47

Scoring: R. Hadaway 23, C. Hadaway 16, Johnson 12, Shelton 8, Klose 4, M. Rodriguez 2, Bassett 2 and Colley 2.

JV Maidens win season opener 34-15

Haskell's JV girls opened up the 2012-13 season Sat., Nov.10, with a 34-15 win over Hawley.

Leading scorer for the Maidens was Cheyanne Hill with 7 points. Other scorers include: Destiny Pierce, 6 points; Jolene Navarette, 6 points; Shawnee Hill, 5 points; Maegan Hearn, 4 points; and Tanya Steele, Brittany Amos and Tillie McGuire all adding 2 points each.

The Maidens team this year is made up of ten players and is coached by Melissa Burson.

Go Indians! Go Maidens!

Haskell Healthcare Center

Annual Fall Festival Fund-Raiser

Nov. 15 • 6:30-8 p.m.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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We have many NEW vendors this year and all our spaces are completely full!
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Visit booth after booth of great arts and crafts from vendors from near and far!

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Social Security offices announce new hours

Effective Nov. 19, Texas Social Security offices will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday. In addition, beginning Jan. 2, 2013, offices will close to the public at noon every Wednesday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face interviews and process claims work without incurring the cost of overtime. The

significantly reduced funding provided by Congress under the continuing resolution for the first six months of the fiscal year makes it impossible for the agency to provide the overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has done in the past.

In addition, on Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, all Social Security field offices will be closed to the public. As we did last year, employees working that day will focus on reducing backlogged workloads.

Most Social Security services do not require a

visit to a local office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability or Medicare benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card, obtaining a proof of income letter or informing us of a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Many of our online services also are available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov.



TAYLOR BURSON



DELECIA GARCIA



VERONICA ROBLEDO



KALYN WHEATLEY

Rule School Menu

Nov. 19-23 Breakfast
Juice, milk and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, sausage
Wednesday: Biscuit and gravy
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
A variety of milk is served daily.

Monday: Beef and cheese enchiladas, garden salad, salsa, refried beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Country fried steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, salsa
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

Haskell School Menu

Nov. 19-23 Breakfast
A variety of milk is offered daily.
Monday: Two pigs in a blanket, apple juice
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, orange juice
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
A variety of milk is offered

daily at all cafeterias.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat
Tuesday: Hamburger, corn cobbette, baby carrots, fruit cup
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

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Students visit Rotary Club

Taylor Burson is the daughter of Jimmy and Missy Burson of Haskell.

She attends First Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she has played basketball for four years, been in FCS, band and FFA for four years, and in cross country for two years.

She received the 2012 Booster Club award, was named Most Spirited in High School in 2012-13, was a 2012 regional qualifier in track and cross country and came in second place in her class at the Houston Stock Show in 2012.

She enjoys playing with her sister and two brothers, spending time with her family and friends, photography and crafts with her sister Jordan, showing pigs and running.

She is undecided about which college or university she would like to attend but wants a higher education to be a successful career woman.

Delecia Garcia is the daughter of Jeanette Rodriquez of Haskell.

She attends the Catholic church.

At Haskell High School, she is a cheerleader, runs cross country and plays basketball and softball.

She enjoys playing sports and hanging out with her friends.

She plans to attend Tarleton University or Midwestern University pursuing a degree

in dentistry.

Veronica Robledo is the daughter of Anna Robledo of Haskell.

She attends St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

She enjoys cross country, track and softball.

She would like to major in dental hygiene or physical therapy. Schools she is considering include Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Women's University in Denton or Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Kalyn Shea Wheatley is the daughter of Lynn and Jacklyn Wheatley of Haskell.

She attends East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she has been in Spanish Club for one year, National Honor Society for two years, participated in UIL math for three years, been in FCS and band for four years.

She was a state qualifier in UIL math, on the second place UIL math team at state in 2011, on the third place UIL math team at state in 2012, in the sweepstakes winning band for four years, and four time regional qualifier in cross country.

She enjoys running, spending time with her family and friends and participating in her youth group.

She plans to attend Angelo State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing before heading on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Every prayer should contain a word of gratitude

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a 'shopping list' of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and will grant the things that are

right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

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

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 19-23 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Burritos, salad, beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Toasted ham sandwiches, carrots, salad, chips, fruit
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 19
Vegetable/beef stew, pimento and tuna sandwiches, pickles, onions, peach cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., Nov. 21
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Fri., Nov. 23
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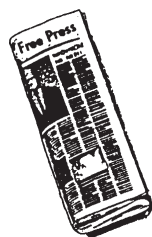
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS RULE ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:45 p.m., November 28, 2012 in the library of Rule ISD, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547.

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

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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

NOTICE

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You are all angels sent from heaven and we proudly call you our friends. We are overwhelmed with all the support you wonderful dear friends have given us. May God bless each and every one of you.
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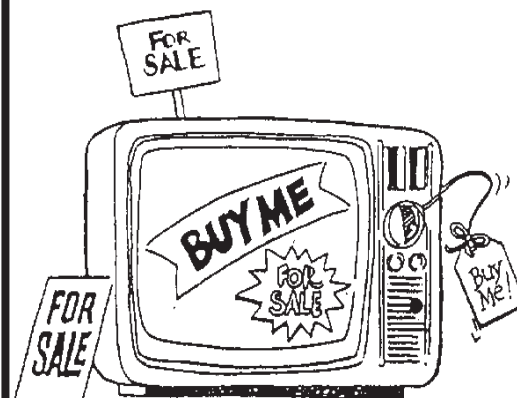
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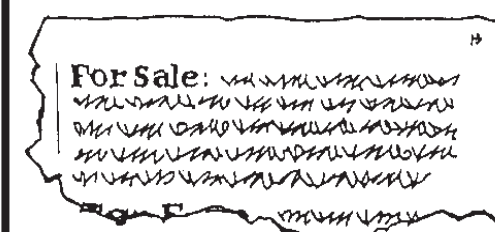
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Haskell third grade students hold mock election

by Caron Yates
While some of the eagerness of casting a ballot for the next President of the United States, may have waned for adults, the excitement at Haskell

Elementary couldn't be higher. The third grade classes of Vickie Bredthauer, Tonya Cypert and Vanessa Shiplett have spent approximately three weeks studying the

election process. Utilizing a guide published by Scholastic, they have studied in-depth about past presidents, the election process, history of voter turnout and the electoral college.

Graphing activities about past presidents were incorporated into math classes. After studying past history of voter turnout, they made predictions for this election. Each third grader read a trade book about one of the U.S. presidents, the job of the president, etc.

On Nov. 6, Election Day, the third graders, many dressed in patriotic t-shirts and sporting "I Voted" stickers, manned the ballot box, and everyone at Haskell Elementary was encouraged to cast a vote for the candidate of their choice. Throughout the day third graders were counting and tallying the votes, anxious to see the outcome.

The following day, students were able to compare the school results with the actual election results. They even colored an electoral college map to better understand the process.

Throughout the study, students have learned many things about the election,

including the fact that they won't get to vote for a president the first year they are eligible to vote, not the right year.

Teachers hope that these third graders, have not only learned about the process, but have realized the importance of voting as adults. Many of the students have talked with their parents about the election. One even commented that his daddy wouldn't tell who he voted for, because it was a personal decision. A few tuned in to the debates.

Although it will be a while before these eight and nine year olds can officially cast their ballot in an

election, the desire and the understanding of the need to vote, has already begun.



MOCK ELECTION—From left, third graders Tyler Howard, Desiree Vela, Melody Martinez and Jolie Torres cast their ballots in the mock presidential election held at Haskell Elementary.

Stephens, Hester win local races

by Caron Yates
Haskell County voters were right in step with other voters across the state in the recent general election. In fact local voters chose, or at least voted for, all candidates that got the nod statewide.

Secretary of State Hope Andrade said Texas has reached a record number of registered voters. 13,646,226 Texans registered to vote in this election, the highest number in state history. Of that number, 58.36% actually turned out to vote.

While Texans voted 57% to 41% for Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan over Barack Obama/Joe Biden, Haskell County chose the republicans with a 71%

to 27% vote. The nationwide vote, of course, gave the majority to President Obama and Vice-President Biden.

Republican Ted Cruz won over Paul Sadler for the United States senate seat, being vacated by retiring Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson. He received 64% of the county vote.

Haskell County was moved into U.S. Representative District 19, after redistricting. Randy Neugebauer continues to represent district 19, after winning 85% of the vote. 1405 votes were cast for him in Haskell County.

Republicans Christi Craddick and Barry Smitherman were elected

as Railroad Commissioners. Justice for the Supreme Court, places 2, 4 and 6 went to Don Willett, John Devine and Nathan Hecht. Elected as judges to the Court of Criminal Appeals were Sharon Keller, Barbara Hervey and Elsa Alcalá. Representing our area on the State Board of Education, District 15 will be Marty Rowley.

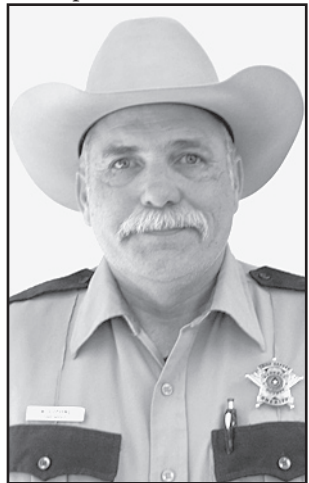
Republican incumbent Robert Duncan will continue to represent District 28, in which Haskell County is included, as state senator. He won with 86% of the vote. Drew Springer, who was unopposed on the ballot, will be the state representative for District 68. He replaces Rick Hardcastle, who chose not to run for reelection.

Several county positions were up for election. Running unopposed were Mike Fouts, District Attorney; Kristen Fouts, County Attorney; Belia Abila, County Clerk; Connie Benton, County Tax Assessor-Collector; Kim Bassett, Constable; and Kenny Thompson, County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Haskell County had two contested races. With the

upcoming retirement of Sheriff David Haliburton, the sheriff's position was being sought by Winston Stephens and Gregg Hearn. Stephens will be the new sheriff after receiving 1393 votes to Hearn's 341.


Vying for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, were incumbent Johnny Scoggins and former commissioner Billy Wayne Hester. In a race separated by only 26 votes, Hester won with 285 votes to Scoggins' 259 votes.



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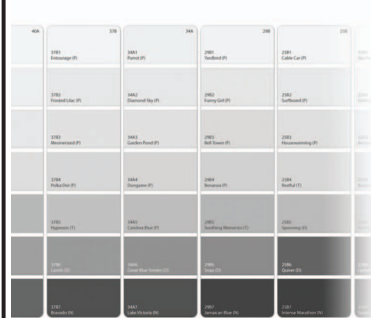
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