

Football

HASKELL

Indians vs Canadian
Sat., Dec. 5, 2 p.m.
at Kimbrough Memorial
Stadium in Canyon

Basketball

HASKELL

JVB-Jim Ned Tournament
Dec. 3-5 at Jim Ned

VB-Childress Tournament
Dec. 3-5 at Childress

VG-Merkel Tournament
Dec. 3-5 at Merkel

JVG-B, VG-B, vs Hawley
Tues., Dec. 8, 4 p.m.

at Hawley

PAINT CREEK

VG-B-Woodson Tourney
Dec. 3-5 at Woodson

JH vs Throckmorton
Mon., Dec. 7, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

VG-B vs Moran
Tues., Dec. 8, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

RULE

VG-B-Patton Springs
Tournament

Dec. 3-5 at Patton Springs

VG/VB vs Knox City

Tues., Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.

at Rule

Calendar

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfp@valornet.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. All letters received by that time will be printed on Dec. 24.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Dec. 4 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to finalize plans for the Tour of Homes.

Mexican luncheon

A Mexican stack luncheon will be served in the Activity Center of First Baptist Church in Haskell following the morning worship service Sun., Dec. 6. Donations will be accepted to benefit Brooke Bullinger's mission trip to Tokyo, Japan.

Christmas dinner

All residents of Rule are invited to a community-wide dinner Sun., Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria, hosted by the Rule Chamber of Commerce and Rule churches. A program will follow at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no charge for the dinner.

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Good luck Indians at semi-finals!

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Indians 'rush' past Pirates, 51-35

The Haskell Indians are the Region II Division I Champions. What a Thanksgiving the Indians gave their fans by virtue of a sound dominate rushing game. Haskell defeated Collinsville 51-35 on Friday at Porcupine Stadium in Springtown. It did not take the Indians long to prove

they are the real thing.

Quarterback Christian Myers got things started right on the first play by scampering 53 yards down to the Collinsville 18 yard line. Three plays later, tailback Tyler Rodriguez would get his first touchdown of the evening on a nine yard run. Scottie Rodriguez would

add on the PAT kick and the Indians were off and running.

The Pirates would score on the last play of the first quarter, but missed the PAT kick try, Haskell 7-Collinsville 6 at quarter's end.

Haskell would have a big second quarter. At the

9:07 mark of the quarter, Rodriguez scores on a five yard run the kick for PAT failed. 6:32 in the quarter, quarterback Myers scored on a 32 yard run, again the kick for the extra point failed. With only 1:23 left in the first half of play, quarterback Myers hits end Austin Marshall on a pass play and Marshall

takes the pigskin home on a 37 yard play. The two point conversion try failed. Collinsville did manage a big play, an 85 yard touchdown kick-off return but could not cover the PAT. Score at the intermission, Haskell 25, Collinsville 13.

Haskell's defensive unit came through when they were really needed, stopping the Pirates on a number of fourth down tries and recovering three Pirate fumbles and giving the offensive unit more chances to score. Tyler Rodriguez would score on a 42 yard touchdown run and Scottie Rodriguez would add the PAT point at the 6:20 mark of the third quarter. Rodriguez would again score on a three yard run before the quarter ended. Scottie Rodriguez would again add the PAT kick.

Fullback James Williams would blast his way to the end zone on a nine yard run at the 10:22 mark of the fourth quarter but the PAT kick failed. Tyler Rodriguez would get his fifth and last touchdown on a 79 yard run with 4:14 left on the clock in this Regional Championship game. Game over at the 4:14 mark with the score 51-20 Haskell. Collinsville scored twice in the last three minutes of the game but did not change the outcome, Haskell 51, Collinsville 35.

The Indians had 510 yards rushing on 53 carries. Myers got 144 on 12 rushes and one touchdown. He also had a 37 yard passing touchdown to end Austin Marshall, who put on some speed and raced into the north end zone. James Williams got 73 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown, Tyler Rodriguez had five touchdowns on 18 carries. Tyler Rodriguez got 278 yards rushing. Brady Leach had five yards on one rush, Isaiah Llewellyn got eight yards on three carries and Kiefer McNelly had one carry for two yards. It was an outstanding game for the Indians and the coaching staff. The Indians are in the final four!

Haskell will play the defending state champions for the last two years, the Canadian Wildcats. The game will be Sat., Dec. 5 at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Kick off is set for 2 p.m.



BIG BLOCK-Haskell Indian #30 James Williams gains yardage after a big block from Indian #50 A.J. Benton. Williams got 73 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown for the evening against the Collinsville Pirates. Haskell moved to the final four, playing the defending state champion Canadian Wildcats Sat., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.

Goodfellows to accept names of qualifying recipients Saturday

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package

of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 5 and Sat., Dec. 12, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the

Haskell City Hall between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

Haskell Lions Club

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

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

Tour of Homes set Sunday

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held Sun., Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tickets are on sale from any Advisory Committee member or may be purchased at the door for \$10 each or two for \$15.00.

The beautifully decorated homes on the tour this year include Nelda and Johnny Fuentes, 806 S. Ave. G; Jan

and John Gannaway, 706 N. Ave. L; and Becky and Don Wilson, FM600 (before Lake Stamford Bridge, turn left at their mailbox, follow flags to log home).

Refreshments will be served at the AmeriStay lobby at 108 N. 1st.

Help support the Noah Project-North and tour these beautifully decorated homes.

Celebration to honor Collins

A come and go celebration honoring the retirement of Bobby Collins, Haskell County Tax Assessor-Collector, will be held Sun.,

Dec. 6 at First National Bank from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Collins has served in the position for twenty-nine years.



HASKELL INDIANS - REGION II DIVISION I CHAMPS

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ONE-ACT PLAY—Rochester Junior High performed the One Act Play, "The Blabbermouth," in a festival at Miles Nov. 11 for District. Alternates were front row, l-r, Jacie Klose and Reed Lee; crew members were Meg Glover, Aaron Ulrich, Kyle Kimbrough and Rhett Lampe; characters and cast, back row, l-r, Rebecca Raynes as Mrs. Duncan, Alannah Luce as Amelia McTavish, Emily Fouts as Miss Eunice Quackenbush, Lucy Carmichael as Flossie Ragsdale, Kaley Mathis as Prueella Rankin, Colton English as Lanky Loosebottom, Daniel Contreras as Angus McTavish, and Zachery Tatum as Preacher McPheters. Mathis was named Best Actress, Carmichael and English were on the All-Star Cast and Contreras and Luce were Honorable mention All Star Cast. The play was directed by Cathy Bartley, Dorothy Hollingsworth and Belinda Peacock.

Harris helps Eagles in win

Kenisha Harris and Skyrockets 38-34 in the Brock Lady Eagles a defensive battle in the defeated the Waco Robinson American Airlines Center

Tuesday night. Harris' night started with a bang as she out jumped the 6'5" Rachel Hargus on the opening tip. It was a very good game with Brock leading the entire game, but having to deal with Hargus's size certainly altered some shots.

Late in the fourth quarter Hargus got on a roll and hit eight points to close the gap and the game ended in a tie. In overtime, Harris opened up with a 16 foot jump shot and Peyton Shoush sealed it with two free throws.

Harris had 15 points and 14 rebounds along with six steals. She hit the floor fighting for loose balls eight times, and was leader on the floor. Paige Parliament, Harris' partner in crime in the paint for the past three years, also played an excellent defensive game as they had to play help side to contain the big from Robinson. Harris has had a double double in every game this year except one.

Brock also defeated Abilene Wylie handily last week. They won by 15 and sat the starters the fourth quarter.

Brock is off to a good start, but still has work to do. They will play Wichita Falls Hirschi, Burnet, Georgetown, all state ranked 3A teams as well as #3 ranked Peaster Hounds twice in district. Quite a district with #1 Brock and #3 Peaster both in it, not to mention the rivalry. There will be standing room only in both games.


Last year Peaster beat Brock two points in Brock and Brock beat Peaster one in Peaster. Both teams made regional tourney and Winnsboro beat Peaster and then Brock beat Winnsboro and went on to win state.



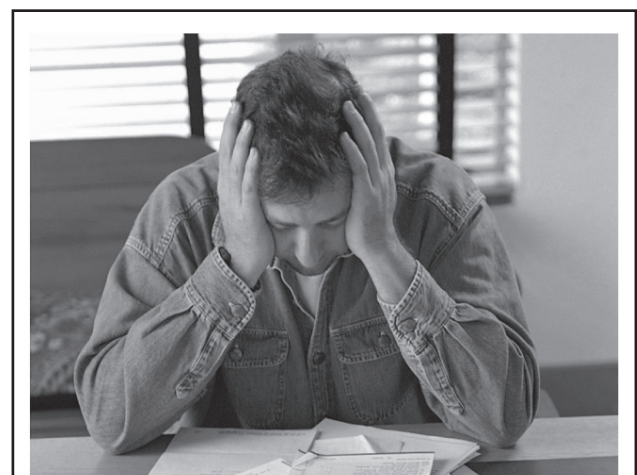
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Obituaries

Johnnie 'Boyce' Nanny



BOYCE NANNY

Graveside services for

Johnnie 'Boyce' Nanny, 59, of Arlington were held Mon., Nov. 30 in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Wade Family Funeral Home of Arlington.

Mr. Nanny passed away Mon., Nov. 23 in Arlington.

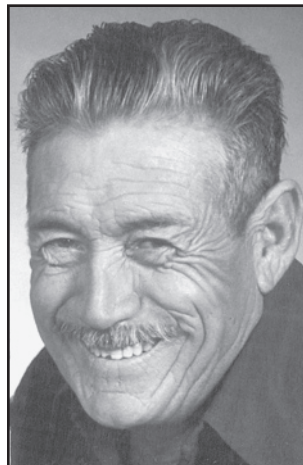
Born Oct. 8, 1950 in Dallas, he was the son of Johnnie and Edna Fulbright Nanny, formerly of Haskell. He graduated from Arlington High School and served in the U.S. Army. He was a truck driver prior to working at Lockheed Martin as a

machinist. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Bunyan Nanny in 1992.

Survivors include his mother, Edna Fay Nanny; daughter, Rebecca Rose Nanny; brother, Mike Nanny and wife, Terri; sister, Charlotte 'Charley' Cunningham McElroy and husband, Gary; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Memorials may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-3517. PD. NOTICE

Roque L. Gonzales



ROQUE GONZALES

Funeral services for Roque L. Gonzales, 83, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Sat., Nov. 28 at

Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Gonzales passed away Tues., Nov. 24.

Born March 30, 1926 in Penitas, he was the son of the late Ricardo Gonzales and Esmeregilda Longoria. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Helen Villarreal; a son, Bernie Gonzales; a grandson, James Thomas Gonzales; a daughter-in-law, Teresa

Torres; and three brothers.

Survivors include five sons, Joel Torres of Haskell, Ernest Torres and wife Bertha of Abilene, Rocky Gonzales and wife Rosie of Goldthwaite, Benjamin Gonzales and wife Sylvia of Amarillo, and Robert Gonzales and wife Mary of Medford, Oklahoma; three daughters, Hilda Gonzales of Houston, Silveria and Jaime Gonzales of Haskell and Rachel Hernandez and husband Antonio of Haskell; one sister Emilia Gamez of Corpus Christi; thirty-four grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Ronnie 'Richard' Lee Andrews

Funeral services for Ronnie 'Richard' Lee Andrews, 66, of Haskell were held Mon., Nov. 30 at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule with Bro. Rob Harrison officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Andrews passed away Fri., Nov. 27 in Haskell.

Born July 1, 1943 in Haskell, he was the son of the late Richmond 'Dick' Andrews and Willie Jo Grissom Andrews. He married Judy Hunt in Haskell Oct. 15, 1962. He was a member of Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Andrews

of Haskell; children, Sharon Kay Stephens and husband Winston of Rule, Leta LaFaye Stephens and husband Daniel of Haskell, Randall Lloyd Andrews and wife Elizabeth of Rule, Russell Lorin Andrews of Snyder, Michael Wesley Hunt and wife Cindy of Lamesa; grandchildren, Stephanie Ann Quintero and husband Hugo, Winston Stephens Jr. and wife Christina, Adria Dawn Pittman, Lacey Nicole Stephens, Savannah Desmornay Stephens, Taylor Hunt, Sulieka Hunt, Aaliyah Hunt, Blake Hunt, Brody Hunt; great grandchildren, Logan Steele, Tristen Payne, Aaron Quintero, Kaylin Siegfried, Heather Pittman, Landon Stephens, Quinten Siegfried; sisters, Glenda Brothers and Betty Sorrells; and a host of dear friends.

Eugene 'Gene' Plunkett



GENE PLUNKETT

Funeral services for Eugene 'Gene' Plunkett, 76, of Haskell were held Sun.,

Nov. 29 at First Christian Church with Bro. Dusty Garison and Bro. Jim McCurley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Plunkett passed away Thurs., Nov. 26 in Haskell.

Born April, 6, 1933 in Vienna, Georgia, he was the son of the late John Plunkett and Lydia Turner Plunkett. He married Nancy Ratliff April 10, 1972. He served in the Navy for 20 years. He was a member of the American

Legion, Disabled Veterans, Salvation Army, Kiwanas and Cancer Society. He was a member of First Christian Church in Haskell.

Survivors include his daughters, Jennifer Kerns of Austin, Kathy Parker and husband Sid of Haskell and Becky Malaise and husband George of Midland; his son, Bill Plunkett and wife Debbie of Naples, Florida; 13 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; one sister, two brothers; and numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. PD. NOTICE

Martha Sue Miller



SUE MILLER

Funeral services for Martha Sue Miller, 74, of Elgin, and formerly of Stamford, were held Wed., Dec. 2 at First Baptist Church in Stamford with Dorman Holub officiating. Burial was in Rockdale Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley

Funeral Home of Stamford. Mrs. Miller passed away Sat., Nov. 28 in Elgin.

Born Aug. 3, 1935 in Stamford, she was the daughter of George and Mary Bouldin. She was raised in the Rockdale Community and graduated high school in Paint Creek in 1953. She married Elmer 'Rip' Miller June 1, 1953 in Stamford and lived there until 2005 when she moved to Elgin to be near her daughter. She worked for Kimble Wholesale groceries and the Stamford Independent School District as a study hall monitor, bus driver and secretary. She was a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with an Associate's degree, and was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Stamford.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include one son, Mark Miller and wife Lanice of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter, Susan Smith and husband Kim of Elgin; two grandchildren, Luke Miller and wife Johanna of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Autumn Londo and husband Matt of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 24, Stamford, Texas 79553 or to the Rafika African Ministries, care of First Baptist Church, 306 S. 10th St., Pflugerville, Texas 78660. PD. NOTICE

Lady Pirates on top again

The Paint Creek Jr. High Lady Pirate basketball team came out on top again.

The Lady Pirates hosted the Woodson Cowgirls Mon. night, Nov. 23. We came out ready to play ball, said Coach Frierson.

Almost every player posted points on the board. Leading the Lady Pirates with nine points was Stormy Darnell. Following close behind were Kadie McCord and Hanna Colley both with six points each. Caitlin

Medford laid up four points and Dalinne Reed posted three. Both Baleigh Lopez and Tarah Trotter added two points for the final score of 32 to 9.

The Lady Pirates are 4 and 0 in play and faced Jayton Mon., Nov. 30.



CLASS FAVORITES—Rochester Junior High seventh grade class favorites are, l-r, Justice Dever, Jacie Klose and Kade Colley.

Americanism is theme for Study Club program

Americanism was the theme of the program for the Haskell Progressive Study Club's meeting held Thurs., Nov. 12, in the Haskell High School auditorium.

President Dorothy Hartsfield welcomed guests and special guests of veterans, asking the veterans to stand and tell the branch of the service served in.

Leading in prayer to open the meeting was Linda Parsons. Brian Burgess led the group in singing of the National Anthem followed by the pledge to the American flag. Presenting the program for the evening was William Overton, who was introduced by Kathryn Schonerted.

Overton is a retired theatrics teacher of Abilene High School where he directed a number of award winning plays. He has also taught theatre in London, England, and has received numerous awards. His program was on the life of Israel Baline, who most of us know as Irving Berlin. He told of the struggle Berlin had in writing his music and being accepted by the public and being the starter of Ragtime music. Writing for Broadway and movie themes, he wrote numerous patriotic songs and songs about army life, which he served in.

Some of them were; Gee, I Wish I Was Back in the Army, How I Hate To Get Up in the Morning and a song made famous by Kate Smith which was God Bless America.

Also present was Katie Wyrick who stated her son was in the service and she requested persons to send him encouragement letters to Private Cody Wyrick, CoA 3rdBN, 13INF, Plt 1, 193rd, Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207-6100.

Burgess led the group in singing various patriotic songs to conclude the program. Refreshments of cookies and punch was served to those attending from a table decorated in a patriotic theme concluding the program to the public.

A business meeting for Progressive Study Club members followed. Kitsie Drinnon was unanimously elected to membership. On recommendation from the nominating committee, Oleta Cornelius was elected as corresponding secretary to fill out the term of Jeannie Richards. Lynn Dodson and Susan Cockerell volunteered to deliver meals during the club's time for November.

Dodson spoke of the Committee to Help Haskell County celebrate Texas Independence day which will be observed March 6. Doris Reeves Jordon made a motion for a club project to place a Veteran's Memorial on the square as they have in other surrounding towns. Cockerell seconded the motion and club members were asked to meet with the commissioners' court to present this project. Members donated change to be used to purchase an animal for the Heifer Program. This will be done at all meetings.

Judy Burnett spoke of December meeting when members will travel to Munday to visit Buds for You for dinner, entertainment and tour of their Bed & Breakfast house. In closing, members were reminded to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl, which will be given to Haskell Goodfellows for distribution.

Hostesses for the evening were Betty Brown, Linda Parsons, Susan Turner and Cornelius.



EDUCATOR RECOGNIZED—Cynthia Jones, Technology Coordinator of Spur ISD, was recently honored at the Region 17 Texas Business and Technology Educators Association dinner meeting held at Orlando's in Lubbock Thurs., Nov. 12. Jones was recognized for outstanding contributions she makes to the students and staff of Spur ISD. Jones is instrumental in providing support and ideas for building technology in all classrooms and curriculum, maintaining all equipment throughout the district, and support in the activities of the student body in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities for the past nine years. Jones has also provided support to the citizens of Spur through providing and facilitating continuing education classes to the public. She has also served as an instrumental part of the Rolling Plains Technology Consortium which consists of Guthrie, Jayton, Motley County, Paducah, Patton Springs, Spur and Valley ISDs. Jones moved into the IT field at Morton ISD fifteen years ago. Making the presentation to Jones is Angel Boyles, Region 17 TBTEA President. Jones is the daughter of Delight Jones of Haskell and the late Leon Jones.

Car thieves may be after your holiday gifts

During the holiday season, Santa may not be the only one watching you. Car thieves may be watching you and your car, especially if it is filled with holiday gifts and other valuables left in plain sight. Consumers need to be aware that the holidays are a prime time for thieves to strike.

Every 2 1/2 minutes in Texas, another vehicle is broken into and the contents stolen. In 2008, thieves committed 259,705 burglaries of motor vehicle offenses, including motor vehicle parts, accounting for an economic loss totaling over \$184,000,000 in Texas.

"The holidays should be filled with happiness, spending time with family and friends and shopping for that perfect gift, not worrying about car thieves," said Charles Caldwell, director of the Auto Burglary and

Theft Prevention Authority. "During the busy holiday shopping season, shoppers may overlook common sense precautions, especially when dealing with crowded parking lots and rushing from store to store."

This holiday season hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives, funded by the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), will be out in their communities, reminding Texans that where they are, car thieves are so they need to take better safety measures to secure their valuables.

"There are a few easy steps that can help make sure your holiday gifts wind up in the right hands," said Caldwell. "In addition to parking in well lit areas, you need to hide your gifts, lock your car, and take your keys."

Go Indians!

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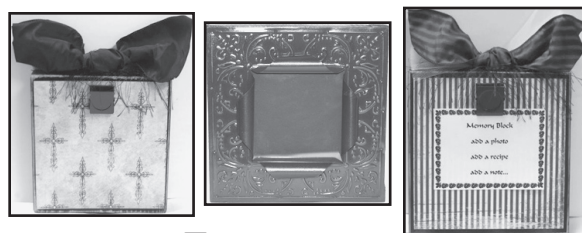
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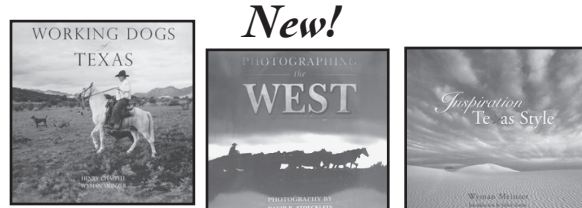
There will be an educational seminar explaining Medicare, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Prescription Plans (Part D) The seminar will be at the First National Bank in Haskell on December 8 at 10 a.m. to answer any questions you might have. Please call **The Drug Store** 940-864-2673 or 800-962-0743 for more information.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Interest high as primary filing period opens

AUSTIN—The filing period to run in next year's Democratic and Republican primaries opens Dec. 3 with an extra helping of political interest. Former gubernatorial hopeful Tom Schieffer is out of the Democratic Party primary race; Houston Mayor Bill White now is considered the leading Democratic candidate for governor; and GOP candidate U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she will remain in the Senate until after the primary. Gov. Rick Perry and Hutchison have scheduled a debate in North Texas for Jan. 14.

That means Hutchison, if she files to run for governor, will have to maintain her presence in Washington while trying to campaign against Perry in Texas. And it leaves other Republicans hoping to move up the political ladder having to seek their current offices rather than a higher or different one in the March 2 primary. The deadline for filing to run in the two primaries is Jan. 4.

White is a proven fundraiser and popular mayor who would give the Democrats their best opportunity in years to win statewide office. The other candidates who have said they will enter the primary race for governor are rancher Hank Gilbert, hair products entrepreneur Farouk Shami and humorist Kinky Friedman. All said they intend to stay in the race.

Even if White wins the March primary handily, he will have an uphill race against either Perry or Hutchison. Republicans have won every election for a statewide office since 1996.

Texas loses military contract

The Pentagon has decided to switch production of Army trucks from Sealy to Wisconsin, which could mean the loss of \$2.6 billion and 10,000 jobs if Texas politicians can't save the contract for BAE Systems. BAE, which has been making the trucks for 17 years, lost the bid for the contract to the Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh had financial help from the Wisconsin governor's office and the support of the state's Democratic congressional delegation. Gov. Perry's office said BAE did not ask for the governor's help in securing the contract. Oshkosh's bid to build 23,000 trucks and trailers over the next five years was about 10 percent below BAE's.

"We never saw this

coming—we were completely blindsided," says a top aide to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee panel with jurisdiction over military vehicles.

Perry rejects school standards

Gov. Perry has told Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott the state should not adopt national standards in seeking federal stimulus money. The U.S. Department of Education is giving preference for Race to the Top stimulus funds to states that adopt national standards and assessments for public school students.

Perry said that Texas is ahead of most states in setting standards for students to be college-ready at high school graduation and that the federal government should not be intruding in Texas classrooms. In a release from his office, Perry said Texas is eligible for as much as \$750 million in Race to the Top funds, but it would cost the state up to \$3 billion to realign its education system to meet the education department's standards.

"The federal government works best when it supports state-led efforts to improve our schools," Scott said. "This is not a state-led effort." Texas has been praised in education circles for its standards for schools and its efforts to measure student progress.

No extra pay for state retirees

Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled that retired state workers and teachers are not eligible for a \$500 bonus this year. Last session, the Legislature approved the bonus for retired members of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and Teacher Retirement System (TRS).

But the \$155 million in payments depended on a ruling from Abbott that the bonus was legal. In his opinion, Abbott said the Legislature's requirement for a conclusive ruling made it impossible to find authority for the one-time payment.

Tim Lee, executive director of the TRS, said it appeared the Legislature wrote the bill to ensure the bonus would not be awarded. The \$500 one-time payment was a compromise. The House had proposed a \$1,000 payment, but the Senate bill had none. The \$155 million will now go into the two retirement funds, which still can't cover their obligations to retirees over the next 31 years.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 9, 1999

Congratulations to the Rule Bobcats and their coaches, Paul Page and Cody Levrets, who finished their stellar season with twelve wins and two losses, giving them a third place finish in State.

Winners in Haskell's Christmas Parade include Most Original Costume, Caleb Hudgen's Gift Box. West Texas Utilities won first in the commercial category.

Nikki Wallace and Casey Riley were both named to the all-tournament team during the Haskell basketball tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilda Medford were honored with a reception in their home in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

20 Years Ago December 7, 1989

Haskell Indians Rodney Johnson, Roger Roewe and Harper Stewart were named to the all district football team by district 7-2A coaches.

Dr. Cliff Ray recently returned from a trip to India where he provided dental services to the poverty-stricken residents of Bangalore.

In the residential Christmas lighting competition, first place went to Mr. and Mrs. Drey Lowe, second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Pluto Pruett and third place winners were Mr. and Mrs. Odell Helweg.

State Rep. Rick Perry of Haskell announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as State Agriculture Commissioner.

Haskell County's Extension Homemakers Club Woman of the Year is Margaret M. Jones.

30 Years Ago December 5, 1979

Terry Chapman of Haskell competed in the National Finals Rodeo, held in Oklahoma City, in the saddle bronc riding competition.

The Haskell FFA Junior Farm Skills team of Mike Garland, Lonnie Hise and Lee Lane placed first in the Double Mountain District Leadership Contest.

Bobby Rexrode, former Haskell resident, recently published a book entitled, "The Multiple Secondary System for Winning Football."

Tribe loses regional contest to Seagraves 21-0.

Seven Indians named to the first team all-district include David Drinnon, Giles Kemp, David Gonzales, Monnie Hise, Albert Enriquez, Kirk Flippin and Jeff Hatfield.

40 Years Ago December 4, 1969

Stanley Furrh and Bud Lane, co-owners of Furrh-Lane Agency, held an open house in their new location.

Sheila Dutton, bride-elect of Billy Wayne Hester, was honored with a bridal shower.

Mrs. M.E. Opitz was the recipient of a ladies' billfold from Lyles Jewelry, after guessing nearest to the retail value of merchandise displayed in the window.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Speer were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary, with an "open house" hosted by their children.

Haskell Indian's finest season in seventeen years ended with a 28-27 loss to Reagan County in the Class 2A regional round.

50 Years Ago December 3, 1959

Haskell students attending

Texas Tech in Lubbock, and visiting at home for the holidays were Bobby Lusk, John Rike, Tom Alvis and Squee Kimbrough.

The Weinert Bulldogs won their third regional crown in 6-man football, when they crushed Miami 51-18. Adding points to the effort was W.J. Swanner, Bill Rainey, Chesley Forehand, David Earles, Don Cunningham and Keith Hobbs.

County Judge James C. Alvis stated that plans and specifications for a proposed addition to the Haskell County Hospital have been approved and forwarded to the State Department of Health.

Mrs. Howard Perry, Mrs. Bailey Toliver and Mrs. Hubert Bell presented, in the form of a comical skit, a Home Safety program at the Nov. meeting of the Progressive Study Club.

100 Years Ago December 4, 1909

John Oates was up from Simmons College this week on a visit to home folks.

Lon Gardner has purchased the fruit and confectionery business of D.W. Butler on the north side.

Judge S.W. Scott left Thurs. night for Fort Worth where he went to argue a case before the Court of Civil Appeals.

W.P. Whitman and son have purchased the leather and harness stocks of several firms and are opening up a wholesale and retail leather, harness and saddle shop on the west side of the square.

Judge H.R. Jones was called to Waco on professional business.

Dec. 10 is deadline to apply for LFP benefits

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Glenn R. Brzozowski, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Dec. 10 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during calendar year 2008. Haskell County is not eligible for the 2008 year but is for the 2009 crop year. For losses incurred during the 2009 calendar year, the deadline to apply for benefits is January 30, 2010.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet these deadlines for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said Brzozowski. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits."

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not required to have paid the buy-in fee.

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, contact the County FSA office at 940-864-2617. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Dec. 7 is deadine to vote in FSA committee elections

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell reminded farmers, ranchers and other eligible voters to cast ballots in local FSA County Committee elections before the Dec. 7 deadline.

"It is crucial that all farmers and ranchers in Haskell County vote in

this election to give them a voice in how FSA programs are administered in our area," said Brzozowski.

Ballots were mailed to eligible voters earlier this month. Eligible producers who did not receive ballots should contact their local FSA offices immediately.

Ballots must be returned to FSA Office or postmarked by Dec. 7. Elections may

be challenged by nominees within 15 days after the results of an election are posted. Newly elected Committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

FSA Committee members play an important role in their communities by making decisions on commodity price support loans and payments; conservation and disaster programs, and other important issues.

Every committee has three to five elected members. More than 8,000 County Committee members serve in more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. This year, approximately one-third of those seats are up for election.

Good luck to the
Indians
at the game
Saturday, Dec. 5
against Canadian!

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2009 Region II Div. I Champs



2009 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, JV in white shirts, #56 Preston Morrow, #8 Payne Utley, #2 Phillip Coleman, #40 Kiefer McNelly, #53 Layne Petty, #4 Trevor Reese, #7 Gabriel Torres and #63 L.J. Hammond; second row, #10 Isaiah Llewellyn, #59 Drake Everett, #5 Brett Shelton, #9 Cole Ray Hutchinson, #57 Stewart Urich, #51 Doug King, #55 Garrett Brueggeman, #1 Brady Leach and #62 Sterling Bird; JV not pictured are #58 Shawn Duncan and #60 Josh Naylor; third row, Varsity in black shirts, #44 Tyrone Neskorik, #66 Colton Kimmel, #14 Austin Marshall, #30 James Williams, #1 Christian Myers, #5 Garrett Miller, #20 Austin Nanny, #4 Kelson Aguero and #62 Zachary Wyrick; back row, #33 Marco Gonzalez, #50 A.J. Benton, #52 Clint Hamilton, #2 Tyler Rodriguez, #54 Simon Rodriguez, #70 Tyler Reese, #55 Scotty Rodriguez, #10 Adrian Hernandez and #59 Ethan Frierson; Varsity not pictured, #77 Tony Trevino.



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SAT., DEC. 5

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Haskell FFA teams advance to State



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA radio team placed second at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state. Team members are, l-r, Claire Carmichael, Arabella Garcia and Harley James.



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA Junior Chapter Conducting team placed second at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state. Team members are, l-r, Ashley Adams, Morgan Frierson, Taylor Burson, Cailey Foster, Caitlan Johnson, Maddie Mayfield and Kelcie Stayton.



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA Senior Skills team placed second at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state. Team members are, l-r, Garrett Brueggeman, Stewart Ulrich and Brady Leach.



FFA SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING TEAM—Placing fourth at the Area II LDE contest was the FFA Senior Chapter Conducting team of, l-r, Pamela Walker, Angelica Gonzalez, Dawn Skinner, Ashlee Short, Cheslee Hearn, Sara Weise, Ross Wittenborn, Krista McLemore and Jasmine Klose.



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA Junior Skills team placed first at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state. Team members are, l-r, David Newton, Cole Ray Hutchinson and Drake Everett.



FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM—Placing fifth at the Area II LDE contest was the FFA Public Relations team of, l-r, Veronica Benton, Ashley Meier, Brië Torres and Lonnie Alvarez.



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA Ag Issues team placed second at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state. Team members are, l-r, Maci Colley, Kymbre Kupatt, Miranda Johnson, Cody McLemore, Carson Hadaway, Jordan Burson and Kaycee Wilcox.



ADVANCING TO STATE—The Haskell FFA Senior Creed competitor, Pamela Walker, placed second at the Area II LDE contest and will compete at state.

Six Haskell FFA teams will participate in the state contests held Dec. 4-5 in Huntsville.

Thirty-six Haskell students comprising eight teams competed at the Area II LDE contest in Big Spring recently.

Teams and their members competing at area and advancing to state include:

Jr. Skills, first place: Drake Everett, Cole Ray Hutchinson and David Newton;

Jr. Chapter Conducting, second place: Cailey Foster, Morgan Frierson, Maddie Mayfield, Caitlan Johnson, Ashley Adams and Taylor Burson;

Sr. Skills, second place: Stewart Ulrich, Brady Leach and Garrett Brueggeman;

Ag Issues, second place: Maci Colley, Kaycee Wilcox, Miranda Johnson, Jordan Burson, Kymbre Kupatt, Carson Hadaway and Cody McLemore;

Radio, second place: Arabella Garcia, Harley James and Claire Carmichael; and

Sr. Creed, second place: Pamela Walker.

The Public Relations team placed fifth at area. Team members are Brie Torres, Ashley Meier, Veronica Benton and Lonnie Alvarez.

Placing fourth at area was the Sr. Chapter Conducting team of Pamela Walker, Angelica Gonzalez, Sara Weise, Ashlee Short, Cheslee Hearn, Dawn Skinner, Krista McLemore, Jasmine Klose and Ross Wittenborn.

“Unwrapping the Gift”
a celebration of Christmas at
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Schedule of Special Services
 Sunday, December 6, 10:45 a.m.
 “Unwrapping God’s Love”
 Sunday, December 13, 10:45 a.m.
 “Unwrapping God’s Intimacy”
 Saturday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
 “SHILOH Christmas Concert”
 Sunday, December 20, 10:45 a.m.
 “Unwrapping God’s Peace”
 Sunday, December 27, 10:45 a.m.
 “Unwrapping God’s Purpose”

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Good luck FFA at state!

The Haskell County Appraisal District
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 to attend training related to the new computer system now in operation.



DONATED BLANKETS—The Paint Creek FCCLA Chapter and Family & Consumer Science classes constructed fleece fringed and knotted blankets and donated them to the Noah Project—North as a community service project. These blankets will go to a shelter for victims of family violence. The Haskell Rotary Club provided the funding for the material to make the blankets, states Paint Creek FCCLA Chapter Advisor Darlene Hopkins. Pictured with the blankets are, l-r, Pam Norton, Rotary Club secretary; Donna Sue Anders, Noah Project Service Area Director; Brittany Waggoner, Paint Creek FCCLA president; Darlene Hopkins; and Penny Anderson, Rotary Club treasurer.



GAMING MODEL FINALISTS—The Rule ISD ReZd Competition team of Christina Herrera, left, Ryan Pace, center, and Stormie Hollabaugh traveled to TSTC in Abilene Sat., Nov. 14 to present their Never Winter Nights Gaming Module. The team was selected as one of five finalist in the Gaming Module competition hosted annually by TSTC. Each finalist team had to prepare a ten minute presentation which included demonstrating their gaming module. The competition was open to all Region XIV schools. The Rule Jr. High students were the youngest group selected and finished second place behind the Cisco High School Team. Rule received a free SmartBoard and projector for their school as a reward for their achievement.

Calendar

Puttin' on the Hits

Rule High School Theatre Arts Class will be Puttin' On the Hits Thurs., Dec. 17. Preceding the program will be a baked potato supper, with dessert, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m. Cost will be \$5 for the supper and program. Cost to attend the program only will be \$2. Children under five will be admitted free. All proceeds benefit the Theatre Arts Class for UIL One Act Play competition.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project—North will host their annual Christmas Tour of Homes Sun., Dec. 6, in Haskell. The beautiful homes on the tour all decorated for Christmas include the home of Jan and John Gannaway, 706 North Ave. L; Becky and Roy Wilson, FM600; and Nelda and Johnny Fuentes, 806 South Ave. G. Refreshments will be served at the AmeriStay Inn. The

tour is from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be purchased at the door or from any Advisory Committee member. If you have any questions, call 940-864-2551.

PC Sr. auction

The Paint Creek senior class will host an auction and chili supper Thurs., Dec. 10. The supper will begin at 5 p.m. in the Paint Creek cafeteria with the auction following at 6 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$5 a person and can be purchased at the door. The seniors are in need of quality items for the auction. If you would like to donate auction items, contact the school at 940-864-2868. All proceeds will be used for the senior trip.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to car pool to Munday for a program "Buds For You" to be presented by Perry

Kuehler, owner of Buds for You. Floral arrangements and decorations galore will be on display. Members are to bring an unwrapped toy for a child to be donated to Haskell Goodfellows.

Cantata

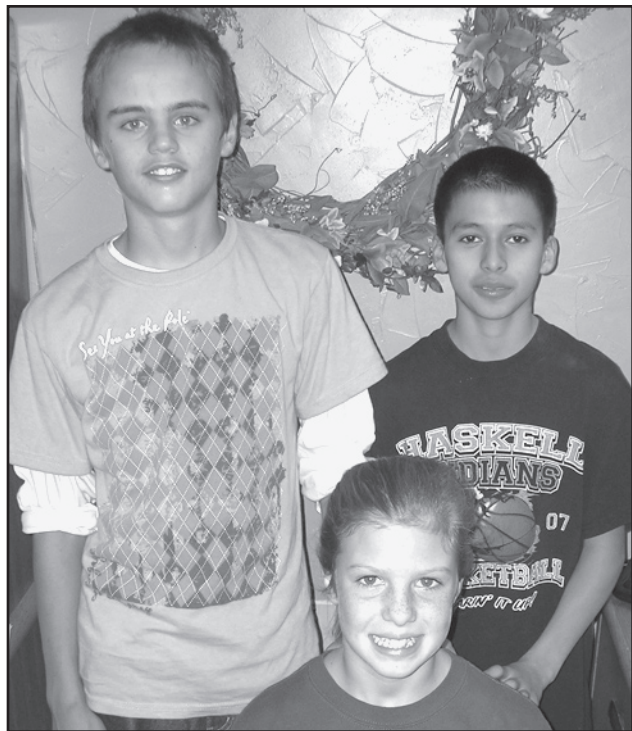
Community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Celebration

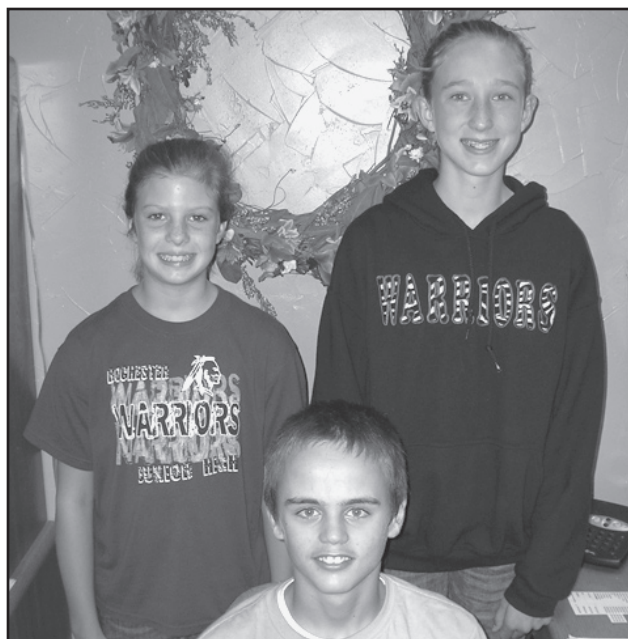
A come and go celebration honoring the retirement of Bobbye Collins, Haskell County Tax Assessor-Collector, will be held Sun., Dec. 6 at First National Bank from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Collins has served in the position for twenty-nine years.



FOOD DONATION—Citibank branch in Haskell donated food collected at the branch to the Noah Project in Haskell. This is the tenth year the food has been collected for the project. Bank employees included, l-r, Luis Olivarez, personal banker; Jamie Anderson, teller; Ashley Hearn, teller; and Brenda Miles, branch manager; and with the Noah Project are Janis Brzozowski, Assistant Service Area Director and Donna Sue Anders, Service Area Director.



STUDENT COUNCIL REPS—Rochester Junior High seventh grade class student council representatives are, l-r, Kade Colley, Jacie Klose and Angelo Pena.



CLASS OFFICERS—Rochester Junior High seventh grade class officers are, l-r, Jacie Klose, vice president; Kade Colley, president; and Reagan Hadaway, reporter.

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WIN TOURNAMENT—The Paint Creek Junior High Lady Pirates began their season last Saturday as champions of the Woodson Junior High Tournament. In the first game of the tournament, the Lady Pirates faced the Lueders-Avoca Lady Raiders. The Lady Pirates won the game by a score of 44-9 advancing them to the championship game against the Woodson Cowgirls. High pointer for the Lady Pirates vs Lady Raiders was Kadie McCord, scoring in double digits with 15 points. High pointer for the Lady Pirates against the Cowgirls was Stormy Darnell with 13 points. Team members include, front, Stormy Darnell; middle row, l-r, Dalinne Reed, Tarah Trotter, Baleigh Lopez and Caitlyn Mengwasser; and back row, Caitlin Medford, Samantha Barnett, Hanna Colley and Kadie McCord.

Rule School Menu

**Dec. 7-11
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, salsa cup
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam/grape jelly
Thursday: Oatmeal, buttered toast
Friday: Egg patty, sausage patty, biscuit

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Taco salad in a bowl, refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, pudding cup
Tuesday: Breaded chicken on a bun, burger salad, sliced carrots
Wednesday: Baked potato, steamed broccoli, diced ham and cheddar cup, cornbread
Thursday: Chicken wrap, refried beans, tossed salad, orange smiles
Friday: Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, corn cobbette, garlic bread



GIDEON CARMICHAEL



CLINT HAMILTON

Students visit Rotary Club

Gideon Carmichael is the son of Hew Carmichael and Beth Carmichael of Haskell.

He attends God Loves You Ministries and East Side Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, he participates in rodeo and FFA. He has received the People to People Student Ambassador to Australia award.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, wakeboarding and snowboarding.

He plans to attend helicopter flight school and Oklahoma State University to

pursue a degree in aerospace engineering.

Clint Hamilton is the son of Judy Hobby of Haskell.

At Haskell High School, he participates in sports and FFA. He participates in the gifted and talented program and is listed on the A-B honor roll.

He enjoys football, hunting and hanging out with his friends.

He plans to attend college and be the first male in his family to do so. He wants to attend Lincoln Tech in Grand Prairie.

This Week's Devotional Message:



For a real education, take time to read your Bible

In that busy life of yours, so rigidly apportioned among work, home maintenance, TV, PTO meetings or whatever, try to find time to read your Bible; even if it's only one chapter at a time. It contains a great many elements for our education and well-being. It's history, with the story of the earliest days of the world, faithfully handed down through the generations. It's geography, inviting fascinating comparison between

the Middle East and Mediterranean lands, then and now. It's a prescription for better living, with its rules for behavior toward our fellow human beings. It's a great comfort, bringing us guidance and solace in times of trouble or sorrow. All in all, it's the world's most perfect collection of writings, and if we know how interesting and helpful it can be, we will somehow manage to find the time for it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
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**
Ron Rennegarbe, 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. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Haskell School Menu

**Dec. 7-11
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PB&J
Tuesday: Breakfast bagel
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: Breakfast on a stick

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High

School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot roll, peaches

Tuesday: Frito pie, corn, garden salad, sunshine bars

Wednesday: Corn dog, baby carrots, ranch dressing, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, orange slices

Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, assorted chips, apple

Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, baked french fries, Gogurt

Paint Creek School Menu

**Dec. 7-11
Breakfast**

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Burritos, corn salad, apple crisp

Tuesday: Baked potatoes, ham, salad, jello

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, salad, cake

Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, salad, rice krispies

Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 7

Lunch—Chili Wieners, mac and cheese, au gratin potato, pork and beans, cornbread, lemon cake, tea, or coffee

Wed., Dec. 9

Lunch—Goulash and rice, pinto beans, buttered corn, toast, blueberry cobbler, tea

or coffee

Fri., Dec. 11

Lunch—Chicken and spaghetti, English peas, garden salad, garlic bread, brownie, pears, tea or coffee

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Public Notices

NOTICE Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids until December 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. on a 1976 Hyster Hauling Trailer with 49,000 GVW. Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. David C. Davis Haskell County Judge 48-49c

PUBLIC NOTICE The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) states that any teacher hired after the first day of the 2002-2003 school year to teach in a Title I, Part A program must be highly qualified. For the 2009-2010 school year, Haskell CISD reports that 100% of teachers in core academic subject areas meet the highly qualified requirements as required by NCLB. 49c

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Melvin L. Fannin, Deceased, were issued on November 16, 2009, in Cause No. 4,413, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Margie A. Fannin. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Kristen L. Fouts Attorney at Law 1 Avenue D Post Office Box 206 Haskell, Texas 79521 Dated the 18th day of November, 2009. Kristen L. Fouts Attorney for Applicant State Bar No.: 00786434 1 Avenue D Post Office Box 206 Haskell, Texas 79521 Telephone: (940) 864-2066 Facsimile: (940) 864-5616. 49c

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The family of Anita Dunlap would like to thank everybody for the kind and loving compassion shown to Anita during her illness and death. We sincerely appreciate the food, flowers and other acts of kindness. We would like to thank Brother Tony Grand for the words of comfort during this hard time. It is all greatly appreciated.

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ONE OF FIVE—Haskell Indian #2 Tyler Rodriguez enters the end zone for the Indians. Rodriguez had five touchdowns on 18 carries. He posted 278 yards rushing. The Indians meet Canadian Sat., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.



QUARTERBACK SCRAMBLE—Haskell Indian quarterback #1 Christian Myers gains yards on a play against the Pirates Friday night. Myers got 144 yards on 12 rushes and one touchdown in the playoff game.



PAT KICK—Haskell Indian #55 Scottie Rodriguez adds a PAT while Indian #2 Tyler Rodriguez holds the ball.



PASS DEFENSE—Haskell Indian #54 Simon Rodriguez drops back in pass defense in a Thanksgiving weekend game against Collinsville. The Indians advance in the quest to state, defeating Collinsville 51-35.



KICKOFF BLOCK—Haskell Indian #12 Brett Shelton gets a block on a kickoff in the playoff game against Collinsville last weekend in Springtown.

Sales tax receipts show some gains

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says the state collected \$1.52 billion in sales tax revenue in October, down 12.8 percent compared to October 2008.

"Declining sales tax collections, which began in February, have continued with October's collections," Combs said. "Tax collections are down in major sectors of the economy, including retail trade, oil and natural gas and construction."

Combs distributed \$500.7 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 8.7 percent compared to November 2008.

Combs sent Texas cities \$342.6 million in sales tax allocations, down 8.3 percent

Christmas parade to be Dec. 12

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas parade Sat., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. with the theme 'Wild about Christmas.'

A window decoration contest for businesses will also be conducted.

For entry forms for either event, contact Sally at 940-864-2477.

compared to November 2008. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 4.2 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$28.2 million, down 14.5 percent compared to one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are running 3.7 percent below 2008 revenues.

November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made Fri., Dec. 11.

Haskell County had a 5.20 percent increase for November 2009 of \$42,816.68 in comparison to \$40,700.17 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$381,493.30 reflect a 5.94 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$405,611.17.

The City of Haskell had a 5.38 percent increase for November 2009 of \$38,996.93 in comparison to \$37,003.84 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$349,674.31 reflect a 6.88 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$375,539.12.

The City of O'Brien had a 33.94 percent decrease for November 2009 of \$120.38 in comparison to \$182.25 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$1,300.79 reflect a 26.68 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$1,026.81.

The City of Rochester had a 1.24 percent increase for November 2009 of \$896.73 in comparison to \$885.66 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$6,418.61 reflect a .43 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$6,446.70.

The City of Rule had a 10.47 percent increase for November 2009 of \$2,450.52 in comparison to \$2,218.10 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$20,990.58 reflect a 9.62 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$19,148.29.

The City of Weinert had a 14.18 percent decrease for November 2009 of \$352.12 in comparison to \$410.32 for November 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$3,109.01 reflect a 9.89 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$3,450.25.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Nov. 23 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance.

Invocation was offered by Guess.

The council voted to participate in the cooperative purchasing program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Members cast the City of Haskell's votes for Johnny

Scoggins and Mynea Short for appointment as board members to the Appraisal District Board.

The 2010 City of Haskell holiday schedule was approved.

Roy Squyres was appointed as emergency management coordinator.

Police Chief Steven Grand gave the October police activity report.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•Vandalism at the city park was reported to the

police department.

•Phone calls and inquiries have been made by local businesses interested in applying for beer and wine sales permits/licenses.

•Citizens are reminded that winter is just around the corner and that now is the time to winterize homes and water faucets to attain maximum efficiency and warmth to help prevent costly water leaks.

•More properties will be listed for consideration at the Dec. 14 council meeting.

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