

Basketball

HASKELL

JVB: Jayton Tournament

Dec. 2-4 at Jayton

VB: Olney Tournament

Dec. 2-4 at Olney

VG: Merkel Tournament

Dec. 2-4 at Merkel

JHG-JHB vs Stamford

Mon., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.

Boys at Stamford

Girls at Rochester

JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley

Tues., Dec. 7, 4 p.m.

at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

VG-VB: Woodson Tourney

Dec. 2-4 at Woodson

JH vs Woodson

Mon., Dec. 6, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

VG-VB vs Moran

Tues., Dec. 7, 6 p.m.

at Moran

RULE

VG-VB: Patton Springs

Tournament

Dec. 2-4 at Patton Springs

JH vs Aspermont

Fri., Dec. 3, 6 p.m.

at Aspermont

VG-VB vs Knox City

Tues., Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.

at Knox City

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 hfpnews@lycos.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 23.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project-North's annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Haskell will be Sun., Dec. 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. The beautiful homes on the tour this year are Tina and David Adams, Sue and Cecil Bingham, Beth and Hew Carmichael, Rhonda and Joe Stephens, and Debbie Maines. Refreshments will be served at the Carmichael's home. The Carousel will also be open for your shopping pleasure.

Christmas dinner

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group will host their Christmas dinner and meeting Dec. 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Place your reservation by calling 940-864-5864 or 325-864-4466.

Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual Haskell Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Civic organizations, churches, school organizations, businesses and individuals are invited to attend. This year's theme is "Hometown Christmas." Businesses are invited to participate in the second annual Christmas Window Decoration contest for an entry fee of \$5. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office.

Christmas cantata

The Haskell Community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell by a choir of over 40 members from eleven churches.

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Noah Project Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday

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69 cotton modules burn on Thanksgiving Day

Haskell had quite a scare early Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25, as a cotton module fire at the Haskell County Gin, located at 810 N. Ave. B, caused some tense moments for Haskell Fire Department personnel.

The fire was dispatched at approximately 3:30 a.m., about the time a weather change caused a drop in temperatures and a strong north wind. A few modules on fire quickly turned into 69 and the race was on to

prevent the spread of the inferno to the residential neighborhood that closely borders the gin yard.

Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw saw very intense smoke as he entered the neighborhood and began

to knock on the doors of homes along North 6th Street, then made the area blowing the siren of his fire vehicle awakening residents to evacuate the area, while fire crews were arriving on the scene.

It was quickly realized that more help would be needed and a call for mutual aid from the area departments of Rule, Weinert, Munday, Knox City and Stamford was answered.

About 30 firefighters worked to calm the blaze and prevent it from spreading to nearby buildings. The fire was contained by mid-morning, but smoke continued to blanket the town causing many to abandon Thanksgiving dinner plans, moving celebrations to houses in other areas of the city.

Module haulers responded, moving threatened modules to areas safe from the flames.

Local law officials and others kept a watchful eye on the spread of the fire, helping firefighters maintain attention to the job at hand.

The modules, which cannot be extinguished, were allowed to burn through Saturday when dozer crews began to bury what remained.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$380,000, but insurance should help farmers with any loss.

Gin owners Art and Charlotte Culpepper said that the gin should be running by Monday and praised quick actions by firefighters preventing the situation from becoming much worse.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined, but nothing suspicious is suspected. No buildings were damaged and no injuries were reported during the incident.



MODULE FIRE—Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members were dispatched to respond to a module fire at the Haskell County Gin about 3:30 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 25. Crews from area departments of Weinert, Rule, Knox City, Munday and Stamford were called to assist in the fire involving 69 modules. Thick smoke covered the east side of town south of the gin making the evacuation of homes in the area necessary. Quick action by the departments prevented any loss other than that of the modules. All of the modules were insured. Cause of the blaze is unknown.

Christmas Tour of Homes set Sunday

by Caron Yates

It is once again time to mark you calendars for the 17th annual Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour of Homes.

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5 in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour, will be Tina and David Adams at 903 North 8th East/747 CR 206; Sue and Cecil Bingham at 1206 North Ave. L; Beth and Hew Carmichael at 864 Jim Strain Road; Rhonda and Joe Stephens at 1101 North Ave. F; and Debbie Maines at 1507 N. Ave. E. The Carousel will also be open for your shopping pleasure.

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15, and can be purchased at the door or from any

advisory committee member. Homes may be toured in any order from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Carmichael's home.

The benefits of this event are twofold. Not only do you get to enjoy the beauty of these homes, but you are also helping raise funds for a very worthy cause.

The Noah Project-North's mission is to support people dealing with the crisis of family violence. Family violence is one of the most common, as well as devastating, problems in our country. They provide victims a safe shelter, help with basic living essentials, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal and medical advocacy. Their

services are available to all victims of family violence.

Services provided by Noah Project-North are supported through grants, donations and the various fund-raisers held throughout the year.

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski. The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides

educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

Help can be found by calling the 24-hour crisis hotline at 800-444-3551, or by contacting the local office in the courthouse.

In order to continue to provide services, Noah Project-North needs our help. So get in the Christmas spirit, enjoy some beautiful homes and help out a worthy cause.

Donations sought to support annual Goodfellows project

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. 4 and Sat., Dec. 11, 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.



WATCHFUL EYE—Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw, left, helps firemen keep an eye on modules that continued to burn on the morning of Thanksgiving Day at the Haskell County Gin. Fire crews left the modules to burn, as they cannot be extinguished. Smoke continued to cover the area through Friday.



LOTS OF HELP—Fire departments, module haulers, dozer operators, city and county officers, gin owners and others helped watch the module fire at Haskell County Gin on Thanksgiving Day.

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HOUSE FIRE—Haskell volunteer firemen responded to a call of a porch on fire at this house belonging to Dewayne Meier at 407 N. 2nd East in Haskell at about 8:30 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 27. Meier was sleeping when he smelled smoke and made the call for help.



LEARNS TO SIGN—Haskell Elementary second graders had a special guest, Lisa Frierson, left, come to their music classroom to teach them how to sign "Christmas Comes From the Heart." Frierson is a recently retired school teacher. All Haskell Elementary students are busy preparing Christmas songs for the Haskell Elementary Holiday of Music and Open House Thurs., Dec. 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

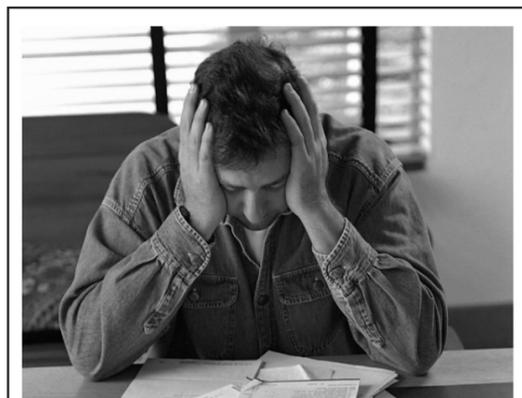
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In the Service

Air Force Staff Sgt. Tamara K. Schonertstedt has deployed to Iraq to serve in support of Operation New Dawn, the formerly named Operation Iraqi Freedom. This transition signifies a formal end to U.S. military combat operations in Iraq.

Operation New Dawn shifts the U.S. emphasis from predominantly military to predominately civilian as the U.S. officials assist Iraqis in accordance with the Strategic Framework Agreement.

The three primary missions of U.S. Forces include advising, assisting, and training the Iraqi Security Forces; conducting partnered counterterrorism operations; and providing support to provincial reconstruction teams and civilian partners as they help build Iraq's civil capacity.

Schonertstedt, an accounting liaison technician with six years of military service, is assigned to the 355th Comptroller Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson.

She is the daughter of Rusty K. Schonertstedt of Abilene, and sister of Janeen R. Jordan of Denver, Colo.

She is the granddaughter of Lawrence and Mary Schonertstedt, and Kathryn Schonertstedt, all of Haskell.

The staff sergeant graduated in 2004 from Jim Ned High School in Tuscola.

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Obituaries

Ruby Lillian Martin



RUBY MARTIN

Funeral services for Ruby Lillian Martin, 84, of Haskell were held Fri., Nov. 26 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Jay Beerly officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Martin passed away Mon., Nov. 22 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born April 4, 1926 in Glen Rose, she was the daughter of Claude and Irene Muse. She married Joe Martin in 1943. She worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital as a Licensed Vocational Nurse for 32 years, and co-founded the Hospital Auxiliary where she continued to work until her health prevented it in 2009. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was a loving person to all who knew her and was deeply dedicated to her family. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends for her courage and wonderful smile that will never be forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and

Irene Muse; husband Joe Martin; two sons, Randy and Ricky Martin; one daughter-in-law Donna Martin; two grandchildren, Wade and Glen Martin; and one sister Lorene Bonner.

Survivors include one son, Stan Martin and wife, Betty, of Haskell; one sister, Dorothy Cox of Haskell; four grandchildren, Joseph Martin and Randall Martin, both of Haskell, Kyle Martin of Plains and Stacie Muncell of Big Spring; twelve great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of dear friends.

Pallbearers were L.C. Johnson, Jr., Albert Alvarez, Jr., Jason Biba, Matt Muncell, David Bolin, and Don Kreger. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies). PD. NOTICE

Beatrice Naomi Kirkland



BEATRICE KIRKLAND

Funeral services for Beatrice Naomi Kirkland, 86, of Haskell were held Fri., Nov. 26 at East Side Baptist

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

Mrs. Kirkland passed away Mon., Nov. 22 in Haskell.

Born June 28, 1924 in Truce, she was the daughter of the late J.B. Jones and Jimmy Harriet Gustin Jones. She married O.D. 'Dusty' Kirkland in 1952. She was a homemaker and kept children in her home for many years. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband

and infant brother, Kenneth David Jones.

Survivors include her son, W.R. Jones and wife Nancy of Fort Worth; daughter, Loretta Brunson and husband Hutch of Hartwell, Georgia; brothers, Tex Jones and wife Jean of Dallas, Jimmy Jones and wife Bill Ann of Bowie, L.E. Jones of Bowie, Al Jones and wife Pat of Odessa; sisters, Dean Hickman of Fort Worth, Thelma Oliver of Stockdale; eight grandchildren; one great granddaughter; two great great grandsons; several nieces, nephews and a host of dear friends. PD. NOTICE

Connie M. Flores

Funeral services for Connie M. Flores, 47, of North Richland Hills will be held Fri., Dec. 3 at the Church of Christ in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Flores was called home by the Lord Fri., Nov. 26, after a short illness.

Born Jan. 27, 1963 in San Saba, she was the daughter of Bisente and Frances Flores. She was a longtime employee of 28 years at the Hyatt Regency DFW. She touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all. She was a loyal and dedicated fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

She graduated from Haskell High School in 1982. She lived most of her life in North Richland Hills.

She will be missed by her dog, Lilly, whom she loved deeply.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Frances V. Flores, and her oldest brother, Joe Flores.

Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Rogelio Estrada; daughters, Gabriella and Tiffany Estrada of North Richland Hills; son, Johnathan Rogelio Estrada of North Richland Hills; granddaughter, Mya-Elizabeth; father, Bisente Flores of Haskell; sisters, Janie Flores of Keller, Lydia, Irma, Sallie and Dalia of North Richland Hills, Rebeca and husband, Don Lovelace of Roanoke; brothers, Henry and wife, Gwena Flores of Haskell and Emeterio of Fort Worth. PD. NOTICE

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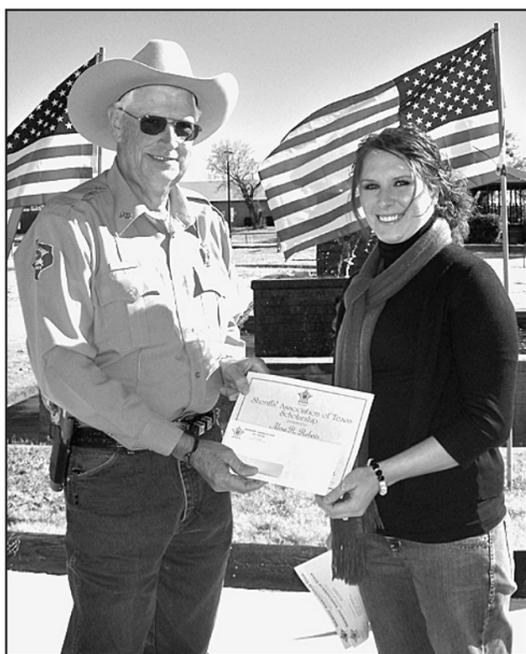
Rule ISD conducts a program for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go by the

school counselor's office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

The nomination period for Rule ISD will be from Nov. 29 through Dec. 10. Contact Rule School Counselor, Leslie Kupatt, at 997-2783, if you would like to know more about the nomination process for the Rule Gifted and Talented Program.

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AWARD PRESENTATION—Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton, left, representing the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, presented a \$500 award, on behalf of the association, for the 2010 fall semester to Alexa R. Roberts of Haskell. She is daughter of Jimmy Roberts of Haskell, and Patricia Wyman; and the granddaughter of Doug Wyman, DPS, Sgt. Inv. Narcotics. The presentation was made Sat., Nov. 27 at the Tom Paul 'Bull' Barnett Memorial at the Haskell City Park. Barnett was a Haskell Police Chief for many years. Roberts is a student at Texas Tech University, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture. The award is the Sheriff Joe G. Goodson Memorial Award, sponsored by Robyn Goodson.



TRAINING AWARD—Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw holds an award presented to the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department by the Mid-West Firefighter's Association in recognition and appreciation of the department's commitment to Fire Service Training by hosting the Annual Rope 'N' Smoke Training Day in Haskell. The award was presented during the 144th Semi-Annual Fire Convention held Oct. 16.

Backpack pain

A backpack bulging with books and school supplies may be a sign of a good student, but doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center say it can also cause back strain and even nerve damage.

A condition called Rucksack Paralysis is caused

by the strain on shoulders and arms. Symptoms include pain and tingling in the hands and arms. The problem could become permanent if kids continue to sport packs that are too heavy.

"If the child is straining or slouching, that is a sign the pack's too heavy," says UT Southwestern orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Kevin Gill, co-director of the Spine Center at the medical center. "You can often lighten the load by ensuring that kids don't carry anything in their packs that isn't necessary."

In addition, Dr. Gill recommends avoiding slinging a backpack over just one shoulder.

"Use a pack with a waistband and carry it with both straps to distribute the load," says Dr. Gill. "Or you may want to consider a rolling backpack or luggage cart."

Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society met Mon., Nov. 2 in the Haskell County Library.

Guest speaker for the evening was Lindo Guess of Weinert. Guess talked about his years growing up on a farm in Haskell County. He shared with us his memories of leaving home to enroll in Hardin-Simmons University and having to return home after a short time to help his family. He later completed his education and spent many years as an educator.

Guess spoke of reporting for duty in the service of his country during the Korean War, a world away from Haskell County. He recalled how much the world has changed since his youth, yet how it remains the same in some ways. A longtime Sunday School teacher, Guess recounted the spiritual influence of his grandmother. He remembered, as a child, hearing her quote not just verses of scripture, but entire passages. Her admonition that some things of God are not meant for man's understanding, and that there is something much greater than this present world stayed with him throughout his life. We appreciate Guess' longtime service to our area.

As the holiday season approaches, the society still has copies of its Haskell

County pictorial history published in Arcadia Publishing's Images of Americaseries. Proceeds from sales of the book through the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society are returned to the county through additional historical preservation projects, such as our purchase from the Texas Tech Southwest Collection of microfilm of historical Haskell Free Press editions, support of the Veterans' Wall of Honor and other projects.

A new year will soon be upon us, and our 13th annual calendar depicting historical scenes from Haskell County is now available. Along with our book of photographs, these will make great gifts for family and friends who share our heritage. We have received many inquiries regarding our book from folks who have moved away, yet maintain ties to Haskell County. You may contact the following individuals or any historical society member for calendars or books: Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Robinson,

Marilyn Griffith, Wanda Ham or Susan Turner.

We invite anyone interested in history or genealogy, particularly of Haskell County, to join us on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Haskell County Library. Our membership newsletter is filled with historical information remembering those who have passed this way.

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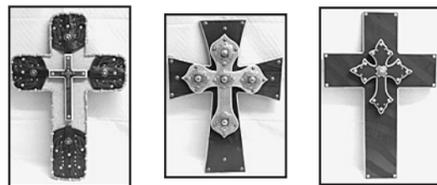
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

City officials claim Open Meetings Act sullys communication

AUSTIN—More than a dozen city council members had their day in federal district court on Nov. 23 when their challenge to the constitutionality of the Texas Open Meetings Act was heard with Judge Rob Junell presiding.

The plaintiffs, from cities across Texas, claimed the Act violates their right to free speech because it requires them to meet and vote in public or face jail time and fines if they are convicted of deliberating about public business secretly, or in a manner that circumvents the Act.

City council members from Wichita Falls, Arlington, Alpine and Hurst testified they routinely avoid communicating with other council members outside of an official meeting because they could not be sure if doing so would be a violation of the Act.

But the Texas Attorney General's office, defendants, refuted the plaintiffs' arguments on constitutional and procedural grounds.

Judge Junell called for more input from both sides in January, before he will render a decision in the case.

Jury finds DeLay guilty on 2 counts

In an Austin state district courtroom, a 12-member jury on Nov. 24 found former U.S. House majority leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, guilty of money laundering and conspiracy.

The case stems from an incident several years ago when DeLay moved corporate campaign contributions to the Republican Party into political races for certain Texas Republicans running for seats in the U.S. House.

DeLay, who faces a sentence of five to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine on the money laundering charge, and two to 20 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine on the conspiracy charge, said he will appeal.

Panel investigates allegation

The House Committee on General Investigating and Ethics met at the Capitol on Nov. 23 to check out an allegation by a state representative that he may have been pressured to vote for the reelection of House Speaker Joe Straus or lose his seat in the upcoming redrawing of districts.

The allegation, lodged by Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, sprang from a telephone conversation he had with Rep. Larry Phillips, R-Sherman. The allegation turned out to be nothing action worthy.

The Ethics Committee chalked it up as a disagreement between two members.

But of course, there is quite a bit of uncertainty afoot on how Congressional, state Senate and state House districts will look when the Texas Legislature

applies Census 2010 figures to the state map.

Investments will create Texas jobs

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 22 announced a \$3.1 million investment in PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., that he said would create 400 jobs in San Antonio and generate an estimated \$17 million in capital investment.

On Nov. 23, Perry announced a \$2.5 million investment to create a U.S. operations center for SunPower Corp. in Austin. Perry said the investment would create 450 jobs and generate an estimated \$10 million in capital investment.

The state's financial contribution to the two projects comes through the Texas Enterprise Fund, a business incentive account that requires the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the House to agree before funds can be disbursed.

Plenty of shingle in our asphalt

In mid-November, the Texas Department of Transportation reported that in the last 18 months, it pre-qualified two dozen used shingle-processing operations to supply TxDOT road projects.

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"That's as many shingles as roofers would remove from 40 2,000-square foot homes."

Chemical company wins honor

Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 19 announced Dow Chemical Co. as its 2010 Texas Workforce Employer of the Year.

Dow, which employs 6,500 workers in Texas, was chosen from among five finalists for its collaboration with the Texas workforce system and for supporting the agency's goal of ensuring that both employers and workers have the resources and skills Texas needs to remain competitive in the 21st century.

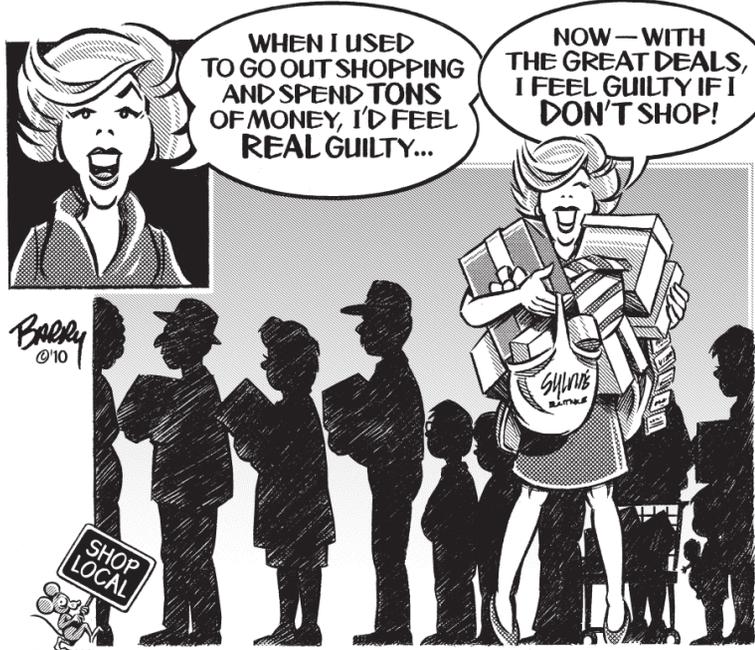
Officials noted that Dow dedicates resources to a state employment project that matches industry jobs to military job descriptions to help returning veterans secure employment.

10 to vie for vacant House seat

Eight Republicans, two Democrats and one Libertarian are running in the Dec. 14 special election for the House District 44 seat.

The winner will succeed the late Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, who had served as the district's state representative since 1983. Kuempel, 67, died of a heart attack in Austin on Nov. 4.

Guadalupe, Gonzales and Wilson counties make up House District 44.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

November 30, 2000

Alice Yates of Weinert, took first place honors in district competition and placed second at the state level, with a quilt she made and entered in the Extension Education Association's Cultural Arts competition.

Lennie Ruth Blankenship was named Club Woman of the Year, and Jeri Burke was named Rookie of the Year by the Haskell County Extension Education Association.

Jennifer Smith and Whitney Hise, members of the Haskell Senior 4-H club, taught some of the interesting things they learned at the Bobwhite Brigade camp during the November 4-H meeting.

20 Years Ago

November 29, 1990

Haskell Indian Jonathan Dever was named to the first team all district as a running back. Named to the second team was offensive lineman Chad Gibson and defensive back Jeremy Fuentes.

Chad Ballard of Rochester, a student at Texas A&M University put his agricultural background and business knowledge to work through a ten week Farm Credit Bank of Texas internship program.

Haskell superintendent William Stewart, along with school board members Bob Aycock, Terry Blanks and Mike Guess inspected work which has begun on the new athletic track for the Haskell school.

30 Years Ago

November 27, 1980

Haskell Maidens Emily Cox and Kim Lane were named to the all-tournament team, while Cindy Everett received the Most Valuable Player Award. The Maidens won first place in the Hardin-Simmons University High School Girls Basketball tournament.

Mrs. Ione Sheid of Rule, was honored with a 90th birthday party, hosted by friends.

Haskell High School FFA Farm Radio Team placed first in district competition. Team members are Paul Barnett, Monty Moeller and Tom Barnett.

Coach Coy Payne was honored at the Indian Booster Club meeting. A plaque, commemorating the dedication and service he has given Haskell athletes the past eight years, was presented.

40 Years Ago

November 26, 1970

At the regular meeting of the Haskell Masonic Lodge, Shelby Harris received a 50 year pin. Receiving 25 year pins were D.T. Atchison, H.E. Bland, Thurmond Bynum, Raymond M. Davis, Woodley Davis, Woodrow Frazier, J.B. Gipson, W.O. Holden, W.O. Lewis, R.R. Lusk, W.D. Rogers, Charles Smith, Haskell Stone, Carl Wheatley and Howard Perry.

Amy Dunnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dunnam of Weinert, has been elected Coordinator for the Texas

Student Nursing Association of Mary Meek School of Nursing at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The Rule Bobcats captured the 2-B district title, after high scoring tailback Jimmy Lisle tacked up 22 points and Kent LeFevre added 8 more points in the game against Rochester.

50 Years Ago

December 1, 1960

Johnny Wyatt of Rochester, was elected president of the Haskell County Farmers Union. He succeeds Herman K. Henry of Haskell, who headed the organization the past year.

Two former Haskell High School Indian football players will take part in the nation's post season bowl games. Robert Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr, and a fullback for the Baylor Bears, will play in the Alligator Bowl. Tommy Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, who is a halfback at Tyler Junior College, will play in the Junior Rose Bowl.

100 Years Ago

November 26, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitfield have taken charge of the Hunt House and will operate the establishment in the future.

W.K. Whitman has sold out in Roswell, N.M. and will move back to Haskell.

District Judge Thomas has re-appointed James Hankerson as district court reporter.

One click or call— TxDOT makes it easier to report problems

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) launched a new reporting system this week that makes it easier and faster for Texans to report maintenance issues on Texas highways.

The new, more efficient system also gives citizens a better opportunity to be a part of the maintenance solution by providing several million additional pairs of eyes to help TxDOT crews identify problems and preserve the state's expansive transportation infrastructure.

TxDOT's newly launched "Report a Pothole" initiative is available online at www.txdot.gov or the toll-free number at 888-885-8248.

With just a click of a mouse or a quick phone call, citizens can report a pothole, including the location of the damage.

The new system is part of the agency's ongoing move toward transparency and better customer service, said Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT executive director.

"But it's also about enlisting Texans to help us maintain the state's transportation system," Saenz added. "Citizens reporting problems on the highways—it just makes sense. It's like an extension of our maintenance forces. In today's environment of diminishing resources, it helps to have every citizen engaged."

Operators will answer phone lines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday. Evening and weekend calls will go to voicemail and be returned the next morning or on the first working day of the following week.

For more information, contact Government and Public Affairs Media Relations at 512-463-8700.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I apologize for no column the week of Thanksgiving and thanks for those who claimed to have missed it. Two reasons it wasn't there: Early deadlines of papers and the yearly plagues of allergies and viruses.

The Community Thanksgiving program at the First Baptist Church this year was really a treat. The music was awesome and the message delivered by our newest minister, David White of the Lutheran Church was quite memorable. Two things he mentioned that I want to remember: "Gratitude should be our attitude." I can still hear the wife's quoting the following to the two offspring: "How sharper than a serpent's tooth is the ungrateful child." I don't know if it's Shakespeare or the Bible—but it sounds important. Secondly, Minister White pointed out, "God always heals, it may be necessary to call one home; but He always heals." I want to remember that.

It is a sad occasion saying

goodbye to old friends: Walter Felker and Kay Henry. I realize the dying's wishes must be carried out, but it would have been nice for friends to show their love and respect for an old friend. In Walter's case, his service brought friends from far and wide back to his hometown. One of those was the wife's cousin, Dr. Bob Herren, who practices dentistry in Dallas and his brother, Ray, from College Station. I was touched when Bob gave a nice donation to the Boy Scout Troop in memory of Walter and another to the Haskell Memorial Civic Center in memory of his parents: Bud and Eula Mae Herren.

It is a sad commentary but you reach an age where the only time family gets together anymore is at funerals. This being one of those occasions, we had an opportunity to drive around the county—out to the old Home Place—not mine, but to Jan's and Bob's fathers', then towards Weinert to checkout

his newly purchased farm. He is full of information, such as: Did you know there is a Canadian geese refuge in the county? You can order a map of oil wells of the county and will notice quite a pattern of drilled wells and some most likely that could be injected with CO2 and more oil retrieved. Wouldn't Haskell welcome a little oil boom?

As a Thanksgiving gift, Lonnie and Kim Meredith of The Drug Store donated a meal to the ECC. I understand they have done this for several years. Often times people don't get recognized for the good they do. We're glad to have the Merediths in our town.

I'm sensing more enthusiasm for the Christmas parade this year. In talking to Pastor Tom Long of the Methodist Church, he said, "Of course the Methodist Church is having a float." Something was said in effect, "It's all about participation." He let it be known in a hurry, "Heck, No, we want to WIN!"

So be ye forewarned....Those Methodists are out to win...Is this akin to throwing down the gauntlet?

Community Christmas Cantata is Dec. 12 at First Baptist Church.

In this Christmas Season, I challenge you to "Play it Forward"....pick out a worthy person and be their Secret Santa. "Tis more blessed to give than to receive."

Shop Haskell! Let's do all that we can to make sure that our merchants have a profitable and Merry Christmas. We are blessed to have each and every one of them.

Gin Report

Nov. 29, 2010

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THANKSGIVING SONGS—Haskell Elementary second graders sang Thanksgiving songs at the Haskell Healthcare Center, top, and Experienced Citizens Center, bottom, Mon., Nov. 22. Songs included were "I Like Thanksgiving," "Turkey Boogie," and "Thankful Most of All for Me." The students, along with teachers, LaKay Caparoon, Rhonda Hanson, Peggy Darden and Pam Gibson, music teacher, wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.



4-H WATER BOTTLE WINNERS—Haskell Elementary students winning 4-H water bottles were, l-r, Peyton Shotts, Cody Kucera and Paul Weidler. The winners were recognized in celebration of National 4-H Week.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE—Paint Creek School fourth graders collected food during the food drive held at the school and tied with the sixth grade class for top honors. Pictured are, standing, l-r, George Bogle, Chase Thompson, Garrett Arendall, Bailey Hawkins and Zoe Webb; kneeling/sitting, Natividad Iпина, Manuel Acosta, Antonio Yanez, Brittany Yanez, Gabriel Todd, Daniel Salinas, Brittany Melton and Cameron Poulton.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE—Paint Creek School sixth graders collected food during the food drive held at the school and tied with the fourth grade class for top honors. Pictured are, standing, l-r, Melisa Rock and Buddy Trotter; sitting, Corey Mengwasser, Caitlyn Douglass, Catherine Lemond, Sabrina Conn, Sabrina Ortega and Zhenia McTasney.

Paint Creek students conduct canned food drive

The ninth grade class at Paint Creek High School sponsored a food drive before Thanksgiving. All second period classes, K-12, competed against one another to see who could collect the most cans

and non-perishable items. A total of over 600 items were donated to the Ministerial Alliance in Haskell.

There was a tie with the fourth and sixth graders in their collections. Both classes collected around 104

items. They were honored with a popcorn and Coke party on Tues., Nov. 23.

Thanks to all who took part in helping those in need with food during the holiday season.

Calendar

Volleyball night

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

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Deadlines

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

Teamkid

The First Baptist Church of Haskell will host Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" for ages four years through sixth grade on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center. If a child needs a ride, parents should call the church office at 864-2581.

Join PTO

The Haskell Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is seeking volunteers. To join contact Laramie Letz, Ember Medford, Michelle Moore or Amy Martin.

Coin drive

Haskell Elementary is holding a coin drive to benefit St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Anyone wishing to help, can drop off coins at the Haskell Elementary office by Dec. 15.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Dec. 15 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Call 325-773-5681 for appointment.

Open house

The Haskell High School open house will be held Tues., Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The new renovations and new science labs will be shown during tours for those attending.

Christmas dance

A Children's Christmas dance will be held Fri., Dec. 10 from 8 to 11 p.m. for children in grades two through 8 at the Haskell Country Club. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

Fund established

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank in Stamford for Joel and Michelle Barnett. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 671 in Stamford, Texas 79553.

Three Haskell FFA teams advance to state contest

Haskell FFA had 22 members competing on six different leadership teams this past weekend at the Area II Leadership Development Contest in Big Spring. Results are as follows:

Ag Issues, second place—Advanced to State: Pamela Walker, Ashlee Short, Kymbre Kupatt, Carson Hadaway, Maci Colley, Sara Weise and Cailey Foster.

Jr. Skills, first place—Advanced to State: Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael and Madison Homeyer.

Sr. Skills, first place—Advanced to State: Madison Mayfield, Cheslee Hearn and Shelby Dunnam.

Public Relations, ninth place: Dawn Skinner, Meagan Kimbrough, Morgan Frierson and Ashley Adams.

Jr. Quiz, tenth place: Emily Fouts, Dana Rodriguez, Breanna Steadham and Meghan Glover.

Radio, fourth place: Kymbre Kupatt, Pamela Walker and Arabella Garcia.

The three teams that advanced will be competing at the Texas FFA State LDE Contest in Huntsville Dec. 3-4.

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Collegiate early signing period: Strickland inks with LSU

EUSTACE—Braden Strickland has abused baseballs—and batters, for that matter—all over Texas. Next stop: Louisiana, and beyond.

Strickland, a Eustace High School senior, on Wed., Nov. 10 signed a scholarship to further his academic and athletic career at Louisiana State University in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana, on the first day of the early signing period. "It feels great," Strickland said of making his signing with LSU official. "We went

down there this weekend to visit, and I'm just really looking forward to it."

Strickland, a member of the highly esteemed Dallas Patriots select baseball team, was named King of the Hill on the 2010 All-Henderson County Baseball Team this past summer. He was 7-3 (with two of those losses coming in games where he didn't surrender an earned run) with a 1.86 ERA and a county-best 112 strikeouts. He was one of the county's most dangerous hitters, as well, as he batted .397 with nine homers and 30 RBI.

Strickland said he expects to pitch mostly at LSU.

"Midway through his freshman year you could see he was something special," Eustace Head Baseball Coach Chris Powers said. "He's been a leader by example, and he is always doing good things. He'll do whatever he can do."

LSU is a six-time Division I College World Series champion, with its latest title coming in 2009.

"I'm just glad to be a part of that," Strickland said. "I

would have loved to have had a chance to walk on there, but to get a scholarship, it means a lot."

Strickland is the grandson of Marcie and Ken Oliver of Gun Barrel City, Janet

Earle of Haskell and Doyle Strickland of Rochester.

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STRICKLAND INKS—Eustace senior Braden Strickland, seated at center, signs his scholarship papers to attend school and play baseball at tradition rich Louisiana State University Wednesday at Eustace High School. Pictured seated with Strickland is his mother, Sharon, and father, Kevin. Pictured on the back row is EISD Superintendent Dr. Coy Holcomb, EISD Athletic Director Doug Wendel, Head Baseball Coach Chris Powers and EHS Principal Stan Sowers.



FIRST PLACE FINISH—Felshya Walker, junior at Paint Creek High School, left, recently won the Creed Speaking Contest at the Area FFA Competition held in Big Spring Nov. 20. She will be competing at the State Level in Huntsville Dec. 3. She is pictured with Ron Abner, Ag Teacher at Paint Creek.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 6-10 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Glazed French toast
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, Chex Mix
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit, cheese
Friday: Pig in a blanket

Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the high school and junior high campuses. 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: Pepperoni pizza, corn, garden salad, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, tortilla chips, garden salad, tamale, cherry jello.
Wednesday: Elem. and Jr. High only: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, orange wedges
Thursday: Roasted turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, breadstick, cheesecake
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, curly fries, raspberry or strawberry Gogurt

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 6-10 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Biscuits
Thursday: Pigs in blanket
Friday: Hot Pockets

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas salad, cobbler
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, fruit
Wednesday: Tater tot casserole, green beans, salad, bread, jello
Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, fries, cake
Friday: Chicken patty sandwiches, salad, pickles, chips, cookies

Protect your property from fire danger

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

Whether you live in a rural or suburban area, you can protect your home from the dangers of wildfire. Protect your property by clearing brush and grass away from your home and buildings. Clear brush from areas between the trees. Prune lower branches. Make sure areas under utility lines are clear of brush, tall grass and trees so that utility service will continue. Create a fire break by clearing vegetation from areas between your house and nearby fields or wild land areas.

We would like to say a special thank you to Dr. McSmith, his staff, and the nurses at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Our mother and grandmother received such special care from you during her last days. Also, thank you to all of her dear friends for calling, visiting, bringing goodies and checking on her. She loved and treasured each one of you.

Another very special thank you goes to Bobby and Pat Jenkins. She loved you so much. We cannot ever tell you how much we appreciate your watchful eyes and caring hearts.

The Family of Lois Nicholson

This Week's Devotional Message:



The Bible could be the most valuable book on your shelf

You are a very busy person, both in terms of getting ahead in the world and in doing good works for others; therefore, you have very little time for reading anything other than the newspaper headlines. Nevertheless, occasionally you find yourself with a free evening at home and no program on TV that appeals to you. So with some time to read, perhaps you would enjoy a little history, some biographical sketches, descriptions of natural wonders

of the world, tales of people who saw the error of their ways, or just some good how-to lessons in self-improvement. You'll find all of these things and a lot more in one book that you should have on hand—the Bible. Take it down from the shelf and read it, a little at a time, whenever you can. The time you spend learning about the Bible could be the most rewarding of your life, because it will help you understand the true meaning of it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
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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. 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
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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
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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**
Rev. Jim McCurley
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.
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- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
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West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
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- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
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Joseph Barrett, pastor
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500 Main, Rochester

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Clovis Dever
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Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
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Alfa y Omegs
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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.
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COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 20, 2010, the City of Haskell will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Haskell Community Development Program, for the purpose of constructing a center pivot irrigation system with effluent piping, irrigation pumping equipment, flowmeter/pump control at the WWTP, approximately 0.5 mi. south of town. Possible

additive alternates could include a backup generator at the WWTP and/or an irrigation holding pond at the WWTP.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Haskell has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 301 S. 1st, Haskell, TX and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Haskell to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by December 17, 2010, will be considered by the City of Haskell prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Haskell certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that John Gannaway in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Haskell to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Haskell certification received by January 6, 2011, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by

the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Haskell approved by the Department; (b) the City of Haskell has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Gannaway,
Mayor, City of Haskell
P.O. Box 1003
Haskell, TX 79521 48c

SEQ CHAPTER 176 RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0268202 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas
November 30, 2010

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF E.N. PATTON OIL COMPANY, INC. TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY FOR THE PROPOSED CRICKET (STRAWN) UNIT IN THE CRICKET (STRAWN) FIELD HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq.

(2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on JANUARY 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of E.N. Patton Oil Company, Inc. to consider unitization and secondary recovery, pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code for its proposed Cricket (Strawn) Unit in the Cricket (Strawn) Field, Haskell County, Texas. Applicant states that they have 100% Working Interest sign-up, and 100% Royalty Interest sign-up for the proposed Cricket (Strawn) Unit. The unit is comprised of 5 tracts totaling 407 acres in the George W. Lang Survey No. 37, A-306, Haskell County, Texas.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, David Gross, at (512) 263-8046. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad

Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

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REBOUND STRUGGLE—Haskell Indian #40 Ross Wittenborn goes up for a rebound against Anson. Anson defeated Haskell 45-39.



LAYUP SHOT—Haskell Maiden #35 Delecia Garcia goes in for a layup during the Seymour game.



MOVES THE BALL—Haskell Maiden #31 Maci Colley brings the ball down court during the Seymour game. The Maidens lost to Seymour, 42-32.

Memory Lane soon to be a reality

by **Caron Yates**

Memory Lane of Haskell will soon be a reality. Work continues on the refurbishing and updating of the facility, that was once Rice Springs Care Home. John Cheney, CEO of Southeast Senior Care Management Group, indicates they are looking at a January opening.

Memory Lane is more than just the chosen name. It reveals a part of the philosophy of owner Dr. Challa, M.D., who is a geriatric specialist from Florida. In his practice, he has seen the importance of providing familiar, home like surroundings and activities for patients as they deal with the effects of aging.

Building on Dr. Challa's philosophy, Cheney says, "We strive to provide quality care with an outside of the box way of thinking. We exceed industry regulations in our assisted living communities. We see socialization and community involvement as an essential part of life for seniors." He adds, "We decorate with items that remind people of past times, and encourage them to bring familiar items from home to have in their room."

While health care similar to what would be available if the resident lived at home, such as Home Health, is a part of their program, Memory Lane is quite different from the traditional

nursing home. Nursing homes provide twenty-four hour skilled nursing services for patients with those needs. Memory Lane is more about providing a home environment. They desire that as you walk through their front doors, the special sense of community is felt. The goal is to keep residents involved with daily activities, while maintaining a sense of awareness, encouraging independence and increasing self-esteem.

Memory Lane will include a Reflections wing, consisting of twenty-five rooms, that provides a secure area for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care. In the twenty-seven bed Transitions unit, there will be two levels of assistance. Both private and semi-private rooms will be available. Staff will assist with activities of daily living for residents, tailored to their specific needs.

In addition they offer nutritious meals and snacks, laundry services, housekeeping services, emergency call system, transportation to doctor's appointments and a hair salon.

The facility will employ six to eight in the beginning, but that will increase to approximately twenty when operating at full capacity. Of great importance to the company, is the offering of an informative, support

group for family of their residents.

The management group draws on the experience of their other Memory Lane facilities in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee. They specialize in offering affordable quality care to residents of more rural areas. "It's important to be able to continue to live in your community," says Cheney.

In addition to resident care, they also offer respite, or short term stays, as well

as Senior Day Care by the hour.

Chaney emphasized that their prices are all inclusive, there are no hidden fees. He said that often potential residents qualify for funding assistance through various sources, which they can assist you in finding.

For more information, a tour, or to reserve a room, contact Southeast Senior Care at (770) 876-3127, or email at memorylanealf2009@yahoo.com.

Area basketball scores

Girls

Roby 39, Haskell 33

Scoring for Haskell: Short 11, Johnson 9, McGhee 6, Hearn 5, Garcia 2.

Seymour 42, Haskell 32

Scoring for Haskell: McGhee 7, Short 6, Hearn 5, Colley 4, Johnson 4, Burson 2, Cassidy 2, Hadaway 2.

Jayton 55, Rule 44

Scoring for Rule: Polk 24, Foreman 11, Petty 5, Dudensing 4.

Loraine 88, Paint Creek 33

Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 11, Bosnjak 10, Buerger 4, Trotter 3, McCord 2, Herring 2, Lopez 1.

Boys

Haskell 48, Roby 38

Scoring for Haskell: Aguero 11, Myers 11, Shelton 4, Wittenborn 4, Neskoric 4, Llewellyn 3, Nanny 2, Howard 2.

Anson 45, Haskell 39

Scoring for Haskell: Myers 16, Llewellyn 8, Howard 6, Shelton 5, Aguero 2, Nanny 1, Bird 1.

Jayton 37, Rule 30

Scoring for Rule: Cody Reece 7, Cade Brown 5, Daniel Turner 5, Mason Grindstaff 3.



LOOKING FOR A SHOT—Haskell Maiden #11 Taylor Burson works for a shot against Seymour.

Pirates play in tournament

The Paint Creek Pirates played in the Lueders-Avoca Tournament Nov. 18-20.

The Pirates played Rotan in the first round on Thursday winning with a score of 72-28. Scoring for the Pirates were Curtis Bishop 18, Jimmy Abner 9, Dalton Barnett 9, Hunter Hall 8, Damien Pannell 8, Nathan Edwards 6, River McTasney 6, Jordan Adkins

4 and Caleb McCord 2.

The Pirates fell to Abilene Christian High School on Friday in double overtime with a score of 38-37. Points were made by Bishop 17, Hall 7, Abner 6, McCord 4, Edwards 2 and Adkins 1.

The Pirates played Lueders-Avoca for third place on Saturday and lost a nail biter 40-37. Scoring for the Pirates were Hall 13,

Bishop 8, Abner 6, Edwards 6 and Adkins 4.

Hall was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Pirates played Jayton Nov. 11 and won with a score of 64-15. Scoring for the Pirates were McCord 12, Bishop 9, Abner 8, Hall 8, Pannell 8, Edwards 6, Barnett 4, Matthies 4, McTasney 4 and Adkins 2.

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