

Football

HASKELL

JV Indians vs Abilene Wylie

Thurs., Aug. 25, 6 p.m.
at Abilene Wylie

V Indians vs Archer City

Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

Pirates vs Novice Hornets

Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

at Paint Creek

RULE

Bobcats vs Chillicothe

Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

at Chillicothe

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 8 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Golf scramble

A one day Club Championship will be held Aug. 27 at the Haskell Municipal Golf Course. Tee time is 1 p.m. Call Casey Larned at 864-2749 for entry information.

Casen Riley 3-on-3

The second annual Casen Riley 3-on-3 basketball tournament to benefit the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation will be held Sat., Aug. 27 at Will Hair Park, off Ambler Ave., in Abilene. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m.

Reception for Schmidts

A reception, hosted by the Development Corporation of Haskell, will be held Sun., Aug. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Occasions in Haskell for Dr. Shane Schmidt, wife Traci, daughters Liriel and Adile and son Brysen. Dr. Schmidt is the new dentist in Haskell. The public is invited to attend.

Booster Club

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will meet Mon., Aug. 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. New officers will be elected and plans will be made for the upcoming school year. Parents, guardians and supporters of all junior high and high school athletes are invited to attend.

Meet the Indians Thurs., Sept. 1

Meet the Indians and Maidens will take place following the JV football game Sept. 1 at the Haskell High School football field. Parents are encouraged to bring a tub of homemade ice cream to celebrate the upcoming year for the Haskell Indians and Maidens. All athletes grades 7-12, cheerleaders and band members will be introduced.

Financial seminar

A Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey, sponsored by East Side Baptist Church, will be held beginning Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 Ave. N. The seminar includes thirteen classes. A preview seminar will be held Mon., Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. For information, contact Randy Bowers at 940-864-2964.

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READY FOR THE CROWD—Among those serving at the baked potato luncheon held Sun., Aug. 21 to benefit the Haskell Civic Center were, l-r, Ben McGee, Rhonda Howard and Bobby Howard. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Residents of area small communities saddened by proposed Post Office closings

by Caron Yates

In a recent announcement by the U.S. Postal Service, several area post offices are under study for possible closure in the future.

According to Sam Bolen, Public Information Officer for the USPS Fort Worth District, these area post offices are currently in the gathering data phase. Area post offices included on the list are Rochester, Weinert and O'Brien in Haskell County; Benjamin and Goree in Knox County; and Old Glory in Stonewall County.

Bolen says, "It's not about brick-and-mortar post offices anymore. With nearly 100,000 places to buy stamps, ship a package or renew a passport, the U.S. Postal Service is expanding customer access to its products and services through online access, as well as retail outlets, grocery stores, office supply chains and pharmacies."

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said, "Our customers' habits have made it clear that they no longer require a physical post office to conduct most

of their postal business." In fact more than 35% of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from these expanded locations.

The Postal Service announced it ended its third quarter of 2011, with a net loss of \$3.1 billion, compared to a net loss of \$3.5 billion for the same period in 2010. Total mail volume declined to 39.8 billion pieces for the quarter, compared to 40.9 billion pieces in the same quarter of 2010.

Bolen says, "While this revenue reflects the anemic state of the economy during the past three months, the growth in electronic communications continues to erode core First-Class Mail volume."

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Continuing to maintain the nearly 32,000 retail offices across the country, has become cost prohibitive.

The USPS has responded aggressively to the dramatic decline in mail volume and revenue by cutting costs across the board. Among actions taken are consolidating mail processing operations, adjusting carrier routes nationwide, consolidating area and district offices, reducing staffing levels at national headquarters and in the area and district offices, selling unused and under-used facilities and freezing executive salaries.

The USPS reviews and adjusts its facility and delivery network on a constant basis to increase efficiencies and reduce costs in an ever-changing environment. With that goal in mind, the process of evaluating these area post offices, as well as others across the country, has begun.

Bolen outlined the steps that will be followed before any facility will be closed. A study of each specific community affected will be conducted. They will consider factors such as current office needs, proximity to alternate access options, retail revenue transactions, impact on customer and community postal needs, impact on employees, cost savings, environmental impact and long term needs of the Postal Service. He emphasized that decisions will only be made after community input, through town meetings and surveys, has been sought.

If after reviews by postal management teams, and evaluation of customer feedback, no significant impacts are determined, a proposal will be developed, and this written proposal will be posted for 60 days for comments. It will then be sent to the District Manager for approval.

At this point, the District Manager will determine if the proposal is warranted. If so, it will be sent to the Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations for a final decision. If warranted, final determination will be posted for 30 days, at which time customers can appeal the decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. If there are no appeals, the consolidation could occur as early as 60 days after the last date of the posting of the final determination.

Bolen stresses that if the post office is closed in a community, the USPS will work with those customers to determine the best alternative available for mail service. He says there are a number of options that could be implemented. Among them are Village Post Offices, a bank of free standing boxes, or home delivery by a rural continued on page 2

Variety show, BBQ meal to benefit ECC set Aug. 27

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present a variety show and dinner Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center.

The dinner, served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., will include BBQ brisket and sausage for \$5. Sandwiches, chips, cake, drinks and water will also be available.

The variety show, from 7 to 8 p.m., will cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and free for children 13 and under.

On the program is talent from all over the mountains and valleys of 'hillbilly country.' Hillbilly river dancers, a world known hypnotist, funny skits, a Mrs. Hillbilly USA contest, Nella Bella and her famous dogs, Cracker Jack and Sider-Bill, singers and instrumentalists all will be making for an evening of fellowship and laughter.

Benefit Clay Shoot to be held Sept. 3-4

The second annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot is nearly here. Everyone is encouraged to come out and shoot or watch the shooters Sat., Sept. 3 and/or Sun., Sept. 4. Two shoots will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. The event will be held outside of Haskell on the Paint Creek highway. Signs will mark the way.

Grand prizes are Lanber 2097 Sporting Over & Under shotguns hand painted by David Bishop. This is a Lewis Modified Shoot so shooters do not have to be a top shot to win a gun. A gun will be given away for every ten shooters. Lunch and games will be held.

The shoot proceeds will benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and concession stand proceeds will benefit the Progressive Study Club War Memorial.

For more information and details about entry fees, contact Steve Alsbrook, alsbrook@srcaccess.net, 325-280-2100; Dudley Cockerell, johnnie0h@aol.com, 325-668-0302 or Billie McKeever, bmckeever@srcaccess.net, 940-864-4814.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Calendar

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Teamkid

Teamkid "Jumping the Hurdles" will start Wed., Sept. 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church in Haskell for students ages 4 years through the sixth grade. Parents may call the church office at 864-2581, if their child needs a ride.

Clay Shoot

The second annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot will be held Sat., Sept. 3 and Sun., Sept. 4 outside of Haskell.

Post Office

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these buildings, would be left to the facilities department. For those of us living in these small communities in rural West Texas, the closing of our local post office feels like just one more part of our community dying away. For many, it is one place we see our friends and neighbors, exchange news about our sick, our grandbabies, the weather and so much more.

As to the question, "Will our address change?" Bolen says it just depends. In some cases the town and zip code may remain the same. However if a rural route is chosen, then the address would change to a physical address, instead of a box number.

While the USPS owns some of the smaller buildings used as post offices, many are just leased. Decisions as to what would happen with

Highway construction to begin on U.S. 277

A contractor for the Texas Department of Transportation will begin safety improvements on 3.036 miles of U.S. 277 south of the City of Haskell the week of August 22.

This project will consist of a hot mix overlay and stripping from FM 618 to 3.05 miles south. Work will be performed on the southbound lanes only. This will be a daytime operation with one southbound lane open to traffic at all times.

The project was awarded to Zack Burkett Co. of Graham for \$517,535.69 in state and federal funding.

The project should be completed by the end

For more information contact Steve Alsabrook, alsabrook@srcaccess.net, 325-280-2100; Dudley Cockerell, j0hnnie0h@aol.com, 325-668-0302 or Billie McKeever, bmckeever@srcaccess.net, 940-864-4814. Proceeds will benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and concession stand proceeds will benefit the Progressive Study Club War Memorial Project.

New pool hours

The Haskell City Pool will have new hours in August. Hours are 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1:30-5 p.m. every Sunday of the month. The pool is available for rental for private parties. Contact Pool Manager, Lakay Caparoon at 940-256-2083.

Variety show

The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will hold a variety show and dinner fund-raiser Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will consist of BBQ brisket, sausage link, potato salad, red beans and bread slice.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. A sandwich and chips will be available for \$4. Drinks will be \$1, water 50¢ and cake \$1. The variety show will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Children 13 and under are free.

Wind energy meeting

Haskell County will host a meeting concerning the proposed wind energy project in the northeast part of Haskell County Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell County District Courtroom. The HCISD will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Throckmorton County and Knox County, including any school districts involved, are welcome to attend and be a part of any discussion. This will be a posted meeting for Haskell County and anyone wishing to attend is welcome. John C. Rutledge and Keith Ellis of Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. will make a presentation as to what it means to have a wind energy project.

4-H hamburger supper

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will sponsor their yearly fund-raiser hamburger meal before their annual 4-H Awards Program Sat., Aug. 27 from 6:30 till 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell County fairgrounds under the pavilion. Anyone attending is also invited to stay for the 4-H awards program that will follow the meal. The meal will consist of a real grilled hamburger with all the trimmings, real French fries, homemade desserts and iced tea. In case of rain, the meal and awards will be moved to the Haskell Show Barn. Call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 and Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Volleyball night

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

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

Al-Anon

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

Haskell/Mattson/Weinert/Rochester homecoming activities announced

The twenty-ninth biennial Haskell/Mattson/Weinert/Rochester homecoming is set Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Haskell.

Activities will begin on Friday with pre-registration pickup in the Indian gym from 1 to 3 p.m.

A pep rally will be held at a time to be announced later. After the pep rally, an open house at Haskell High School is planned. The high school has been renovated and new buildings added. All are invited to come see the wonderful additions.

The Boy Scouts will host an enchilada supper in the high school cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Haskell vs. Jacksboro football

game at Indian Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Class parties will follow the game.

On Saturday, the Lions Club will host the 5K run/walk beginning at 8 a.m. Registration information is available at haskellionsclub@yahoo.com.

Haskell High School will continue their open house from 9 to 11 a.m.

Registration for homecoming begins at 10 a.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

The noon luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Civic Center. Those planning to attend the luncheon are asked to pre-register. The meal is a steak dinner. Cost is \$10.

Late registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center followed by the general assembly at 2:30 p.m..

The ex-students homecoming dance will be held at the Civic Center beginning at 9 p.m. No high school students will be admitted. No glass containers will be allowed inside.

To list special activities, contact Dorothy Hartsfield at 405 N. Ave. H in Haskell or call 940-864-2004. Hartsfield's email is dotharts@gmail.com.

To update your address contact JoAnn Grant, secretary, at baylessgrant@gmail.com or Cynthia Jones, president, at cjon2011@gmail.com.

Wheat production meeting set Mon., Aug. 29 in Munday

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

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Wheat Production Meeting at the Munday Events Center (Young Farmers Barn) in Munday, Mon., Aug. 29 with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10 a.m. Dr. Todd Baughman, Agronomist and State Peanut Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will discuss the different wheat varieties that have seen success in this

area and report from the wheat result demonstration and variety trials conducted in the area.

Also joining the program will be Dr. Stan Bevers, Economist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service to discuss wheat outlooks, as well as Dr. Chris Sansone, Entomologist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service to discuss wheat insects/IPM.

Registration fee is payable at the door. CEU's and a lunch will be provided. If you

are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions about it, contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651 on or before Wed., Aug. 24.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at 940-459-2651.

Emerson attends workshop

Haskell Economic Development Director Wallace Emerson joined economic and community development representatives from throughout the region at the TSTC campus on August 10 to hear presentations related to enhancing local economic development initiatives.

A workshop entitled "Operating in the World of Economic Development" offered presentations by several E.D. specialists. Topics included: update on new state-wide comprehensive economic development Strategy (CEDS); WCTCOG programs supporting local economic development; how to use the regional Internet data portal hosted by ACU; funding sources/developing good sites/infrastructure issues; report on regional study that identified target industries; and overview of business and community lenders of Texas.

The workshop was open to members and guests of the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance. The alliance was formed in 1999 to provide educational and networking support to TMCN cities actively engaged in economic development.

The E.D. Alliance is one of several programs conducted by Texas Midwest Community Network, an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." The regional

organization sponsors a number of networking events during the year as

well as projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

Students in the News

Codi Beth Foster, a graduate of Haskell High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Foster received the T.C. Campbell Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable the first year of higher education. The T.C. Campbell Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 452 new scholarships and will renew approximately 188 multi-year awards for a total of 640 scholarships being distributed during the 2011-12 academic year, with value of approximately \$1.2 million. Recipients must attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Foster competed in calculator applications and mathematics at the 2011 UIL Academic State Meet where her team placed second in both competitions. She also competed in calculator applications at the 2010 UIL Academic State Meet. Foster also participated in UIL number sense, softball and band throughout her high school career.

Foster plans to attend Angelo State University and major in

mathematics with teaching certification.

Dawn Susianna Skinner, a graduate of Haskell High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Skinner received a John Porter King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable the first year of higher education. The John Porter King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

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Skinner competed in news writing at the 2009 and 10 UIL Academic State Meets. She also participated in UIL editorial writing, feature writing and band throughout her high school career.

Skinner plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in journalism and communications.

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Fosters to offer class for fifth and sixth graders

Fifth and sixth graders will begin a weekly class Wed. night, Aug. 24, called "Stewardship of our Bodies" at the Church of Christ in Haskell.

The class will include the following topics:

- Using our bodies to the glory of God. Our bodies do not belong to us, but to God. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Being good stewards of our eyes, ears and mouths.
- Self-esteem. It doesn't matter "who" you are, but "whose" you are. (1 John 3:1)
- Sexuality and the opposite sex. The goal is not just "virginity," it's "purity." (1 John 3:3)
- Decision making skills.

The goal is not to be naïve, but well-informed and prepared so innocence can be preserved. (Matthew 10:16)

John and Cindy Foster have been teaching this class every other year, since the mid-90's and it has always been well attended by both boys and girls from Haskell and Paint Creek schools. When asked why they started the class in the beginning, Cindy stated, "As a school teacher, John was alarmed at the high number of teen pregnancies and the evident promiscuity among teens in Haskell. Our girls were

babies at the time and we wanted them to grow up knowing enough information to make better choices concerning their sexuality when they became teens. Teens don't "plan to fail," they "fail to plan." We wanted to give them the tools to make wise decisions. So I guess you could say we did it for selfish reasons at first. Our three girls have all now gone through the course, but it was so well received by the kids, we thought we would continue teaching it as long as kids and parents are interested."

When questioned about giving this information to 10-12 year olds, Cindy replied, "If we don't give them accurate information now, they will listen to inaccurate information from peers, movies and books later on. We have found that children at this age are less afraid to ask questions and more likely to go home and discuss the material with their parents." When asked if they think the class has been successful, Cindy replied, "Yes, I'm sure it has been. In 17 years, we have never gotten negative feedback from parents. I'm sure it is no guarantee, but we don't remember a child getting pregnant in high school

who faithfully attended this class all year when they were younger. A lot of kids start the class, then don't finish in the spring when things start getting busy. That's unfortunate, because some of the most important material is presented in the spring after a solid foundation of information has been laid."

"We would like to invite all fifth and sixth graders to attend these classes as we present a Biblical, Christian view of these topics in contrast to the worldly view that is so prevalent in our society today. And, we absolutely have some fun doing it!"

If you would like to supplement your parental teaching on these very important topics, please encourage your children to come.

The course will last through May. Classes will go from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the upstairs classroom in the gym. Students should arrive in the church auditorium before going to class. Parents are welcome to visit the class. There are also other classes for all ages if other family members want to come.

Call Cindy Foster at 940-256-2862 if you need more information, or if you need to arrange for a van to pick your child up.

Study Club lists more Wall of Honor donations

The Progressive Study Club is listing more names of donors to the Wall of Honor project.

Memorial donations and other donations may be made by contacting Dorothy Hartsfield, project chairman.

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

Billy J. Robertson, Betty Sanders, Charles and Leatrice Swinson, Robert Tribbey, Jeff and Lisa Teague, Pauline Couch, Carol Grand, Gerald and Mary Nelle McCoy.

In lieu of Christmas gifts, Larry and Ellen Hartsfield and Ted and Linda Calhoun to honor Hess and Dorothy Hartsfield.

Pat and Kenneth Marr, Helen Bassett Owens, Dennis Barbee, Haskell Courthouse in memory of Ruby Cockerell, Doug and Jill Foster, Alminice Harrison.

Betty and V.A. Brown, Gene Flannary, Johnny Josselet, James Ivy, Bobby Sanders, Lisa Akers Pat Tate,

RSVP calling program available

The Retired Volunteers Service Program of Abilene (RSVP) now offers a service to the elderly living alone. The service will call the client, who qualifies, once daily, as long as the call is not long distance, checking to be sure the client is ok. This service covers most of the Big Country.

It is especially important for elderly people who live alone and who do not have someone to check on them regularly to have someone contact them daily. The service also covers those who may be caretakers of someone who could not call anyone in case of an emergency.

To register for this service, call Christian Clyburn, RSVP at West Texas Rehab, 325-793-3522, or the West Texas Council of Governments at 325-672-8544.

For more information, call Franciene Johnson, Advisory Committee, WTCG, 940-864-3439.

4-H members to hold meal, awards program and dance

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

The Haskell County 4-H program will hold the annual 4-H dance Sat., Aug. 27 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the pavilion inside the Haskell County Fair Grounds in Haskell. All 4-H members in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties are invited and may bring guests. Also, all public youth are invited to join in the fun, from ages of 8 and in the third grade up to 18. A 4-H dress code will be enforced.

No one will be allowed to re-enter the dance once they leave. The music will be by K-MAC of Rhineland.

This will be the fund-raiser for this year. For more information about the fund-raiser and admission contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. If you will be sitting at any time it is recommended to "BYOC" (Bring Your Own Chair). There will be no chairs available at the dance. This dance will be alcohol and drug free. Haskell County 4-H parents

will be chaperoning.

In case of bad weather, the dance will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Before the 4-H dance, the Rule 4-H Club will be sponsoring a hamburger meal and the 4-H awards program from 6:30 till 7:30 p.m. The meal will consist of a real grilled hamburger with all the trimmings, real French fries, homemade desserts and iced tea.

In case of rain, the meal and awards will be moved to the Haskell Show Barn.

For more information on the dance or meal, call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Lamb/goat tags due Mon., Aug. 29

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

Time is near to order Lamb/Goat Validation Ear Tags.

If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags until Mon.,

Aug. 29. The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

You may come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell to order the tags.

If you have any questions, call Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 940-864-2658.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Campaigns occupy top officials as state's business continues

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry was out of state a few days last week campaigning in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina in efforts to become the Republican Party's nominee in the 2012 presidential race. He has until the March primaries to make his case to GOP voters, so he will be on the road a lot.

When Perry goes out of the state, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst serves as acting governor. If Dewhurst crosses the state line, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Jackson of Pasadena would perform the duties of the lieutenant governor. Dewhurst has filed for the U.S. Senate seat now occupied by the Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is completing her third six-year term and not seeking re-election. Jackson also has announced his candidacy for Texas' newly created 36th U.S. Congressional District.

No matter where Perry, Dewhurst or Jackson hang their hats, the business of Texas moves right along.

Texas retailers, on the weekend before the Aug. 22 start of the new school year, enjoyed a spike in business thanks to the widely promoted annual sales tax holiday, Aug. 19-21. School supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100 were sold without state or local sales tax attached. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs predicted shoppers making purchases over those days would save about \$62 million.

And while Texans were in stores for something other than what was being sold tax-free, like computers, many found out about the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's TexasRecyclesComputers.org website that provides consumers with free options to recycle their computers.

All the shopping last week, which normally indicates a robust economy, was tempered however by news that unemployment in the Lone Star State had increased from 8.2 percent in June to 8.4 percent in July.

The 8.4 percent represents Texas' highest jobless rate since 1987. Still, Texas added 29,300 jobs during the month, making July the 10th consecutive month that Texas experienced job growth. The national unemployment rate for the month was 9.1 percent, the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

Propane study is requested
State Rep. Paul Workman,

R-Austin, on Aug. 17 announced he has asked House Speaker Joe Straus to order interim study on the need to regulate community propane systems.

"In an area where natural gas is unavailable, some developers have chosen to install underground propane piping installed from a single, large propane tank to service each property in the development," Workman explained in a news release. "Because of the setup, consumers have no choice but to receive fuel from the community tank and pay whatever rate the propane company charges since there is no rate regulation of the industry," he stated.

Such a study, if ordered, would be conducted by the nine-member House Energy Resources Committee chaired by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland.

ACT math score goes up

Statewide, the class of 2011 averaged 21.5 out of a possible score of 36 in math on the ACT college entrance exam, the Texas Education Agency announced Aug. 17.

This was the first class to follow a high school graduation plan requiring four years of math, English, science and social studies and earn a total of 26 course credits to qualify for graduation.

The 21.5—a 0.7 point increase since 2007—is considered a phenomenal increase in scores, and is higher than the national score of 21.1. In comparison, the national average math score increased 0.1 points over the same time period, the state education agency pointed out.

New laws take effect Sept. 1

Some 673 new state laws or revisions to current laws are scheduled to take effect on Sept. 1. These represent the work of the 2011 Texas Legislature, which adjourned May 30 after a 140-day regular session and was called back by the governor for a 30-day special session to pass the state budget and a short list of other issues.

Anyone with a computer and access to the Internet can find the list of House and Senate bills that will take effect as new laws by visiting www.legis.state.tx.us, clicking on "Reports" then clicking on "General Reports" then selecting "82(R)-2011" for the Legislature, and finally clicking on "Bills Effective on September 1st." Or, instead of all that clicking, just go to this shortened address: <http://tinyurl.com/3jvkm3r> to read the list of new laws.

10 Years Ago August 23, 2001

According to rankings released by the Texas Education Agency, Haskell CISD has achieved exemplary academic status. The Haskell Elementary and High School campuses were also rated exemplary.

Gerald and Mary Nell McCoy of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children.

Galvino Ortiz III, a 1998 Haskell High School graduate, received the Coast Guard Silver Life-Saving Medal for his repeated heroic action in saving seven people from drowning when they were caught in a strong rip tide caused by tropical storm Barry.

20 Years Ago August 22, 1991

The 25th annual Haskell County Fair has been dedicated to Kim Crawford. In making the presentation, Fair President Bobby Hobgood said, "Kim's vivacious personality and friendly smile have brought young and old together to serve Haskell County."

Winning first place in the summer league basketball program sponsored by First Baptist Church of Abilene, were Tenille Mathis, Lori Martindale,

Kelli Cunningham and Sarah SoRelle. They competed in the 5th and 6th grade division.

Treci Burson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trey Burson of Haskell, finished with a third place win in the Coors Light Biathlon Series in Dallas. She competed in the 16-19 year old age division, which included a 5 km run, a 30 km bike ride and another 5 km run.

30 Years Ago August 20, 1981

Philip Martin has been named Director of Nurses at Haskell Memorial Hospital by Administrator Bud Comedy. Martin has been employed by the hospital for six years.

Sammy Larned has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1981 by the United States Jaycees.

Jerry Sorrells submitted his resignation as ambulance driver to the Haskell County Emergency Ambulance Board. He has accepted a position with the Breckenridge Ambulance Service.

40 Years Ago August 26, 1971

Haskell Superintendent Hooper Wilkinson announced that a total of 791 students were in attendance at Haskell ISD on the first day of classes. This includes 205

at the high school, 142 at the junior high and 444 at the elementary.

The senior class at Haskell High School elected class officers. They are Steve Guess, president; Forrest Mayfield, vice-president; Nancy Kay Middleton, secretary; and Pam Colbert, reporter.

Mrs. S. Hassen and Raja returned from a three and one half weeks trip to Lebanon, the birthplace of Mrs. Hassen and the late S. Hassen.

50 Years Ago August 24, 1961

Glenda Sue Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cox of Haskell, will receive a Master of Arts degree during commencement exercises at Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

A Haskell native, Marine

H.A. Sherman Jr., recently won the honor of being top man in sharp shooting for his platoon, on the rifle range at Camp Matthew, California.

Latimer Murfee, a Haskell native, has been elected president of the Houston Bar Association.

100 Years Ago August 26, 1911

The Merchants' Cafe has moved from the east side to the building formerly occupied by Spencer and Richardson.

Henry Wyche, who has been working for the Goree Enterprise for several weeks, was in town to visit his parents.

A.R. Couch, cashier of the Weinert State Bank, and W.A. Bergfeld of that place, were here on business this week.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

Haskell suffered a huge loss when Chief of Police Steven Grand retired. Grand faithfully served and protected our community for 28 years with honor and diligence. Since Grand was born and raised in Haskell, he has a great love for our town and its well being. Grand and his wife Pat have always been concerned citizens and very active in

our community. He is a man of integrity and Christian morals. Our town has been blessed to have him serve in our police department for all these years.

Until you have walked in a police officer's shoes, you cannot understand everything they face. I would never have the courage or strength to do their job. It's not just riding around in a car and writing tickets. It's being called at 3 a.m. to a domestic disturbance where a woman is being beaten and frightened children are in tears, a car accident where someone has been severely injured or killed, a call where someone has committed suicide, robberies and many other calls of all types. Because we are a small town these instances are many times people the officer knows and care about.

Our town owes Steven Grand a huge debt of gratitude for his 28 years of service as a police officer. I urge everyone to write a note of thanks to him. Let him know his dedication to our town over the years has not gone unnoticed.

Grateful citizen,
Jane Harvey



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I wonder if most of you did not realize my mistake concerning the quote "If you can't say something nice—" or if you were just too polite to mention it. It has to be about 30 years since this story was read to either of our children. Anyway, my failing memory recalled it as being Bambi's mom who said it, but it was Janet Bowers who reminded me that it was Thumper's mom. Thanks Janet for helping me out. I guess the moral of this story is that if I credit you with a quote that you didn't say, please remember that this ole mayor is 70 years old and my memory is not quite as sharp as it used to be. However, sometimes a miscredited quote can be a whole lot more fun than the truth.

I am sure that almost

City closes shooting range

Do to liability risks, continued abuse and misuse and other concerns; the City of Haskell regretfully is closing the Old City Landfill to public access for the purpose of shooting.

The shooting range will be renovated and used for law enforcement certification, concealed handgun license classes and current concealed handgun permit holders only for the time being.

everyone in town now knows that we are undergoing some changes within our police force. We will be operating with less than a full staff of four officers for awhile, but don't get any wild ideas that now might be a good time to indulge in some type of criminal activity in and around Haskell. The DPS is still fully staffed as is the Sheriff's office and they are all more than willing to help out in any way they can. We also have a Game Warden who is willing and able to pitch in if needed. Even though our police force may be operating a little short staffed for awhile, I know that you have heard of 'lean and mean.' So if you happen to be on the wrong side of the law I would suggest that you figure out some way to get right with the law or as

the late Garth Garrett would say 'Pick one of your four options—north, south, east or west.' We still have the same personnel in our judiciary that are more than willing to throw the book at you if you break the law.

While we are undergoing some changes in our police force, you as a citizen should do everything within your power to not make it easy for criminal activity to occur. Put your valuables in a safe place, lock your vehicles, lock your house even if you will be out 'just a minute.' I remember when my grandparents, Bob and Mabelle Foote, passed away that we could not even find the key that would lock their house. They did not think there was any reason to lock up 'cause no one was going to take anything or bother anything.' It would be nice if it were that way today, but it's not, so please be a little extra careful until the criminal element figures out that Haskell is not where you want to be unless you are a law abiding, upstanding citizen.

Since Governor Perry has thrown his hat into the ring for a run at the White House, I am of the opinion along with numerous other citizens that we have a golden opportunity to put a very positive spin on our town which will begin to appear in the news with greater frequency. This is free

publicity and we need to take every advantage of it while we can—some examples of where we excel are: a great place to rear a family, our school system, a wonderful place to retire, medical facilities that are second to none for a town our size, plentiful water supply, low tax rate and last but certainly not least is the good, good people that call Haskell home. This list is certainly not complete, but it is a good starting point and let's keep thinking of good things to add.

Speaking of Haskell, I would strongly encourage each of us to shop here. It becomes very easy and then habit forming to go other places and shop. I would like to challenge each of you to take some time out of your day and visit the businesses that we have here and see just what goods and services they have to offer. You may find out that you don't have to go to Abilene or Lubbock or Fort Worth or any other town to find what you are looking for. We are so fortunate to have all of these businesses here from which to select. If we choose not to patronize them then they may choose to close their doors and go elsewhere. They are here because they choose to be and let's all do what we can to make them realize that they made the right choice.

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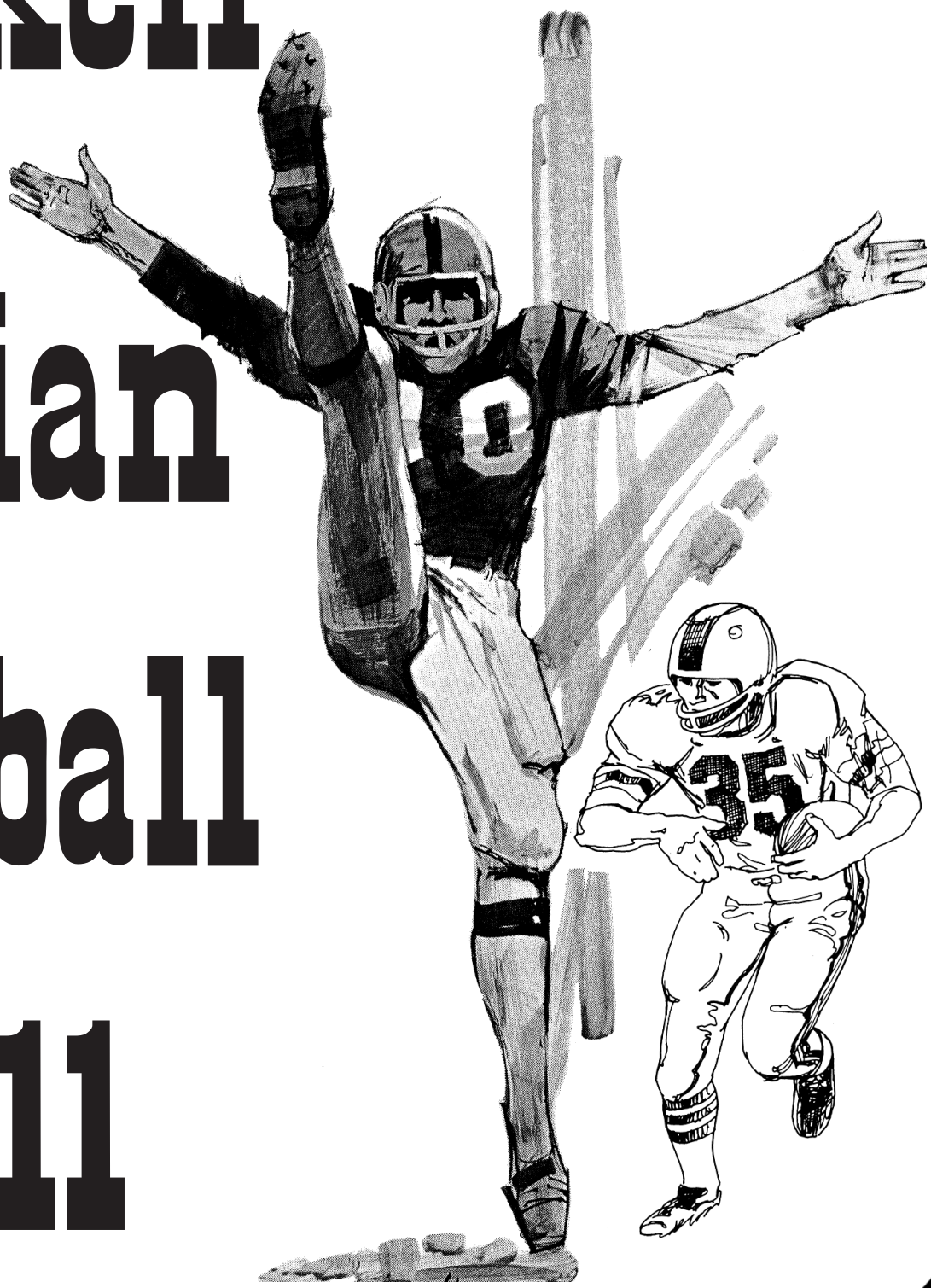
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Texas ag drought losses reach record \$5.2 billion

The historic Texas drought has led to a record \$5.2 billion in agricultural losses, making it the most costly drought on record, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

"The drought of 2011 will have a lasting impact on Texas agriculture," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Council.

"This drought is ongoing," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "Further losses will continue if rainfall does not come soon to establish this year's winter wheat crop and wheat grazing."

The \$5.2 billion in losses exceeds the previous record of \$4.1 billion during the 2006 drought. The losses also represent 27.7 percent of the average value of agricultural production over the last four years, Anderson said.

The current drought losses have reached record levels in large part due to Texas farmers failing to cash in crops during times of high commodity prices, economists said. The state's cattle producers continue to cull herds at historic levels and

spend money on expensive supplemental feed.

"Livestock losses include the increased cost of feeding due to lack of pastures and ranges and market losses," Anderson said. "Market losses include the impact of fewer pounds sold per calf and the impact of lower market prices due to the large number of cattle sold in a very short time period."

The following are losses by commodity:

- Livestock: \$2.06 billion (includes \$1.2 billion previously reported in May);
- Lost hay production value: \$750 million;
- Cotton: \$1.8 billion;
- Corn: \$327 million;
- Wheat: \$243 million;
- Sorghum: \$63 million;

To remain comparable to past drought loss estimates, Wednesday's loss estimates do not include losses to fruit and vegetable producers, horticultural and nursery crops, or other grain and row crops.

"In that regard, these estimates are considered conservative," Anderson said.

The \$5.2 billion total released Wed., Aug. 17 takes into account \$1.2 billion in drought losses previously reported by AgriLife

Extension in May, which were primarily livestock-related losses due to added supplemental costs and lost grazing.

"The drought began for much of the state in September 2010," Miller said. "Much of the Gulf Coast, Central, West Texas and the High Plains had seen abundant moisture in the summer from Tropical Storm Hermine and other rainfall events. An unusually strong La Nina pattern moved into place in the fall of 2010, which had an impact comparable to turning off the 'rainfall switch' for most of Texas and surrounding states."

October 2010 through July 2011 was the driest 10-month period in recorded Texas weather, Miller said.

"The drought, coupled with prolonged high winds and record temperatures were enormously destructive to Texas agriculture and natural resources," he said. "The summer rains caused grass growth, which provided fuel for an unprecedented fire season, with more than 3.3 million acres of Texas ravaged by wildfire."

"This destructive climatic pattern has taken a huge toll on crops and forages, and the timing could not have been worse for Texas producers, as

all of the major agricultural commodities are enjoying strong prices."

Combined losses for wheat, corn and sorghum grain farmers in Texas due to drought are more than \$600 million. Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains economist, said Texas wheat production in 2011 is about half what it would have been in a normal year.

"Wheat yields were down from a five-year average of 30 bushels to 26 bushels per acre and abandonment was up," he said. "Given this year's plantings of 5.7 million acres, we would have harvested 2.8 million in a normal year. In 2011, harvested acreage is estimated at only 2 million acres, down 800,000 acres. The combination of yield losses on harvested acres and higher abandonment put Texas wheat-for-grain losses at \$243 million."

Texas corn production is estimated to be down about 30 percent in 2011, Welch said, with harvested acres down 16 percent due to higher abandonment rates.

"Yields are down 16 percent statewide," he said. "Highlighting the severity of this year's heat and dry conditions is that the

most severe yield losses are seen in the irrigated corn grown in the Panhandle. The average corn yield in the northern High Plains is estimated at 165 bushels per acre compared to a five-year average of 205 bushels, down 40 bushels per acre. Yield losses and abandonment will cost Texas corn producers about \$327 million in 2011."

Grain sorghum production in Texas, according to Welch, is expected to be about half of normal in 2011. The 1.6 million acres planted spring marked the lowest in Texas history.

"Then drought lowered yields and raised abandonment rates," he said. "The drought estimates for sorghum reported are based only on the yield and harvested acreage estimates from U.S. Department of Agriculture. This totals about \$63 million."

Meanwhile, Texas cotton growers faced unprecedented impacts from drought in 2011, said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist. Robinson said in August USDA projected "a relatively low average cotton yield of 636 pounds per harvested acre" in addition to a "historically high abandonment of 52 percent."

"Compared to five-year average yields and abandonment, 2011 represents a huge loss in potential production," Robinson said. "Applied to USDA's measure of 7.1 million planted cotton acres in Texas,

and valued at their projected price of 95 cents per pound, this loss adds up to \$1.8 billion. "It's that \$1.8 billion is also the 10-year average total value of cotton lint and cottonseed production in Texas. So, Texas cotton growers lost as much market income in 2011 as they would normally make for an entire cotton crop."

"Perhaps the most telling thing about the 2011 drought was that even irrigated farmers were not spared," Miller said. "While most Texas irrigation systems work well in normal or even below normal rainfall, many irrigators found that water supplies were not able to provide all of the water requirements of the crop in the absence of any rain and excessive heat. By mid-July, farmers began to try to stop (economic) losses, dedicating all of their water supplies to a reduced amount of acres as water demand from the crops was higher than their ability to supply it."

The following is a list of economic drought losses from 1998 through 2011 compiled by AgriLife Extension economists:

- 2011 - \$5.2 billion
- 2009 - \$3.6 billion
- 2008 - \$1.4 billion
- 2006 - \$4.1 billion
- 2002 - \$316 million
- 2000 - \$1.1 billion
- 1999 - \$223 million
- 1998 - \$2.4 billion

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Breakfast

Juice and milk are offered daily.

Monday: Biscuit with sausage gravy or Berry Puffs cereal, strawberry applesauce

Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage or Lucky Charms cereal, majestic pears

Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices

Thursday: Pancakes with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, mixed fruit

Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or Trix cereal, peaches

Lunch

Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich and a cookie.

Monday: Choice of one: Classic Italian lasagna with roll or Italian antipasto salad with salami or energy meal with bologna and cheese; Choice of up to three: green

peas, sweet corn, fresh apple, strawberry applesauce, green slushy.

Tuesday: Choice of one: Chicken fried steak with gravy and roll or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; Choice of up to three: scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat crackers, mixed fruit, green slushy.

Wednesday: Choice of one: Soft chicken fajita tacos or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Choice of up to three: Mexicali corn, charro beans, fresh orange, lettuce and cheese, green slushy.

Thursday: Choice of one: Cheeseburger or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna salad; Choice of up to three: glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, mixed fruit, lettuce and cheese, green slushy.

Friday: Energy meal with po-boy, assorted chips, fresh grapes, chocolate chip cookie

Rule School Menu

Aug. 29-31 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Choice of biscuit with sausage and gravy or Berry Puffs cereal, strawberry applesauce

Tuesday: Choice of cinnamon toast with sausage or Lucky Charms cereal, pears

Wednesday: Choice of scrambled eggs with sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices

Lunch

Milk served daily.

Monday: Choice of lasagna

with roll or antipasto salad with salami or bologna energy meal, sweet corn, green peas, apple, strawberry applesauce, green slushy

Tuesday: Choice of chicken fried steak with gravy and roll, or fajita chicken salad, or turkey energy meal, scalloped potatoes, green beans, crackers, mixed fruit, green slush

Wednesday: Choice of chicken fajita taco, or garden pasta salad, or ham energy meal, Mexicali corn, charro beans, fresh fruit, lettuce and cheese, green slush

Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Waffles

Tuesday: Pig in blanket

Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage

Thursday: French toast

Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, apple crisp

Tuesday: Fish sticks, mac and cheese, beans, hushpuppies, coleslaw, oranges

Wednesday: Burritos, corn, salad, pears

Thursday: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, fries, carrots, peaches

Friday: Ham sandwiches, salad pork n beans, chips, brownies

ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 29

Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, garden salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., Aug. 31

Kraut and sausage, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, garlic bread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

This Week's Devotional Message:



Be sure your children's vocabulary includes the word 'No'

It's time to send your children off to school again, to prepare them for the world they must one day confront. The school will do a good job of this, but your cooperation is also needed in order to make sure that they don't learn the wrong things. As everyone knows, we are living in an era where drug abuse is rampant, and the children are being lured into this trap at a shockingly early age. Don't fail to warn them about

this, as a part of their preparation for the new school year, for it can be vastly more important than their clothes or books. Moreover, you can reinforce your efforts by enrolling them in the Sunday school at your house of worship. With all this, you can rest assured that the vocabulary your children develop in school will include the proper use of the word "No," as the password to a happier, healthier and longer life.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

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Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
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Christian Church

Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

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Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Father George Roney
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Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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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.
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Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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Wed. 7 p.
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First Baptist Church

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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
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Steve Willis, minister
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business hours at 2605 Hyacinth Dr., Mesquite, Texas 75181. 31-34c

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL§
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 5th day of July, 2011, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,500. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Alvarez, Alvin et ux; Legal description: 1. All of Lot Nine (9) and the North Twenty-five feet (25') of Lot Ten (10), Block B of the Carney Addition to the Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,633. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Thomas, Jimmy J., et ux. Legal description: 3. Lot Ninety-eight (98), of the Edgewater Beach Club Lakeshore Site, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,727. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Ambriz, Felix, Jr., Ind/Heir of Felix Ambriz, Sr., Deceased. Legal description: 4. Lot Three (3) and Lot Four (4), Block Two (2), A.B. Carothers Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,731: Styling: Haskell County

Appraisal District v. Isbell, Betty. Legal description: 6. Lot One (1), Block Twelve (12), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,733. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Rohmfeld, Robert, et ux. Legal description: 8. Lot Twelve (12), Block Two (2), Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,758. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Kelly, Don, Ind/Heir of Violet Bricker Purcell, Deceased, et al. Legal description: 9. A.01550390 Overriding Royalty Interest, Lease 10711, Thomas Anna Mae, S B Street Operating, Inc., Abstract 2 (Allen P #140), Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,761. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. West Texas Energy Company,

Inc. Legal description: 10. All that certain tract of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being 2.77 acres of land out of the NE One Fourth (1/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Block Fourteen (14), H & TC Ry. Co. Lands.

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NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids for a new roof structure and carport for the Sheriff's Office, 507 S. 2nd. The deadline for bids has been extended to Friday, September 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Bids must be turned

in to the County Judge's office. Bids will be opened in Commissioners' Court on Monday, September 12, 2011. For more information call 940-864-2851. 33-34c

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in Commissioners' Court. A second hearing will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. where the budget will be approved and the tax rate set. 34c

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Haskell CISD welcomes students, personnel to school

by Caron Yates

Ready or not, school bells are ringing. And while you may hear a little groaning, there is also an air of excitement and anticipation that can be felt in the classrooms and halls in schools across the state.

Haskell CISD, led by Supt. Bill Alcorn, had a first day enrollment of 671 students, with 366 reported at the elementary, 128 enrolled at Rochester Junior High and 177 in attendance at the high school.

There are new faces on staff at Haskell CISD this school year, including Brenda Turner, who is taking over duties as business manager. Lisa Teague, financial assistant, Billie Lindsey, PEIMS coordinator, and Michelle Dunnam, programs director complete the Central Office staff.

Elementary principal Jim Lisle, now in his thirty-sixth year in education, is pleased with the new personnel on staff at his campus. Faye Urich has taken over the PCD and Pre-K3 classroom, and is being helped by Stacy Medford. Also joining the elementary staff is Vicki Bredthauer and Vanessa Shiplett, both in third grade; Sheila Homeyer in fourth grade; and Mary Villarreal will be working in the cafeteria.

Returning staff in the elementary office are Tina Adams, secretary and Peggy Adams, PEIMS and attendance. Nurse Susan

Blanks will be taking care of medical needs and required paperwork for all three campuses. Kristi Stewart continues as elementary counselor, while librarian Betsy McManamon and Jacklyn Wheatley will work on both the elementary and high school campuses. Special programs personnel include Pam Gibson, music teacher; Debbie Miller, computer lab; Kristi Gibson, science lab; Tiffany Thomas and Melisa Burson, P.E.; Vicki Bullard and Donita Hudgens are SpEd teachers, and are assisted by Nora Andrada, Erlinda Booe and Ember Medford; Patsy Blakley has moved to the RTI program and is supported by Deanna Jordan and Becky Gordy.

Jennifer Bridges, assisted by Rosemary Rodriguez, will once again be teaching the Head Start program, while Melyn Wittenborn serves as the Head Start Family Service Worker. Loutina White and Vicki Josselet will be directing the learning for the Pre-K 4 students.

Kindergarten teachers will be Susan Cox, Judy Washburn and Laurie McBroom. April Colley, Joni Bullock and Julie Alvarez serve as first grade teachers, while Rhonda Hanson, LaKay Caparoon and Donna Waggoner have teaching duties in second grade. Tonya Cypert, joined by Bredthauer and Shiplett, will handle third grade.

Homeyer joins Amy Sloan and Wendi Parks in the fourth grade classrooms,

and rounding out the elementary are fifth grade teachers Tammie Wallace and Jennifer Roewe.

In charge of keeping the campus clean and in good running order are Matilda Lopez, Alfred Ozuna and Adam Garcia. Preparing and serving two meals each day is Andrea Estrada, Francis Rodriguez, Minnie Camacho and Villarreal.

Lisle and his staff are looking forward to another successful school year. He emphasizes the importance of parents being involved in their child's education, and hopes parents will take advantage of all opportunities to be an integral part in the education of their child. Parents should also note that breakfast will now be served from 7:15 to 8 a.m. each morning in the cafeteria.

Leading the charge for education at the Rochester Junior High is Reida Penman, who is beginning her ninth year as school principal.

There have been no new additions to the staff at the junior high. Belinda Peacock however, will serve as junior high counselor for half a day, before going to the high school campus to teach English.

Returning to the sixth grade classrooms are Shanna Daniels and Monica Shelton. Betsy Coleman will oversee technology for the campus, as well as teach science. Chet Forehand returns to teach 7th health and science and

also has coaching duties.

Other familiar faces on campus will be Tracy Frierson teaching math, Jodi Andress will teach English, Darlene Hopkins instructs reading and computer, Chad Copeland teaches history and coaches and Tara Hollingsworth will continue in the SpEd classroom. Teresa New will assist Penman in the office, while paraprofessionals Tammy Crosson, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Janie Saucedo, Karen Smart and Dora Torres will work in various areas to aide instruction.

Daryl McGhee, transportation supervisor, will do the scheduling and upkeep of the vehicles and buses needed for the many trips required for the school district. Building and grounds personnel are Edie Strickland and Stony Trussell, while Malinda Teague and Margaret Russell will prepare and serve meals.

Penman says, "We feel that the Reading Plus program that was instituted last year was very beneficial to our students, so we will continue it. We will also continue C-Scope for all levels and areas. It should be another good year for our students and staff."

The new principal at Haskell High School, Jeff York, is excited about the possibilities for the coming school year. He says he does not plan to discontinue any programs already in place,

and that they all will work together to find a way to be even better.

The high school staff had only one new addition. Kassi Meacham will be teaching in the science department and coaching. The SpEd department includes Kelly Layman, Misty Davis, Melissa Tatum, Natalie Barrett and Terry Weise. Judy Foster will again run the ASPIRE program, which is a credit recovery program.

High school counselor is Jamie Davis. Teachers in the math department will be Kendra Bevel, Teresa Martinez and Josh Damron. In Social Studies Harvey Davis, Keith Medford and David Middleton will carry the load, while Nancy Stewart, Jill Drusedow and Peacock are teaching English and journalism. Randy Waggoner, John Foster and Meacham will continue the push for the science department. Lolo Martinez will handle the Spanish classes.

Other enrichment programs include Ag Science taught by Kenny Cockerell and Justin Cox, Home Economics taught by Wanda Thompson, computer science and business technology taught by Amanda Hadaway, art and yearbook taught by Pam Thigpen and all levels of band is led by band director Mike Aston and New.

Kent Colley begins

his fourth year as Athletic Director and will receive assistance with coaching duties for the high school teams from Burson, Damron, Davis, Middleton, Foster, Thompson and Meacham.

Maintenance supervisor is Bart Parham and is aided by Robert Acosta, Luz Diaz and Cache Davis. Zef Perez is the grounds supervisor. Making sure the nutritional needs are met at the high school will be Edgwyna Flores, Becky Howeth and Rayma Wyatt. Jo Pogue and Charisse Felty will handle the office duties, while Lupe Rivera works in the AEP program. John Rutkowski will again work to keep the massive network of computers, servers, printers and phones in working order.

One major goal for all three campuses will be to prepare students and staff for the new accountability system, called STAAR, which is being implemented this year. Certainly with this new system, the bar is raised significantly. Haskell CISD however, always strives to provide each of its students the best education possible. This is most easily accomplished when parents, teachers, administration, staff and community members work together toward this goal.

Here is your opportunity to make a difference, get involved.

Rule ISD greets students and staff

Rule ISD Superintendent Bryan Davis says, "I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all the students and staff of Rule ISD for the 2011-2012 school year. There have been a lot of positive changes at Rule ISD over the summer and more are being planned. I am excited about the opportunity to meet and greet all of the students and staff as we begin a new and exciting school year at Rule ISD."

Rule ISD has experienced changes in teachers and staff over the summer. The 2011-12 teachers and staff at Rule ISD and their assignments are:

Bryan Davis, superintendent; Barry McBroom, principal; Leslie Kupatt, counselor; and Amy Tanner, business manager.

Linda Caddell will be in charge of early childhood, Pre-K, elementary special education and dyslexia.

Shannon Deen will teach Kindergarten and Ellen Rieger will have first grade.

Teaching second grade is Sara Hodgkin, with Priscilla Simpson teaching third grade.

Joni Manske will teach fourth grade and Leigh Sims will be leading fifth grade.

Secondary English and history will be taught by Kathy Teichelman.

Lauren Fine will be in charge of secondary English, theatre arts, one act play, cheerleading and UIL.

Jill Brown will have secondary math and credit recovery.

Joshua Conner will teach secondary math, P.E.; and be the cross country and tennis coach.

Jason Josselet is the head boys' football coach, boys' head basketball coach, boys' head track coach and will teach secondary history.

Trey Wyatt is the head girls' basketball coach, girls' head track coach, boys' assistant football coach, elementary P.E. and secondary science and health teacher.

Janice Qualls will teach secondary science and Susan Carver will teach secondary Spanish.

Jimmie Peters is in charge of business technology and secondary special education.

Keith Rowan will teach secondary agricultural science and speech.

Fonda Newton will be in charge of Family and Consumer science, secondary art and the library.

Luis Ramirez will be working maintenance, custodial and be a bus driver along with Cato Macias who will drive a bus.

Kelli Falkner is the cafeteria manager. Mary Menchaca will serve as cafeteria assistant.

Sally Macias is the Pre-K and special education paraprofessional.

Norma Rios is the school lunch coordinator and Title I paraprofessional.

Sandy Flores also serves as Title I paraprofessional.

Cammie Davis is the central office administrative assistant and Misty Fritzer serves as the principal's secretary.

Jerry Cannon handles technology and Charlene Murray is the school nurse.

Rule ISD had a first day enrollment of 118 students.

Rule ISD is accepting transfer students for the 2011-2012 school year. Transportation to and from school is available in Haskell, Rochester, Old Glory and Sagerton. The Haskell bus will pickup and drop off students at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

parking lot, the Rochester bus will pickup and drop off students at the Faith Chapel Church, the Old Glory bus will pickup and drop off students at the Old Glory Star Stop Store, and the Sagerton bus will pickup and drop off students at the Sagerton Lutheran Church.

The teachers and staff of Rule ISD are looking forward to a positive and productive school year with our new motto of "Rule ISD - A Fresh Beginning and a Very Bright Future."

Haskell Elem. PTO to meet Mon., Aug. 29

The Haskell Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) will meet Mon., Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room. Join by filling out a membership form that can be found at the Haskell Elementary School office or contact the Haskell Elementary PTO Facebook page or email at haskellelementarypto@gmail.com.

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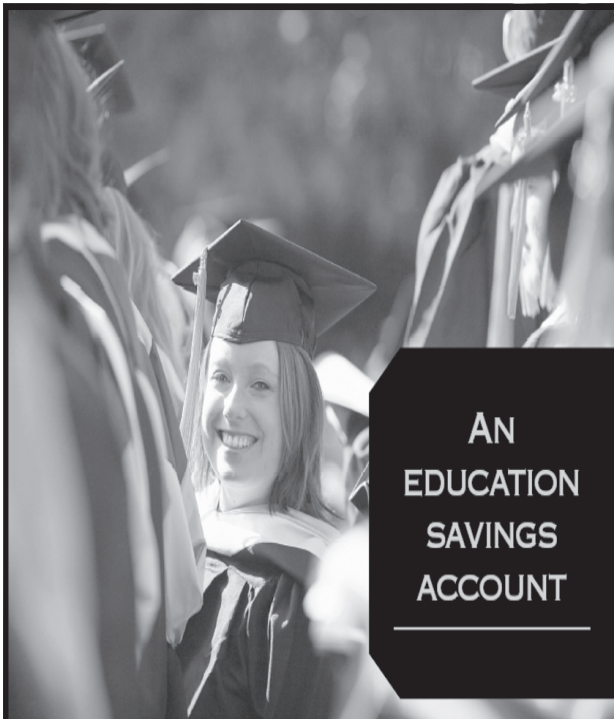
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