

# Happy Thanksgiving

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## Basketball

### HASKELL

JHG-JHB vs Munday

Mon., Nov. 28, 5 p.m.

Boys at Rochester

Girls at Munday

JVG-B, VG-B vs Eula

Tues., Nov. 29, 4 p.m.

at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

JH vs Aspermont

Mon., Nov. 28, 6 p.m.

at Paint Creek

VB vs Benjamin

Tues., Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

at Benjamin

### RULE

JH vs Lueders-Avooca

Mon., Nov. 28, 6 p.m.

at Lueders-Avooca

VB vs Chillicothe

Tues., Nov. 29, TBA

### at Rule

## Calendar

### Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia will serve its first annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community Thurs., Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 500 N. 8th St. in Haskell. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in only.

### 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. 8 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 22.

### Poinsettias

The Noah Project-North is taking orders for poinsettias to be delivered the first week in December. The poinsettias are only \$12.50 each again this year and \$25 dressed. Plants are from Dillon's Greenhouse. You may purchase them from any Advisory Committee member or by calling the Noah Project office at 940-864-2551.

### Christmas parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade is set Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. To enter, go by the Chamber office for an enrollment form and a waiver. Prizes are, first place 75 Haskell Dollars, second place 50 Haskell Dollars and third place 25 Haskell Dollars. The Lions Club will serve hot chocolate at the gazebo after the parade. Santa Claus will be at the gazebo after the parade for pictures. For more information, call the Chamber office at 940-864-2477.

### Filing deadline

The filing window for candidates to file for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot begins Nov. 28 and ends Dec. 15. For more information contact Sharon Mullino, Haskell County Democratic Chairman at 940-742-3559.

### Deadlines

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

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## Wall of Honor reaches challenge goal

The Progressive Study Club is listing more names of donors to the Wall of Honor project. Contributions listed below have been received through Nov. 19 and are in response to the challenge issued to raise \$5,000 by Thanksgiving.

Memorial donations and other donations may be made to Dorothy Hartsfield at 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, TX 79521. Checks should be made payable to the Progressive Study Club. The club is a tax deductible organization. The goal for the project is \$60,000.

Hartsfield states, "We have been overwhelmed by the support of the citizens and former citizens of Haskell County. We have received contributions of \$7000 from

Oct. 27 to Nov. 19, Thanks for all the encouragement we have received."

Donations are:  
William P. & Catherine D. Schultz, in honor of Thomas Tommy Davis and Orville T. (Tom) Davis.

Kathie R. Davis, in memory of C.G. Burson Jr.

Vickie Burson Brown, in memory of C.G. Burson Jr.

Lee Burson, in memory of C.G. Burson Jr.

Terry and Sheila Mitchell for her dad, Chester J. Robertson.

John R. and Inez McDaniel Merchant.

Joe and Caron Yates.

Alma Josselet Terrell, Mollie Moeller and Paula Everett, in honor of Herman Nathan Josselet and Walter Eugene Rogers KIA.

Peggy and Bill Middlebrook, in memory of Charles "Chuck" Goodwin KIA.

Leona Partridge, to honor her "dear Dad" World War I Veteran Pvt. Adolph Havran and her brother, Lt. Col. Ed F. Havran USA Air Force.

Doyle and Marilyn Jetton.

Roger and Mollie Moller, in honor of George Moeller Jr., Edward Moeller and Walter Moeller, all served in World War II.

Gaston and Willie Faye Tidrow.

Letha M. Newton, in memory of Leon Newton.

Volly J. and Frieda Ivy, in memory of Volly J. Ivy, Sr. World War II, W.N. "Bill" Mercer Jr., Jerry Kreger, and W.N. "Dude" Mercer and in

honor of Jimmy G. Barnett and Jerry B. O'Keefe.

Rike Real Estate, LLC, John and Mary Rike.

Elton G. and Ruth A. Klose.

Opal Dunnam.

La Vern Mayfield, in memory of John Alex Mayfield.

Rhonda and Allen Moeller, in memory of Frank Moeller and Coy Hewitt and in honor of David Dixon (son-in-law) Active Duty.

Vera Smith, in memory of Virgil Smith World War II.

Pat Smith, in honor of Lt. Col. Emory Earl Smith (Ret.) USAF, served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and in

memory of her dad, William Clyde Brite World War I.

William D. McSmith, Jr., D.O.



BRANDON ANDERSON

## Anderson named TMCN president

Haskell City Manager Brandon Anderson will serve as President for Texas Midwest Community Network in 2012. The announcement was made at the 18th Annual Texas Midwest Conference held in Abilene last month. He is joined by Vice President Kathy Keane of Eden and Secretary/Treasurer Tammy Thorn of Bronte in the executive level of TMCN. As an officer, Anderson participates in operational decisions for the regional organization.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 47 communities located in the 27 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. Haskell, a charter member of the organization, received the "Community of Achievement" award at this year's annual conference.

TMCN provides a network by which community leaders share information that can be directed to community development. Activities and programs of the organization focus on networking opportunities about how to address local challenges; marketing and educational programs for tourism and economic development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Merkel, Menard, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

## Officers pursue, catch two drug suspects

Early Friday morning Nov. 18 around 2 a.m., Haskell Chief Deputy Sheriff Winston Stephens was patrolling through Rochester when he saw a suspicious vehicle leave the old Paymaster Gin yard in

the old Paymaster Gin yard in Rochester. Chief Deputy Stephens knew that there was an anhydrous ammonia tank on the yard and that someone had been stealing ammonia from it.

Chief Deputy Stephens pulled in behind the vehicle and called for backup as the vehicle turned north on Hwy. 6 towards Knox City. The vehicle sped up and refused to stop, fleeing from Stephens.

Texas Parks & Wildlife officer Ryan Peacock and Haskell Sheriff's Deputy Greg Hearn joined in the chase just north of Rochester. Knox City police department officers were notified that a pursuit was in progress towards their city. Stephens and other officers tried a rolling road block but the suspect vehicle evaded them and continued through O'Brien at speeds of 110 miles per hour and into Knox County. Knox City officers joined the pursuit as it entered the county.

The suspects then turned off the highway into the golf course, just south of the city

and went through the course tossing out a metal tank onto the course. They continued onto another county road and then onto the farm-to-market road back into Haskell County.

At the intersection of FM 2701 and FM 2229, they took off across a wheat field and turned their lights off trying to elude the officers.

The two male suspects were found on a turn row not far from their vehicle which was stuck in a cotton field. The suspects tried to run and hide in the cotton. They were taken into custody and transported to Haskell County Jail and booked on two charges, possession of a chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, and evading detention with a vehicle.

One suspect was from Henrietta and the other was from Seymour.

Haskell Police Officer Dan Kaszuba and Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton along with the Chief of Police of Knox City, assisted in containing the two suspects in the field.

Thanks to Chief Deputy Stephens, these two did not get away to make illegal drugs to be put on the streets and harm our children.

As always, in law enforcement working as

a team, we still need the help of all the citizens, not only in Haskell County, but the surrounding counties as well. The persons making these drugs have found different ways to manufacture the meth, with or without the ammonia. We as a community still need to work together to make

Haskell and the surrounding counties safe for all of us.

"Again, I thank all of the officers willing to work extra time to stop the flow of drugs in Haskell as well as passing through Haskell and all other illegal activities. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving," said Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton.



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BEGINS**-Shoppers of all ages visited the annual Haskell Young Homemakers' Arts and Craft Show last Saturday held at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. A large variety of items were offered and Christmas shoppers were able to check off items on their list.

## Donations sought for Goodfellows fund

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. 3 and Sat., Dec. 10, 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.

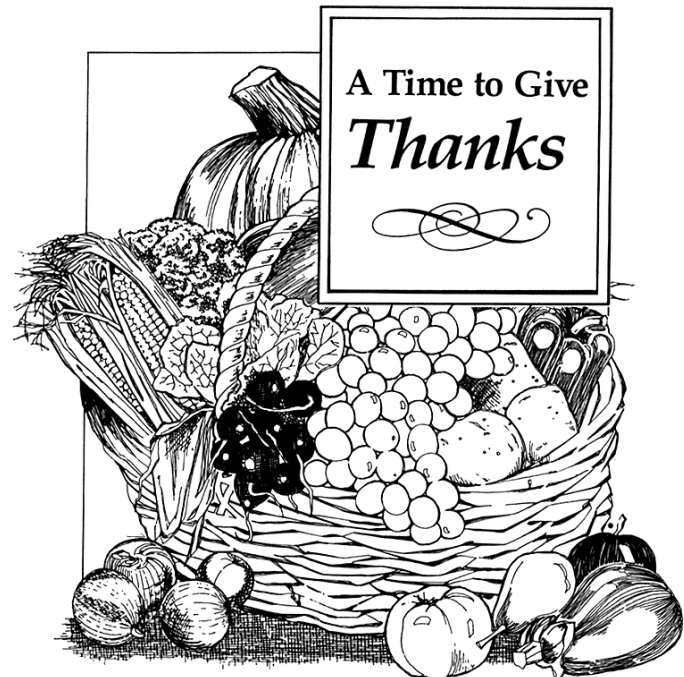
If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, contact any member of the Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

## Goodfellows Donations

In honor of Superintendent Bill Alcorn's birthday by the Haskell School Board members.....\$50  
Total to date.....\$50  
Previous total.....\$150  
Total to date.....\$200

**RUNS AT STATE**-Michael Perez, a sophomore at Rule ISD, placed 33rd out of over one hundred competitors at the State Cross Country Meet in Georgetown Nov. 12. Coach Josh Conner, left, was overwhelmed with pride.

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



Thanksgiving is the time we spend with our families to give thanks for our health, happiness and prosperity.

We hope that you and your family have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holidays to its fullest.

*Happy Thanksgiving*  
from our family to yours.



304 N. Second 940-864-2151

# Obituaries

## Evangelina B. Diaz



**EVANGELINA DIAZ**

Funeral services for Evangelina B. Diaz, 85, were held Sat., Nov. 19 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Fr. George Romey officiating. Burial was

in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Diaz passed away in Wichita, Kansas Mon., Nov. 14.

Born Dec. 18, 1925 in Beeville, she was the daughter of Guadalupe and Calistra Pena Barrera. She married Gabino Diaz in Haskell Sept. 23, 1963 and lived most of her life in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of St. George Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gabino Diaz; her parents, Guadalupe and Calistra Barrera; a son, Julian Bentura; brother, Guadalupe Barrera; five

sisters, Janie Barrera, Sylvia Lopez, Ophelia Lopez, Isabell Rodriguez and Francis Diaz.

Survivors include four sons, Leroy Diaz of Texas City, Ruben Diaz of Anton, Terry Snelling and Jerry Snelling, both of Haskell; two daughters, Irma Summers of Haskell and Maria Hernandez of Norwalk, Ohio; a brother, Martin Barrera; four sisters, Mickie Tejada, Maria Blevins, Margie Vidaliere and Susie Ortiz; 14 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

PD NOTICE

## Paint Creek ISD honor roll

Paint Creek Schools have released the names of students on the A and A-B honor rolls for the second six weeks of school.

First grade: A honor roll, Steelyn Blair, Kaiden Castillo, Alysha Mitchell, Levi Rhoads and Addi Yarbrough; A-B honor roll,

Gus Blair, Brennan Jordan, Ryan Nicholson-Apsitis, Ragen Thompson, Matthew Villarreal and Autumn Westerman.

Second grade: A honor roll, Chris Acosta and Ethan Jenkins; A-B honor roll, Dawson Conn, Christopher Pannell, Donovan Rodriguez, Kolby Tidrow and Jordan Westerman.

Third grade: A honor roll, William Bogle; A-B honor roll, Steven Crain, Dakota Davis, Zakary Elkins, Joey Flores, Gabe Mitchell, Gracie Oliver and Corbin Waggoner.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Nancy Acosta and Jaelyn Snelling; A-B honor roll, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak and Larissa Villarreal.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Manuel Acosta, Garrett Arendall, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipina, Chase Thompson, Gabe Todd and Antonio Yanez.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Felicity Gentry.

Seventh grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond; A-B honor roll, Devon Benitez, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter.

Eighth grade: A-B honor roll, Ben Steele.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Micah Waggoner.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Cody Mayfield and Kadie McCord; A-B honor roll, Hunter Hollingsworth, Shawn Myers and Tarah Trotter.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Matt Booe, Cheyenne Buerger, River McTasney and Danielle Oliver.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, and Caleb McCord; A-B honor roll, Cole Gardner, Haley Myers, Layne Petty, Felysha Walker and Bryson Young.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### We can all find good reasons to give our thanks

Though fortune seems to pass you by,  
There's something that you can't deny:  
At times we all have things go wrong,  
But manage still to get along.  
If you can somehow pay each bill,  
And no one at your house is ill,  
And if your children get good grades  
And don't indulge in escapades,

And if you have just one good friend,  
In case misfortune should descend,  
Then you have blessings by the score,  
Of things you should be thankful for.  
Your house of worship will convey  
This message for Thanksgiving Day,  
So let us all, with one accord,  
Extend our thanks unto the Lord.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor  
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
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
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

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

## Paint Creek ISD seeks gifted students

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

Anyone wishing to nominate a child believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the office at Paint Creek School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up the necessary forms. The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this

test. Nomination period for Paint Creek ISD is Nov. 14-21. All completed nomination forms are due back in the Paint Creek School office by 3:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 21. For further assistance, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.

**Bible study**  
A non-denominational and bilingual Bible study will be held every Tuesday at the Church of God, 714 Hwy. 380 East in Haskell, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 940-864-3982 or 325-665-8182.

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



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## Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group had a meeting Oct. 25, with guest speakers Dr. Shane Schmidt and Nurse Practitioner, Amanda Duke, who informed the group of great ways to help ourselves in this fight.

Duke told of many things in our diet that can help. During cancer treatments, eating is not on the top of the patient's list of things to do, but eating high protein meals will help during treatments. Even a small meal is better than no meals. She reminded us eating acidic and dry foods should be avoided if a patient is having sore throats or nausea. A doctor can prescribe appetite stimulants to help. Breast cancer patients are warned not to exceed three servings of soy per day and avoid concentrated sources such as soy powders.

When your immune system is weakened, patients should be careful with food handling and food washing. Foods should be cooked to correct temps and refrigerated promptly. Do not eat deli foods. Do not eat produce cut in the grocery store. Do not eat from buffets, salad bars or potlucks. You don't know if the person before you washed their hands before or the food handler might be ill themselves.

Duke gave such great information and is an asset to our community.

Dr. Schmidt said that taking care of our dental health can be an asset to health issues. He has found tongue cancers, gum cancers and even throat and neck cancers during routine office visits. A panoramic x-ray can show jaw, neck and sinus areas and anything that may not be right can be seen. Our teeth are very important to our health. Have you ever

seen a person with a mouth cancer? It's pretty bad and just like all cancers, most could have been avoided. During treatments dry mouth is very common. Biotene makes mouthwash and toothpaste that can help. Many of the members use it and others have just learned of it.

When you have a diagnoses of cancer, you should also insure your dental health is in order for your up coming battle. Always let your doctor know of all medications you have taken and are taking.

Both of these medical personnel are such great help in the battle of cancer. In our small community, we are so blessed to have so many that want to help. We should all be so proud to have them here and welcome them all to their new hometown!

With the holidays coming very fast, we have a family that this group would like to adopt for Christmas. Funds at this time will not allow it. We know this time of year money is very tight and family comes first. But a cancer patient has family too and with the cost of treatments, gifts are not on their list. Any donations will help us provide them with gifts and a Christmas dinner. If you are able to help us help them please send any monetary donations to Haskell Area Cancer Support Group, 506 S. 8th St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

Our phone is always open for any reason. We try to help the cancer patient and their family. We have received calls from Sweetwater and Cross Plains this month from cancer families just needing to talk and ask if what they are feeling is normal.

For more information on meetings or cancer information, please feel free to call 325-864-4466.



**VISITS HASKELL—C. W. McKelvain, front, was happy to have his two sisters, Ruby Sanders of Minden, Louisiana, on the right, and Janice Hester of Euless, left, visit him Nov. 7. While in town, they visited the Haskell Cemetery and the old family farm. Ruby's husband, Perry, and Harold Hodge accompanied them.**

## EEA Club news

The Haskell Extension Education Association met Nov. 10 at the Extension office.

Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered with "The person I am most thankful for."

Jane Rowan presented the program for the day, "Soups from A-Z." Various soup pots were shown along with proper soup bowls for different kinds of soups. A recipe book with soups for each letter of the alphabet was given to each member. Rowan prepared a cold avocado soup which was served to the group.

Remarks from the agent, Jane Rowan:

- 4-H chili luncheon will be held Nov. 13 at the High School Cafeteria.
- 4-H Food and Nutrition projects have mostly been completed for the year.

For unfinished business the following items were discussed:

- Messenger subscriptions have been received by all members.
- Volunteer hours need to be reported to Schonerstedt.

- No decision was made about the pie baking contest for March.

Upcoming events:

- The Fall Training will be held in Decatur Nov. 14. Our president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will attend.

- The Commissioner Court appreciation luncheon will be held Nov. 22 at the Methodist Church.

- The Christmas party will be held at 11:00 on the regular December meeting date at the Professional Pampering. The meal will be provided for \$10 per person.

- Tri-County Rally day will be held in Haskell in March 2012.

- The January meeting will be moved to Jan.5 due to the stock show dates.

Schonerstedt reported about the Texas Treasure Award given each year at the state convention. It was decided that the club should nominate someone. Joetta made the motion to nominate Sue McGee for this award.

Refreshments were served by McGee and Geraldine Baker.

## Rule School Menu

Nov. 28-30  
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Pork sausage, biscuit, Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit.

**Tuesday:** Biscuits with sausage, gravy, Lucky Charms cereal, peaches.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast tacos, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce.

**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Spaghetti with

roll, anti-pasta salad with salami, bologna and cheese sandwich, sweet corn, green beans mixed fruit, applesauce, blue slushy

**Tuesday:** Corn dog, fajita chicken salad, turkey and cheese sandwich, glazed carrots, pork and beans, fresh fruit, crackers, blue slushy

**Wednesday:** Crispy beef tacos, pasta salad, ham and cheese sandwich, Mexicali corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce and cheese, blue slushy

## Rule ISD Employee Spotlight

Priscilla Simpson is teaching third grade during her first year at Rule ISD.

She resides in Rule and has two sons, Matthew, age 17, and James, age 14.

She enjoys exercising, gardening and traveling.

She feels very fortunate to be teaching at a school with other professionals who give 100% each and every day so that our children are prepared to meet the challenges of life!

Her favorite quote is, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."



**PRISCILLA SIMPSON**

## Haskell School Menu

Nov. 28-Dec. 2  
Breakfast

Milk is offered daily.

**Monday:** Pork sausage biscuit or Berry Puffs cereal, mixed fruit, apple juice

**Tuesday:** Biscuits with sausage gravy or Lucky Charms cereal, peaches, orange juice

**Wednesday:** Breakfast taco or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, cinnamon apple slices, fruit punch juice

**Thursday:** Golden waffles with syrup or Cocoa Puffs cereal, majestic pears, apple juice

**Friday:** Breakfast biscuit with egg or Trix cereal, strawberry applesauce, orange juice

**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:** Spaghetti de Italiano with roll or Italian antipasto salad or energy meal with

bologna and cheese; sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, original applesauce, blue slushy

**Tuesday:** State fair corn dog or fajita chicken salad or energy meal with turkey and cheese; glazed carrots, pork and beans, fresh banana, whole wheat crackers, blue slushy.

**Wednesday:** Crispy beef tacos or garden pasta salad or energy meal with ham and cheese; Mexicali corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce and cheese, blue slushy.

**Thursday:** Chicken strips with gravy and roll or zesty tuna salad or energy meal with tuna sandwich; mashed potatoes, whole wheat crackers, fresh watermelon, peaches, blue slushy

**Friday:** Tony's pizza or chef salad or po-boy sandwich; tater tots, baked beans, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, blue slushy

## Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 28-Dec. 2  
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Oatmeal, toast

**Tuesday:** Pancake sticks

**Wednesday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy

**Thursday:** Muffins

**Friday:** Donuts

**Lunch**

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, rolls, applesauce

**Tuesday:** Nachos, refried beans, salad, pears

**Wednesday:** Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas, cobbler

**Thursday:** Tater tot casserole, corn, salad, jello

**Friday:** Hamburgers, cheese, pickles, salad, chips, rice krispies

## ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 28

Lunch—Sloppy Joes, country potato salad, carrots, zucchini, creamy fruit square, tea or coffee

Wed., Nov. 30

Lunch—Ham and beans,

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# City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session and public hearing Mon., Nov. 14 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers and Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druesedow in attendance.

Medford offered the invocation.

Entering into a public hearing concerning continuing to tax goods in transit, Mayor Gannaway called the hearing to order. With no public comment, the hearing was adjourned.

Calling the regular meeting back to order, the council approved an ordinance allowing the City of Haskell to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise become exempt pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253.

Terri Klose was nominated for a position on the Haskell County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The ordinance regulating parking of vehicles on unpaved surfaces within the front yard of residentially zoned properties was discussed.

An ordinance regulating the possession, ownership and maintenance of animals within the City of Haskell was discussed.

The recommendation from the Betterment Committee concerning letting Councilwoman Druesedow visit with the school asking classes to help maintain four areas of landscaping on the overpass was tabled.

An eight percent salary increase was approved for the City Administrator along with a budget amendment resolution adjusting for the increase.

An executive session was called to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations as allowed by GC 551.087.

Returning to regular session, the City Administrator reported:

- A leadership and citizenship program is being considered that could possibly be taken to a grade at the school to help educate local youth of their role as a citizen. The city and school administration will discuss the matter soon.

- Haskell has many youth at risk and the city would like to start the conversation on how to better provide for and assist these youth. Those having the same concerns and wishing to be a part of the solution should contact the mayor or city administrator.

- Interviews for both the police officer's job and the Chief of Police job will begin on Thursday. The list for Police Chief has been narrowed to six and three will be interviewed for the officer's position. The City would like to thank Sergeant Jeff Caparoon and Officer Dan Kaszuba for their dedication during the last couple of months.

- The annual lighted Christmas parade will be held Dec. 10. To enter, contact Sally Rueffer at the Chamber office.

## Area basketball scores

**Girls**  
Colorado City 44, Haskell 42

Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 12, Johnson 12, Colley 5, Cassidy 5, Shelton 4, M. Rodriguez 2, Adams 2.

**Abilene Hawks 49, Haskell 31**

Scoring for Haskell: Shelton 10, C. Hadaway 6, R. Hadaway 4, Colley 4, Johnson 4, Adams 2, Rodriguez 1.

**Boys**  
Merkel 61, Haskell 57

Scoring for Haskell: Llewellyn 17, Bell 10, Bird 10, Torres 6, Shelton 4, Leach 4, Newton 2, Martinez 2, Silvas 2.

**Abilene Hawks 52, Haskell 30**

Scoring for Haskell: Bell

8, Shelton 6, Newton 4, Martinez 3, Torres 3, Silvas 2, Llewellyn 2, Bird 2.

**Paint Creek 47, Jayton 23**

Scoring for Paint Creek: Burnett 14, McCord 11, Gardner 8, Pannell 6, Young 4, Wyrick 4.

**Baird 50, Rule 32**

Scoring for Rule: Grindstaff 14, Starr 8, Lewis 6, Quintero 2, Rogers 2.

**Harrold 80, Rule 31**

Scoring for Rule: Perez 9, Grindstaff 6, Rogers 4, Quintero 4, Williams 3, Hardeman 3, M. Perez 2.

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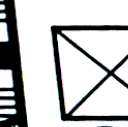



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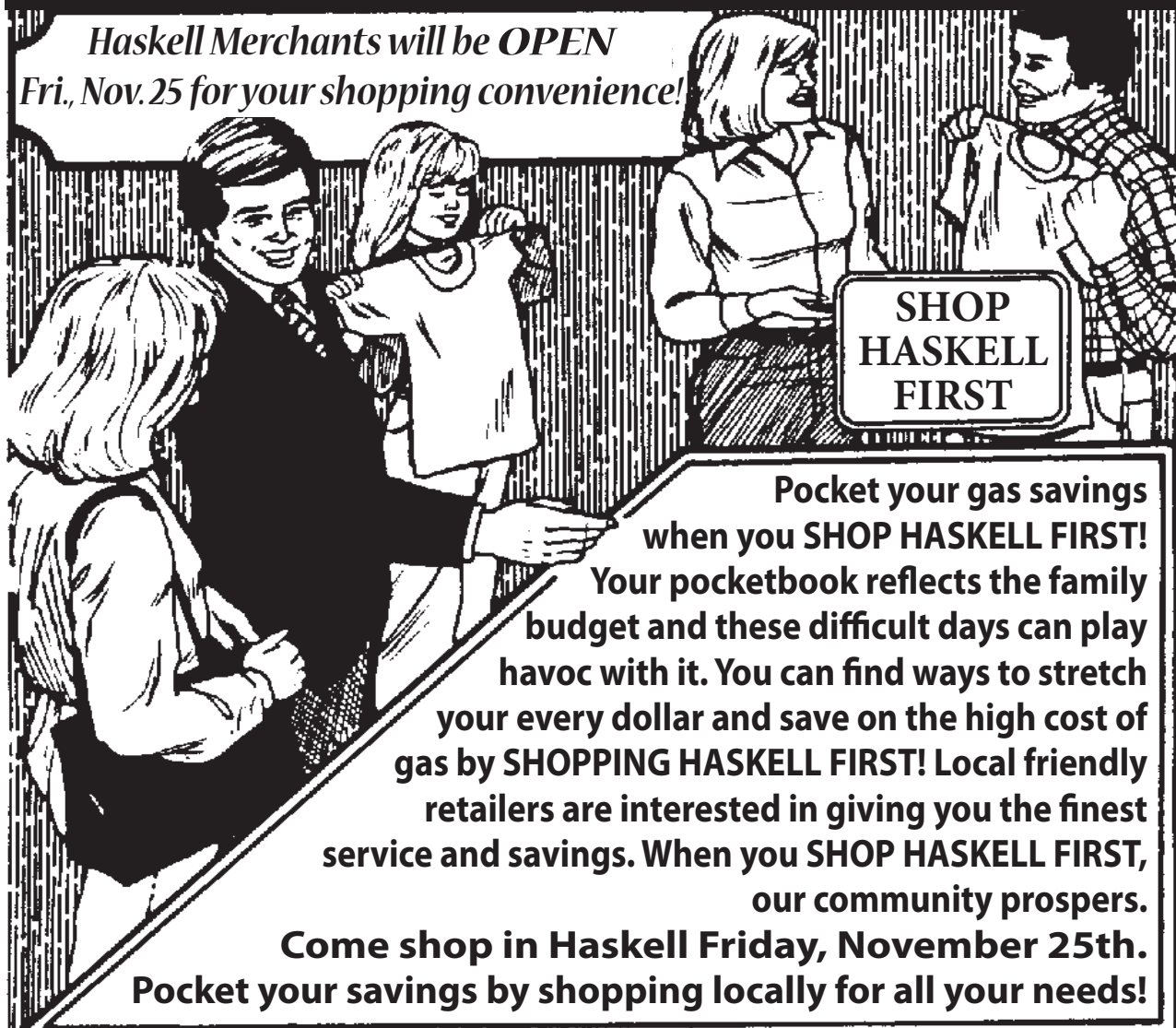
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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Perry, Abbott applaud court's decision to hear case

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott last week reacted to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear Texas and 25 other states' challenge to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

On Nov. 14, Perry said the court's decision to hear the case "is encouraging news for Texas." And, Perry said, the act would cost Texas taxpayers "more than \$27 billion over 10 years for the Medicaid expansion starting in 2014."

Also on Nov. 14, Abbott said, "With the Supreme Court's decision to hear our challenge to 'ObamaCare' the federal health care law is closer to an end."

Abbott, pointing to rulings by a federal district court and a U.S. circuit court of appeals, said, "government exceeded the constitutional limits of its authority by requiring all Americans to buy government-approved health insurance."

Oral arguments are to be heard by March and a decision by the high court would be rendered in June.

#### Formula 1 project put on hold

Rights-holders, investors, developers and promoters long have sought to bring European-style Formula 1 car racing to Texas, with the first race to be run in 2013.

Recently however, because of financial disagreements among the interested parties, funding became uncertain and construction of a racing facility—under way for nearly a year near Austin-Bergstrom Airport—stopped last week.

State Comptroller Susan Combs issued a statement on Nov. 15, saying the state of Texas has not paid out any money for the project and "will not be paying any funds in advance" of an actual running of a Formula 1 event at the track.

If funding comes from the state, it would be from the Major Events Trust Fund created by the Legislature in 2003. Sales, hotel, beverage and other tax revenue fuel the fund which has been tapped for events such as NFL Superbowl XLV and the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Four tournaments.

Combs and Gov. Perry have spoken in support of the track.

#### Removed:

#### unsafe vehicles, drivers

Figures presented by DPS Director Steve McCraw at a Nov. 17 meeting of the state Public Safety Commission show that Texas Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Service personnel and Highway Patrol troopers have inspected 331,505 commercial vehicles

since Jan. 1.

Of those, the Department of Public Safety removed from Texas roads 66,189 commercial vehicles and 12,301 commercial vehicle drivers deemed "unsafe."

#### Mistake in license plate law

Last May, the Texas Legislature passed a 234-page bill amending state laws concerning motor vehicle violations.

Omitted from the bill was language that set a fine for driving a motor vehicle without license. Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, the author of the bill, HB 2357, asked the Texas Attorney General's Office if the current \$200 fine for driving a vehicle without license plates would remain in effect despite the missing language.

The law is scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1.

#### Madden won't seek reelection

State Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, announced Nov. 14 he will not seek reelection to the Texas House.

First elected to the Texas Legislature in November 1992 and now in his 10th term, Madden serves as the chairman of the House Committee on Corrections and as a member of the House Committees on Redistricting and Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

#### Unemployment rate improves

The Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 16 reported the state's jobless rate for the month of October had decreased to 8.4 percent, a 0.1 percent improvement.

For the month, Texas added 13,500 private-sector jobs.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported the national unemployment rate was 9.0 percent in October.

#### Report: Texas tops in low wages

According to a Nov. 12 special report to the Austin American-Statesman, more than 500,000 workers in Texas make the minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour or less, and that ties the Lone Star State with Mississippi as the states with the highest proportion of low-wage jobs: 10 percent.

The report, contributed by F. Scott McCown and Frances Deviney of the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, says Texas' young labor force, a less well-educated labor force and a low cost of living are reasons for the high number of low-wage jobs.

#### Board rejects Rebel flag plate

A proposal to offer a vanity license plate containing the image of a Confederate battle flag was rejected on a unanimous vote by the board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles on Nov. 10.

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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago November 22, 2001

Kristen Cypert, a senior at Haskell High School, has been named to the All-State Journalism staff. The daughter of Buddy and Tonya Cypert, she has won three first place and one second place state medals for her writing and photography on the War Whoop.

Peggy Hairgrove of Haskell, was one of sixteen women from around the state appointed to serve on the Governor's Commission for Women. She is a teacher with the Haskell CISD, and is a Child Protective Services volunteer.

Haskell Indian Tyrone Billington was chosen Football Hero and cheerleader Lynzie Harlan was named Football Sweetheart at a pep rally before the last game of the season.

#### 20 Years Ago November 21, 1991

Royce Adkins, Haskell attorney, has been elected to the board of trustees of Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. His election came during the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Shannon Taylor scored six touchdowns and gained 274 yards of rushing as the Rule Bobcats defeated the Gordon Longhorns 67-44 in a six-man bi-district playoff game.

Holly Hobgood and Mike Layland were named Football Sweetheart and Beau at

Haskell High School. Jane Villa and Jonas Grue were selected as Band Sweetheart an Beau.

#### 30 Years Ago November 19, 1981

Morris Neal and Henry Townsend were honored with a reception at the Farmers National Bank in Rule. Both retired from the band with ninety years of combined experience at the bank.

Janette Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Holmes of Rochester, will perform with the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Kim Griffith, Haskell High School senior, was crowned Abilene Junior Miss for 1981-82. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Griffith.

#### 40 Years Ago November 25, 1971

Haskell County Farm Bureau delegates attending the 38th annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Livengood, Mrs. Gene Tonn, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Aycock, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Perrin, Marvin Phemister and Mrs. L.B. Ivey.

Mrs. Eula Therwhanger was honored on her 80th birthday with a family dinner and birthday cake. Friends and neighbors called throughout the day with birthday wishes.

Sammy Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hawkins of Haskell, spent his fourth

birthday in the hospital as he recovered from a snake bite.

#### 50 Years Ago November 23, 1961

Army Specialist Four Freddie Middleton, recently arrived in Greenland and is now assigned to the 51st Ordnance Company. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Middleton, he is a 1959 graduate of Haskell High School.

Mrs. M.O. Field of Floydada, and formerly of Haskell, was recently honored as "Grandmother of the Year" in that city. At 81 years of age, she has nine children, thirty-five grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The District 6 Six-Man All-District first team has been selected. It includes Larry Gibson and Jerry Force of O'Brien; Johnny Cunningham and Eddie Roberts of Weinert; Dick Tracy of Mattson, and Jeff Smith of Paint Creek.

#### 100 Years Ago November 25, 1911

Judge J.W. Kelly of Rule passed through here on his return from the oil fields near Wichita Falls in which he is interested.

The City Garage has sold Marion Robertson a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, 1912 model, with four horsepower.

C.C. Eastland of this city has traded his home in the north part of Haskell, to Sid Post of Waco, for a blackland farm south of that city.

## USDA reminds producers that NAP closing date is Dec. 1

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Glenn R. Brzozowski urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of Dec. 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented

planting occur due to normal disasters.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Dec. 1, 2011: grazing and forage/hay on native and improved grass, alfalfa, mixed forages, and potatoes.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said Brzozowski. "The 2011 crop year has proved that natural disasters can directly affect

the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage." Producers must file the application and service fee by the Dec. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or stop by 607 N. 1st E in Haskell.

## Rule offers gifted program

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 principal's office and pick up 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. 28 to Dec. 5. Contact GT Coordinator, Lauren Fine, at 997-2246, if you would like to know more about the nomination process for the Rule Gifted and Talented Program.

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway  
Mayor of the  
City of Haskell

Thanksgiving is here again. It seems it wasn't that long ago when we were celebrating this holiday—like maybe last month? Since everyone will be either traveling or having company plus eating way more than they should, the wife and I are going to take this week off concerning the column. Early deadlines would put us back in front of the computer the day the paper comes out this week. No time to refuel! I will have much more to write in the column next week.

We will be interviewing applicants to fill the officer and chief's position for the Police Department this week and hopefully I will have some news concerning those interviews. Also, if you are out at night, look at the lights on top of the buildings around the square—a big thanks to Sally Rueffer and Big Country Electric. The lights look great! When the gazebo's lights on the Courthouse corner are turned on, I think you'll be proud of your community.

Don't eat so much that you can't think and plan for the Christmas parade on Dec. 10. I'm looking forward to seeing even more floats and lights than last year.

From our family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

## Bell ringers to help Salvation Army

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. The Salvation Army kettle has been set up during the Christmas holiday season for years at Modern Way's front entrance. The Haskell Ministerial Alliance and Haskell Salvation Army branch officers have asked the Haskell County 4-H Club to help out again this year.

There are four 4-H clubs in Haskell County, Haskell Sr. Club, Haskell Jr. Club, Rochester Club and Rule Club. The 4-H members from each club will man the bell for two weeks beginning the Mon., Nov. 28, after Thanksgiving through Dec. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The money donated at the Salvation Army kettle is kept in Haskell, 100% of the cash, but the checks received are sent to Dallas, and then they return 25% of the checks back to Haskell County. The money is given to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance to help people that are in special need of help.

## Correction

In the listing of Wall of Honor donors appearing in the Thurs., Nov. 17 issue of the Haskell Free Press, the list should have read:

Charles and Letrice Swinson; and Jo Nell Roberts, in memory of her dad, E.B. Anderson, POW in World War II.

## Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

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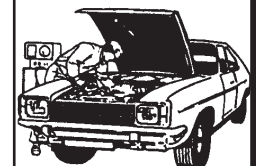
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NOTICE  
The Haskell County Sheriff's Office will be taking bids on a 2002 Suzi, 4/dr. The vehicle can be seen at the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during regular business hours Monday through Friday. The sale will be held on December 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office at 507 South 2nd St., Haskell, Texas.

David Halliburton  
Sheriff Haskell County  
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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit by The Lodge Private Club Inc d.b.a. The Lodge to be located at 179 CR 113 Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. Officers of said corporation: Roger L. Roewe, Pres. Dir., Jennifer E. Roewe, Sec. Dir., Conrad A. Roewe, Dir. 47-48c

INVITATION TO BID  
The City of Rochester, Texas, will receive bids for construction of the Community Development Block Grant project (TXCDBG #729689) until 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2011 at the office of the Engineer at 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, at which time and place all bids received will

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be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the renovations of the existing wastewater treatment plant. Major items included, but are not limited to, the following:

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Demolish existing one story brick building

Fill in existing abandon lift station wet well with on site soil

Remove sludge and other sediments from existing 75 ft. by 210 ft. by 4 ft. deep pond

Other miscellaneous items.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Ricky Russell at the Rochester City Hall (phone 940-742-3411, fax 940-742-3711).

This is a lump sum contract. Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment.

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security), in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified

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check or bank draft payable to the City of Rochester, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

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the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The City of Rochester reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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**TEEN READ WEEK**—Seventh and eighth grade students celebrated Teen Read Week and cappuccino bar at Rochester Junior High two days during the week of Oct. 17. Enjoying a little fun at the library were, l-r, Garret Tatum, Pryce Stewart, Alye Stewart, Katie Newberry, Kadin Seeliger and Hannah Foster.

## November sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has said that state sales tax revenue in October was \$1.87 billion, up 15.9 percent compared to October 2010.

“Strong growth in business sectors such as the oil and natural gas industry boosted sales tax revenue for yet another month,” Combs said. “State sales tax revenue has now increased for 19 consecutive months. Sales tax also grew in the manufacturing industry, as well as consumer sectors such as the restaurant industry and retail trade.”

Combs sent November sales tax allocations totaling \$580.1 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 7.1 percent compared to November 2010.

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

Haskell County had a 15.42 percent decrease for November 2011 of \$46,286.62 in comparison to \$54,727.12 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$452,052.46 reflect a 12.90 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$400,387.71.

The City of Haskell had a 16.41 percent decrease

for November 2011 of \$42,204.02 in comparison to \$50,492.97 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$408,582.78 reflect a 11.04 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$367,950.85.

The City of O'Brien had a 20.20 percent increase for November 2011 of \$220.39 in comparison to \$183.35 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$2,751.37 reflect a 29.42 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$2,125.91.

The City of Rochester had a 28.75 percent increase for November 2011 of \$1,143.00 in comparison to \$887.73 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$6,908.07 reflect a 10.55 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$6,248.49.

The City of Rule had a 17.63 percent decrease for November 2011 of \$2,267.93 in comparison to \$2,753.37 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$31,086.86 reflect a 44.34 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$21,536.56.

The City of Weinert had a 10.14 percent increase for November 2011 of \$451.28 in comparison to \$409.70 for November 2010. 2011 payments to date of \$2,723.38 reflect a 7.81 percent increase over 2010 payments to date of \$2,525.90.

## Christmas parade to be held

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2011 Christmas parade to be held Sat., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. Enrollment forms and waivers are available at the Haskell Chamber office.

This year prizes will be awarded. The first place prize is 75 Haskell Dollars, second place is 50 Haskell Dollars and third place is 25 Haskell Dollars.

The parade will not have a specific theme other than

Christmas. Santa Claus will arrive on the last float of the parade.

Remember the more lights, the better the float!

After the parade the Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate, and Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to take pictures.

For more information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office at 940-864-2477.

## Store window contest set

The Chamber invites business owners to compete in the third annual Decorated Store Window Contest. The cost to enter the contest is \$5 and only those who have paid the entry fee will be judged.

Winners of the Decorated Window Contest will be selected Dec. 9 and winners will be announced during the parade. After the parade the Lions Club will be serving hot chocolate, and Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to take pictures.

For information or to enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce office at 940-864-2477.

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting Nov. 14 with all members present except Judge David Davis.

Sheriff David Halliburton reported that the roof of the Sheriff's office was completed and asked the Commissioners about bringing sand to fill in ruts on the west side of the office.

The County Treasurer's report, county Attorney's reconciliation report and the monthly report from the Experienced Citizens Center were all accepted.

Sheriff Halliburton reported that Roxanne Kendrick had entered her two week's notice. He hired Rachel Steele who is now in training.

No burn ban is in effect. Kymbre Kupatt, Carson Hadaway, Maci Colley, Emily Fouts, Shelby Dunnam and Cailey Foster of the Haskell High School FFA presented a program on the pros and cons of the Clean Air Act.

Ladies from the Texas Extension Education Association will present a program Nov. 22 at the Methodist Church at 12 noon.

Kitsie Drinnon gave a report on the County health insurance. The premiums have decreased for the following year. She asked the Court to look over quotes for Dental and Group Life Insurance for employees.

Waller Overton, Terri Klose and Johnny Scoggins were named to the Board of Directors for the Haskell County Appraisal Board.

Probation Officer Christopher Davis addressed the Court about the heating and cooling unit in the building at 1301 N. 1st occupied by the Probation Office. He received two estimates for a new unit. Wright's Heating and Cooling entered an estimate of \$4,200.00 and Terry's Air Company entered a \$3,922.90 estimate. Davis asked the

Court if the County could help with the expenses of a new unit for the building. Commissioner Kenny Thompson said that a new heating and cooling unit was not in the County's budget.

A bid from Bailey Toliver Chevrolet for a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado for the Sheriff's Department was accepted.

The County agreed to repair and blade the streets in the City of Rule as requested by the Rule City Manager, in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement.

County Treasurer Janis McDaniel told the Court the fee for joining the National Association of Counties is \$400.00 a year. The Commissioners voted not to join.

Johnny Stulir was not present to address the court regarding county roads and survey problems.

Three bids from separate properties presented to the Court by the Haskell Co. Appraisal District were accepted.

Line item transfers of \$379.99 out of equipment purchase was transferred to equipment payment. and \$920.01 from interest was transferred to equipment payment for Precinct 2.

Cinda Flanary complimented Commissioner Neal Kreger on a job well done on the county roads.

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