

Happy Halloween

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Football

HASKELL
7th-8th-JV vs Winters
 Thurs., Oct. 31, 4:00 p.m.
 at Winters
V Indians vs Winters
 Fri., Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
Jr. High vs Throckmorton
 Thurs., Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
Pirates vs Throckmorton
 Fri., Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
JH vs Benjamin
 Thurs., Oct. 31, 5 p.m.
 at Benjamin
Bobcats vs TBA

Basketball

HASKELL
V Maidens vs Throckmorton
 Mon., Nov. 4, 6 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
PAINT CREEK
V Lady Pirates vs Moran
 Tues., Nov. 5, 6 p.m.
 at Moran

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Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., Nov. 7 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office, email to hfpnews@lycos.com or call 940-864-2686 for details.

Trick-or-treating

Pre-K, Head Start and PPCD classes will be trick-or-treating Thurs., Oct. 31 at the Head Start Playground at Haskell Elementary School. If any of the local businesses, individuals, or groups would like to put goodies in their Halloween bags, please be at the school by 9:30 a.m. Don't forget to check in at the school office. There will be about 62 trick-or-treaters.

Enchilada dinner

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host an enchilada dinner Fri., Nov. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$7. Carry outs will be available.

Warpath run/walk set Saturday

The Warpath Run/Walk 5K, hosted by the Haskell Lions Club, has been rescheduled for Sat., Nov. 2 beginning at 8 a.m. The event starts and finishes at the Haskell County Courthouse. For more information, email haskellionsclub@yahoo.com or on the events page on Facebook.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., Nov. 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2880 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Veterans lunch

A free lunch to honor all Veterans will be served Mon., Nov. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex Building. The church will host the lunch for all veterans of the community and their spouse or guest in honor of their service to our country.

Medical fund

An expense fund has been established at First State Bank in Haskell for Emmalee Phemister.

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Haskell designated All-Star Community

The City of Haskell received the prestigious designation of "All-Star Community" at the 20th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 23, at the Abilene Civic Center. A large delegation of local citizens was in attendance to celebrate the honor.

Mayor John Gannaway officially received the award from TMCN President Kathy Keane of San Angelo. According to Keane "the award was developed to recognize a community in our region that went beyond the level of basic achievement into areas of specific accomplishments that serve as models for other TMCN communities to emulate."

Communities eligible to apply for the competitive All-Star Community Award must have been designated a "Community of Achievement" within the past three years. Haskell received this designation in 2012 establishing eligibility to apply for the All-Star award this year. Other requirements included written essays explaining how the community goals had been accomplished, how clean-up and beautification had been addressed and describing a unique program or activity being conducted in the community.

Through the local efforts of Economic Development



ALL-STAR COMMUNITY—The City of Haskell received the designation of "All-Star Community" at the annual TMCN Conference held in Abilene Oct. 23. Attending to help celebrate the honor were, front row, l-r, Kristi Stevens, Jackie Lackey, Lynn Dodson, Susan Cockerell, Mary Drury,

Tammy Cunningham, Mynea Short and Penny Anderson; back row, Tammy Kimbrough, Joey Kimbrough, Tell Stevens, Casey Larned, Carolyn Graston, John Gannaway, Ben McGee, Kathy Keane, Brandon Anderson, Jan Gannaway and Linda St. John.

Director Mary Drury an application for the award was submitted in July and the selection was made by a panel of judges who reside in other areas of the State. A \$2,500 cash award was presented to the community to be used for a local project. At the annual conference in 2014 a report will be given by Haskell representatives explaining how the cash award is being

used to the betterment of the community.

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, 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, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

The mission of Texas Midwest Community Network is to promote a regional approach to provide

the resources and awareness for its members to achieve economic and community growth. The organization provides a means by which communities can work together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit www.texasmidwest.org.

Grandfalls-Royalty High School named for J.D. Stocks

by Caron Yates

We often hear the phrase, "Third time's a charm." For Haskell native J.D. Stocks, upon retiring for the third time from Grandfalls-Royalty ISD, it seems likely that this time he may stay retired.

Stocks, a Haskell High School graduate, is the son of the late Audie E. and Lydia Stocks of Haskell. He has two brothers, Audie M. and Jerry still living in Haskell.

After high school Stocks attended Abilene Christian College, as it was known then, graduating in 1968 prepared to be a band director. His first seven years in education were spent as a band director in the Trent, Santa Anna and Tahoka school districts.

His next stop was in

Grandfalls, located about fifty-five miles south of Monahans. That was in 1972, and it must have been a "good fit," because that is where he and his family have made their home for more than four decades.

Throughout his first twenty-five years at Grandfalls-Royalty ISD, he was the band director, assistant principal, middle school principal and high school principal. After earning a degree in school administration from Sul Ross University, he became the Superintendent of Schools for the district in 1989.

He retired from the school in 1997, however it only lasted about six months. It seems they needed someone to take over the kindergarten

class for six weeks, which led to his teaching high school Social Studies, followed by ESL and history at the middle school. Before long he was teaching science and English classes and serving as the counselor. The next three years were spent as a principal once again for the K-12 school district.

In 2007, he decided it was time to try retirement once again. After only four years, he was asked to come back on board to help correct some financial and academic issues that had befallen the district.

Stocks felt honored that the school district had confidence in his abilities to get things back on track. With the task accomplished and his wife Karen, a math teacher at the school, also ready to retire, Stocks retired last year for the third time.

While Stocks has spent many years leading the school, he has been just as active in the community. A member of the fire department for forty-one years, he has served as chief since 1980. He was also the mayor of Grandfalls for four years.

At a recent homecoming, the school and community found a way to show just how much they appreciated his dedication to both. The school was renamed the J.D. Stocks High School Grandfalls-Royalty ISD. Stocks, who was completely surprised by the honor, was pleased beyond words. With family and friends looking

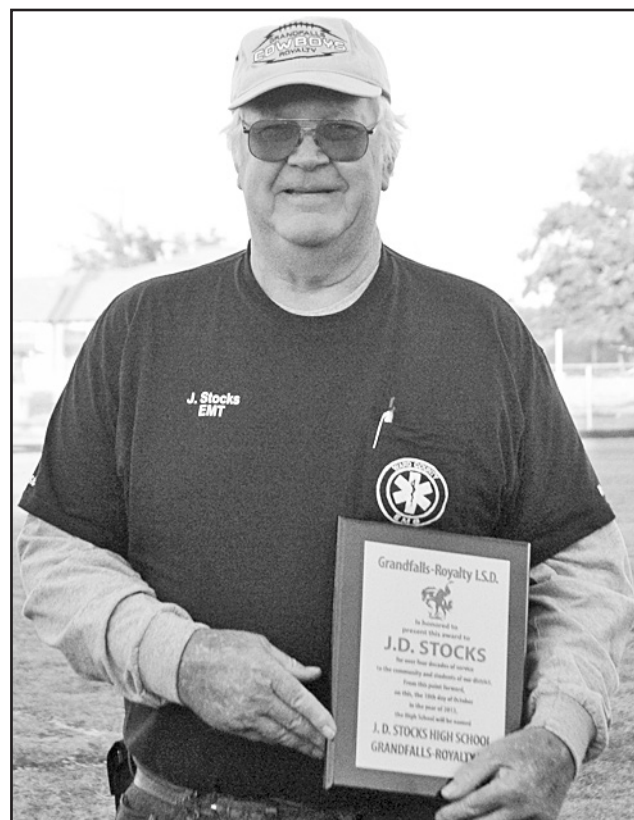
on, he received a plaque to commemorate the event.

He is proud of his past and looks forward to the future. Stocks says he plans to do some traveling, as well as working on some acreage he owns there. He of course, also intends to spend time with his family. The Stocks have a daughter, Misty, who lives and works in Odessa and a son, James in Monahans, who works for Shell Oil. They have two precious granddaughters, with another on the way.

Looking back on his career, Stocks quickly notes how much he appreciated the education he received at

Haskell Schools. He feels it has served him well. When asked what made his years in education all worthwhile, Stocks responded, "It's seeing the kids achieve their dreams and goals, from those who have moved away and become very successful to others who have chosen to stay and find their success here."

For educators, the rewards of their efforts are often seen in years to come, rather than immediately. Certainly, it can be said you have made a difference in many lives, when a school district renames the school for you.

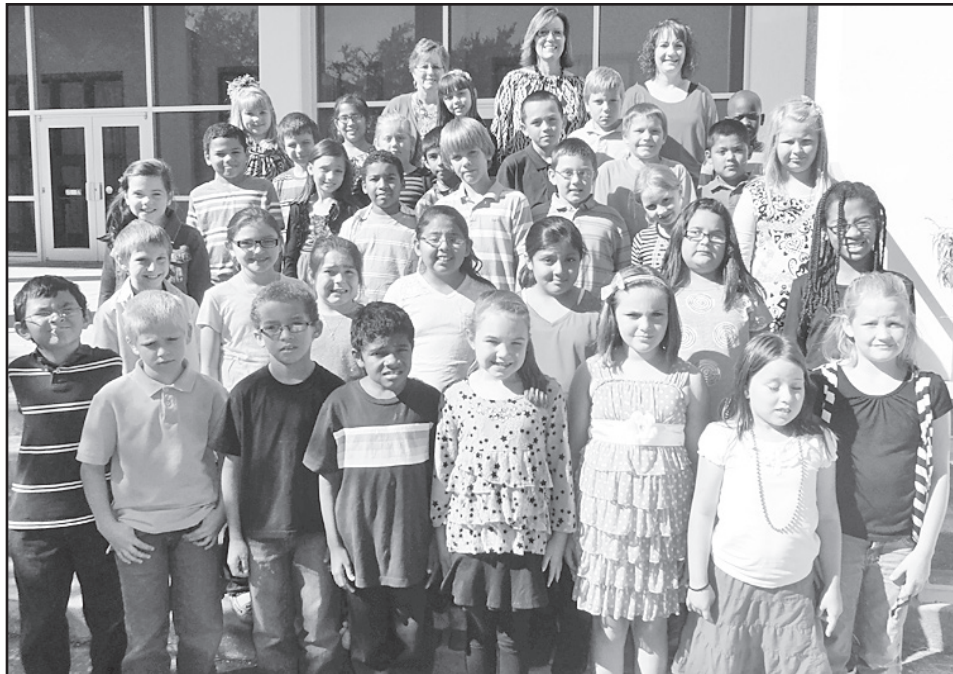


J.D. STOCKS

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ATTENDS AG IN THE CLASSROOM—Paula Baker's fourth grade class of Rule School participated in Ag in the Classroom held Oct. 21 at Haskell Civic Center. Students are, l-r, Hannah Ervin, Kurt Leek, D.J. Jameson, Patrick Lightfoot, Andy Andrews, Macy Rogers, Daena Diaz, Abigail Ortiz, Jaella Martinez and Lenzi Manske.



HASKELL THIRD GRADE—Haskell Elementary third graders attended the Discover Music Education Concert "Melody Madness" performed by the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra Oct. 24-25. Their teachers are Vickie Bredthauer, Tonya Cypert and Vanessa Shiplett. Music teacher is Pam Gibson.

Cattle Conference set Jan. 14

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
Coming out of the drought and returning to fundamentally sound production will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference Jan. 14 in Wichita Falls. The event is a joint effort between the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

Extension economist in Vernon. The slogan of the annual conference is "Driving your operation to profits," but Bevers said the last few drought-influenced years have made it pretty tough to generate any profit. However, many areas of northern Texas and southern Oklahoma have received enough moisture for ranchers to consider restocking and returning to normal production practices. "Returning to normal" production will require a new level of understanding and pencil pushing," Bevers said.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th St. in Wichita Falls.

For more information about registration call 940-864-2658 or e-mail to haskell@ag.tamu.edu or <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Conference topics and speakers will include:

- External Parasite Control for the Cow Herd Dr. Justin Talley, Oklahoma State University associate professor and Extension livestock entomologist, Stillwater, Okla.
- Merging Supplement Nutrition with Pasture Conditions for Optimal Performance, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.
- Getting All You Can: What the 2014 Cattle Markets Hold, Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock marketing specialist, College Station.
- New Insurance Products for Cattlemen, Bevers.
- Evaluating Replacement Female Alternatives for Your Herd, Jason Pace, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension economist.
- Biosecurity: What Every Rancher Should Know and Do, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for livestock and food systems, College Station.

"Ranchers are ready to get back to being ranchers," Bevers said. "They should start preparing their response to improving weather."

Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag at 940-864-2658 or Allison Ha at 940-552-9941, extension 225 or allison.ha@ag.tamu.edu.



HASKELL FOURTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fourth graders attended the Discover Music Education Concert "Melody Madness" performed by the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra Oct. 24-25. Their teachers are Sheila Homeyer, Wendi Parks and Amy Sloan. Music teacher is Pam Gibson.



HASKELL FIFTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fifth graders attended the Discover Music Education Concert "Melody Madness" performed by the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra Oct. 24-25. Their teachers are Kristi Gibson, Jennifer Roewe and Tammie Wallace. Music teacher is Pam Gibson.

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Obituaries

Sue Fincher

Graveside services for Sue Fincher, 86, of Jayton were held Thurs., Oct. 24 in Jayton Cemetery. Mrs. Fincher passed away Mon., Oct. 21 at her Jayton home. Born Aug. 14, 1927 in Peacock, she was the daughter of Less and Ruby Matthews. She married Gerald Fincher Aug. 16, 1947 in Breckenridge. They made their home in Jayton. They moved to Haskell in 1969 when Sue bought Fincher's Ready to Wear. Sue moved back to Jayton in 1991 where she remained. She worked at the Kent County State Bank and later ran a rural mail route. She loved to cook for her family and a host of friends. One of her greatest joys was watching her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren doing all sorts of things. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Sam Matthews; one sister, Mary Lou Champion; and one grandchild, Sher Stanaland. Those left to cherish her are two daughters, Nancy Bryant and husband Wes of Grapevine and Jill Everett and husband Keith of Haskell; one son, Joe Fincher and wife Paula of Spur; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one brother, L.H. Matthews and wife Vale of Sonoma, California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, Texas 75219, or your favorite charity.

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FOOD SHOW—The Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show was held Oct. 26 at Vernon. Participating in the contest, l-r, were Bailey Hawkins—third place, Shalee Dunnam, Lori Beth Rodgers, Ashlyn Payne—fifth place, and Abby Andress, all of Haskell. Also participating and standing in front is Lenzi Manske of Sagerton.



4-H HALLOWEEN PARTY—Haskell County 4-H club leaders hosted a Halloween Party for the Haskell 4-H members Sun., Oct. 20 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell. Pictured in costumes are, front row, l-r, Blessing Jordan, Daphni Leonard, Sarah Fouts, Abby Homeyer, Hadley Sloan, Kenley Cox, Shalee Dunnam and Faith Jordan; second row, Ashlyn Payne, Madilyn Moore, Garret Dutton, Bailey Hawkins, Luke Leonard and Eddie McBroom; third row, Jami Leonard, Gabriel Todd, Ariel Wolf, Tess Homeyer, Octavia Pryor, Ernie Homeyer, Brison Tullos, Crow Parham and Riley Sloan; back row, Ben Steele, Felicity Hannsz, Cody Dutton, and Lori Beth Rodgers. Not pictured is Cory Mathis.

Top cooks named in District 4-H Food Show

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
224 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show, Sat. Oct. 26 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon. Intermediate and Junior Division winners received ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.
From Haskell County:

Jr. Protein: Ashlyn Payne of Haskell, fifth place.
Intermediate Grains: Bailey Hawkins of Haskell, third place.
Others from Haskell County that participated were: Jr. Fruit & Vegetables, Shalee Dunnam of Haskell; Jr. Grains, Lenzi Manske of Sagerton; Jr. Dairy, Abby Andress of Haskell; Intermediate Fruit & Vegetable, Lori Beth Rodgers of Haskell.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.
This contest is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H & Youth, with Texas AgriLIFE Extension. 4-H is the youth development program of Texas AgriLIFE Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.
She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.
Helping to judge at the food show from Haskell were Michelle Dunnam, Tammi Hawkins and Cindy Rodgers.

Book Fair to be held at elementary

Haskell Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Mon., Nov. 11 through Fri., Nov. 15 for students in prekindergarten through eighth grade. The book fair will be held in the Haskell Elementary library each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will close at noon on Friday. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun event. Our book fair theme—Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!—takes students on a journey back to Ancient Egypt to an oasis overflowing with fun and affordable books kids want to read. Funds raised will help purchase books and materials for the library.
The book fair will feature a special Family Night in the library Thurs., Nov. 14 from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. Students will have a chance to shop with their families, register for door prizes, and enjoy refreshments while they are browsing through the many books. Customers can help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books

through the Classroom Wish List. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.
The book fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases and other great reads for all ages.
For more information call 940-864-2654, extension 309.

Mac classes set Nov. 7

Free Mac computer classes for beginners are being held in Abilene with the next class to be Thurs. Nov. 7, at 1 p.m. in the activity room of the North Mockingbird Branch of Abilene Public Library, 1214 N. Mockingbird. The class, organized by volunteers Tom Miller, Mac consultant, trainer and trouble shooter, Barbara Kelly, and Bill Emery, is not sponsored by the library but uses the facility's activity room. All persons with Mac computers or wanting to learn more about the Mac are invited to attend. There are no fees or dues. Classes are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Advance registration is not required. For more information contact Tom Miller 325-518-6662 or abilenemacuser2@gmail.com.

4-H'ers hold Halloween party

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell. The Haskell 4-H Club leaders hosted a Halloween party for all enrolled 4-H members. Twenty-seven 4-H'ers, seven guests and ten leaders attended the Halloween party.
The 4-H'ers opened up the party by reciting the 4-H Motto & Pledge.

They played games such as Dirty Diaper Eating Contest, Bowling, Musical Chairs, Bobbing For Apples, Neck-To-Neck Grapefruit Pass, Spaghetti in a Can, Mummy Wrap Race, Crash Cup Pyramid and Stacking Ghosts.

Refreshments included punch, monster munch bags, mini cupcakes, cake balls, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, peanut butter/chocolate chip cookies, kitty litter cake, Frankenstein pudding cups and lots of candy.

Best Costume Prizes was given to Bailey Hawkins and Brison Tullos.
The next meeting will be Nov. 17 at the Haskell County Extension Office.
The activity of decorating hats/caps for children having cancer will be done and the

finished hats/caps will be sent to one of the cancer hospitals that specializes in children with cancer.
For more information on the program or to enroll in 4-H please contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Hobby Club to hold bazaar Sat., Nov. 2

The Sagerton Hobby Club's thirty-first annual bazaar will be held Sat., Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used for the scholarship fund and community projects.
Bingo will be played from 1 to 2 p.m.

Arts, crafts, baked goods, candies and Thanksgiving and Christmas items will be for sale. A lunch of hamburgers and stew will be available.
Booths are available. For more information, call 940-997-2103.
Admission is free.

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A homestead is an exemption that allows for a reduction in the taxable value of your home thereby reducing the taxes. If you own property that is used as your primary place of residence, you lived there on January 1 of the year of application and do not have a homestead elsewhere, you may file a homestead exemptions with the Haskell County Appraisal District. Manufactured homes also are allowed to obtain a homestead if a "Statement of Ownership and Location" are provided as proof of ownership. Any owned land maintained as a yard, up to 20 acres, may be claimed under this homestead as well. Any person applying for a homestead must provide a copy of a state issued identification with has an address that matches the address of the property being homesteaded.

There are several different types of homestead exemptions. There is a general homestead exemption that most will qualify for. There is a homestead exemption for homeowners over 65 years of age. There are other homesteads for disabled people, disabled veterans and for the surviving spouses of military veterans. There are also several new exemptions being considered by the State Legislature now.

You must file general homestead applications by April 30 in order for the exemption to affect that year's taxes. However, you may file a late homestead exemption up to one year past the date of delinquency or one year from February 1 of the tax year you qualified for the homestead. For an over 65 or disabled person's exemption, the application must be filed no later than one year after you first qualified for the exemption. Once you apply, you do not have to submit a new form until requested by the chief appraiser. If you should move or your qualification ends, you must inform the appraisal district in writing before the next May 1st. You are allowed to be away from your home for up to two years without losing this exemption as long as you intend to return and do not establish a principal residence elsewhere.

As Haskell County's Chief Appraiser, I strive to keep the taxpayers aware of all the ways we can assist you. If you have any further questions please contact our office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. We are closed for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Early voting turnout looks strong

Texas voters will decide the fate of nine proposed amendments to the state constitution in the coming election.

Early voting began Oct. 21 and runs through Nov. 1. Numbers reported Oct. 25 showed that voting is on track to outpace turnout in recent elections.

The Secretary of State's office reports daily voting totals for the 15 most populous counties in the state, and by the end of Oct. 24, the fourth day of early voting, about 95,000 Texans had cast a ballot at the polls in those counties. That was more than double the 45,379 voters who had voted at the same point in 2011 constitutional amendment election, the Secretary of State's office said.

The Nov. 5 constitutional amendment election is the first statewide election since photo ID requirements for voting in person went into effect. Computer users who have an Internet connection can see daily voter turnout numbers for early voting in this and past elections by visiting the elections tab at sos.state.tx.us.

Focus of week is safety

On Oct. 21, the Texas Education Agency and Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University jointly pointed school districts and charters toward resources available to help address and combat bullying and cyber-bullying on campuses.

That message, part of Texas Safe Schools Week, Oct. 20-26, fit with a law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011 mandating that schools make campuses safer for all students. Gov. Rick Perry, in his Oct. 4 Texas Safe Schools Week proclamation, said, "All children deserve to learn in an environment where they feel safe and free from harm."

State law defines bullying as "engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or in a vehicle operated by the district and that has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or is sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student."

Texas School Safety Center's inaugural Texas Bully Prevention Summit in San

Marcos is set for Oct. 30.

A&M Israel is planned

On location in Israel on Oct. 23, Gov. Perry and Israeli President Shimon Peres, joined by Texas A&M University Chancellor John Sharp and other TAMU System executives, announced the creation of an international branch of Texas A&M University in Israel.

Funding for development and construction of the campus, to be located in the predominantly Arab city of Nazareth, will come from private donations.

The governor's office released a statement on the topic, saying, "Locating a branch campus of Texas A&M University in Israel will further strengthen the economic and cultural ties Gov. Perry has worked for two decades to foster between Texas and Israel. In developing the new campus, a strong emphasis will be placed on building bridges of peace and understanding through education among the region's vibrant and diverse cultures and religions."

Williams resigns from Senate

In early October, state Sen. Tommy Williams, R-Woodlands, announced he would not remain in office for the 2015 session of the Texas Legislature.

Last week, Williams, an accountant by trade, said he would resign from office, effective at midnight, Oct. 25.

Williams chaired the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee in 2013. In 2011, he chaired the Senate Transportation Committee. He began his legislative career in 1997 as a House member. In 2003 he was elected to the Senate.

Enforcement push slows crime

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 24 announced results of an enforcement initiative titled, "Operation Strong Safety."

Targeting the Rio Grande Valley, this state, local and federal multi-agency effort brought about an increase in patrols Sept. 15 through Oct. 4 to address three public safety issues: criminal activity; commercial vehicles traffic on roadways and unsafe driving practices.

"These 24/7 saturation patrols were sustained until the cartels were forced to curtail their drug and human smuggling operations in the targeted area," the DPS reported. Beefed up law enforcement in the area resulted in decreases in the illegal trafficking of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, U.S. currency and stolen vehicles, plus a list of other positive effects.

10 Years Ago October 30, 2003

Haskell High School senior Samantha Steele, daughter of Bill and Pam Steele, has qualified to be a member of an elite softball team, which will travel to Australia to compete in the Gold Coast Classic Softball Series.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Wilson of Rule, were honored with a celebration party on their 50th wedding anniversary, by their children and grandchildren. The couple have lived their entire married life in Rule.

The Haskell County Extension Education Club has named Jerri Burke as "Club Woman of the Year," while Muriel Nanny was chosen "Rookie of the Year."

20 Years Ago November 4, 1993

Melissa Phemister of Haskell, was named McMurry University Princess at recent homecoming activities. A

1990 graduate of Haskell High School, she is the daughter of Doris and Max McMeans and Linda and Wayne Phemister.

Ken Lane of Haskell, has been elected to the board of directors of the Texas Association of Broadcasters. He represents the small market radio industry on the 12-member board.

Dan Byerly, assistant cashier at First National Bank of Haskell, graduated with honors from the Bank Operations Institute at East Texas State University.

30 Years Ago November 3, 1983

Employees of West Texas Utilities Company who were honored at the annual District Awards Banquet were Belia Abila, 5 years; Gary Tidrow, 5 years; and Johnny Smith, 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tidwell were honored with a reception celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

They met in 1931 at Foster School and have lived all their married life in Haskell County.

Sharon Gray, Haskell High School graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, has been chosen as one of the riders of Hardin-Simmons University's renowned Six White Horses for 1983-84.

40 Years Ago November 1, 1973

Susan Lewis and Calvin Wilfong have been named the 1973-74 Gold Star Girl and Boy for Haskell County, according to Extension Agents Max Stapleton and Barbara Elliott. Parents of the recipients are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wilfong of Haskell.

Nelda Lane of Haskell, will be presented in an Organ Concert at First United Methodist Church in Haskell. She will play on the Estey pipe organ, installed

in 1929. Lane earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Midwestern University in 1961.

Wallace Cox Sr. and Grady Roberts received 50 year pins in a ceremony led by Gene Robinson, District Grand Master of the 91st Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

50 Years Ago October 31, 1963

Pat and Pam, four year old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Milliman of Haskell, will appear in the November issue of McCall's Magazine, with a select group of other interesting children from across the nation.

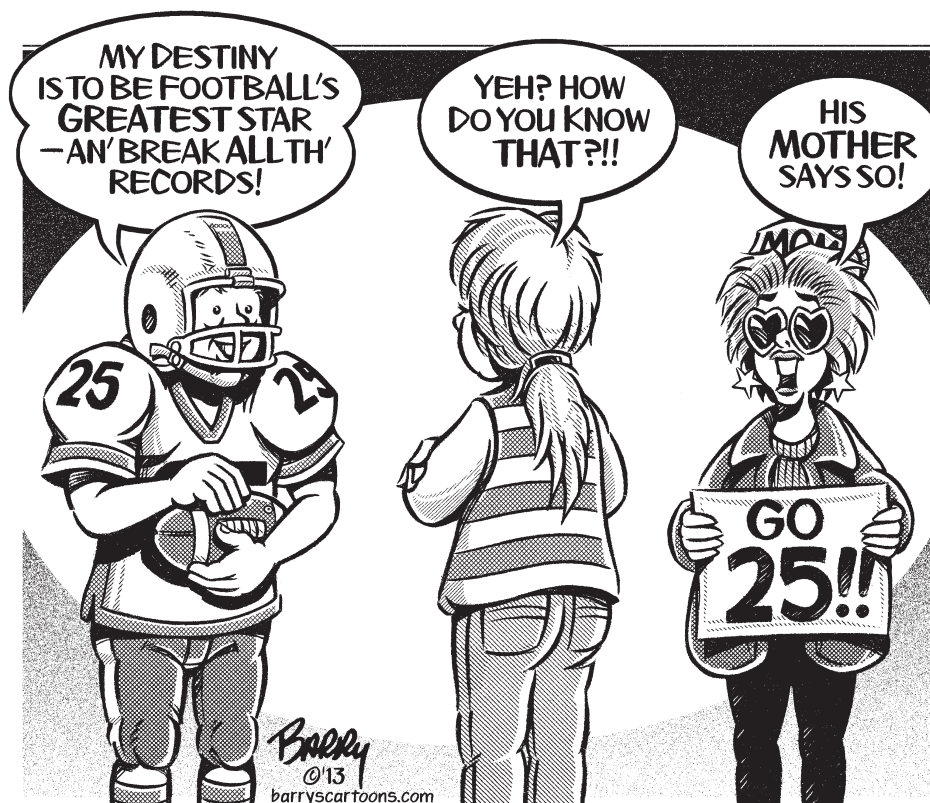
Mrs. Frank Scott introduced Haskell High School student Judy Sego at the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Haskell. Sego, a delegate to Bluebonnet Girls' State, spoke on the valuable experiences she gained at Girls' State.

Miss May Fields, ninety years old, who taught more than half a century in the Haskell area, was one of the featured speakers at this community's biennial Homecoming. More than fifty of her ex-students were in the crowd.

100 Years Ago November 1, 1913

In the comfortable and commodious home of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Hughes, a beautiful wedding was celebrated of their daughter Martha Lucile to Raul English of this city.

The New York Giants of the National League will play the Chicago White Sox of the American League in a game to be held in Abilene. Among the most noted players will be Christy Matthewson, perhaps the greatest pitcher in the world.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

The really big news is that Haskell won the All-Star Community Award last Wednesday at the Annual Texas Midwest Community Network. You will recall that we got an award in 2011 from this same organization; however, this one came with a \$2,500 check. Cisco and Hico were also vying for the award which came to Haskell. There was a large contingency from Haskell: Mayor John and Jan Gannaway; City Manager Brandon and Penny Anderson; Executive Director of DCOH Mary Drury; Judge David Davis; Municipal Judge Linda St. John; City Secretary Carolyn Graston; County Secretary Susan Cockerell; Justice of the Peace Lynn Dodson; DCOH President Joey and Tammy Kimbrough; President Ben McGee of the Betterment Committee; Chamber of Commerce manager Mynea Short and Chamber member Tammy Cunningham; and Casey Larned. People have been calling and congratulating Brandon, Mary and me, but in truth this award goes to you, the citizens of Haskell because you have been the ones who have done the hard work volunteering your time, energy and efforts to make this city truly an All-Star

community shining above all others. If you don't believe me, just drive through and do some comparison of other cities. Brandon and Mary deserve a lot of credit because they did all the filing and filling out of questionnaires and presentation of all the progress the city has done. Part of this award included people from all over the state coming to our city and evaluating us on many levels. Every time I enter the city I try to look at us with "new/fresh" eyes that is to say I try to put myself in a visitor's position and see what they see. The same "eyesores" keep popping out at me but maybe in time these property owners will catch the contagion and want to be a part of the improvement movement. This award does not mean we can now sit on our laurels...there is still much work to be done.

And we're not sitting on our laurels...not to steal thunder from Fran McCown, CEO of Haskell Memorial Hospital, but stay tuned for an announcement of further plans for our hospital. If you've been in or around the hospital of late you've witnessed the dismantling of the ceiling in the hallway. A new roof is in the mix as well as new

work in the basement-sort of fundamentals. Eventually you'll be seeing exciting new changes to the plant itself. The new EMT force; new ambulance; and new housing for our emergency personnel (which will be located on the same lot as the ambulances) has all been accomplished within the past 3 months. The EMS Board and the Hospital Board are to be congratulated for their foresight. With our largely elderly population, this is an area in which we cannot be remiss.

I know you've noticed the renovations happening on the square...Isn't it exciting? Thanks to the efforts of the DCOH and Mary Drury as they work to make our downtown area more attractive. The business owners are also to be congratulated as many of them are willing to serve on various committees and help in many other ways as we keep progressing.

This week we went to Lubbock for some doctors' appointments and one of our doctors has been very helpful in offering suggestions for our small town. Dr. P. Carter Snodgrass suggested that Haskell might find it helpful to have a "lottery" as they did down on the coast after Hurricane Ivan came through. In their case it was a painting lottery. People who wanted/needed their house painted sent their name and address in and a drawing was held on a monthly basis. In our case, we might do something

like that for cleaning lots. As we've discussed before, cleaning up is contagious. We have citizens who could meet once/month for a work day and get much accomplished. I think it's worth thinking about...and we'll add one more thing on the Betterment Committee's list. By the way, all citizens are invited to be a part of our workforce.

We have another restaurant. Claude Payne and Sally Koch have reopened their KP's Mesquite Grill, and we visited them on Friday for delicious catfish with all the trimmings. They are currently opened 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays; perhaps in the future there will be weekend features of Claude's delicious charcoaled steaks. They are located in the front of the Haskell Tractor Service.

Halloween in the Park on Saturday was a big success. I think we had a better turnout this year than in any of the previous years. I asked several people to estimate the number in attendance-it ranged from 400 to 800. As you can see, there were a lot of folks who came to participate. Thanks to our Public Works Department for making this happen. Next year whether you have children or not, make a note to attend this event.

Don't forget to vote either early voting this week or Nov. 5. It's your civic duty to vote and to vote intelligently so study the propositions and let your voice be heard.

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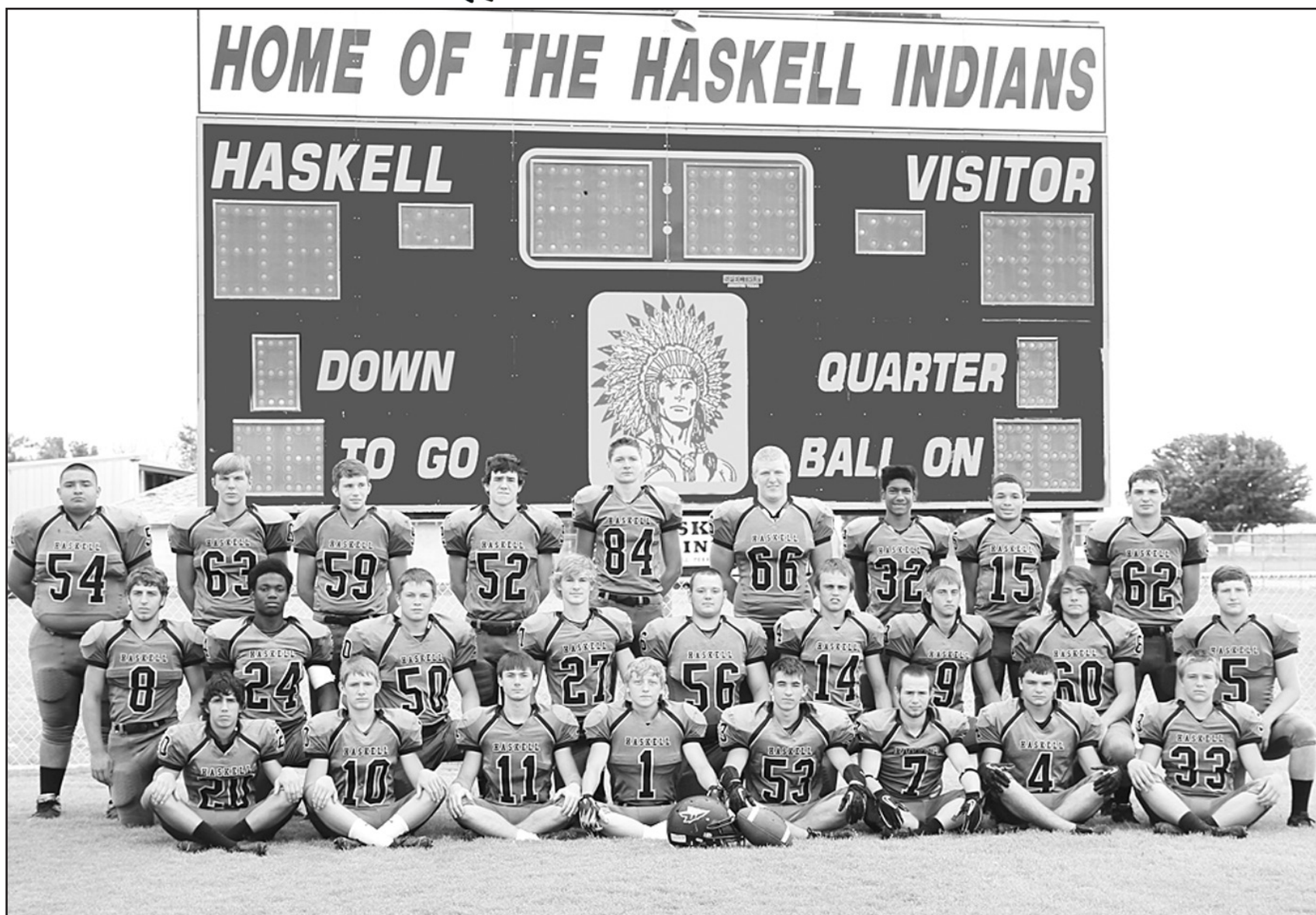
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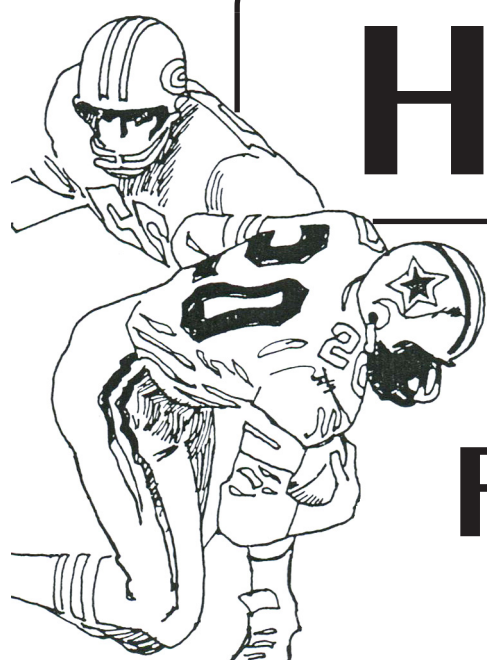
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2013 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, #20 Dakota Silvas, #10 Dylan Hanson, #11 Tyler Holley, #1 J.T. Schmegner, #53 Ian Bailey, #7 Matt Martinez, #4 Brad Winterstein, #33 Garret Tatum; middle row, #8 Aaron Waggoner, #24 Tamiya Lowry, #50 Hayden Scott, #27 Ryan Pace, #56 Zach Tatum, #14 Kade

Colley, #9 Kyle Kimbrough, #60 Dakota Baumbach, #5 Pryce Stewart; back row, #54 Daniel Contreras, #63 Cody Strickland, #59 Riley Meinzer, #52 Reed Lee, #84 Henry Smith, #66 Max Weise, #32 Justice Dever, #15 Warren Flye, and #62 Aaron Urich.



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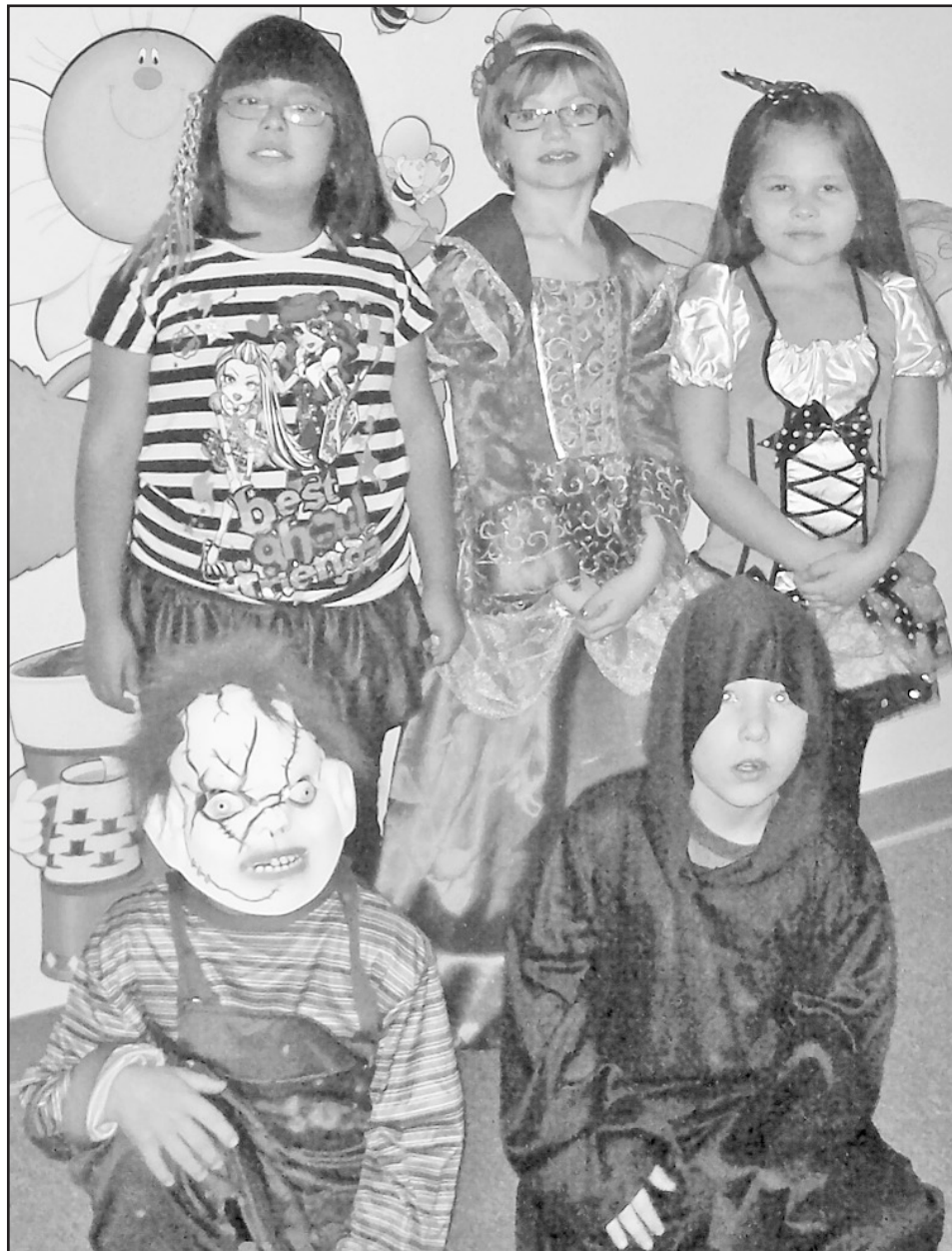
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Rule Elementary School students dress for costume day



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD second grade students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Timothy Moore and Wayland Isbell; and back row, Sirena Baiza, Shelby Saffel and Astrid Guzman.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD fifth grade students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Ariel Cortinez, Fette Jackson, Yesenia Moreno, Kayla Hollingsworth, Vanessa Elmore, Cric Perkins, Christian Speck and Michael Medford.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD third grade students dressing up on costume day were, l-r, Cory Mathis, Trevor Henry, Ethan Jones, Sean Gatlín, Michael Holt, Ragen Thompson, Karleigh Hertel and Taaron Scrogum.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD first grade students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Jelena Martinez; back row, Diego Amaya, Julio Tapia, Michael Ervin, Kyleik Mason, Max Holt, Ellen Rieger—teacher.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD fourth grade students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Kurt Leek, Lenzi Manske and Abigail Ortiz; back row, Jillian Herrera, Hannah Ervin, Paula Baker—teacher, D.J. Jameson and Patrick Lightfoot.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD pre-K students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Natalie Murray, Jayde Leek, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Ethan Macias and Arena Caldwell; back row, Trinity Pittman, Hannah Hertel, Leslie Caldwell, Haylee Stone, Hailey Spencer, Bladen Selman and Tyreike Vanderbilt.



RULE ISD COSTUME DAY—Rule ISD Kindergarten students dressing up on costume day were, front row, l-r, Nevaeh Fraizer and Skylor Kreger; back row, Haelynn Logan, Waylynn Caldwell, Brylee Teague, Dallas Silvas, Kaitlyn Saffel and Skylor Leek.

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2013 RULE BOBCAT BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 12	Patton Springs	Patton Springs	VB, VG	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 14-16	Moran Tournament	Moran	VB, VG	TBA
Nov. 19	Paint Creek	Paint Creek	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	Aspermont Tournament	Aspermont	VG, VB	TBA
Nov. 26	Moran	Rule	VG, VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 5-7	Rising Star Tournament	Rising Star	VB, VG	TBA
Dec. 10	Rotan	Rule	VB	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Paint Creek	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 3	*Knox City	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	*Chillicothe	Chillicothe	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Crowell	Crowell	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	*Vernon Northside	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	*Harrold	Harrold	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	*Knox City	Knox City	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	*Chillicothe	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Crowell	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Jan. 31	*Vernon Northside	Vernon	VB, VG	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	*Harrold	Rule	VB, VG	6 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 11	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Crowell	Rule	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	Harrold	Rule	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	Vernon Northside	Rule	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	Knox City	Knox City	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Benjamin	Benjamin	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Chillicothe	Rule	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	Crowell	Crowell	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Harrold	Harrold	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Knox City	Knox City	TBA
Feb. 10	Vernon Northside	Vernon	6 p.m.



TAKING IN THE SIGHTS—These lovely ladies attended the annual Halloween in the Park held last Saturday night. They didn't trick or treat, but just came to enjoy the beautiful night and the sound of the children having a great time.

Early voting ends Nov. 1

by Caron Yates

On November 5, Texas voters will be deciding the fate of nine proposed constitutional amendments.

Because of the power reserved for the people of Texas in the 1876 constitution, which Texas still operates under, we have the opportunity to vote on constitutional amendments. Consequently voters should be informed before they vote. Information and an explanation of the proposed amendments can be found in previous issues of The Haskell Free Press, or by visiting the website of the Texas Secretary of State John Steen, at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Connie Benton, Haskell County Tax Assessor/Collector reminds voters that this is the first statewide election with new photo ID requirements in effect for voting in person.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before they will be permitted to cast a vote: Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; Texas concealed handgun license

issued by DPS; United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; or United States passport.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail.

Benton encourages voters to update their voter registrations to reflect the names on their IDs. Voters may use an ID that does not exactly match the name on their voter certificate, if the name is substantially similar, but you will have to sign an affidavit stating you are the same person. Voters may look up their voter registration online at votetexas.gov to compare the two forms of identification. You can also find more information about photo ID requirements, including exemptions at the above website.

Benton also emphasized the importance of taking your voter certificate to the polls when you go to vote.

The last date to register to vote was Monday, Oct. 7. Early voting has begun and continues through Friday, Nov. 1. Early voting will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse, Friday, Oct. 25 is the last day to apply to vote

by mail.

Polling places for Haskell County are:

Box 1: Catholic Church, 901 N. 16th, Haskell;

Box 2: Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell;

Box 3: Extension building, S. Ave. D, Haskell;

Box 4: Experienced Citizens Center, S. First St., Haskell;

Box 5: Rule ISD, 1100 Union Ave., Rule;

Box 6: Fire Department, Main Street, Rochester;

Box 7: O'Brien City Hall, Grand Central Ave., O'Brien;

Box 8: Weinert School building, Hilmar St., Weinert;

Box 9: Paint Creek School Library, 4396 FM 600, Paint Creek;

Box 10: Sagerton Community Center, Garfield Ave., Sagerton.

At first glance, we may be tempted to think that many of the proposed amendments will not have a direct effect on us individually, however it is still important that we as citizens take seriously our responsibility to be informed and then vote. After all, as Texans who are governed by this constitution, what does or does not become a part of it, can't help but affect us.

CRP rental payments are being distributed

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to participants across the country. USDA also will distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments beginning Oct. 24. Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in the month, but were delayed by several weeks due to the lapse in Federal funding.

"Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden," Vilsack said. "USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible."

Producers will receive payments on almost 700,000 CRP contracts on 390,000 farms covering 26.8 million acres. In exchange for a yearly rental payment provided by USDA on contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years, farmers and ranchers enrolled in CRP agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant grasses

or trees that will improve water quality and improve waterfowl and wildlife habitat. CRP reduced runoff and leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus into waterways by an estimated 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds, respectively, in 2012, and soil erosion reductions totaling 308 million tons in 2012.

Direct payments for 2013 for the DCP and ACRE programs are being made to the more than 1.7 million farms enrolled in the Farm Service Agency's programs. Producers with base acres of certain commodities are eligible for DCP payments. ACRE payments for 2012-crop barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans and wheat were scheduled to be released beginning Oct. 24 and contingent upon national average market prices and yields in each state. ACRE payments for upland cotton are scheduled to be made in early November, after the 2012/13 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Oct. 31. ACRE payments are scheduled to be made for large chickpeas, small chickpeas, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame and sunflowers are scheduled to be made in early

December, after the 2012/13 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Nov. 27. ACRE payments for long grain and medium and short grain rice are scheduled to be made in early February 2014 after the final 2012/13 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Jan. 31, 2014.

The 2008 Farm Bill, extended by the American Tax Payer Relief Act of 2012, provides authority to enroll land in DCP, ACRE and CRP through Sept. 30, 2013, however, no legislation has been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, FSA does not have legislative authority to approve or process applications for these programs.

For more information on CRP, DCP and ACRE, producers should contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for the Community Christmas Cantata in Haskell are held Sundays at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to come take part in preparing for the Cantata to be presented on Sun., Dec. 15.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Oct. 21-27:

Tara Dayne Myers, possession methadone without prescription, possession hydrocodone without prescription, possession methamphetamine over 1 gram less than 4 grams.

Ray Camacho Junior, possession penalty Group 1 Felony 3.

William Chase Hopkins, possession of marijuana under 1 ounce Class B misdemeanor.

Jason Owen Beachamp, warrant Callahan Co. surety withdrawal theft of service.

Carol Diane Huffstetler, motion to revoke organized criminal activity, also motion to revoke theft 500 to 1500 state jail felony.

Dobbi Shan Makovy, Throckmorton warrant tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Gary Strickland, driving while intoxicated.

Jason Lee Barnes, City warrant driving while license invalid first.

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.

Military academy application deadline set

Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) is reminding students that the deadline to submit applications to his office for military academy nominations is Nov. 15.

"It's my privilege to nominate outstanding young candidates from the 19th District of Texas to four U.S. service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy," Neugebauer said.

"Our military academies train the best and brightest students in our country to be officers of the United States uniformed services. Students chosen to attend these institutions not only receive an exceptional academic education, but also training in leadership, service, and self-discipline. I'm proud to help young people pursue this goal."

High school seniors have until Nov. 15 to apply for a military academy nomination. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary Whistler in Congressman Neugebauer's Lubbock office at 888-763-1611.

Six-man scores

The Rule Bobcats were defeated 46-0 in a game against Chillicothe last Friday night.

AWANA to meet

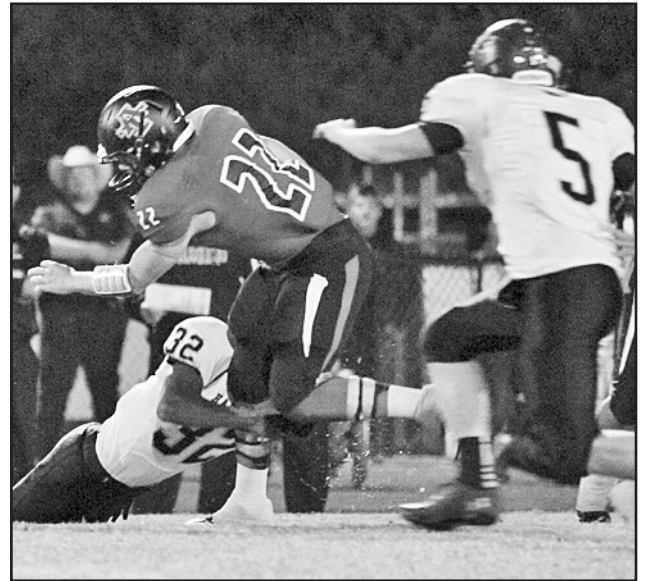
The AWANA Club (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st St., Haskell on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children must be age 5 by Sept. 1 through sixth grade. For more information call 940-864-5557.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskellvaso@yahoo.com.



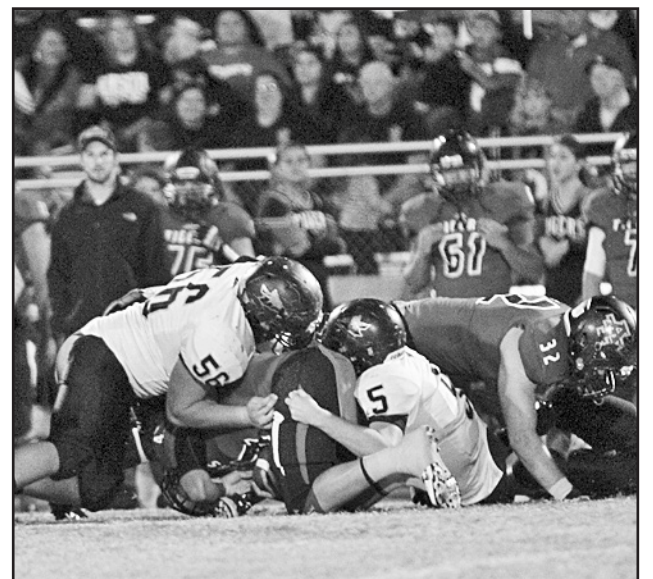
INDIAN DRIVE—Haskell Indian #7 Matthew Martinez on the drive against the Anson Tigers.



TACKLE—Haskell Indian #32 Justice Dever stops an Anson Tiger during last Friday's game.



INDIAN ON THE RUN—Haskell Indian #4 Brad Winterstein leaps past an Anson Tiger during last Friday's game.



TIGER DOWN—Haskell Indians #56 Zach Tatum and #5 Pryce Stewart get an Anson Tiger down in last Friday night's matchup.

Indians to meet Winters Friday night

The Haskell Indians are looking for a win after a loss to the Anson Tigers Friday night, 62-0.

Indian Dylan Hanson gained 59 yards on the ground.

Haskell Coach Grady Benton said, "I give a lot of credit to Anson, our struggles most of the night had more to do with them than us."

"Defensively it was encouraging to see us force them to throw the football. To do that we had to commit a lot to the box. For us to take this program to the level we are determined to take it to, we will continue to stress running the ball and stopping the run. You must be physical and tough to accomplish both of those. We will continue to develop that type of player."

"As much as my kids have been forced to overcome we are still very alive. Win verses Winters and we give ourselves a chance to reach our goal."

The sub varsity teams had a tough time with Anson

teams this week. The seventh graders lost 8-10; eighth graders lost 8-12 and the JV 8-26.

The seventh grade, eighth grade and JV teams travel to Winters with games beginning at 4 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 31.

The varsity Indians will meet Winters Friday night Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. on Indian Field.

Turkey shoot set Sat., Nov. 9 in Stamford

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers is sponsoring a turkey shoot, Sat., Nov. 9 on the AgCrop grounds outside Stamford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shooting divisions include open sight rim fire rifle and pistol, shotgun, center fire scope rifle and a youth division for ages 10 and under. All shooting will be free handed. Cost is 5 shots for \$10.00. In the youth division, cost is \$1.00.



TEEN READ WEEK—Haskell Junior High recently celebrated Teen Read Week. Pictured beginning at the front table are, Alyssa Smiley, Makinzie Garvin, Jessica Andrews and Samantha Castorena; middle table, Bristol Wagner and J.R. Brown; and back table, Julia Fuentes, Steven Johnson and Armando Chavez.



TEEN READ WEEK—Haskell High High recently celebrated Teen Read Week. Enjoying hot chocolate in the High School library are, l-r, Krysta Winegeart, Daphni Leonard, Kylie Adams, Abby Homeyer, Alye Stewart, Mykaylee Wilhite and Katie Newberry.

Teen Read Week celebrated by HJH, HHS

The Haskell High School and Haskell Junior High libraries recently celebrated Teen Read Week in their separate libraries by serving cappuccino and hot chocolate to students and faculty. This year Teen Read Week was officially the week of Oct. 14-18. The theme was “Seek the

Unknown at Your Library,” which encourages teens to explore and learn about the unknown through mystery, adventure, sci-fi and fantasy books.

High School hosted a cappuccino bar Oct. 10-11 and Junior High’s event was Oct. 15-17. On those days English classes came

at scheduled times to enjoy refreshments and check out books. At both libraries students were given the opportunity to list their favorite books so that their friends could get reading ideas. All faculty, staff and administration were invited to come and enjoy the cappuccino bars.

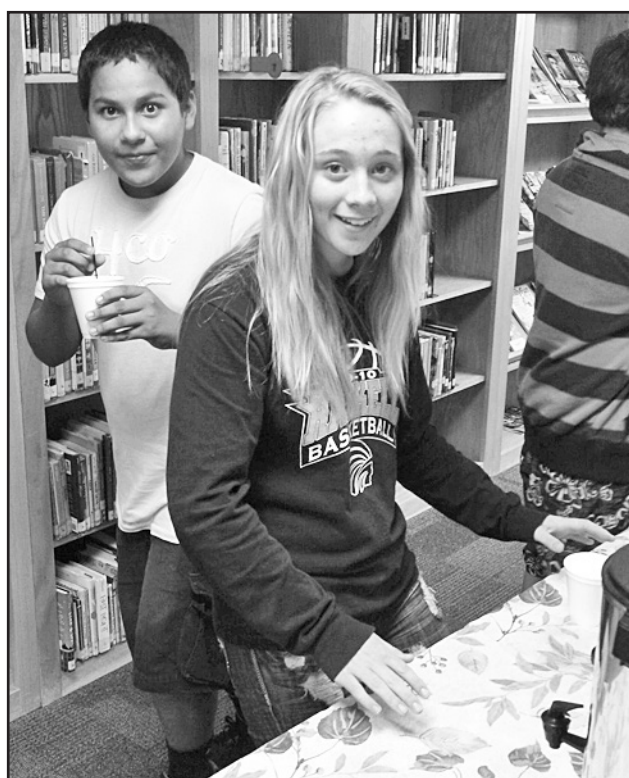
Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually during the third week of October. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.



TEEN READ WEEK—Enjoying Teen Read Week at Haskell High School were, l-r, Elizabeth Flores and Maddison Davis.



TEEN READ WEEK—Enjoying Teen Read Week at Haskell High School were, l-r, Scott Erwin, Reed Lee and Dakota Baumbach.



TEEN READ WEEK—Enjoying the cappuccino during Teen Read Week at Haskell Junior High School were, l-r, Joseph Chavez and Jordan Garvin.



TEEN READ WEEK—Signing a pumpkin during Teen Read Week at Haskell High School were, l-r, Chelsea Chavez, Maddey Williams and Briana Rodriguez.



TEEN READ WEEK—Signing a pumpkin during Teen Read Week at Haskell High School were, l-r, Makenzie Gass, Reagan Hadaway, Madison Homeyer and Kaley Mathis.



TEEN READ WEEK—Enjoying the cappuccino during Teen Read Week at Haskell Junior High School were, l-r, Grace Colley and Tyler Newberry.



TEEN READ WEEK—Enjoying cappuccino during Teen Read Week at Haskell High School were, l-r, Aaron Waggoner and Madison Homeyer.

Sendero Herbicide tested in brush sculpting study

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Because brush invasion can reduce forage availability by two-thirds on rangeland, finding an economical control is critical, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research range scientist at Vernon.

Dr. Jim Ansley, AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist, has been working on brush management treatments for many years and has determined mechanical treatments to grub out mesquite are tremendously expensive, and fire can be used as a maintenance tool, but not to kill mesquite.

“We estimate that forage or livestock production can be reduced by as much as 60-70 percent because of brush invasion,” Ansley said. “It reduces forage production that much. And in particular, it affects the best grasses that cattle use in our mixed-grass Plains—the warm-season mid-grasses. That’s because mesquite and those grasses are growing at the same time.”

Ansley is working with Dow AgroSciences to study their product, Sendero herbicide, and determine how the product will work in brush sculpting for wildlife habitat, preserving secondary shrubs favorable to wildlife, while controlling mature and regrowing mesquite.

“What tends to happen when we get mesquite invasion is we maintain some grass cover, but the grass community usually shifts to the cool-season Texas wintergrass, because it is growing in the spring before mesquite trees leaf out,” Ansley said. “Once mesquite leaves out, winter grass goes dormant—the leaves roll up to almost like strands of wire and it is very unpalatable.”

All the warm-season mid-grasses are gone because they have been outcompeted due to the shading and competitive water use by the mesquite, he said. Cool-season annual grasses like cheatgrass have the same effect as Texas winter grass on reducing the production of the warm-season mid-grasses.

Ansley said there are varying levels of effectiveness and expense, when it comes to mesquite control.

“We know fire can be used as a maintenance treatment, but it cannot reduce the density of mesquite because it does not kill many plants. Even if a severe fire is able to top-kill large mesquite trees, you won’t kill them outright and you will get resprouting. So we think one of the most viable alternatives for killing mesquite is aerial herbicide work,” he said.

In the agreement with Dow to evaluate Sendero, Ansley said the goal is to look at the product in more of a total ranch management context, “where we are spraying patches and using what we call brush sculpting to manage the whole system for the benefit of both livestock and wildlife.

“We want to knock back the mesquite and enhance the growth of the secondary shrub species for wildlife, such as lotebush, which we believe will be pretty much unaffected by this spray.”

Ansley said the Sendero

treatment was applied to areas where roller chopping work was done eight to nine years ago and resprouting was occurring, as well as to areas of old-growth mesquite.

Application was made in early July using a helicopter, which provided a high degree of precision as to where the spray was applied, he said. Already sharp lines of contrast between treated and untreated areas can be seen.

Using a helicopter to spray was not that much more expensive than fixed wing: \$14 per acre by helicopter versus \$9 per acre by fixed-wing plane, Ansley said. That’s just the application cost; the chemical is around \$20-\$25 per acre.

“Sendero is designed to cause high root-kill in mesquite, so we can create clear patches of mesquite vs. mesquite-free areas in a brush sculpting mind set,” he said. “We think this provides the best opportunity for developing long-lasting vegetation diversity—both in terms of species and structurally—on a ranch that is going for multiple uses.”

Water conservation in City of Haskell

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell water customers. Please make every customer. Please make help secure our water supply as long as possible. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

Water conservation in City of Rule

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/ Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

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- Keep children away from lit jack-o'-lanterns.
- Make sure costumes are not so long that your child could trip on them. Reflective tape should be put on all costumes—especially dark-colored ones. Also, painted faces are better than masks since masks almost always affect vision.
- Instruct children not to eat any treats before you have inspected them.
- Trick or treat only in well-lighted neighborhoods—preferably only at homes where you know the occupants personally.
- Carry a flashlight and walk on sidewalks, not on streets. Warn children not to run between parked cars to cross the street.
- Inspect treats closely. Candy with torn wrappers or any packaging that looks like it has been tampered with should be immediately thrown away.
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ENTERTAIN AT MEETING—Haskell County fourth graders entertain with patriotic music at the Farm Bureau annual meeting held at the Haskell Civic Center Oct. 21.

Student visits Rotary Club

J.T. Schmegner is the son of Roxana and Kenneth Rogers.

At Haskell High School, he is active in athletics and sports, band, yearbook and UIL. He was named Most Likely to Succeed, has perfect attendance, maintained an A average for 5 years and received the Quill and Scroll award.

He enjoys photography, studying nature, writing poems and keeping a journal.

He plans to attend Midwestern University and Navarro University earning



J.T. SCHMEGNER

a degree in photography and entering the landscaping photography business.

Paint Creek School Menu

Nov. 4-8 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Waffles, sausage
Tuesday: Breakfast quiche, toast
Wednesday: French toast bake
Thursday: Breakfast bread squares, oatmeal
Friday: Breakfast bake

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Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken spaghetti, baby carrots, salad, breadsticks, apples
Tuesday: Baked potato, ham, cheese, corn, breadstick, snowball salad
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite
Thursday: BBQ on bun, beans, baby carrots, oranges
Friday: Cheeseburger, salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit

Rule School Menu

Nov. 4-8 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt
Tuesday: Chicken and biscuit
Wednesday: Pancake on a stick, oven roasted potatoes
Thursday: Sunrise sandwich
Friday: Cereal, toast

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Two pizza dippers with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple

slices, chocolate/vanilla pudding
Tuesday: Baked potato with ham, cheese breadsticks, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad
Wednesday: Steak fingers, savory green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, apple-pineapple delite
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles
Friday: Pizza choice, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit

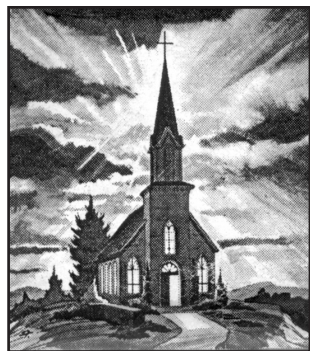
Haskell School Menu

Nov. 4-8 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.
Monday: Oatmeal and blueberry muffin or cereal variety and Texas toast
Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit or animal crackers and string cheese
Wednesday: Pancake and sausage on stick, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety and Texas toast
Thursday: Sunrise sandwich or animal crackers and string cheese
Friday: Breakfast taco or cereal variety and Texas toast

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This Week's Devotional Message:

The lessons we learn in faith must be put into practice



You are to be commended if you go to your house of worship every Sabbath day and listen carefully to the sermons. However, it is equally important for you to take those messages home with you and act on them the other six days of the week. There are many ways of doing this; for example, from those lessons you should have developed a kind and loving attitude which you manage to display even to strangers and which should help you overcome all the minor

irritations of everyday life. In addition, to the best of your ability you should do something to help those less fortunate than you. In fact, it is quite likely that your house of worship offers opportunities for service to others. The best way to show your appreciation of God's love is by passing it along; so do not leave the lessons of your faith behind, but carry them with you and make use of them every day of your life.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Shawn Smith, Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Phillip 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
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, 940-863-4405
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.
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Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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- 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
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
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—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, 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
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John Greeson, minister
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811 Union, Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
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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, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule, 940-997-2296
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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Haskell CISD seeks gifted students

Haskell CISD 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.

Any adult wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by any of the three offices: Haskell High School Office, Haskell Jr. High Office or Haskell Elementary Office to pick up the necessary forms. Offices

are open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 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 Haskell CISD is Nov. 1-15. During this time parents may pick up an application at any of the three campuses to nominate a student. Fill out the paperwork and return it back to the campus office by Fri., Nov. 15. For any further assistance, contact Michelle Dunnam at 940-864-2602 ext. 105.

Diabetes workshop set Nov. 2 in Abilene

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Taylor Co.
The nineteenth annual Diabetes Texas Style workshop will be held Sat., Nov. 2, in the Shelton Building, 2000 Pine Street, Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Registration and exhibits open at 8:00 a.m. and the workshop will conclude at noon.

Topics for the morning workshop will address: Type II Diabetes Management, Benefits of Olive Oils and Flavored Vinegars in Diabetic Cooking, and Fun with Fitness. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of each presentation. During the workshop participants will have an opportunity to visit exhibits which will include diabetic supplies, patient

educational materials, and pharmaceuticals with company representatives to answer questions.

A refreshment break will feature diabetic foods and recipes as well as door prizes throughout the morning. The free workshop is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones, Nolan, Rannels and Coleman counties and Hendrick Diabetes Self-Management Education. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid are asked to contact 325-672-6048 in advance to see how an accommodation can be made.

For more information on the workshop contact Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048 or by email, 1-rowan@tam.u.edu.

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Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling

Public Notices

the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are taking the following action to address this issue:

By blending more surface water with lake water.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Ray White at 940-742-3411. 43-44c

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DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Haskell Indians varsity cross country team is the district champion and regional qualifier. Team members are, l-r, Gus Estrada, Brian Evans, Austin Curan, Kelby Bell, E.J. Martinez and Angelo Pena. Pena placed first, Curan placed fourth, Estrada placed sixth and Martinez placed eighth.



DISTRICT RUNNERS UP—The Haskell Maidens varsity cross country team were the district runners up. Team members are, l-r, Ashlyn Bevel, Courtney Whitt, Hannah Foster, Reagan Hadaway, Kaley Mathis, Jacie Klose, Abby Homeyer and Shawnee Hill. Regional qualifier, Homeyer placed ninth.



MAIDENS JV RUNNERS UP TEAM—The Haskell Maidens JV girls cross country team were runners up. Team members include, l-r, Kylie Adams, Haley Holland, Laura Fuentes, Krysta Wingart, Brianna Rodriguez, Brittany Amos and Brandie Contreras. Rodriguez placed fifth, Holland placed seventh, Fuentes placed eighth and Amos placed tenth.



DISTRICT RUNNERS UP—The Haskell Maidens Junior High girls cross country team is the district runner up team. Team members include, front row, l-r, Hannah Stout, Kaelyn Bevel, Areli Torres, Sarah Fouts, Kameryn Mathis and Ernie Homeyer; back row, Makinzie Garvin, Kimberly Escobedo, Jordan Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway, Aerial Martinez, Julia Fuentes, Allie Andress, C'era Taylor, Meagan Nave and Jessica Andrews. Not pictured is Grace Colley. Fuentes placed second and Hadaway placed eighth.

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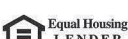
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