

Basketball

HASKELL

JVG Jim Ned JV Tourney
Nov. 21-23 at Jim Ned
JVG-JVB, VG-VB vs Eula
Tues., Nov. 26, 4 p.m.
at Haskell

B game-7th-8th vs Stamford
Mon., Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
at Stamford
PAINT CREEK

VG-VB Lueders-Avoca
Tournament
Nov. 21-23 at Avoca

VG-VB vs Jayton
Mon., Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek

JH vs Woodson
Mon., Nov. 25
at Paint Creek

RULE

VG-VB Aspermont
Tournament

Nov. 21-23 at Aspermont
JH vs Harrold
Mon., Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
at Rule

VB-VG vs Moran
Tues., Nov. 26, 6 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition, Thurs., Nov. 28 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

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. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Letters will be printed on Dec. 19.

Men's breakfast

A men's free breakfast will be held Sun., Nov. 24 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. All men are invited to come for this special time of fellowship.

Thanksgiving service set Sun., Nov. 24

The community wide Thanksgiving service is planned for Sun., Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Guest speaker is Ernest Flanders of the Greater Independent Baptist Church. Folks are encouraged to bring canned fruit or canned vegetables to help stock the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Offering plates will be passed and donations will go to the Ministerial Alliance Benevolence Fund.

Thanksgiving meal

Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, 500 N. 8th St., in Haskell will serve its annual Thanksgiving meal for the community Thurs., Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free meal will include turkey with all the fixings and dessert. Dine in only.

Help needed

The Noah Project-North is very low on canned goods, soups, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper and food of that type. Also, there is a need for toothpaste, shampoo and conditioners. For anyone wishing to help with a donation, a box is located on the first floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. All donations are appreciated.

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HYH Arts & Crafts Show Saturday

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ACCIDENT CAUSES DAMAGE-This city street lamp mounted on the sidewalk in front of a building, owned by Kenneth and Martha Jarred, on the west side of the square was apparently hit by some type of equipment early Monday morning, Nov. 18. The lamp traveled through the front door breaking the glass and damaging the adjacent plate glass window. No one witnessed the accident.

Tour of Homes set Dec. 1

by Caron Yates

The Christmas season brings excitement, beauty and compassion for others. It also signals an event to which many in Haskell County look forward, the Christmas Tour of Homes.

In its 20th year, the Noah Project-North's Christmas Tour will be Sun., Dec. 1 in Haskell. The beautifully decorated homes included on the tour, will be Sheena and Chris Crosson at 1600 North Ave. F; Encore Visions/Drive at 101 North Ave. E (upstairs at Sherman Bldg.); Christye and Andy Gannaway, 137 CR 104; Meg Cass, 304 1/2 North 2nd (upstairs); Brenda and Darryl Goetz, 201 North Ave. G; Goetz/Guess Remodeling 606 North 2nd (former home and office of Dr. Vaughter).

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any advisory committee member, at the Noah Project-North office, or at the door on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured

in any order from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Crosson home.

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

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

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

Donna Sue Anders is the Noah Project-North service area director, and she is assisted by Janis Brzozowski.

The Noah Project-North, which serves five counties, offers not only help to victims, but also provides educational programs for all ages, including training for any professional audience.

The Noah Project-North is also selling poinsettias for \$12.50 or \$25 dressed. Contact the Noah office or any advisory member for more information or to place your order. In addition, tickets for the tour, available poinsettias and a bake sale will be held during the Haskell Young Homemakers Arts & Crafts Sale on Nov. 23.

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

Rule residents urged to conserve water

The citizens of the City of Rule are asked to make every effort to conserve water during these severe drought conditions. Although there has been some rainfall the past few months it has not been significant enough to bring us out of the drought situation.

The City is currently in "Priority Stage" under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) guidelines, meaning there is an estimated 90 day water supply left in Millers

Creek Reservoir. Millers Creek Reservoir supplies the City of Rule with surface water that is currently blended with the City's ground water resource.

The City does have an alternative option in place should it lose its surface water resource.

As a reminder, the City of Rule is currently under "Stage 4" of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Basically, under Stage 4, citizens are prohibited

from the use of city water for outside watering, filling swimming pools and Jacuzzi type pools, wading pools, and the washing of all vehicles with handheld water hoses. Households are allocated 5,000 gallons of monthly usage without penalties and businesses are allocated 35,000 gallons monthly usage without penalties.

For more information, call 940-996-2214 or go by Rule City Hall at 701 Union Ave, Rule.

Twelve arrested on drug charges

Haskell Police Chief Scott Kennedy, Haskell Police Dept. along with Haskell Co. Sheriff's Dept., Dept. of Public Safety, and Parks & Wildlife ran a search warrant on a residence at 1005 N. Ave D in Haskell for drugs Fri., Nov. 15 about 4:30 p.m.

At the time the search warrant was conducted twelve subjects were in the residence. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were found through out the residence.

All subjects were arrested for possession of controlled substance with in 1000 feet of a school zone.

The subjects arrested include Weldon Wayne Gillispe, Tammy Gillispe,

Apollo Velazquez, Aaron Cody Pierce, Alexis Holstrom, Jennifer Kimbrough, Wendy Cowperthwait, Charles Casillas, Johnathan Short, Jon William Jones, Jacob Dale Large and Deon Anderson.

Other charges may follow at a later date.

Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens would like to thank each office for their cooperation in making our county a better place to live. Also Stephens would thank each citizen for their information and to encourage other citizens to get involved and give information to Crime Stoppers or your local officers.

Nov. 5 election results

Haskell County voters were in full agreement with statewide voters, in the November 5 constitutional amendment election.

All nine of the proposed amendments easily passed both locally and across the state. In Haskell County, with approximately 420 voters casting ballots, the total results for all ten boxes include Prop. 1, 379 for and 38 against; Prop. 2, 340 for to 53 against; Prop. 3, 226 for and 157 against; Prop. 4, 368 for to 51 against; Prop. 5, 244

for and 141 against; Prop. 6, 393 to 49; Prop. 7, 287 to 100; Prop. 8, 263 to 89; and Prop. 9, 302 for and 56 against.

Texas Secretary of State John Steen said the unofficial count of votes cast in this election was 1,144,844. This is a 66% increase over the 2011 constitutional amendment election.

This was also the first election since new photo identification requirements took effect. Reports seem to indicate that it was a smooth and successful transition.

Goodfellows project to help those in need

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. 7 and Sat., Dec. 14, 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; Lela Bevel, vice-president and Donnie Rieger, 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.

Bells to ring for Salvation Army

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Salvation Army kettle has been set up during the Christmas holiday season for years at Modern Way Food Store'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.

The Haskell Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs will man the bell for two weeks beginning Sun., Dec. 1 after Thanksgiving

through Sun., Dec. 15. The time that the 4-H'ers will be ringing the bell in front of Modern Way will mostly be from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All funds collected in the Salvation Army kettle are kept in Haskell, 100% of the cash or checks. The money is given to the Haskell Ministerial Alliance to help people that are in special need of help.

ATTEND CONFERENCE-Haskell County Commissioners attended a District County Judge and Commissioner's Conference in Vernon Nov. 7. Commissioners are, I-r, Bill Hester, Neal Kreger, Tiffen Mayfield and Kenny Thompson.

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

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Christmas music

Haskell Kindergarten students will sing Christmas selections Fri., Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. at Majestic Living Center, 1301 N. 1st St. The public is invited to come enjoy the music presented by the children.

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.

Al-Anon

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

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 Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Water conservation

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 effort to conserve and 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

The City of Haskell 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.

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.

VA services to change in Big Spring

The West Texas VA Health Care System will no longer provide acute inpatient services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center as a result of declining need. Instead, Veterans who need inpatient care will obtain the care from

other VA hospitals or from community health partners. Veterans are encouraged to contact their health care providers and primary care teams for urgent or emergent care that could require hospitalization.

"We will continue to focus on quality health care to all Veterans within our area, focusing on becoming a rural health model facility with emphasis on outpatient services," said Andrew Welch, interim director of WTVAHCS.

The declining need for inpatient beds is largely attributed to changes in how health care is delivered with greater emphasis on prevention of illnesses and procedures being done on an outpatient basis. Home telehealth programs and additional transportation programs will be expanded to assist Veterans who live great distance from the facility in Big Spring.

Jr. Livestock Show Assn. to meet Wed., Dec. 4

The Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association will hold a meeting Wed., Dec. 4 at the Haskell County Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Several items need to be discussed and addressed at this board meeting.

Obituaries

Garrett Fredrick Spitzer



GARRETT SPITZER

Funeral services for Garrett Frederick Spitzer, 99, of Haskell were held Sat., Nov. 16 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. David White officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery in Old Glory under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Spitzer passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 13 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

One of nine children, Garrett was born Oct. 16, 1914 in Sagerton, the son of Lillie (Wendeborn) and Friedrich Wilhelm Spitzer. He married Odine Wienke

in Sagerton April 19, 1936. Mrs. Spitzer passed away June 17, 1993 after 57 years of marriage. On Feb. 27, 1994 he married Martha Ann Sampson and soon after, Garrett moved to Haskell where he continued his lifelong love of farming.

In addition to his 80 year calling of farming, Garrett served as a trustee for Old Glory ISD; Old Glory School Board Member; and ASCS Board Member. He was a proud member of the 88th Masonic District Wichita Falls Lodge #635; and Sons of Hermann Lodge, first in Old Glory and later in Haskell.

He was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Haskell and Garrett was full of pride when he would tell the story of his Lutheran Confirmation as a young boy. His strong and unwavering German roots have always been evident in the Spitzer family and Garrett always felt honored his confirmation was completed in German. Something he was very grateful for.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Odine; and Sept. 6, 2013, Martha; parents, Lillie and

Friedrich Spitzer; brothers, Louis Spitzer, Herbert Spitzer, Bobby Spitzer, Johnny Spitzer; sisters, Virgie McGee, Lena Rueffer, Helen Laughlin, Mayme Glenn; stepdaughter, Linda Burson and her husband Tim; two nephews; two nieces; and many relatives and friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathleen Ann Seals and her husband Jimmy of Baird; sons, Kenny Spitzer and wife Sadie of Old Glory, Weldon Spitzer and wife Belynda of Tulsa, Oklahoma; stepdaughters, Phyllis Letz and husband Danny of Old Glory, Laura Andress and husband Charles of Haskell; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Craig Letz, Chad, Ty and Todd Spitzer, Amanda Settle, Ann Gimlin; nine step grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be given in Garrett's name to Old Glory Cemetery Association; or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

Residents to choose new logo and motto for Haskell

The City of Haskell, Development Corporation of Haskell and Haskell Chamber of Commerce are encouraging Haskell residents to participate in selecting a new logo and motto for Haskell.

Over the last several months, Encore Visions marketing firm of Haskell has collaborated with city leadership to create two marketing concepts for Haskell residents to review. Each campaign is anchored in the three themes of small town values, agriculture and opportunity.

The first marketing campaign "All Good Things Grown Right Here" features a bold concept portraying Haskell's strong tradition of family, agriculture and work ethic. The colors are representative of Haskell's school pride with a hint of green. The sun depicts a bright future for our community, while the crop rows signify the importance of agriculture in our area. Overall, this image-rich branding option is traditional yet illustrates genuine value in Haskell.

The second marketing campaign "Deep Roots, Bright Horizons" features a modern and iconic concept combining the elements of agriculture,

school and community pride. The tagline achieves messaging related to the rich history, while also bringing to light the optimism of our future. Again, the colors are representative of those you would find at schools in Haskell. This brand is modern, and has a very distinctive, graphic-based look that leaves the viewer open to personal interpretation.

To vote on your preferred logo and motto for our community, vote in person at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at www.haskelltx.us.

Entries must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6, 2013.

For further information, contact Mynea Short at 940-864-2477 or Mary Drury at 940-864-3424.

Holiday stress to be workshop topic at Alzheimer's meeting

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Tips for Managing Holiday Stress" Tues., Dec. 3, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105.

For most families, holidays are filled with opportunities for togetherness, sharing, laughter and memories. But for caregivers of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and

other dementias, holidays can also be filled with stress, disappointment and sadness. If you would like tips on how to make the holiday season a happy, memorable occasion while providing the care your loved one needs, this free workshop will be beneficial. The session will also include a time of guided stretching and relaxation lead by yoga instructor Karen Rampy. Seating is limited; for more information, or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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GOLD STAR FAMILY—Nieces of Gold Star honoree Pfc. C.J. 'Jack' Kelton participated in the Knox County Veterans Day celebration. They are, l-r, Wanda Hardin, Norma Matthews and Doris Wilson.



MILITARY EXHIBIT—The Wichita Brazos Museum featured a military exhibit during the Knox County Veterans Day celebration.

Knox County holds Veterans celebration

The Knox County Veterans Day celebration held Mon., Nov. 11, was truly a day of remembering and honoring the men and women of our armed forces.

The beautiful music by the Munday High School Band filled the air prior to the program.

Ben Grill was master of ceremonies and opened the program by requesting a moment of silence in memory of all veterans who have passed on.

The invocation was given by Dennis Duke, followed by the welcome delivered by Judge Travis Floyd.

Current military personnel from Knox County were recognized by Knox County Veterans Service Officer, Charles Langford, and he requested a show of hands from veterans from each war that were present that day.

Veterans from Knox City and Munday posted the colors. Elementary students from Benjamin School, directed by Nancy McGreger, marched onto

the memorial site, saluted the flag, and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance, before marching off in military formation.

The three first place winners of the Veterans essay and poster contests presented their speeches and displayed their posters. Speakers from each school were, Valec Landini of Benjamin; Emily Cottinham of Munday; and Ainsley Manning of Knox City. These speeches are a great tribute to the veteran that they have chosen to write about, and the highlight of the program.

C.J. "Jack" Kelton of Truscott was the Gold Star Honoree for 2013. Kelton was with the Fifth Tank Battalion D.S. Troops of the Fifth Marine Division on the Volcano Islands of Iwo Jima, and was killed Feb. 24, 1945. Posthumously, he was awarded the Navy Cross and the Purple Heart. The Gold Star Family, nieces of Pfc. C.J. "Jack" Kelton, Wanda Hardin, Norma Matthews and Doris Wilson, carried

the beautiful wreath of red, white, and blue flowers to the archway, standing there while the soft, sad notes of "Taps" were played by the Munday band.

Lyndle Reeves ended the program with a beautiful a cappella rendition of the National Anthem with all standing at attention, honoring all Veterans.

After the conclusion of the program, everyone enjoyed a hamburger, beans and homemade cobbler lunch at the ex-students building.

For several hours before and after the program, many people enjoyed the military exhibit at the Wichita Brazos Museum, a display of pictures, uniforms and memorabilia from Knox County veterans, making us realize how fortunate we are to have had these men and women fighting for our freedom.

Haskell Co. 4-H Clubs meet

The Haskell County Jr./Sr. 4-H Clubs held their November meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Thirty-two 4-H'ers, guests and leaders attended the meeting. The meeting was led by Cody Dutton.

The 4-H Clubs had a short business meeting. Past events covered were the Jones and King County fairs, Livestock Judging practices, County and District Food Shows, National 4-H Week, and the State Fair of Texas. New business included the upcoming District Livestock Judging contest, the arrival of poultry and rabbits before the Thanksgiving holiday, Nutrition Quiz Bowl practices and district contest, and 4-H Scholarship Training.

A sign up sheet for ringing the Salvation Army Bell from Dec. 1-15 was available for 4-H'ers to sign up for a day and time. Also, it was mentioned to 4-H'ers that there are still a few extra 4-H T-Shirts in stock at the Extension Office. And donations to help the Noah Project North program were received in the way of non-perishable canned items and other items. The public

is welcome to help with our collection of donations for the Noah Project North program.

The door prize winner was Blessing Jordan.

The 4-H'ers enjoyed decorated cupcakes and Kool-Aid coolers furnished by Amy Sloan.

The next meeting is set for Dec. 15-time and place TBA. The 4-H'ers will have a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

For more information on the program or to enroll in 4-H contact the Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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Rule trunk or treat winners named

The winners in the Rule 5th annual trunk or treat held Sat., Oct. 26, at the Rule ISD parking lot include:

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A large crowd attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor reacts to health care proposal

AUSTIN – President Obama's announcement last week proposing an alternative to insurers canceling health insurance plans that no longer meet the federal "Affordable Care" law's requirement to cover basic benefits like prescription drugs or doctors' visits drew fire from Gov. Rick Perry.

Insurers could offer customers the option to renew their 2013 health plans in 2014, without change, allowing them to keep their plans, the president said.

Perry, in a Nov. 14 news release, said Obama's proposal would "create more confusion for consumers and threatens to destabilize the health insurance industry." Perry also accused the president of "shifting the blame by saying it's up to states and state insurance commissioners to fix the massive problem his signature law has created for millions of Americans who are losing their health insurance."

Obama, however, said the individual insurance market "had serious problems before the Affordable Care Act. And it's important that we don't pretend that somehow that's a place worth going back to. Too often, it works fine as long as you stay healthy; it doesn't work well when you're sick. So year after year, Americans were routinely exposed to financial ruin, or denied coverage due to minor preexisting conditions, or dropped from coverage altogether—even if they paid their premiums on time."

Currently the federal government estimates that six million of the 40 million Americans who do not have health insurance reside in Texas.

TxDOT marks death toll

Texas' last roadway fatality-free day was Nov. 7, 2000, Texas Department of Transportation reported in a statement circulated last week to mark the 13th year since that day.

According to the agency, 45,032 motor vehicle traffic deaths (13,544 alcohol-related) have occurred on Texas roadways over those years, and despite a steady decline in traffic fatalities in recent years, Texas saw an 11-percent increase in fatalities from 2011 to 2012.

"Having at least one person killed on a Texas road every single day for 13 years is a sobering reminder that we must drive carefully and do everything in our power to stay focused behind the wheel," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "These people are our spouses, children, friends

and neighbors, and losing them to traffic deaths has a profound and permanent impact on their families. This staggering number of fatalities needs to stop increasing every 24 hours, and taking personal responsibility for our driving habits is the first step."

Also, "distracted driving" has been a leading cause of roadway deaths. Since Jan. 1, 2008, the agency reported, distracted driving has caused 2,719 roadway fatalities. Furthermore, 5,469 unrestrained vehicle occupants have lost their lives in roadway accidents since Jan. 1, 2008.

TxDOT issued this set of safety recommendations: Pay attention (put phone down and avoid distractions); buckle the seatbelt (all passengers need to be buckled); drive the speed limit (always follow speed limits and drive safer speeds when weather or conditions are present); and never drink and drive (get a sober ride home).

Judge grants 'lizard' motion

Judge Rudolph Contreras of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has granted Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' motion to intervene in a lawsuit filed by environmental groups to protect the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard, a tiny reptile native to New Mexico and four counties of West Texas where petroleum drilling and exploration sites abound.

"The judge's decision ensures that stakeholders who worked on an important lizard conservation plan have a say in the proceedings," Combs said on Nov. 7. "The plan is part of our continuing efforts to help Texas strike an appropriate balance between environmental protection and economic growth."

Filed by Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity, the lawsuit asked the court to require U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider its June 2012 decision not to list the lizard as an endangered species.

Final ratings made available

Texas Education Agency on Nov. 7 released final 2013 state accountability system ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,500 campuses.

The release of ratings follows an appeals process for districts and charters that contested ratings originally announced in August. Districts, campuses and charters received one of three ratings: Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard, or Improvement Required.

Complete information for districts, campuses and charters is available at www.tea.state.tx.us.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

November 20, 2003

Former Haskell resident, Robert Gonzales, owner of Gonzales Welding and Construction in Medford, Oklahoma, has been named as one of the Top Ten Small Businesses in North West Oklahoma. He is the son of Rocky Gonzales and the former Mary Gonzales.

Haskell Tiger and Wolf Dens won second overall in the Pushmobile Derby. Those entered were Ryan Pace, Micah Thomas, Zachary Tatum, Hunter Hall, Kyle Kimbrough, Shelton Toliver, Aaron Waggoner, Andrew Hearn, Braeden Alves, Seth Rock, Riley Meinzer, Max Weise and Rhett Lampe.

Named as Haskell High School Band favorites during a half-time ceremony at the ballgame, were seniors Debbi Long, Sweetheart and Drew Garrison, Beau.

20 Years Ago

November 25, 1993

Fred Draper has retired as Haskell's city night watchman. He has spent seven days a week from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m., for the past eighteen years as overnight sentinel of the Haskell business district.

The newest business in town, Peddler's Village, held its formal opening this week, with booths representing 25 different vendors of crafts, antiques and specialties. It is owned and operated by Pat Grand.

The first organizational meeting of the genealogical society was held and officers were elected. Those serving for the first year are R.S. Sanders, president;

Wanda Irby, vice president; Doris Robbins, recording secretary; Wanda Ham, corresponding secretary; and Sue Medford, treasurer.

30 Years Ago

November 24, 1983

Anna Mae Roberts was named Club Woman of the Year for the Extension Homemakers. She was presented a TEHA pin and a corsage by Judge John Wayne McDermett.

Attending the Twenty-Second Annual State Young Homemakers of Texas convention from Haskell were Jill Harris, Rosemary Brown, Betsy Bellah and Teri Turner.

Kenny and Wanda Thompson of Paint Creek are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Ann, born at Hendrick Medical Center.

40 Years Ago

November 22, 1973

Riva Hitt of Rochester, a freshman at Texas Tech University, was among twenty-seven contestants competing in the preliminary for the Miss Lubbock pageant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hitt.

Rule High School Football Sweetheart was Cynthia Carroll and Hero was Rob Kitley. She is the daughter of Joanna Carroll and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kitley. Others in the court were Susan Lewis, Carol Dudensing, Cole Turner and Art Briles.

The first training school for prospective Herman Marcus sewing plant employees has ended with 35 individuals completing

the 80 hour training. Among those displaying the garments made were Diana Casselberry, Joe Speak and Joyce Breeden. Plant manager Amelia Perry, said the clothing made will be donated to charities.

50 Years Ago

November 21, 1963

Don Alley of Clarendon and Gene Henderson of Plainview, have purchased Holden Funeral Home from William O. Holden. Holden will continue to be associated with the business for an indefinite time.

Lieutenant Wallar Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Overton of Paint Creek, was awarded a commendation for his exemplary service along the East-West border in Germany.

Linda Kay Speer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer of Haskell, has been elected chaplain of the Abilene Christian College chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, an international music sorority. She is a junior, majoring in elementary education.

100 Years Ago

November 22, 1913

Honorable W.R. Smith of Colorado City, who represents the Jumbo district of Texas, which includes Haskell County, spent a few hours in our city. He called on a large number of our citizens.

John W. Pace went to Dallas this week to purchase goods, and from there he went to San Angelo to move his family to this city. They have rented the Judge Irby residence.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Haskell Lions Club would like to thank the sponsors, the volunteers, the runners and those who donated water and door prizes for the Warpath 5K Fun Run and Walk. It was a great success and we look forward to implementing new ideas for an even better Warpath 5K next year.

The Haskell Lions Club is involved in projects that are beneficial to our community, and we are excited about possible new ways to contribute to Haskell. We encourage you to come to our meetings on Tuesdays and become a part of the Haskell Lions Club.

Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions

Dear editor,

The City of Haskell Public Works Department would like to take this time and say thank you for helping us make this year's Halloween in the Park so successful for the kids and their parents. All of the tables and the people that manned them were great. All the kids seemed to have a wonderful time and every one stayed safe. We hope that you all had as much fun as we did providing a safe and secure Halloween for the children of our community. Further it appeared that children and parents from surrounding communities also attended.

Thank you and we appreciate your continued support.

See you next year.

Matthew Duran,
Director of
Public Safety/Works

P.S. If you would like to schedule ahead for next year's event please contact Judge Linda St. John at 940-864-3996.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Nov. 18, 2013

Haskell

Haskell County Gin..... 550
Haskell Co-op Gin..... 1,884

O'Brien

O'Brien Co-op..... 2,252

Rule

Rule Co-op Gin..... 3,495

Weinert

Griff's Gin..... 0

Weinert Gin..... 0

Total bales..... 8,191

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Thank goodness for an understanding brother or this column would likely not have appeared this week. The computer that we have at our house was attacked by a virus so now you know why I am using Andy's computer. I just hope the cost of using his machine is not having to help them decorate for the Christmas Tour of Homes. Speaking of the upcoming tour, Jan and I participated in it either two or three years ago. At the time we were asked, it seemed like something that would not be very difficult, but believe me, it is much more difficult than one would think. However, in the end, it was all worth the effort.

Speaking of computer viruses, I certainly hope there is a place down below for those who have the time to develop these viruses—they obviously are highly skilled individuals. I just wish they would use those skills in a manner that is productive rather than not

only destructive but also costly. My recommendation is those folks wind up right next to the ones who abuse animals.

On a day trip to Abilene last week to visit our audiologist, the wife and I had some spare time so we decided to make a quick trip to Buffalo Gap. I had not been there since I used to attend 4-H camp. I had forgotten the magnificence of huge old oak trees—I could only imagine their age. Something else we found very interesting were the signs all over town concerning a city ordinance about tree abuse. Anyone who would even consider abusing one of those wonderful trees should have a place next to the computer virus developers and the animal abusers.

We also made a trip to Lubbock last week (seems all we did was travel) we celebrated our son's birthday plus we also stopped in Post to visit J. Cruse Christmas store. We were looking for

some outdoor angels to put up for Christmas. We thought we had found some but their production has been discontinued so we are still on the hunt. While there, we met Jackie Cruse who owns the store and we found him to be a very interesting and talented young man. He has developed Christmas decorations for former President George W. Bush while he was in office plus he also has developed decorations for our Capitol in Austin. He is becoming some disenchanted with Post even though it is his hometown. He is seeking a place to establish a factory where all of his decorations are produced. I seized the moment and invited him to come to Haskell. He didn't tell me yea or nay but at least he knows we are interested.

I have been getting lots of questions about our water supply and the grant proposal that we have submitted. With no significant rain, our water supply in Millers Creek

Reservoir is slowly but surely diminishing. Concerning the grant proposals that were submitted by each of the core cities (Goree, Knox City, Munday and Haskell), we should find out the results any day now. However, the best solution to our water needs would be a 15-18 inch rain. That would put us back in good shape water-wise for several years to come.

Dates to keep in mind: The Tour of Homes is Sun., Dec. 1. All of those who are on the tour have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort so show your support by spending the afternoon seeing their efforts. Dec. 6 is the last day to vote on the proposed logo. You can cast your vote either by going to City Hall or our website at haskelltexasusa.com. If you don't vote, don't complain. I have a vote, don't but I won't impose it upon you. Our Christmas parade is Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. We would like to make this one not only the biggest but also the best.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

Why Texas Needs a Farm Bill Now

This fall, Congress has an important opportunity to create jobs and grow the economy by passing a long-term, comprehensive Food, Farm and Jobs Bill. The Farm Bill impacts every American, every day by providing a wide range of programs that strengthen our nation.

The Farm Bill is crucial to maintaining a strong agriculture sector and an abundant food supply that benefits all Americans. Over the past two years, producers have faced a multitude of disasters—from drought, to flooding, to blizzards. These events demonstrate how important the safety net is to keeping producers going strong. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, the Farm Service Agency provided nearly \$1.3 billion in disaster assistance to Texas farmers and ranchers using Farm Bill programs.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would provide a strong crop insurance program, reauthorize the now-expired disaster assistance programs, and provide retroactive assistance for livestock producers. By reforming the safety net to eliminate the direct payment program—which pays producers whether or not they are in need of assistance—the Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would also save billions of dollars in the next

decade.

In addition, it would allow USDA to continue export promotion efforts that have led to the best five-year period in agricultural trade in American history, and provide FSA with the tools to extend additional farm credit in Texas.

The Farm Bill is also a job creation bill that would empower USDA to partner with rural communities to grow, expand and support new businesses.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would help Main Street businesses grow and hire more, strengthen infrastructure in our small towns and provide new opportunities in biobased product manufacturing and renewable energy. In Texas, USDA has funded 118 projects since 2009 to help farmers, ranchers and rural businesses save energy through the Rural Energy for America Program. This and many other efforts could continue with a new Farm Bill.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would make important investments in nutrition programs that provide critical assistance to vulnerable Americans, including children, seniors, people with disabilities who are unable to work, and returning veterans. It would enable USDA to continue our work with more than 500,000 producers and landowners

to conserve the soil and water. It would undertake new strategies to improve agricultural research, and it would ensure a safe food supply.

All of these efforts strengthen our nation. A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would continue the job growth we've seen in recent years and help grow the rural economy. That's why President Obama has identified passage of a new Farm Bill as one of his top three legislative priorities this fall.

This is a prime opportunity to give America's farmers, ranchers and producers the certainty they need about the next five years of U.S. farm policy, while investing in the rural communities that stand at the heart of our values. The Farm Bill has stood as a model of bipartisan consensus for decades and it is high time that both Democrats and Republicans come to a compromise on this new Farm Bill. It is our hope that Senate and House conferees will reach a consensus quickly and move a Farm Bill forward as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Canales
State Executive Director
USDA—Farm
Service Agency
Paco Valentin
State Executive Director
USDA—Rural
Development

Disaster preparedness important

This year marks the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Ike and the second anniversary of the Bastrop wildfires that destroyed hundreds of homes in a weekend. Texans live in a state with the potential for many types of natural disasters—flash floods, hurricanes, windstorms, tornadoes and wildfires. While we may never know for sure when a natural disaster is going to strike, it is the responsibility of every family to be prepared. The following tips can help ensure the safety of you and your loved ones during a natural disaster.

Have the Basics Easily Available

Every household should have several items easily available in case of a disaster. These items include a flashlight and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a crank or battery-operated radio with NOAA weather radio capabilities, prescription medications, an emergency whistle to signal for help, a gallon of water per person for at least three days and non-perishable food. Other items to consider storing in the same place are local maps, pet food, emergency telephone numbers and a cell phone with an inverter or other means to charge.

Know Your Resources

A complete list of the basic disaster necessities can be found on the FEMA website at www.ready.gov. The American Red Cross website (www.redcross.org/prepare) is another resource for disaster preparedness. It has helpful information on being "Red Cross Ready" in the event of an emergency, including tips for caring for seniors and people with disabilities. Of particular importance—and growing interest—is the "Get Tech Ready" module. Recent surveys have found that the Internet is the third most popular way to stay in touch and reconnect during an emergency.

Family Emergency Plan

You and your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, and this can cause increased panic if you haven't prepared for this situation. A family disaster plan that includes how you

will contact each other, where you will meet and identifies a safe place to gather as an alternative to your home is extremely important. This plan will ensure your children know what to do, where they can go and who they can stay with in the event of an emergency.

The FEMA website includes a family emergency plan that can be printed to help develop a family plan. If you have young children, involve them in the planning process. Experts agree that discussing a disaster ahead of time reduces fear and anxiety in children, which means they have a better chance of being able to keep safe until help arrives.

Don't Forget the Financial Plan

If you have access to the Internet, think about scanning and storing important documents in a 'cloud'-based application. You may lose access to the location in your home where your passwords, logins, account numbers and policies are stored. Having this information available electronically could be a big step in the recovery process. If you don't want electronic

records of this information, visit with your local banker about a safe deposit box for storage of this information. But keep in mind that a local community bank is subject to the same potential disasters.

Try to have three to five days worth of cash available. That means keeping it on hand or in a secure place. In the event you can't get to your local bank or the power is out and ATMs are not available, having that cash on hand can reduce your worries significantly. Online banking is another way to manage your finances and pay your bills during unsettled times. Often those online banking systems are hosted away from your local community and will remain operational during a disaster, provided you can obtain online access.

Being prepared for a disaster will help you and your family remain calm and rational when a tragedy strikes. Hopefully no major natural disasters will hit your local community soon but if one does, being prepared will help keep your family safe and put you on the path to recovery as quickly as possible.

Hunters urged to take precautions

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging hunters and ranchers to take precautions to protect themselves from diseases transmitted by animals.

Deer, sheep, goats, cattle, horses and other animals can contract anthrax, a bacterium that can cause a severe, life-threatening disease in both humans and animals.

The first case of anthrax this year was recently confirmed in a sable antelope herd on a ranch in Edwards County, an area of West Texas where anthrax is most likely to occur. Animals usually get the disease by swallowing anthrax spores while grazing. Anthrax is a naturally occurring disease with worldwide distribution, including Texas.

"Hunters and livestock owners should be aware of anthrax cases in their area and take steps to protect themselves, such as not touching sick or dead animals," said Dr. Tom Sidwa, manager of the Zoonosis Control Branch at DSHS. "Basic precautions can minimize the chance of contracting anthrax or other diseases transmitted by wildlife."

People usually get anthrax through handling a dead or sick animal infected with anthrax. Anthrax infection in humans usually involves infection of the skin. Skin infection is typically itchy and resembles an insect bite. Within two to six days it progresses into a painless ulcer with a depressed black center.

Although humans are susceptible to anthrax infection, no cases have been reported in Texas this year. Basic precautions can effectively reduce the risks of humans contracting anthrax and other diseases from livestock and game animals.

- Do not harvest animals that appear ill or are acting abnormally.
- Wear long-sleeved garments and gloves when handling, dressing and processing game.
- Use sanitary practices such as hand washing with soap and water and laundering clothes immediately after animal exposure.
- Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
- Keep pets and children away from dead animals.
- Avoid direct contact with animal bones, horns

or antlers.

• Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

People should contact a doctor if they develop an unusual-looking sore on the

hands, arms or other exposed skin. Although it is very rare to contract skin anthrax, this infection requires treatment with antibiotics prescribed by a physician.



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I, David Davis, am announcing my candidacy for County Judge. I have held the position of County Judge since 1996 and want to continue to serve the citizens of Haskell County.

As your Judge, I will continue to work for the good of all of our Citizens, Cities and Communities. I will represent what is in our best interest to the State and Federal Governments. I will continue to work with State and Federal Agencies to bring programs, jobs and opportunities for the improvement of our County. Currently I represent our County on various Committees and Boards; West Central Texas Council of Government, Texas Association of Counties Jail Committee, Rolling Plains Health Partnership, Aspermont Small Business Administration Board, Salvation Army Regional Representative, 39th Judicial Juvenile Board, Haskell County Ambulance Board, and the Statewide Interoperability Communication Study.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your County Judge for the past seventeen years. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to do so.

Please vote on March 4, 2014 and allow me to continue to work for you, the citizens of Haskell County.

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Bring in three non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry and receive waived installation fees on up to three connections on new or additional services, including television, telephone and internet.

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Haskell School Menu

**Nov. 25-29
Breakfast**
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal
Monday: Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup or animal crackers and string cheese
Tuesday: Oatmeal and

blueberry muffin or cereal variety and Texas toast
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Beefy queso, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles
Tuesday: Corn dog, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

**Go Maidens!
Go Indians!**

Rule School Menu

**Nov. 25-29
Breakfast**
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Oatmeal, blueberry muffin loaf
Tuesday: Cereal, toast
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple

pineapple d'lite
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, lime sherbert
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

**Nov. 25-28
Breakfast**
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Tuesday: Oatmeal round, yogurt
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs, baked beans, fries, pineapple
Tuesday: Ham sandwiches, salad, chips, fruit, brownie
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school



EMILY FOUTS



MADISON HOMEYER

Students visit Rotary Club

Emily Fouts is the daughter of Mike and Kris Fouts of Sagerton.

She attends First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she participates in FFA Issues and Range teams, UIL One Act Play and Journalism, is the War Whoop editor, and is her class vice president.

She was the 2012-13 Texas 4-H Council Health and Safety Officer, the Abilene Reporter-News Gold Star Student, the 2012 FFA Rookie Ambassador of the Year, and on the All State Journalism Staff.

She enjoys reading, writing and anything related to Texas Tech.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in

ag communications and then attend law school.

Madison Homeyer is the daughter of Carl and Sheila Homeyer of Haskell.

She attends First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

At Haskell High School, she participates in softball, UIL academics (math, calculator and number sense), band and is on the War Whoop staff.

She was a state qualifier in UIL math and calculator;

member of the softball Regional Quarter-final Champion team; and member of the Sweepstakes winning band for five years.

She enjoys reading.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in

nuclear engineering.

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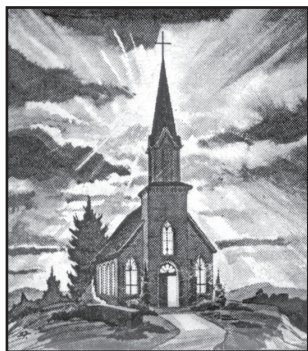



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This Week's Devotional Message:



We welcome God's most colorful season of autumn

When summer fun begins to pall
And cooler winds pervade the night,
The temperatures will start to fall
And frost will paint a brilliant sight,
In which the leaves turn red and gold;
A truly colorful display
That signifies a year grown old,
Against a sky of cloudy gray.

It's harvest time from tree and field,
For food on which we all rely;
By reaping what the earth will yield,
Before the snow begins to fly.
Our house of worship makes it clear:
God shows His love in many ways,
From indications that appear
With autumn's beauty all ablaze.

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**
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**
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.
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

- 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.
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- 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
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
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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, 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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ECC Menu

Mon., Nov. 25 Beef a roni, new potatoes, blackeyed peas, garden salad, tartar sauce, tea or coffee

Fri., Nov. 29 gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, garlic toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., Nov. 27 Hamburger steak, brown

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Paint Creek ISD seeks G/T 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 to pick up the necessary forms. The office is open

daily from 8:00 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 Paint Creek ISD is Nov. 11-22. All completed nomination forms are due back in the Paint Creek School office by 3:30 p.m. Fri., Nov. 22. For further assistance, contact Valiene Bullinger during school hours at 940-864-2868.

G/T students sought by Rule Schools

Rule 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 Rule School to pick up

the necessary forms. The office is open daily from 7:50 a.m. to 4:00 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.

The nomination period for Rule ISD is Nov. 18- 26. For further assistance, contact Shannon Deen during school hours at 940-997-2783 or 940-997-2246.

FCCLA to start coin challenge

Haskell FCCLA will sponsor a coin challenge to raise money for the Haskell Co. Christmas Program. Loose change may be donated into jars at the junior high and high school offices through Dec. 6. Classes from both junior high and high school with the most money will be allowed to go to lunch 5 minutes early for a week.

A food drive will be held Wed., Nov. 20 to collect food cans and non-perishable items to donate to the NOAH Project. Members will be going door-to-door from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Any

donation will be appreciated.

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Reagan Hadaway was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 Tues., Nov. 19 for her efforts in a game against Trent. The Maidens took the win 69-43. Hadaway posted a double-double of 31 points and 16 boards. She also had three assists, three steals and two blocks.

Hadaway, a junior forward, was a district MVP and first-team All-Big Country performer last year.

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WELDING SCHOOL—Tulsa Welding School recruiter Buddy Wallace, left, visits with VoTech students, front row, l-r, Michael Perez, Luis Diaz, Katriana Contreras and Kiefer McNeely; back row, Guadalupe Garces, Emmett Benton, Paul Nieto and Wyatt Smith.

VoTech students take tours

The VoTech Center at Rochester recently participated in several career planning activities. On Oct. 30 they attended "Career Day," sponsored by the Career Education Foundation and many construction companies from all over Texas. Approximately 800 students from agriculture departments and vocational schools attended.

Due to the huge shortage in the construction industry, events like this are

sponsored and provided to entice students to pursue a career in construction. VoTech students were able to see safety, equipment, industry leaders, and even participate in "hands-on" activities.

Doug Edrington of TDI Industries, a Munday High School graduate, was the group leader.

On Nov. 6, the VoTech students were able to tour Kinder/Morgan Oil and Gas Company and were taught employee responsibilities and expectations. A tour of the

facility was given to show job requirements.

On Nov. 14, Buddy Wallace of Tulsa Welding School recruiter gave a presentation to VoTech students on the welding and pipe fitting industry and curriculum of Tulsa Welding School. These activities were made available to VoTech Center students in order to expose them to career opportunities in the construction and oil and gas industries with emphasis on employee expectations.



FACILITY TOUR—Kinder/Morgan's Lee Bailey, left, explains electronics of the facility to, l-r, Travis Self and Bobby Wade.



SAFETY LESSON—VoTech students receive a lesson on safety gear from an OSHA representative at Career Day.

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Maidens basketball

Maidens tame the Lady Gorillas 69-43

After starting the season 2-0 last week, the Maidens continued to march on by defeating Trent 69-43 on the road last Friday night. Haskell outscored the Lady Gorillas 34-17 the first half and continued to pour it on in the second half to remain undefeated.

Junior Reagan Hadaway lead the way with 31 points, 16 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocked shots. "I thought Reagan had a great all around game and she proved why she is one of the best Class A basketball players in the Big Country,"

Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens had a lot of players contribute to their high scoring total on the night. Kenzie Shelton had 12 points, Jacie Klose 6, Alye Stewart 4, B.B. Rodriguez 4, Katie Newberry 4, Courtney Whitt 4, Brittany Amos 2, and Crissy Bassett 2. Klose had a team high 10 assists. "I thought Jacie did a great job helping us break their press and facilitating the ball all night long. She has excellent court vision and a very good understanding of the game," Eddleman said.

Sophomore Destiny Pierce had a season high

10 rebounds. Shelton had 8 rebounds, Klose 6, Amos 4, and Whitt 2. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 6, Hadaway 3, Bassett 3, Pierce 3, Shelton 1 and Amos 1.

"Overall, I thought it was a solid win against a pretty good team with a couple of very good athletes," Eddleman said. "We did a great job handling their press and our man to man defense was really good throughout the entire game. We forced them to shoot 13-57 from the field for 23% in their gym. I think I am more proud of that than anything else we accomplished."

Crime of the Week

On Sun., Nov. 10, a residence in Stonewall County was burglarized and numerous items were taken including guns, ammunition, binoculars, scopes, an ivory handled knife collection, a coin collection, Jimbo Humphrey and Trammell bits, several handmade knives, a crock collection, assorted jewelry, 3 laptops,

a handmade quilt, a fiddle with bow and case, silver coins, suitcases and duffle bags.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Stonewall County Sheriff's Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest for this crime.

Anyone with knowledge

about this crime or the location of any of the stolen items should call Clear Fork Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or text CFCS@CRIMES. As always, callers remain anonymous.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in Stonewall, Fisher, Kent, Jones, Haskell and Shackelford counties.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Nov. 11-17:

Deon Richelle Anderson, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Jennifer Kimbrough, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Alexis Holmstrom, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Tammy Gillispie, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Charles Jeffery Casillas, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Wendy Cowperthwait, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Weldon Wayne Gillispe, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Aaron Cody Pierce, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Jon William Jones, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Jacob Dale Large,

possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Apollo Velazquez, possession of controlled substance in drug free zone.

Johnathan Short, possession of controlled

substance in drug free zone.

Travis Bryan Hicks, DWLI with previous conviction.

Tyler Grindstaff, DWI 1st, furnishing alcohol to minor. Twenty-four calls were made to 911.

Applicator training set

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

A CEU training session will be held in Wichita Falls Thurs., Dec. 5.

The registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Nortex Regional Planning Commission Building, located at 4309 Old Jacksboro Highway.

This will be for recertification of Private, Commercial, and Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator Licenses. You must attend all sessions to receive the 5 CEU's that will be given that day.

Please RSVP by Dec. 2 to 940-716-8610.

The meeting will

include topics such as: Insect Defense Systems & Major Pests; Applicator Safety; Laws & Regs-Record Keeping, RTL; Drift Management & Outdoor Calibration Demonstration; Weed & Pest ID for Right-Of-Ways & Turf; and a wrap-up and evaluation.

Speakers will include Ross Cantrell with Winfield, Gary Brooks with Bayer and Henry Krusekof with TDA.

For more information contact the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 or the Wichita Falls Extension Office at 940-716-8610. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

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