

Football

HASKELL

8th-JV Indians vs Roscoe

Thurs., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
at Roscoe

Indians vs Roscoe
Fri., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

JH Pirates vs Woodson

Thurs., Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.
at Woodson

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RULE

JH Bobcats vs

Lueders-Avoca

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Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., Nov. 5 edition. Deadline for pictures is Mon., Nov. 2. Call 864-2686 for details.

Pep rally

This week's Indian pep rally spirit theme is "Nashville Star" day, so wear your best cowboy/cowgirl gear to school on Friday. This pep rally will also be our buddy day when the varsity football players and all cheerleaders select a little kid to perform with them that day.

Spaghetti supper

Haskell Progressive Study Club will hold their annual spaghetti supper Fri., Oct. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. preceding the football game between Haskell and Roscoe. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased from any club member or at the door. All proceeds go to the clubs contribution to civic, state and national projects.

Fall festival

A night of food, games, air castles, live music, hay rides, fun and fellowship will be held Sat., Oct. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. around the courthouse lawn in Haskell.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold a children's immunization clinic Thurs., Oct. 22 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Flu clinic

A flu clinic will be held Fri., Oct. 30 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Flu vaccine

The Stamford Texas Department of State Health Services is out of flu vaccine for children ages 3 years old to 18 years old. An adult flu vaccine will be offered during the Haskell Health Fair Fri., Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 325-773-5681.

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Good luck Indian Band at Area

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HASKELL INDIAN BAND

Haskell Indian Band earns top rating

by Caron Yates

The many many hours of practice have paid off for the Haskell Indian Band.

The Region II UIL Marching Contest was held Oct. 17 at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. The Indian Band, under the direction

of Mike Aston, performed a seemingly perfect program to earn a rating of I. Aston, in his fourth year as band director for Haskell, is assisted by Teresa New.

The forty-seven member band performed three selections. The first song in

the program is The Pretender by The Foo Fighters, the second is a concert band version of Minimally Speaking Part 2, and the third selection is The Land of Make Believe by Chuck Mangioni.

They competed in a field

of fourteen Class A bands to earn this highest rating. Judges rate the bands I, II, or III. Earning a I qualifies the band to advance to the Area round of competition, which will be held Sat., Oct. 24 at the Birdville Fine Arts and Athletic Complex in North

Richland Hills in northeast Ft. Worth. Performance time for the Indian band will be 8:45 a.m., which will require a very early departure time from Haskell.

According to Aston, this has been an unusual year as for as their preparation for the contest. He is especially appreciative to the First Baptist Church and Haskell Church of Christ for the use of their gyms during the last several weeks of rainy weather. Practicing inside, prevented the electronics equipment and musical instruments from receiving damage.

Last week, before the competition, the band was allowed the opportunity to go to Wichita Falls and practice their program at Memorial Stadium. He feels this greatly enhanced their confidence and performance for Saturday's competition.

The Haskell Indian Band and its directors are to be congratulated on a super representation of Haskell High School and a job well done.

Hammers fall to Indians, 39-6

The Rotan Yellowhammers used a Haskell turnover on a short field to take a 6 to 0 lead over the Indians at the 9:51 mark of the first quarter. Haskell retaliated on the next possession moving the pigskin 84 yards in nine plays. Tailback Tyler Rodriguez got the five yard touchdown run. The kick try for the PAT failed. The score was 6 to 6 at the end of the first quarter.

On the first possession of the second quarter, the Indians moved 80 yards on four plays. Rodriguez would get a 64 yard touchdown run and Scottie Rodriguez would tack on the PAT kick for a Haskell lead, 13 to 6.

The Indians never looked back. Scoring on a Christian Myers' 36 yard touchdown throw to tight end Austin Marshall and adding on the extra point on Scottie Rodriguez's kick, the Indians had a 20 to 6 lead at the halftime intermission.

Both teams had two possessions of the football during the third quarter of play, but could not get into the end zone. Haskell would score in the opening play of the fourth and final quarter when quarterback Myers crossed the goal line in the north end zone on a four yard run. The PAT kick again failed.

Four plays later, 2 for the Hammers and 2 for the Indians, would see Tyler

Rodriguez get his third touchdown of the evening on a 13 yard run. The kick try failed but the Indians were up 32 to 6 with 10:40 to play in this second district game.

Haskell's defensive unit again had a good game. Keeping the fast Yellowhammers at bay, defensive back Garrett Miller had one pick to stop short a scoring drive by the Hammers. Again as in past games, the defensive unit rose to the occasion. Haskell added some finishing touches as fullback Tyrone Neskorik scored on a nine yard run

with 2:48 left in the game. Kicker Scottie Rodriguez would add the final nail on his successful PAT kick. Haskell 39, Rotan 6, two and zero in district play.

Haskell had 47 rushes for 336 yards and 55 yards via the airways. Quarterback Myers had six carries for 43 yards, one rushing touchdown and one passing touchdown. Tight end Marshall had one catch for a 36 yard touchdown. Tyler Rodriguez had three touchdowns and had nine rushes for 107 yards. Fullback James Williams got 159 yards on 25 carries. Marco Gonzalez

had two carries for one yard and Neskorik had five carries for 26 yards and one touchdown.

The eighth grade Warriors and the JV Indians won their games against the young Hammers. The seventh grade lost to the seventh grade Bulldogs.

The Haskell-Roscoe game, here at Indian Field on Friday evening, looms big in District 11-A play with leadership of 11-A in the balance. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Field. The JV and eighth grade will play in Roscoe Thursday. Games start at 5 p.m.



CHECKING THE GOAL LINE—Haskell Indian #30 #59 Ethan Frierson and #4 Kelson Aguero. The James Williams looks to see if the play crossed the goal line. Looking on are #52 Clint Hamilton, their district record two and zero.

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USDA issues CRP payments

Glenn R Brzozowski, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell County, announced that starting Oct. 13 USDA began issuing more than \$136 million in Conservation Reserve

Program (CRP) payments to eligible producers in Texas. More than \$1.7 billion in CRP payments are being made on 31 million acres across the country.

"The Conservation Reserve Program works cooperatively with America's farmers and ranchers to conserve and preserve the soil and water that we, and numerous wildlife species, depend on for survival," said Brzozowski. "These payments represent an investment in the nation's land that will pay dividends in the form of a cleaner environment today and for our grandchildren."

The payments announced are annual rental payments earned on the 3.8 million acres enrolled in the CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Continuous Sign-Up Program fiscal year 2009 in Texas. Producer's holding 24,198 contracts on 17,661 farms will receive an average of \$7700 per farm or \$35.42 per acre. The number of contracts is higher than the number of farms because producers may have multiple contracts on a single farm.

This voluntary program helps agricultural producers safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enroll in CRP and plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitats for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, USDA provides producers with rental payments. CRP contract duration is from 10 to 15 years.

Land to be enrolled must be either highly erodible, contribute to a serious water quality problem, provide important wildlife habitat or provide substantial environmental benefits if devoted to certain specific conservation uses.

For more information on CRP, producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or visit FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Obituaries

Ouida Hise

Funeral services for Ouida Hise, 79, of Stephenville were held Mon., Oct. 12 at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Dittfurth officiating. Burial was at Lingleville East End Cemetery.

Mrs. Hise died Sat., Oct. 10 in Fort Worth.

Born Jan. 13, 1930 in Lockney, she was the daughter of Oscar and Frances Gilly Hammit. She married W.P. 'Billy' Hise June 22, 1947 in Haskell. He preceded her in death June 12, 2005. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell until moving to Stephenville where she attended the Assembly of God. She lived most of her life in the Haskell area until she moved to Stephenville in 1999.

She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Ryan Meier.

Survivors include her children, Ann and husband Joe Reyes of Houston, Randy and wife Paula Hise of Haskell, Janna and husband Dickie Brendle of Stephenville and Lesa and husband Royce Meier of Haskell; mother, Frances Hammit of Stephenville; grandchildren, Joey Reyes, Cherish Bradshaw, Christopher Meier, Chad Brendle, Heath Brendle and Kile Brendle; great grandchildren, Alexandra, Benjamin, Isabella, Brazos, Spencer and Elizabeth; brothers, Wayne and wife Doris Hammit of Stephenville, Freddy and wife Audean Hammit of Granbury and Melvin and wife Janet Hammit of Stephenville; sisters-in-law, Vera Smith of Haskell and Geraldine Baker of Haskell; and one brother-in-law, Glen Walton of Hammond, Louisiana.

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Watch for volunteer wheat problems

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

The recent rainfall in the Rolling Plains region of Texas has been followed up with an explosion of volunteer wheat and other weeds in fallow wheat fields, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "It is essential that we control this volunteer and other vegetation prior to planting wheat," said Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Vernon. "Whether in a conventional, minimum or no-tillage program, we need to plant wheat into a good weed- and volunteer-free seed bed."

Baughman said there are numerous reasons for the control, but the primary one is to control weeds, insects and disease. "Often along with this flush of volunteer wheat we will have our first emergence of winter grassy weeds such as cheat, rescue grass, wild oat and ryegrass," he said. "Effective control allows us to get a jump-start on the problem weeds that reduce yield and impact wheat quality."

Uncontrolled volunteer wheat also will lead to increased insect problems, Baughman said. These include grubworms, aphids, wheat curl mite and Hessian fly. Control of volunteer and other vegetation prior to planting is one of the keys to managing many of these insect pests.

"While we thought we were immune to Hessian fly, we have seen an emergence of this insect problem in the northern Rolling Plains," he said. "In fact, last year would likely have been a problem if not for the severe drought and spring freezes. We isolated several fields that had an early infection of Hessian fly pupae."

Hessian fly larvae can survive on volunteer wheat and other grasses and subsequently infect wheat. Baughman said. Uncontrolled volunteer wheat allows the Hessian fly population to build to a more damaging level. "We have also observed an increase in wheat streak mosaic virus in the Rolling Plains in recent years," he said. Wheat streak is vectored by the wheat curl mite, Baughman said. The wheat curl mite is a very small (one-hundredth inch) white, sausage-shaped mite, too tiny to be seen with the naked eye and requires at least 20X magnification for proper identification.

This mite is most active during warm weather and requires a living grass host to survive the summer, he said. The presence of summer grasses and/or volunteer wheat will provide a 'green bridge' allowing wheat curl mite to infect subsequent planted wheat. Conditions most favorable to the wheat curl mite are early and dense stands of volunteer wheat, volunteer wheat that is not destroyed prior to planting wheat, early

planted wheat, cool summers with adequate moisture to sustain grass through summer, and warm, dry falls, which are optimum for reproduction.

"The wheat curl mite alone cause little damage in and of itself," Baughman said. "However it does transmit wheat streak mosaic virus (and High Plains virus) which in worse case scenarios can reduce yield to almost zero." "Controlling wheat curl mite through the use of insecticides or miticides is not an option," he said. Therefore management systems that reduce populations of wheat curl mite are needed to minimize the problem.

It is best to control volunteer wheat and other vegetation either through tillage or chemically at least two to three weeks prior to planting wheat, Baughman said. Volunteer wheat and other green vegetation needs to be dead for at least two weeks. However, the longer the vegetation is controlled the better and less likely that problems will occur.

"We must eliminate the green bridge between planting and emergence of the subsequent wheat crop," he said. "For anyone who is tempted to keep their volunteer wheat for grazing or cover, I cannot discourage this practice enough." "As my old traveling partner, entomologist Emory Boring, used to say: volunteer wheat will promise more and deliver less than most any crop we deal with," Baughman said.

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LEALONNIE ALVAREZ



KIMBERLY GLASS

Students visit Rotary Club

Lealonnie Alvarez is the daughter of Alberto and Julie Alvarez of Haskell.

She attends Calvary Baptist Church.

At Haskell High School, she participates in basketball, Fellowship of Christian Students, is the drum major for the Haskell Indian Band, and in Ag on the Public Relations, and Poultry Judging teams.

She has been awarded the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence in 2008. She was named Miss Snake Charmer 2009 for the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup pageant. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was on the state poultry judging team in 2007, 2008 and

2009.

She enjoys playing guitar, singing, riding roller coasters and watching movies.

She plans to attend South Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech University to study pre-med or pre-pharmacy.

Kimberly Glass is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Glass of Haskell.

She attends the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

She enjoys running, hanging out with her friends, reading books and working.

She would like to pursue a nursing career perhaps by attending Western Texas College at Snyder.



ALICE BALLARD
2009 TEEA Club Woman of the Year

Ballard named Club Woman of the Year

Alice Ballard joined the ranks of 37 previous honorees dating back to 1966 when she was named the 2009 Haskell County TEEA Woman of the Year.

Ballard joined Haskell TEEA in 2004 and has been an extremely active member always volunteering to do her part in all club activities. The club has enjoyed having a person with her skills and talents when organizing events or planning a trip. Her positive attitude, smile, great stories and laugh add a sparkle to the group.

In 2006 she was honored as the Haskell County TEEA Rookie of the Year.

She is a native of Cisco where she graduated from high school. Alice and her husband, Don, moved to Haskell in June 2000, but she was no stranger to the area having raised her family at Rochester before following Don to several school administration positions in Texas.

They are members of First

United Methodist Church in Haskell and have two adult children, Chad and Mindy.

In addition to her TEEA Club work, she enjoys working outside with her flowers and plants, reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. She spends a great deal of time with Bible study, church activities and history. One of her greatest attributes is her devotion as a caregiver to others.

Sagerton sets bazaar Nov. 7

The Sagerton Hobby Club's twenty-seventh annual bazaar will be Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Arts, crafts, baked goods, candies and Thanksgiving and Christmas items will be available for sale. Lunch will be available.

Booths are available. For more information call 940-997-2103 or 325-773-3832 or 940-989-2966.

Rule 4-H Club to conduct food drive

Rule 4-H Club members will conduct their annual "Trick or Treat for Food" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mon., Oct. 26 in Rule. Club members will collect donations in the Sagerton area 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tues., Oct. 27.

Adult leaders and members will meet at the Rule School on Monday. Members and leaders will meet at Sagerton at the Lutheran Church on Tuesday. They will divide

into teams and go door to door collecting donations of non-perishable canned food and personal items.

All of the collections will be given to the Noah Project Battered Women and Children Shelter in Haskell.

Donations may be taken to the Rule School or given to a 4-H member ahead of that date. Contact Renee Dudensing at 996-2738 if you have any questions.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State's unemployment rate inches higher in month of September

AUSTIN—Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.2 percent in September, meaning 44,700 nonagricultural jobs were lost for the month. The state's unemployment rate was 8.0 percent at the end of August.

Tom Pauken, chairman of the state Workforce Commission said, "While unemployment in Texas remains well below the national rate of 9.8 percent, this serious national recession continues to affect us adversely in Texas."

The leisure and hospitality industry took the biggest hit in September, losing 16,900 jobs, followed by professional and business services, down 16,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities lost 13,000 positions.

The unemployment news was somewhat tempered by widely broadcast reports that the economies of Austin-Round Rock, Brownsville-Harlingen, Dallas-Plano-Irving, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr and San Antonio areas are among the first in the nation to move from recession into recovery, indicating that their economies have grown over the past six months.

Interest reemerges over Willingham

It's been more than five years since the execution of Cameron Todd Willingham in 2004, but interest in the Corsicana man's 1992 arson/murder conviction and 2004 execution has increased over the past few weeks.

An article published in The New Yorker magazine in August quoting arson experts raised questions about evidence prosecutors used to demonstrate that Willingham intentionally started a fire in his home that caused the deaths of his three daughters.

Willingham told officials he was innocent but some of his family members and associates say he confessed.

The story took on another dimension when Gov. Rick Perry appointed replacements to fill two seats on the state's nine-member Forensic Science Commission shortly before the commission was to review the Willingham arson investigation.

Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley, one of the two appointees, is the new chair of the commission. He told The Dallas Morning News he would take time as necessary to get acquainted with the commission and its procedures before proceeding with a review.

Storied jurist

W.W. Justice dies

Senior U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, 89, died Oct. 13 in Austin.

The Athens native, widely regarded as a civil rights champion of minorities and the poor, was appointed to the federal bench by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968.

In presiding over many landmark cases, Justice rendered rulings bringing about the desegregation of public schools and housing, and improving prison conditions.

Energy agency promotes propane

The Railroad Commission is promoting propane as a desirable alternative fuel in its 2009 "Breathe Easy Tour." The tour, which visited some state agencies and central Texas school districts last week, features a variety of currently available vehicles, and carries the message that "propane is a cleaner, cheaper, Texas-produced fuel for school buses and other fleet vehicles."

Railroad Commission staff described a new grant proposal that the Commission will submit this month. The proposal seeks to fund additional propane vehicles and upgrade more propane fueling stations.

Based on miles traveled, fuel economy and fuel-price numbers from a current propane school bus fleet, school districts can save approximately \$3,000 per bus each year by using propane, the agency said.

Broadband applicants get help

There's movement in efforts to bring broadband technology—the Internet and other digital developments—to more areas of Texas.

The state Department of Agriculture and Public Utility Commission joined together in an Oct. 15 announcement that the two agencies are helping 63 applicants in seeking \$793 million in funds from BTOP, the federal Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Projects were screened for the ability to extend broadband service to unserved and underserved populations.

Troopers take to school buses

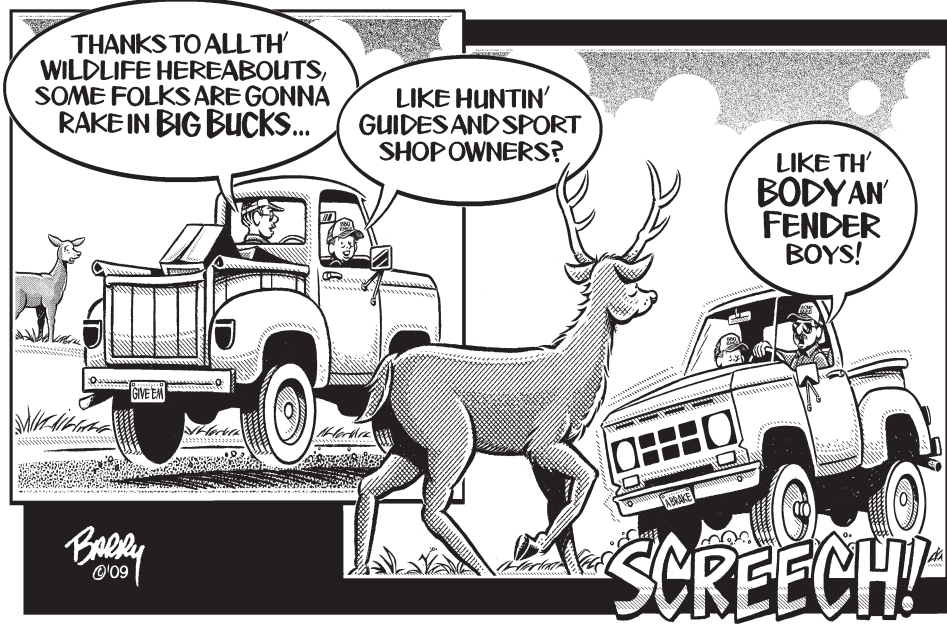
The Texas Department of Public Safety assigned highway patrol troopers to ride school buses during National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 19-23, and watch for motorists illegally passing the buses.

Motorists who are cited for driving past a stopped school bus whose red alternating flashing lights are activated can expect to pay up to a \$1,000 fine.

Voters may cast ballots now

Early voting in the Nov. 3 election began Oct. 19 and continues through Oct. 30.

Voters statewide will decide the fate of 11 proposed constitutional amendments and many local governmental bodies will have candidates and/or bond issues on the ballot.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago October 28, 1999

Hilee Mulligan, senior, was crowned homecoming queen during halftime activities. Included in the royal court are seniors Emily Wheat and Jodi Thigpen, as well as juniors Deshea Phemister, Amanda Perry and Megan Bird.

Joan Strickland, Haskell County librarian, was guest speaker for the Progressive Study Club's October meeting. She emphasized the need for a new library to house the more than twenty thousand books owned by the library.

Haskell's City Secretary, Ann Young, recently attended a Personnel Management workshop in Kerrville.

20 Years Ago October 26, 1989

Sylvia Alvarez, escorted by Rodney Johnson, was crowned homecoming queen of Haskell High School during halftime ceremonies.

Betsy Nanny of Haskell and Faye Trussell of Rule are recipients of Duffy grants at Hardin-Simmons University.

Mac McBroom and Dr. Cliff Ray dish up pancakes at the annual Lions Club Pancake Supper.

Von Marr was first place winner in the monthly tournament of the Haskell Bass Club held at Possum Kingdom Lake. Second place went to Jim Pope, while Johnny Isbell won third.

Kevin Scott Saffel, a 1989 graduate of Rule High School, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

30 Years Ago

October 25, 1979

Conrad and Betty Roewe, from Western Auto, toured San Diego and visited the San Diego Zoo and Sea World.

Kris Kupatt and Susan Swofford have been picked by Rule High School students as the top two finalists for Miss RHS.

Max Stapleton, County Extension Agent, reported a total of 14,349 bales of cotton harvested in Haskell County so far this season.

Haskell County 4-H Clubs have organized for the new year. James Hopkins was elected president of the Haskell Club, Keith Medford will lead the Paint Creek Club and Janette Holmes was chosen president of the Rochester 4-H. Rule 4-H will be led by Kris Kupatt and the Weinert club president is Mondy Mayfield.

40 Years Ago October 23, 1969

Cindy Thomas, with her steer Buttermilk, was named Reserve Champion in the crossbred division at the Junior Livestock Show at the State Fair.

Mary Whorton of Rule, recently returned from Alaska, where she served for a year as a missionary.

Debbie Campbell and Paula Mayfield competed with thirty-five other girls in the finals of the "Miss Cotton of Texas" pageant in Dallas.

Mrs. Stanley Furrh and Mrs. Opal Adkins of the Personality Shoppe, are in Dallas next week attending Spring Market.

Diann Cadenhead, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead, was

named as a semifinalist for Hardin-Simmons University queen.

50 Years Ago October 22, 1959

W.R. (Red) Howard has announced a "Welcome Week" observance in connection with the formal opening of his new Mobil Service Station.

Local politics moved into the spotlight this week with the announcement by Elizabeth Stewart that she would be seeking a second term as Tax Assessor-Collector.

Jimmy Brock of Haskell was named "Player of the Week" by Ranger College coaches because of his creditable performance and the indomitable spirit he shows.

Beverly Helweg, junior at Haskell High School, has been elected Sweetheart of the HHS Chapter, Future Farmers of America.

100 Years Ago October 23, 1909

J.T. Montgomery, president of Farmer's National Bank, has returned from the North, where he spent the summer.

G.R. Couch Jr. suffered an injury to an eye a few days ago.

The acetylene plant at the hotel exploded Thursday night and slightly burned Byron Wright.

Mrs. Earl Cogdell has returned to Haskell from Granbury. Mr. Cogdell preceded her by several days and prepared their home for occupancy.

J.L. Jones has returned from an extended trip to points in New Mexico and California.

USDA sets referendum for proposed amendments to cotton research and promotion

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that a referendum will be conducted among U.S. Upland producers and importers. The referendum is scheduled for Oct. 13 through Nov. 10.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing to amend the Cotton Research and Promotion Order (Order) to implement section 14202 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) that amended the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (Act). The 2008 Farm Bill provided that

the states of Kansas, Virginia and Florida be separate states in the definition of "cotton-producing state."

According to the Act, a referendum among cotton producers and importers is required to implement, amend, continue, or when appropriate, to suspend, or to terminate the Order or any of its provisions. According to the Act, the AMS will provide an opportunity for all eligible persons to vote on the amendments to the Order.

Producers will have an opportunity to vote by mail or through their respective

Farm Service Agency County office and by mail for importers. All known cotton importers will be mailed a ballot and referendum instructions. Ballots will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton>.

The final referendum rules and the proposed rule and referendum order was published in the Oct. 5 Federal Register, and can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For more information, contact Shethir M. Riva, Chief, Research and Promotion Staff, Cotton and Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2639-S, Washington, D.C. 20250-0224, telephone 202-720-6603, facsimile 202-690-1718, or email at Shethir.Riva@ams.usda.gov.

October is Pastor Appreciation month

by Caron Yates

October is pastor appreciation month. While the job description may vary from one church to another, due to location, size, needs or religious affiliation, some aspects of the job are true for all pastors.

It takes a very special person with a very special calling to fulfill the role as pastor of a church. Pastors are expected to be educated and knowledgeable of not only the bible, but of doctrine specific to their church. They must be able to stand before a group of people and often preach about things that may "step on our toes," but pull it off in a way that does not offend.

A pastor, frequently held to a higher standard, is usually seen as the leader of the church, so his every action and word is open to scrutiny. Often the bulk of visiting and inviting to church is left to him.

Although many of us may prefer to avoid unpleasant situations, he is expected to be on the front lines. We want our pastor to be right beside us in difficult and trying times, always with the correct words of comfort. He must be caring and compassionate, yet in control of his emotions for funerals, hospital visits, and at other times of difficulty.

In small communities, a church pastor, depending upon their personal talents, may be called upon for many things that are not "church related." In our small, West Texas towns, we want our pastors to be an active part of our communities, not just seen on Sundays.

While they are busy taking care of the needs of others, they must also find time to tend to the needs of their own family as well.

In most cases, a pastor could make much more money in another profession. They are there, not for the monetary gain, but because they have been called to spread God's word, as well as his love and compassion for all people.

Perhaps we shouldn't limit our appreciation of our pastors to just one month of the year. So, whether it is a pat on the back, a baked pie, an encouraging word or a church luncheon in his honor, we should all take the time to let all pastors know how much they are appreciated.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The scouts of Troop 136 of Haskell would like to thank you for your generosity in helping them toward their goal of going to Jamboree 2010.

Your support throughout their years of scouting is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all you do for each scout.

Parents of Troop 136

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Indian Football 2009



2009 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, JV in white shirts, #56 Preston Morrow, #8 Payne Utley, #2 Phillip Coleman, #40 Kiefer McNelly, #53 Layne Petty, #4 Trevor Reese, #7 Gabriel Torres and #63 L.J. Hammond; second row, #10 Isaiah Llewellyn, #59 Drake Everett, #5 Brett Shelton, #9 Cole Ray Hutchinson, #57 Stewart Urich, #51 Doug King, #55 Garrett Brueggeman, #1 Brady Leach and #62 Sterling Bird; JV not pictured are #58 Shawn Duncan and #60 Josh Naylor; third row, Varsity in black shirts, #44 Tyrone Neskoric, #66 Colton Kimmel, #14 Austin Marshall, #30 James Williams, #1 Christian Myers, #5 Garrett Miller, #20 Austin Nanny, #4 Kelson Aguero and #62 Zachary Wyrick; back row, #33 Marco Gonzalez, #50 A.J. Benton, #52 Clint Hamilton, #2 Tyler Rodriguez, #54 Simon Rodriguez, #70 Tyler Reese, #55 Scotty Rodriguez, #10 Adrian Hernandez and #59 Ethan Frierson; Varsity not pictured, #77 Tony Trevino.



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Trunk or Treat

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will sponsor "Trunk or Treat" in their parking lot, Sat., Oct. 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All children are welcome to come trick or treat through the church's parking lot. For more information, call the church office at 864-3202.

Chili, stew meal

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host the pre-game meal Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell High School Cafeteria. Chili, stew, beans and cornbread will be available for \$6 per person. Take-outs will be available. Proceeds will go towards the evangelism/outreach

ministries of the church. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets for the meal, call 864-3202.

Pirate parade

The students and staff of Paint Creek School will be hosting a Homecoming Parade Fri., Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. They would like to invite all family, friends, Paint Creek Exes, and anyone else who would like to come join the fun.

Veterans lunch

A free lunch to honor all Veterans will be served Wed., Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Activity Building Gym. 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.

Volleyball night

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

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rhansoncmc@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is Nov. 7.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Vendors needed

The Haskell Young Homemakers are accepting vendor forms for their annual craft show to be held Nov. 21. Vendors interested in purchasing a booth at the craft show may contact Megan Cox at 325-370-6572.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH—The City of Haskell proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month urging every citizen of Haskell to acknowledge and support the amazing lifesaving work being done on behalf of women, teens, children and men who are experiencing violence in their relationships. All across the nation, and here in Haskell, domestic violence advocates, volunteers, friends, families, coworkers and individuals extend their hearts and hands to help those in extraordinarily dangerous circumstances from someone who claims to love them. Presenting the proclamation was Haskell City Mayor Bob Smith, second from left, to Donna Sue Anders, third from left, Noah Project Service Area Director. Also present were, left, Janis Brzozowski, Noah Project Assistant Service Area Director; and far right, Brandon Anderson, Haskell City Administrator.

Wichita Brazos Museum plans Veterans Day celebration

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission met Tues., Oct. 13, at the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center to make final plans for the annual Veterans Day program and activities on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Homer Lowrance of Munday reported on the plans for the "Family Veterans Story and Poster Contest." He reported all three schools in Knox County have been contacted. Members of fifth and sixth grade classes will research a veteran, write a paper, and make a poster about the veteran. The first place winner at each school will read his or her report and display their poster at the Veteran's Day program. The posters will also be exhibited at the museum.

The Wichita Brazos

Museum will be open on Wed., Nov. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 noon to 2 p.m. Veterans or family members may display military memorabilia at the museum. Bring the memorabilia to the museum on Tues., Nov. 10, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tables will be set up on the east end of the museum for the military displays. Prepare cards that describe the display, what war or time period, and names of those known. Veteran's photographs are especially needed.

The museum has a TV, but a VCR player is needed so some military tapes can be played. Call the museum at 459-2229 if you can loan a VCR for Veterans Day.

Dewey Honeycutt, who died in France in World War I, has been selected from the Veterans names on the

Knox County Memorial Archway to be honored in 2009. His family was living in Truscott when he died Sept. 14, 1918, in France. Descendants of Dewey Honeycutt, the Gold Star family, will lay the memorial wreath beneath the archway.

The Munday band will be playing a medley of patriotic songs, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers interested in helping with the Knox County Veterans Day celebration, from the museum set-up the afternoon of Tues., Nov. 10, to the meal service and clean up at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center on Nov. 11, may call 459-2229. Any individual or a club looking for a community service project will be guided to a job that will match their skills and available time.



DEFENSIVE MOVE—Indian #20 Austin Nanny shown in defensive coverage against the Yellowhammers.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a special meeting Thurs., Oct. 15 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall in attendance.

Invocation was given by Medford.

The City approved a proclamation thanking Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 and their scout leaders for their volunteer work. Special gratitude was extended to five Eagle Scouts for their efforts.

A proclamation was adopted designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Haskell.

The nominations of Mynea Short and Johnny Scoggins were approved to the Haskell County Appraisal District Board.

David Kuehler of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority presented information concerning the proposed tax changes.

No action was taken on waving the fee of the pavilion for use by the Chamber of Commerce for the Biker's Rally. The facility was not

used by the group.

A resolution supporting construction of a U.S. Highway 277 bypass around the City of Anson failed due to the lack of a motion.

Budget amendments were approved.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•Louetta Wallace and Anderson attended the TMCN annual conference in Abilene on Oct. 14 along with about six others from Haskell County. TMCN is a regional networking group that reaches out to 41 cities in the Texas Midwest.

•Anderson plans to attend the TML Conference in Fort Worth Oct. 21-23.

•Homecoming and the 5K run, hosted by the Lions Club, was well attended. The Bike Rally held in Haskell was hurt by the cool temperatures, hopefully the weather will be better for the event next year.

•The bidding for the project for the airport should begin within the next two months.

•Chief of Police Steven Grand is still looking for an officer to replace Officer Scott Kennedy.



RECOGNIZED FOR PROJECTS—The Haskell City Council signed a proclamation recognizing five Eagle Scouts, Haskell Boy Scout Troop 136 and their leaders in appreciation for the work done for the Eagle Scout projects by the troop. Eagle Scouts recognized were front row, l-r, Tucker McCormick, Ethan Frierson, A.J. Benton, Brennan Medford and Luke Terry. Others present were back row, Councilman Randy Bowers, Councilman Chan Guess, James Bowers, Seth McCormick, Councilwoman Sue Medford, Councilman Robert

Tribbey, Mayor Bob Smith, Councilman Jason Hall, Scoutmaster Leland Terry, City Administrator Brandon Anderson and Asst. Scoutmaster Craig McCormick. Eagle Scout McCormick, along with Eagle Scout Benton worked on a renovation project at the Little League field. Eagle Scout Frierson placed markers for the roads in Willow Cemetery. Eagle Scout Medford worked on a pavilion for the Elementary students at Paint Creek School and Eagle Scout Terry painted fire plugs in the city for the Haskell Fire Department.

Ruth Jackson paints for art club

Ruth Jackson, well known artist of Abilene, was guest artist for the October meeting of the Brazos West Art Association held at the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

Jackson has traveled in the Middle Eastern countries on missionary trips. She displayed many snapshots and pictures from that area and related stories of her travels as she

Painted a black and white toned picture of Bedouin women and children at a well.

Nelwyn Beakley and Florence Larned were the lucky recipients of prints by Jackson.

Refreshments were served by Betty Hook and Martha Spitzer.

Members attending were Jennie Lyckman, Betty Sanders, Doris Reeves, Betty Hook, Florence Larned, Nelwyn Beakley, Barbara Fouts, Martha Spitzer, Betty Berry, Gary Conn and Marsha Whittemore.

Esme Glenn will be guest artist for the November meeting.

Visitors are always welcome to attend.

4-H Clubs to meet

The next meeting for the Haskell Jr. and Sr. 4-H Clubs will be held Sun., Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell, and will conclude at 4 p.m.

The 4-H'ers are asked to come in costume and the leaders will drive them around town to go "Trick-Or-Treating" for non-perishable items. The non-perishable

items will be boxed at the November meeting and delivered to families in need for the holidays.

For the 4-H'ers that come in costume a contest will be held.

If interested in joining the 4-H program or for more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Rule wins, Paint Creek loses Friday night football games

The Rule Bobcats defeated Bryson by a 44-34 score in a Friday night game played at

The Paint Creek Pirates were defeated by Lueders-

Avoca by a 62-12 score in a game played at Lueders-Avoca.

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According to LAW ENFORCEMENT...

Rusk Police Chief Joe Evans said that despite the sale of beer and wine in the city, his force hasn't seen an increase in crime. "We've hardly seen it affect us at all. There's no increase in public intoxication or DWIs, and we haven't seen any increase across the board."

Joe Evans
Police Chief City of Rusk
(As reported to *Cherokee Herald*, Oct. 14, 2009)

"From a police officers' perspective, going wet pretty much made no noticeable difference to our job. There was no statistical difference in our alcohol-related crimes."

Lufkin Police Department,
Lt. David Young

"Crime is about the same, we haven't really seen an increase or decrease in crime. Everything has been steady."

Littlefield Police Lt. Tony Mendez
Lubbock Avalanche Journal, April 26, 2009



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— Dr. Ray Perryman, October 8, 2008
(Based on study released October 8, 2008 by Texas Economist Dr. Ray Perryman.)

"Five minutes from Haskell we have legal sales of beer and wine without any major problems or issues. Grocery stores report for every \$1 dollar lost in beer/wine sales, they lose an additional \$3 in general sales. This can be as much as \$25,000 to \$150,000 per week in lost sales. We need to keep these monies in Haskell paying for our roads and infrastructure. Join me in voting "FOR" Prop. 1."

— Bob Smith, Treasurer,
Citizens Committee of Haskell

Proposition 1 reads, "the legal sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption only." This will only allow beer and wine to be sold by retailers like grocery and convenience stores. Passage of this Proposition will not allow liquor stores in Haskell.

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DCP, ACRE enrollment underway

Glenn R Brzozowski, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell County announced that enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010.

"We at FSA urge producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up," said Brzozowski. "The electronic service saves producers' time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at their local FSA offices."

Brzozowski adds eDCP is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP and ACRE Programs and can be accessed at www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp. To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification. For those without internet access or if they prefer, producers can also visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP or ACRE contract.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using

base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2009. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For the 2010 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop

years. An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

The June 1, 2010, deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

For more information on DCP or ACRE, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

CCP upland cotton payments issued

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA will not issue final 2008 counter-cyclical payments to farmers enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program for peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and oats because average commodity prices remain above levels that trigger these payments.

USDA began issuing payments for upland cotton Oct. 14. The final counter-cyclical payment rate for upland cotton is 12.58 cents per pound—the statutory maximum level. Producers who received a partial payment will receive 7.55 cents per pound, the final rate of 12.58 cents less the partial payment rate of 5.03 cents per pound.

The 2008 Farm Bill requires 2008 final counter-

cyclical payments to be paid as soon as practical following the end of the marketing year, but not sooner than Oct. 1, 2009. Because the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) published the final marketing year average prices for peanuts on Aug. 31, 2009, and for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans on Sept. 29, 2009, USDA can now determine that no final payments will be made for these commodities. The 2008 Farm Bill provides that one partial counter-cyclical payment may be issued after 180 days of the marketing year. However, USDA did not issue a partial payment for the 2008 crop of peanuts, corn, grain sorghum or soybeans because these markets were strong.

NASS announced the

final market year average price for upland cotton on Oct. 9, 2009 of 47.8 cents per pound, and will announce long-grain and medium and short-grain rice prices on Jan. 29, 2010. No final counter-cyclical payments for rice are expected because the preliminary market year average prices for rice announced by NASS on Aug. 31, 2009, far exceeded their respective effective prices.

The counter-cyclical payment rate is the amount by which the target price of each commodity, specified by the 2008 Farm Bill, exceeds its effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of either the national average market price received by producers during the marketing year or the national average loan rate for the commodity.

The final marketing year prices per bushel are 23.0 cents per pound or \$460.00 per ton for peanuts, \$4.06 for corn, \$3.20 per bushel for grain sorghum and \$9.97 for soybeans. There are no final counter-cyclical payment rates for peanuts, corn, grains sorghum and soybean oats because their effective prices exceeded target prices.

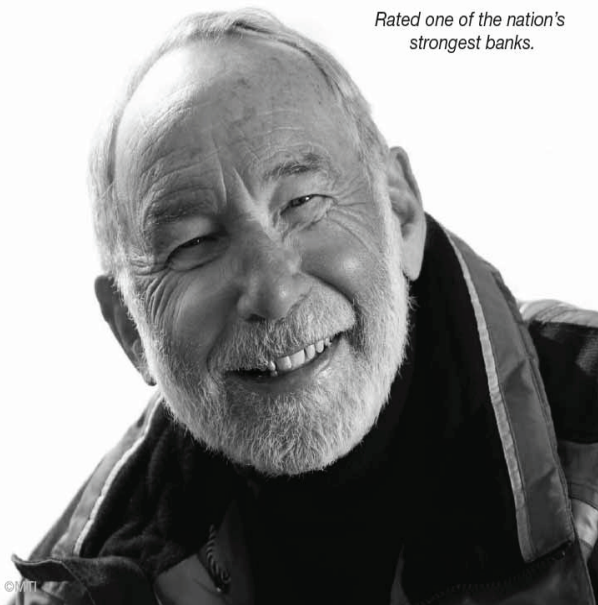
A table displaying the target price, average market price, loan rate, direct payment rate, effective price and final counter-cyclical rate for peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and cotton is available at this URL: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecpa&topic=foa-cc>.

For each commodity, the counter-cyclical payment for each crop year equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage multiplied by the farm's counter-cyclical payment yield multiplied by the counter-cyclical payment rate.

For more information on the direct and counter-cyclical payment programs, visit your local FSA office or the FSA Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>.

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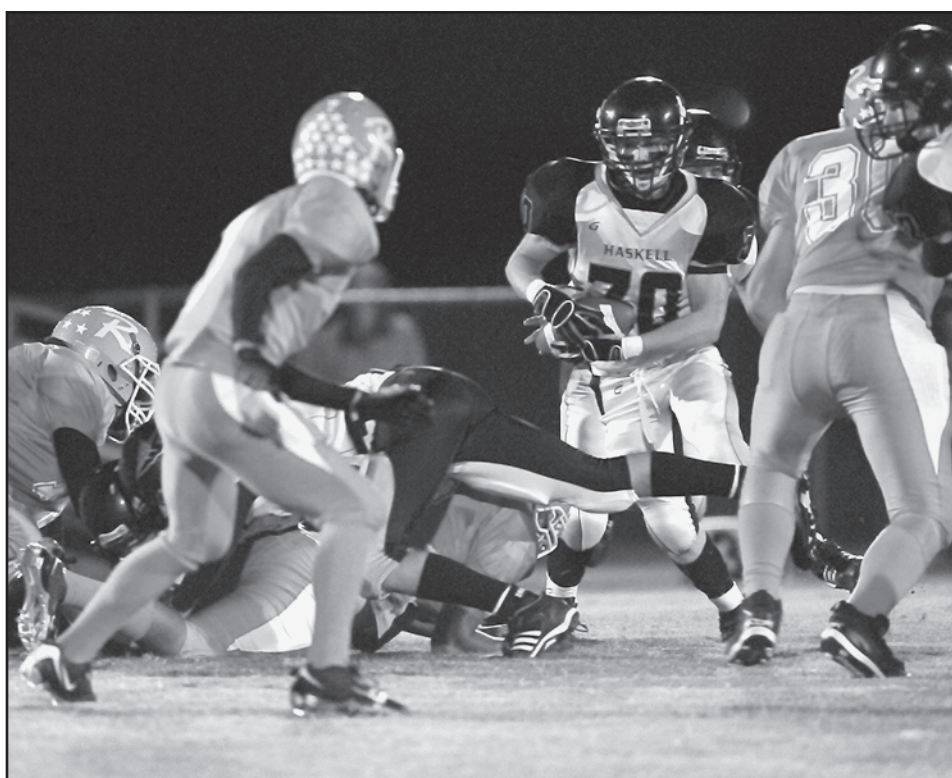
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WILLIAMS' CARRY—Haskell Indian #30 James Williams makes one of 25 carries in the game against the Rotan Yellowhammers. Williams had 159 yards for the night.



WAITING ON SIGNALS—Haskell Indians #70 Tyler Reese, #50 A.J. Benton and #14 Austin Marshall wait to receive defensive signals from their coach.



INDIAN OFFENSIVE UNIT—Quarterback #1 Christian Myers hands off the pigskin to #30 James Williams who finds his way through the line behind the blocking of #70 Tyler Reese.



INDIANS AT WORK—The Haskell Indian offensive line had a good night against the Rotan Yellowhammers. Carrying the ball is Indian #30 James Williams, behind blocking efforts by #14 Austin Marshall and #54 Simon Rodriguez.

A few precautions can help keep Halloween safe, fun

Trick-or-treaters: When making plans for that Halloween outing, be sure to include safety precautions in the evening's lineup, says Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of

emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Parents should make sure that the costumes fit properly. If the length of the costume is too long,

children may trip and fall," Dr. Pepe says. "Also, consider using cosmetic makeup rather than masks to keep vision optimal." For a safer Halloween, Dr. Pepe also

recommends:

- Wear only flame-retardant costumes and make sure the costumes are bright and have reflectors.
- Carry a light so you

can be seen after dark.

- Travel in a group with adult supervision; carry a cell phone in case of an emergency; use the buddy system.
- A void busy

intersections and poorly lit areas.

- Steer clear of strangers' houses; beware of unfamiliar pets.
- Never eat unwrapped treats.

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Local Option Liquor Election

Tony Grand says

In eleven years of ministry I have witnessed first hand the destructive effects that alcohol has on families. Invariably, the first ones to suffer are the children. All children deserve a stable home and environment. Alcohol most always robs them of that chance. The #2 reason I am opposed to the selling of alcohol locally is the Lord will not allow you to spend your time drinking during the week and show up on Sunday pretending as if there is nothing wrong. Drinking severely hampers and can destroy your relationship with the Lord. (Isaiah 5:11,12 KJV) The future tax dollars that Haskell might receive from alcohol sales will never outweigh the headache that it brings. A clear increase of assaults, criminal activity and drunken driving that puts all our lives in peril will result. Surely our city leaders can come up with a better solution to generate tax revenue than this tired, alcohol saturated path to nowhere. No individual or town will ever be able to improve their standing by adding alcohol to the mix.

John Foster says

Why are we making this an issue of "tax revenue" rather than "convenience"? Those of legal age still have the right and ability to purchase alcohol. Making the purchase of alcohol more convenient for adults will at the same time make it more available and convenient for our kids. As someone who works with kids full time, I don't see that as a "wise financial choice" for our community. I understand in these tough economic times that revenue is important, but I am convinced that the "value" of our children far outweighs the financial gain in this situation.

Brian Burgess says

The most serious drug problem in America is not meth, marijuana, or cocaine. It's alcohol. Alcohol has been the main causal factor in more sickness, mental illness, broken homes, unwed pregnancies, and deaths than all other drugs put together. Because of its danger, the Bible warns: "Don't even look at alcohol. It will bite you like a snake, it will poison your life." (Proverbs 2:31-32 BRB paraphrase) You have heard "Out of sight, out of mind." For the sake of our children we should not allow alcohol to be displayed and sold in places that they frequent. Paul said we should do nothing that might make someone stumble; and Jesus said in Luke 17:2, "It would be better for a person to have a millstone hanged about his neck and be cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Voting against legalizing the sale of alcohol tells our children, "Alcohol is dangerous. It can rob you of ambition. It can destroy your health. It can take your life. Your lives are precious to our community! You are more valuable to us than any temporary tax dollars we might garner from such sales." Say NO to this local option because Alcohol Hurts People.

Jennifer Burgess says

I am voting "against" selling liquor in our stores because of personal experiences with people suffering due to alcohol; one, a young mother who came to us in tears because when her husband drinks, he physically abuses her and verbally abuses their two young children. Anywhere "millions" of dollars of alcohol are sold there will be "millions" of dollars more cost in law enforcement, medical expenses, and counseling for those who are hurt and abused, not to mention loss of life and property from drunk drivers--untold carnage of precious lives that cannot be restored by the dollar bill. The stories are legend of a dad with a drinking problem in difficult economic times going to the store to buy milk for the baby or food for his hungry family, only to return home drunk and penniless instead. I've heard folks rationalize, "People who are gonna drink are gonna drink." Not true. Keeping liquor out of our stores, children who can't drive will not be exposed, older citizens uncomfortable traveling out of town will be protected, and everyone who drinks will drink less due to the inconvenience. Why would we as a town want to be responsible for increasing that temptation knowing the wreckage that will follow? Alcohol in our town will change the entire complexion and the reputation of Haskell. I urge everyone to say "NO" to the local liquor sales option.

Dr. Wayne Cadenhead says

I would vote NO on local option to sell alcohol because: 1) any company that demands the compromise of my moral convictions in order to do business in Haskell does not deserve my business. 2) of years of personal eye-witnessed physical, medical, and interpersonal misery influenced by alcohol consumption. 3) of years of personal experience that alcohol is NOT necessary to a happy, contented, productive life.

Paint Creek announces homecoming activities

Activities for the Paint Creek Homecoming will kickoff at 10:00 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 6 with a Homecoming parade at the school.

Saturday's schedule of events will begin with registration in the new facility starting at 12:00 noon. The Homecoming Ceremony takes place at 1:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the Homecoming is Governor Rick Perry, who graduated from Paint Creek High

School. He is scheduled to speak at 2:00.

At 2:30, a business meeting will be held, followed by a pep rally at 3:15 p.m. Beginning at 4:00 p.m., a time has been set aside for class visitation.

A pre-game meal, beginning at 5:00 p.m. will be served and everyone is encouraged to stay and cheer for the Pirates as they take on the Rule Bobcats at 7:30 p.m.

Haskell School Menu

Oct. 26-30 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Smucker's PB&J
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Cereal, popart
Thursday: Biscuit, sausage, cheese
Friday: Cinnamon glazed french toast

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato with cheese and ham. High

School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.

Monday: Elem. and Jr. High, Chicken strips, gravy; High School, Buffalo tenders; All, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, peach cobbler
Tuesday: Lasagna, bread stick, Italian green beans, garden salad, applesauce
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, assorted chips, orange wedges
Thursday: Taco salad, pinto beans, queso, pears
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, cherry shape-ups

Paint Creek School Menu

Oct. 26-30 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Cereal or toast
Friday: Oatmeal, toast

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Burritos, rice, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, rolls, jello
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, salad, cobbler
Thursday: corn dogs, fries, pork-n-beans, brownies
Friday: Ham, corn, salad, fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., Oct. 26

Lunch—Beef lasagna, English peas, garden salad, garlic toast, bread pudding, tea or coffee

Wed., Oct. 28

Lunch—Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, pinto beans, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or

coffee

Fri., Oct. 30

Lunch—Tuna casserole, scalloped potatoes, onions, pickles, light bread, pears, peanut butter cookie, tea, or coffee

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

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NOTICE TEXAS PEANUT PRODUCERS BOARD AT LARGE

Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB) will conduct elections for the purpose of electing four new TPPB board members, three members from Voting Region One and one member At Large. There are a total of twelve TPPB voting board members. These elections, to be conducted in all 254 Texas counties, are being held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.032.

There is one seat open for election of an At Large TPPB board member. The At Large member may be from any of the 254 counties in Texas so long as they meet the requirements below.

A person is eligible to vote in the board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of the board election has been a producer of, or caused to be produced, peanuts for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, if the person would be required to pay the assessment. Any qualified producer may vote for an At Large nominee and the region in which you reside is not a factor.

Any eligible voter-producer as defined above may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TPPB. Nomination applications must be submitted to TPPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters.

Nomination forms for the At Large seat will be available in all 254 Texas counties or can be obtained by writing TPPB, 4205 N. I-27, Lubbock, Texas

79403. Please state your county of residence if you request a nomination form in writing. Nomination forms will be available November 23, 2009 and must be filed no later than December 23, 2009.

The election will be held by mail ballot. Ballots containing the nominations of all persons who have validly filed petitions under Section 41.025 of the above stated code will be available January 9, 2010. Ballots will be available at all peanut buying point locations, county and district agricultural agency offices, or by writing TPPB at the address stated above. For a ballot to be counted, such ballot must be postmarked no later than January 23, 2010. A voter must meet the definition set forth above as to a qualified voter. Voters may also vote for board members by "writing in" the name of any eligible persons.

Texas Peanut Producers Board is certified under Section 41.011 and Section 41.012 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law to conduct this election, and has obtained all approvals and determinations required by law from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Texas Department of Agriculture. 41-43c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the "Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas" at 6:45 p.m. on October 27, 2009 at the Rule ISD library, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas. 42-43c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Haskell CISD will hold a hearing in regards to Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) at the regularly scheduled board meeting, October 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. 42-43c

This Week's Devotional Message:



No time to pray

If you say you have no time to pray, you're not trying. The people who are too busy for daily prayer are the ones who need it the most. Praying and sharing the events of your daily life with God will strengthen your relationship with Him and relieve some of the stresses of your busy life.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

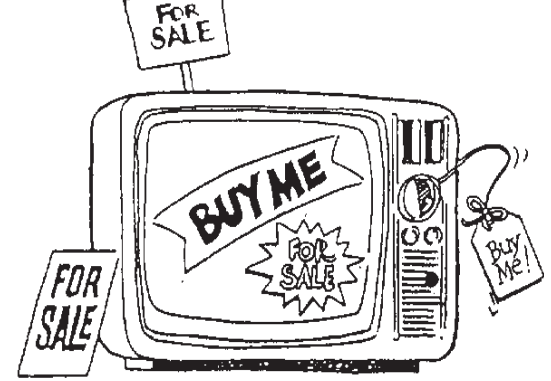
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- East Side Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
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.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

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

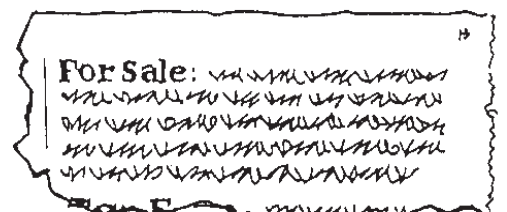
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Real Estate

FOR SALE: Brick, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. CH/A. Large rooms. Great location. Expandable to 3 bedrooms. Bill Jackson Realtors, 325-773-3358 or 325-669-8691. G.W. Clark, agent. 20tfc

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FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Separate living and den. Corner lot with water well. New central H/A. Call 864-8153. 43-44c

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Rike Real Estate LLC has been appointed by the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, as the receiver for the sale of two farms, surface estate only, in the northwest part of Haskell County, Texas. The farms are located in three (3) tracts. Tracts one and two are contiguous and comprise farm number one (479.2 acres) and tract 3 comprises farm number two (72.11 acres). Farm number one is some 7 miles northwest of Haskell and farm number two is some 6 miles northwest of Haskell. Depending on the bidding process, farm numbers one and two will be sold separately or they will be sold together. Each

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party to the transaction will pay the normal buyer-seller closing costs. The farms will be sold by a sealed bidding process that will commence Friday, October 9, 2009, and said process will terminate at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009, by which time all sealed bids must be in the possession of the receiver. Rike Real Estate LLC reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Information concerning the farms may be obtained by contacting Rike Real Estate LLC at 940-864-2411. Bids must be mailed or hand delivered to: Rike Real Estate LLC, 411 1/2 South First Street, P. O. Box 853, Haskell, Texas 79521. 42-44c

*Thank you for the prayers, service, music, food and your love in our loss of Clinton Langford Jr.
God bless,
Julie, The Langford Family*

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for all the expressions of love you shared with us during the illness and loss of Leon Jones. We could not have made it without all of your prayers and support the last three years. Each expression of love through prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, hugs and food, was so greatly appreciated and welcome. Leon loved the Community of Haskell and all the people he had contact with. Just remember his warm smile and hugs! Thanks again,
Delight Jones
Ed and Jill Harris and family
Cynthia Jones
Mynea and Cliff Short and family

The family of Ouida Hise wishes to express their gratitude to all of you who supported us with your thoughts and prayers during this time of our loss. We especially want to thank those who sent flowers or plants and those who called or sent cards, letters and emails, or those who just gave us kind words of sympathy. We also appreciate those who made the trip to Stephenville for the funeral.

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the prayers, loving thoughts and kind words by so many in the community during Nathan's recent illness and hospitalization for pneumonia at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Thank you for all the visits, phone calls, messages, inquires, cards and gifts during his long hospital stay and recovery at home. Your love and prayers helped bring us comfort and strength during this scary and uncertain time. Thank you for the thoughtfulness in providing home cooked meals during Nathan's first week out of the hospital. They allowed us to spend more time with both boys, which was much needed. And, thank you to our family for taking care of Spencer while we were away. It was a blessing to know that he was happy and being well taken care of. Thank you to our bosses, Lonnie Meredith (The Drug Store) and Casey Caldwell (Haskell County EMS) for allowing us the time to stay at Nathan's side the entire time and also to our coworkers who covered extra hours to help make that possible.
Nathan is back at school and getting stronger every day. It will take time for his lungs and body to heal. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his recovery. We are blessed to have encouragement and support from so many.
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Contract 0005-06-113 for SEAL COAT in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on November 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the District Office.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 30959
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.
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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6082-97-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on November 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$113,160.00.
Contract 6111-75-001 for CRACK SEALING in KENT County, etc. will be opened on November 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$216,039.00.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 31069
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



VET CENTER RV—West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care System held a town hall meeting Wed., Oct. 14 at the American Legion building in Haskell to provide information about new VA programs available to veterans using the Stamford VA Medical Clinic. Pictured next to the Vet's Center new RV providing services to the veterans of West Texas are, l-r, Dr. Brian Phemester, Chief of Ambulatory Care Services; Brian Moore, Asst. Chief of Health Administration Services; and Connie Plagens, Acting Chief of Community Relations.

Health Fair to be held Oct. 30

Everyone is invited to attend the fifth annual Haskell Community Health Fair Fri., Oct. 30 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital's Education Building, sponsored by the Haskell Health Net, a group of individuals concerned about the health and well being of our communities. This group is comprised of healthcare providers, professionals, private citizens, ministerial representatives and county officials planning on the future of the Haskell community. The purpose of the health fair is to provide the community at large with information about services available in our community regarding aspects of health care. Information and

materials will be provided for every age group.

The Health Fair will begin at 11 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. Vendors will provide education, brochures about services and free items.

Flu shots will be given by Haskell Memorial Hospital and the Texas Department of State Health Services. Someone from the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank will be available to help

with enrollment into the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPS) as well as Medicaid.

Watch for flyers in the local businesses for more details. If you have any questions, contact Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office at 940-864-2851 during office hours of 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Early voting continues through Oct. 30

by Caron Yates

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election has begun and will continue through Oct. 30. Registered voters interested in early voting must do so at the County Clerk's office located in the Haskell Co. Courthouse. Requests for mail-in ballots from the County Clerk's office must be received by Oct. 27.

There will actually be four elections held on Nov. 3. The first is for all registered voters in the county, and concerns the eleven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

To vote in the second and third elections, voters must live within the city limits of Haskell. On the ballot for voters consideration will be a Local Option Election to legalize the sell of beer and wine for off-premises consumption

only. Being held at the same time is an election called by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority to establish a Maintenance and Operations Tax.

The fourth election concerns only those voters living both in Haskell Co. and within the city limits of Stamford. Voters who fit into this category, should contact the County Clerk's office for specific information.

Due to the tremendous expense of maintaining voting at ten different polling places, the commissioners' court voted to combine all voting into four boxes.

All voting for the county will take place in Haskell. Citizens in Haskell will cast their ballots in their regular polling places. Box 1 will be at St. George Catholic Church and is the designated place for O'Brien and Rochester registered voters

to vote. Box 2, located at the Assembly of God Church, is where Weinert residents should cast their votes. Paint Creek residents will vote at the Extension office in Box 3, and the Experienced Citizens Center will hold Box 4. Registered voters from Rule and Sagerton will vote at this location.

Each person wishing to vote will be required to present a voter registration certificate that an election judge will check for the effective date, to determine if the voter is qualified to vote. If the voter does not have a valid registration certificate, they must present

identification. Acceptable forms of identification include a birth certificate, United States citizenship papers, a U.S. passport, official mail addressed to the person by name from a government agency, a copy of a current utility bill, a bank statement, government paycheck, or other government document showing the name and current address of the voter.

Voting, regardless of the issue on the ballot, is a privilege each Texan should take seriously. It is, after all, our voice, which will only be heard when we vote.

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