

## Football games

**HASKELL**  
**7th-8th Warrior vs Anson**  
 Thurs., Oct. 18, 5 p.m.  
 at Rochester  
**Indians vs Anson**  
 Fri., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
 at Anson  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**Pirates vs Sidney JV**  
 Thurs., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
 at Paint Creek  
**RULE**  
**JH Bobcats vs Spur**  
 Thurs., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m.  
 at Rule  
**JV Bobcats vs Moran V**  
 Thurs., Oct. 18, 7 p.m.  
 at Moran  
**Bobcats vs Spur**  
 Fri., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
 at Spur

## Calendar

### Light's On

The Haskell Elementary School After School Program will present a 'Light's On' celebration Thurs., Oct. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Indian Field. For more information call Jesse Medford at 864-8974.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Oct. 18 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

### Medical fund

The friends of Randy and Donna Waggoner have established an account at First National Bank in Haskell to help with medical expenses.

### Open house

The Rule Masonic Lodge #954 A.F.&A.M. will host an open house in observation of their 100 year Sat., Oct. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. Vernon Mahler of Elbert will be presented with a 50 year membership pin at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Revival

Haskell Church of God, 714 East Hwy. 380 will host Peter Lewis Whitebird in song and revival Thurs., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Cathy Ray at 864-3982.

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Oct. 19 at noon at the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend. Those interested in becoming a crisis volunteer or an advisory committee member for the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton should call Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551.

### Sausage supper

The Sons of Hermann Old Glory Lodge will host their annual sausage supper Sat., Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. A dance will follow from 8 to midnight with music by Kelly Spinks and Miles of Texas. For information call 325-773-2696 or 940-989-2773.

### Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

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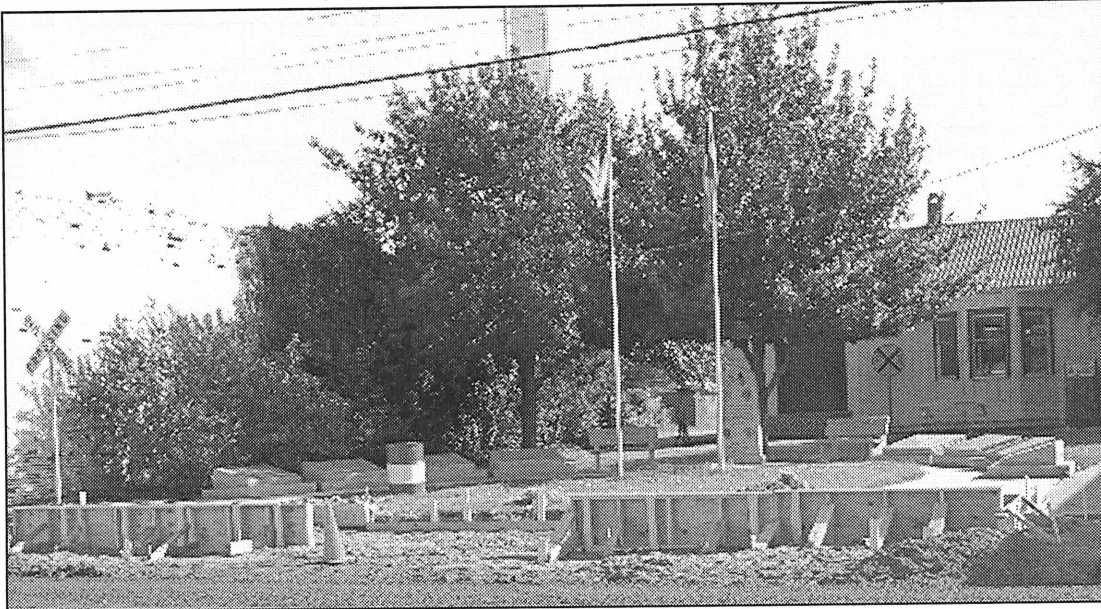
## Early voting begins Monday

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**SIDEWALK TO BE COMPLETED**—Work has begun on a new sidewalk, complete with handicap ramps, in front of the Rochester Veterans Memorial. The sidewalk will be complete before the Veterans Day ceremony on Mon., Nov. 12. Donations are being accepted to cover the cost

of the sidewalk. To contribute, contact Jane Short, Modelle Barton, Marguerite Gauntt or Linda Short or email short@valornet.com. Donations may also be made at First National Bank in Rochester, Munday, Haskell or Stamford.

## Lamp posts to add to look and feel of downtown Haskell

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is assisting in the installation of decorative lighting around the square and along the new east highway entrance towards the new re-route.

Funds for the project are being sought. A donation of \$400 will purchase a lamp post, globe, light fixture, bulb, paint, installation, wiring, hardware,

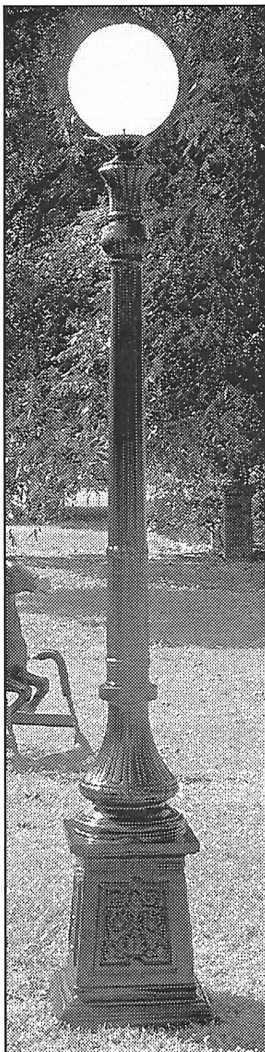
timer, maintenance and repair. The gold plaque that will be attached can advertise businesses, honor loved ones, memorialize someone or simply state the donor's name.

The lamps are made of cast aluminum and will be placed around the courthouse square and streets of Haskell to help improve the look and feel of downtown.

Four lamps will be installed on the north and west sides of the square, along with four per block on the highway towards the re-route.

Other lamps will be planned as funds become available for their purchase.

To sponsor a lamp post, call Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477; or Steve King at 940-232-3703.



DECORATIVE LAMP POST

## Early voting to begin

Early voting in the upcoming November amendment election will begin Mon., Oct. 22 and continue through Nov. 2 at the Haskell County Courthouse.

School rollback elections will be held in conjunction with the amendment elections. Early voting for the rollback elections for Haskell CISD, Paint Creek ISD and Rule ISD will begin Mon., Oct. 22 and continue through Nov. 2.

Haskell CISD voters will early vote at the Haskell CISD Administration Office, 605 N. Ave. E, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Paint Creek ISD voters will early vote at the Paint Creek ISD Administration Office, 4485 FM 2700, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Rule ISD voters will early vote at the Rule Superintendent's Office, 1100 Union in Rule, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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



**TOUCHDOWN**—Haskell Indian #3 Weston Rutkowski runs for a touchdown during the Stamford football game held last Friday at Indian Field. Rutkowski had nine rushes for 40 yards and this touchdown during the game. Indians defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 34 to 7.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Indians defeat Stamford

Haskell's ground attack took the form of a blitzkrieg during the fourth and final quarter and exploded for 20 unanswered points to give the Indians a 34 to 7 win over the Stamford Bulldogs. This district 5-2A game moved Haskell's record to 2 and 1 in district and 4 and 2 over all.

The intense game proved to be

just that until the big 'bang' of the fourth quarter Stamford would take an early lead on a 37 yard pass play and would also add the extra point. Running back Greg Guzman would score on a six yard run and Weston Rutkowski added the extra point to knot the score at half time 7 to 7. The Indian defense held Stamford to only six plays during the second quarter while the offensive unit did what Haskell can do the best—move the ball on the ground.

Stamford would get the football at the start of the second half only to go 3 and out. The Indians would then move the pigskin down to the 16 yard line, but were unable to get into the end zone. As the quarter was winding down, the game's most electrifying play occurred. With 2:06 showing on the clock, defensive back Rutkowski intercepted a Bulldog pass around the 43 yard line. As Rutkowski advanced the ball toward the north end zone and before he was tackled by the 'Dogs,' he lateraled to Jonathan Martinez who raced 30 yards to pay dirt to put the Indians up by a touchdown. Rutkowski then added the PAT point with a true straight kick. At quarter's end, the Indians lead by the score of 14 to 7.

The blitzkrieg of the fourth quarter began with running back Travis Adams scoring on an eight yard run. Rutkowski again was true to form and tacked on the PAT. This TD occurred on the Indians' first possession of the fourth quarter.

On the next possession of the pigskin, Haskell used four plays and moved 95 yards. Adams went up the middle for an 81 yard TD run to the south end zone. Rutkowski added the PAT.

On the third possession, the Indians moved 58 yards in three plays. QB Rutkowski added a 50 yard TD run to put the score at 34 to 7, in favor of the Indians. On the fourth and final possession of the quarter, Rutkowski took a knee to wind down the game. A sweet feeling to know about the outcome, Haskell 34 to Stamford 7.

Haskell had 49 rushes for 309 yards for the game. The Indians were 1 for 8 for 10 yards in the air. QB Rutkowski had 9 rushes for 40 yards and one TD. Guzman had 131 yards, one TD on 19 rushes. Adams had 17 carries for 129 yards and two TDs. Williams had one carry for -1 yard. Martinez had one TD and two rushes for 7 yards. Tyler Rodriguez had one carry for 3 yards.

The 7th grade Warriors defeated the 7th grade Bulldogs while the 8th grade Warriors lost a close game to Stamford. The JV Indians were defeated by Stamford. The 7th and 8th Warriors will play the Anson Tigers 7th and 8th. Games will be played in Rochester and start at 5 p.m. The JV will not have a game this week. The varsity Indians will travel to Anson to battle the Tigers on Friday night. Kick off time is 7:30 p.m.

## Traffic stop nets drugs

Another load of marijuana didn't make it to the intended destination, thanks to Chief Sheriff's Deputy Winston Stephens. Stephens stopped a semi-truck just north of Haskell for a traffic violation.

During the interview with the driver, Stephens became suspicious of some type of criminal activity. The deputy was given permission to search the vehicle where marijuana was located in the sleeper area of the truck. Deputy Jason Torres, City Officer Mathew Cunningham and Jack, DPS Trooper James Groves assisted Stephens with the search. continued on page 10

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## Friends of Faith to meet Nov. 3

The spiritual fall fellowship planned by the Friends of Faith for all women of the Big County will be held Sat., Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Guest speaker will be Tammy Aten, a member of the Aten Ministries who has been in evangelism since 1991. The family has been travelling as full-time Christian musicians, evangelist and conference leaders. They spend an average of forty weeks per year ministering, in the U.S. and internationally in Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, Wales, Romania, Russia, Venezuela, South Africa and the Philippines. They have a hunger for authentic worship and a passion for Godly marriages and family life. They have a background of music study from North Texas and Wayland Baptist University, and staff ministry in Texas and Oklahoma. They reach churches of many denominations through their concerts, crusades, marriage and family conferences, and mens' and womens' retreats.

Honored to be the speaker at the fall fellowship, Aten said she is continually in prayer about the time together during the fellowship. She believes that the topic will be along the lines of 'A Daughter First,' reiterating the relationship with the Father which is foremost above all other hats women wear. The focus of her ministry is to be an instrument and vessel of worship; not entertainment, and to encourage in spiritual and practical ways relevant to living in the 21st century.

Friends of Faith singers will be featuring guest musician and leader, Jana Overton Norville of Seymour. Norville is the daughter of Genelle Weeks and the late



TAMMY ATEN

Allen Overton. She learned to love music when she was a child in Sunday school here in Haskell. She is a graduate of Haskell High School. She is married to Dale Norville and they have one son. Norville has been dedicated to Christian music ministry since 1991.

Friends of Faith is an ecumenical group started in Haskell for women from all churches who enjoy sharing an informal time of Christian fellowship. The time together offers an added opportunity for fellowship, deeper understanding, and fulfillment in the common bonds of Christian faith.

All women are invited to come and enjoy this time of praise and prayer, listening to these insightful guest speakers and musicians and growing in their walk with God.

Casual attire is recommended. Lynna Cox will host a get acquainted time of fellowship. At mid-morning a fall brunch will be served. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the finger-food fare may bring a covered dish.

No admission is charged, but a love offering will be received to cover the group's expenses.

## Quilt & apron show set

The Committee to Help Haskell County is holding a Quilt and Apron Show, Sat., Nov. 3 at Paint Creek School from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The theme for the show is "Stitches in Time." Admission is \$1.00.

Those interested in entering quilts or aprons needs to contact Susan Cockerell by Oct. 19. Entries may be taken to her office on the second floor of the Haskell County Courthouse, the County Judge's Office.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Paint Creek Cafeteria. Tickets are \$6.00.

Quilting demonstrations will

be given by Amelia Perry at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Mary Cartwright of Munday will give demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

After viewing all the colorful, unique, creative antique and modern entries, everyone will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt.

Make plans now to attend this fun, informative day. All proceeds from the event will go to the Committee to Help Haskell County to be used for scholarships and sponsor other activities, which promote our county.

## Henry to celebrate 100th birthday

Mary Sue Henry, former Rule and Haskell County resident, will be honored with a 100th birthday celebration hosted by her family Sat., Oct. 20 in Amarillo.

Born Oct. 21, 1907, she is the daughter of W.D. and Alma Nance. She has one brother, Ruben Nance.

A 1925 graduate of Abilene High School, she attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville from 1926-27 where she earned her teaching certificate.

She served as one of two teachers in a one-room schoolhouse at the Post Oak School in Lueders from 1927-28. She transferred to Cook's Springs School in Haskell County, located five miles from Rule, and taught nine grades in one setting. In April 1928, she moved to Rochester where she taught one year.

While in Rochester, she met Robert Onice Henry and they married Mary 22, 1929. He died April 28, 1959.

### Veterans Day program set

Mon., Nov. 12 is the date for the annual Knox County Veterans Day program to be held at the Knox County Veterans Memorial, east of court house in Benjamin, starting at 11 a.m. with a hamburger meal being served at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center following the ceremony.

The Knox County Historical Commission wishes to recognize active service men and women as well as those who served in the past.

The KCHC needs help in listing these active service people with a Knox County connection. Their names will be read at the Nov. 12 program. Call KCHC about your friends or relatives in the service so a complete roll can be read.

Call 940-459-2229, Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Active" includes those in Reserve units and National Guard Units and service people stationed in the USA as well as those serving overseas.



MARY SUE HENRY

During the Great Depression, they moved to the Henry family farm near Rule. In 1930, she began teaching at a new school created when Haskell County chose to have common school districts. The New Cook school took students in the Corinth and Cook's Springs areas and placed them in one school. There she taught kindergarten through third grade for six years.

Taking time off from her career in 1936-59 to raise a family, she had a son Andrew who died in infancy, and a daughter, Nancy Ann.

She graduated from McMurry University in Abilene in 1962 with a bachelor of science in elementary education, one year after her daughter, Ann graduated from school. She resumed her teaching career in Rule in 1959 as a second grade teacher where she retired in 1973.

She was involved in activities at the First Methodist Church in Rule beginning in 1929, where she was active in the Women's Society of Christian Fellowship. She also volunteered for the Rule PTA.

In Amarillo since 1987, she lives close to her daughter Ann, and enjoys her grandson, Rob Zachry and great granddaughter, Addison Zachry. Her granddaughter, Lauri Zachry lives in Austin.

Letters and cards may be mailed to Henry at 4707 Bell #325, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Strong economy will allow state to give tax credit in 2008

AUSTIN —About 370,000 employers in Texas will receive an estimated \$170 million in surplus state tax credits next year, Gov. Rick Perry said.

A strong Texas economy pushed the state Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund to a \$376.7 million surplus, Perry announced Oct. 9.

For the second year in a row the trust fund's ceiling has been exceeded, enabling the state to return excess taxes back to employers, Perry said.

Eligible Texas employers filing quarterly unemployment tax reports will receive a tax credit beginning with their first quarter 2008 tax return.

To receive the credit, employers must meet eligibility requirements, including having payroll during 2007 and having paid all taxes due.

### Report details water pollution

Goals of the federal Clean Water Act of 1972 are to eliminate discharge of pollutants into waterways and make those waterways safe for swimming and fishing.

But in 2005, more than 53 percent of industrial and municipal facilities across the state discharged more pollution into waterways than their Clean Water Act permits allow.

That statistic comes from "Troubled Waters: An Analysis of Clean Water Compliance," a new report released Oct. 11 by Environment Texas, an Austin-based non-profit.

"As the Clean Water Act turns 35, polluters continue to foul our rivers, lakes and streams," said Brad Hicks of Environment Texas. "With so many facilities dumping so much pollution, no one should be surprised that more than half of Texas waterways are unsafe for swimming and fishing. But we should be outraged."

Environment Texas used the federal Freedom of Information Act to obtain data on facilities' compliance with the Clean Water Act between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2005. Environment Texas researchers found that:

- Texas had 318 facilities, more than any other state, report exceedances of their Clean Water Act permits. These facilities reported a total of 1,340 exceedances.

- Facilities in Texas often exceeded their Clean Water Act permits by extraordinary amounts. On average, facilities exceeding their permits did so by

143 percent, nearly 2.5 times the legal limit.

- Polluters in Texas reported 64 instances in which they exceeded their Clean Water Act permit by at least 500 percent over the legal limit.

"Over the last three and a half decades, this landmark environmental law has made significant improvements in water quality, but the original goals have yet to be met," according to Environment Texas.

### Investor group purchases TXU

Dallas-based TXU Corp. on Oct. 11 announced its merger agreement with Texas Energy Future Holdings Limited Partnership, a group of private investors who reportedly paid \$32 billion.

The power company is now doing business as Energy Future Holdings Corp. Shares of TXU common stock ceased trading at the close of the market Oct. 10 and will be delisted.

Plans are in place for retail residential customers to receive rate reductions.

Donald L. Evans of Midland, who served as U.S. secretary of commerce for four years under President George W. Bush, has been named non-executive chairman of EFHC.

### Complaint filed against judge

Twenty attorneys from different areas of Texas filed an official complaint with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, requesting that it investigate Sharon Keller, the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

At issue is the judge's decision not to keep courthouse doors open past 5 p.m. so that attorneys could file an emergency request to stay the Sept. 25 execution of Texas death row inmate Michael Richard.

### Coffer totals more than expected

On Aug. 31, the last day of fiscal year 2007, Texas had more money in its treasury than expected.

Comptroller Susan Combs reported the state had \$8.5 billion, \$1.5 billion more revenue than she had projected.

She attributed this to an increase of almost 11 percent for the year in state sales and use tax collections.

The \$1.5 billion may sound like a lot, but it represents only 1 percent of the state's \$152 billion budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.



U.S. CONCERN OVER BORDER SECURITY EXPANDS UP NORTH...

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

October 16, 1997

Floyd and Helen Stout of Weinert, had guests in their home over the weekend, their daughter's Nina Hall and Hellen Smith and husband Farrow of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Glendon and Charlene Hawkins of Irving visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters over the weekend.

Visiting Velma Jetton was her son, Doyle Keaton and wife Pauline of Lakewood, Colorado; her daughter, Nelda Jennette of Warner Robins, Georgia and Floyd Maxwell of Jupiter, Florida.

Jane Smith was named FCE Club Woman of the Year.

### 20 Years Ago

October 15, 1977

John R. Roberts visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. S.M. Roberts and son, John Vance.

Champion youth exhibitor at the Haskell County Fair was Tenille Mathis, daughter of Larry and Pam Mathis.

Ted and Faye Jetton spent the week in Denton and Dallas in the homes of their daughter and families Sandra and Don Stafford and Jackie and Earnine Frantz.

### 30 Years Ago

October 13, 1977

Brownie Joy McKeever sold the first 1978 Girl Scout Calendar to Haskell Elementary School Principal, Bill Jones.

Kim Campbell, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell, will serve as the Drum Major of Haskell High School Band.

Jill Druessedow will head up the Texas Press Women Inc. nominating committee.

Visiting in the Albert Roberts home over the weekend were Mrs. Robert's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Spinks of Winslow, Arizona.

### 40 Years Ago

October 12, 1967

Pam Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves, was chosen editor of the 1986 Chieftain.

Holly Jeane and Eric Lee Bauerels of Dallas, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Spenny.

Visitors in the T.W. Jetton home over the weekend were Master Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald Jennette, Pattie, Lisa and Camille.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Matthews were Mrs. Matthew's mother and sister, Mrs. Lee Turnbow and Lola Earley of Gustine.

Pvt. Sammy Baker spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker.

Former Judge Jim Alvis visited in Haskell on business.

### 50 Years Ago

October 17, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Lyles and Ozella Frierson spent the weekend in Floyd, New Mexico visiting

friends.

Myrl Orr spent the weekend in Dallas visiting in the home of her sister, Dixie Dejana and family.

Mrs. S.B. Winningham of Post, spent the weekend with her father, A.C. Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mullins and Robbie were in Dallas for the State Fair and the Texas-Oklahoma football Cotton Bowl.

Mrs. Jesse Collier spent several days in El Paso visiting relatives and friends.

Kenneth L. Miller, son of Mrs. Laura V. Miller, and his friend Terry Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee of Thomasville, North Carolina visited in Haskell with Kenneth's mom.

### 100 Years Ago

October 19, 1907

N.L. Newsom of Munday was in Haskell. He is one of the oldest settlers in this section.

J.J. Guest has purchased the old court house building and is putting in a lumber yard.

It seems to be raining lumber yards in Haskell. I.G. Dean of Gilmer has moved here and is putting in a yard just west of the Haskell National Bank. This makes the sixth lumber yard.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Smith of Temple, visited their son Mayor A.J. Smith and family.

Dr. W.W. Sands, a dentist of experience, has come to Haskell to locate. He will open his office in the McConnell Building.

## Haskell CISD gives mission statement

The Haskell CISD school board has formally adopted the mission statement and goals for the 2007-08 school year.

These goals were assembled with the assistance of several Haskell CISD employees. Included in the process were representatives from each department in the district.

Teachers from each campus, elementary, junior high and high school were also involved. In all, more than twenty school personnel were in attendance to assist the board.

The group underwent a vigorous process where school

district needs were assessed and discussed. The needs were then worded to become either part of the mission statement, the driving vision for the district, or a part of one of the specific goals.

"These goals reflect the needs assessment of the district and our plan to address each of these needs," said Donnie Rieger, board president.

The mission of Haskell CISD is to create a safe, nurturing community, empowering all students to reach their full potential and become responsible, productive citizens by providing opportunities for

their success.

Haskell CISD's goals include:

- Providing a safe, friendly environment.
- Building strong relationships with students, parents and the community.
- Having effective communication between students, parents, community and district staff.
- Having curriculum that encourages students to develop academic and career skills; and,
- Having teamed with the community, parents and all areas of the professional staff to produce exemplary results on state assessment instruments.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,  
Tues., Nov. 6 is the Paint Creek ISD tax approval election. In this election, the Paint Creek school board is asking registered voters to set the 2007 tax rate at \$1.17. This amount is down from last year's \$1.37. The proposed tax rate will "maximize" state funding to Paint Creek ISD and allow the school board to continue making needed improvements to the school.

As Superintendent, I have appreciated the interest shown concerning this tax issue by voters and citizens in the district and across the county. A meeting is scheduled to present facts of the election on Mon., Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Paint Creek school cafeteria. My goal and hope is for

people to come, listen and ask questions. Having heard the facts voters can then form an opinion and vote.

Key points to keep in mind:  
•Taxes are going down in all local districts in 2007, including Paint Creek, regardless of the outcome of the election.

•The over sixty-five homestead exemption will not be affected. In fact, one may choose to "refreeze" at the lower tax rate, thereby saving some money.

•Approval of the \$1.17 tax rate will bring in over \$50,000 state funds from Austin.

•By not maximizing our tax effort of \$1.17, Paint Creek ISD will NOT be eligible to receive the additional state funds from Austin.

•The approval of the \$1.17 tax rate is good for all local school districts. That is why over 100 school districts statewide, including Haskell, Stamford, Rule, Knox City, Benjamin and Lueders-Avoca, as well as Paint Creek are holding identical elections.

•If the \$1.17 tax rate is approved, Paint Creek ISD will be able to make additional improvements to technology equipment and software, student transportation and other facility needs.

Tues., Nov. 6 is Election Day. I encourage every eligible voter to go to their designated voting place and vote.

Don Ballard, Superintendent  
Paint Creek ISD

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton prices fell the day before USDA released its October supply/demand reports with most analysts expecting an increase in the department's estimate for the U.S. crop. However, the increase was larger than most predictions.

USDA raised the production estimate by 340,000 bales from the September report to 18.1 million bales. Although beginning stocks were lowered and domestic consumption remained stable, the larger crop was enough to raise projected ending stocks by 200,000 to 6.4 million bales. As expected, the Texas crop was projected at 7.5 million bales compared to 5.8 million last year.

USDA's world numbers also were bearish. World production was raised more than three million bales, and ending stocks increased almost 3.5 million. Market observers were interested in the department's estimates for China. USDA raised its estimate of the country's beginning stocks by almost four million bales and production by three million. Chinese consumption of cotton was increased only 1.5 million bales.

Meanwhile, export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Oct. 4 totaled 151,400 bales, up 50 percent from the previous week. Turkey and Indonesia were featured buyers. Shipments totaled 266,500 bales, up slightly from the previous week. China, Turkey and Mexico were the primary destinations.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 2,763 bales in the week ended Oct. 11 compared to only one bale the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 52.71 to 57.71 cents per pound.

In other news, 48 percent of the U.S. crop had open bolls as of the week ending Sept. 29, four percentage points behind the same time last year but ahead of the five-year average. In September, weather conditions allowed the acreage in Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee to progress well ahead of the average pace while weather conditions delayed harvesting in the lower Delta, Georgia and Texas.

In Texas, hot weather and timely rains helped advance crop development. Objective yield measurements in the state of Texas show bolls per acre and boll weight to be the highest in the last 10 years, and producers reported plants were full with minimal boll shed. After a late start due to excessive rains during the summer, harvest in South Texas was in full swing by the middle of September. However, the harvest already is approximately two to three weeks behind normal pace in the Texas Upper Coastal Bend area, and precipitation this week will further delay picking. On the High Plains, defoliation of early planted fields began during the later part of September with only a few fields harvested by the end of the month.

Oklahoma received beneficial rains during the first part of September, and 78 percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition at month's end. Only limited defoliation had begun at the end of the month.

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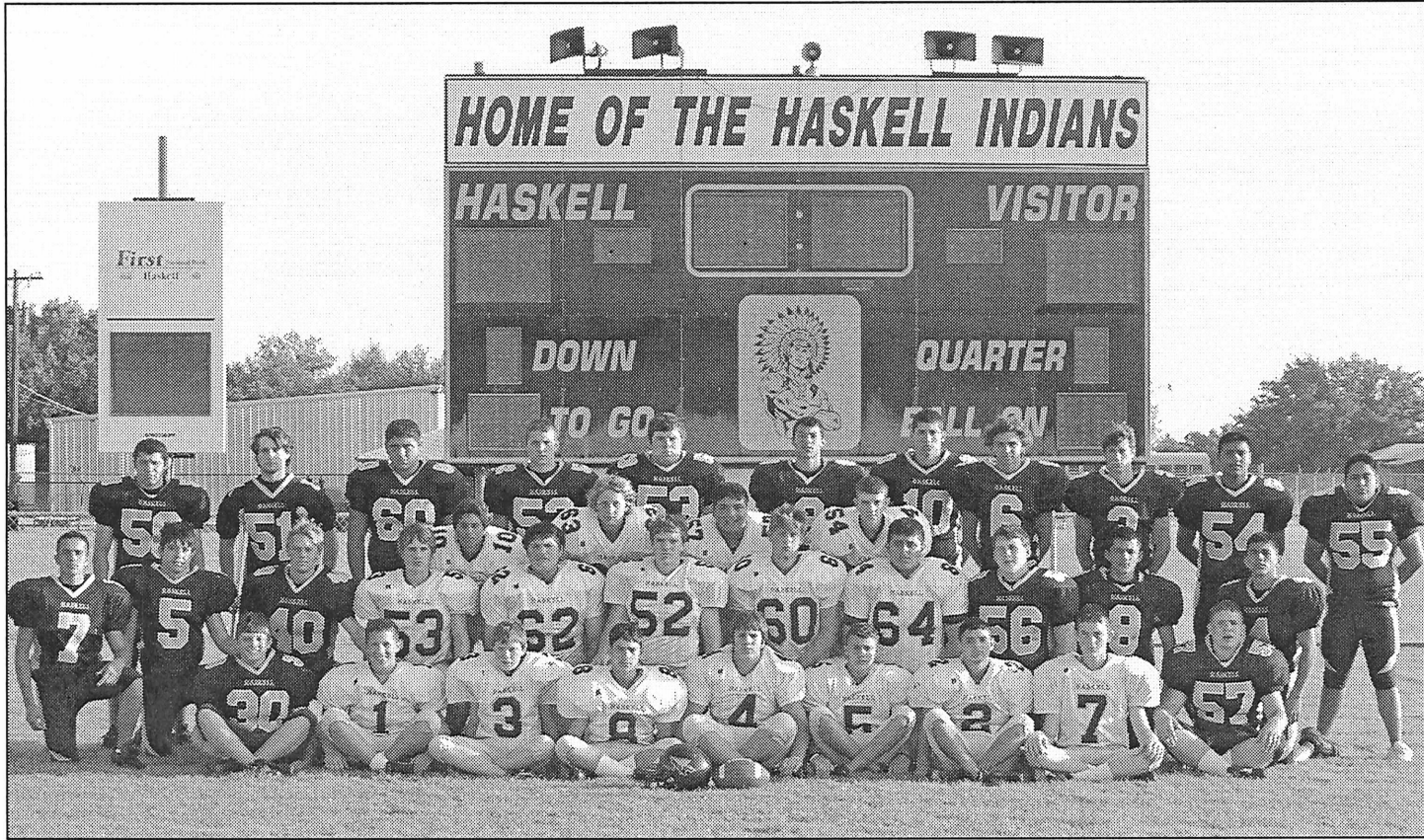
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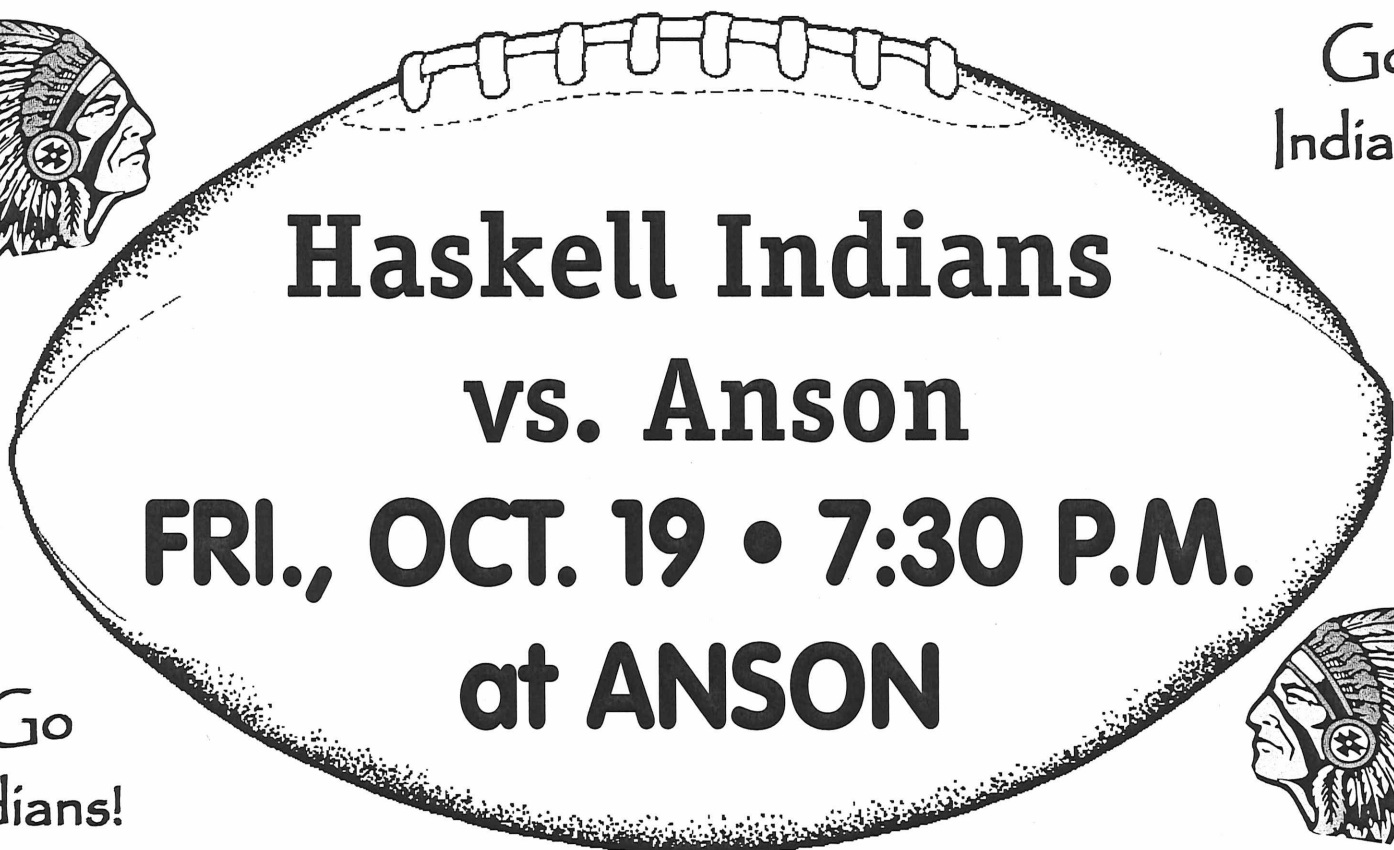
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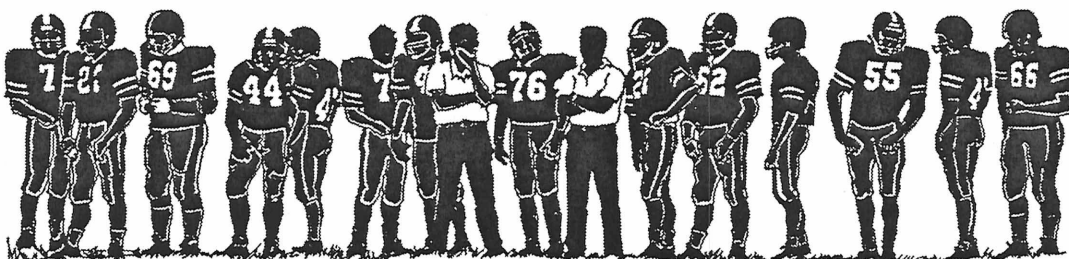
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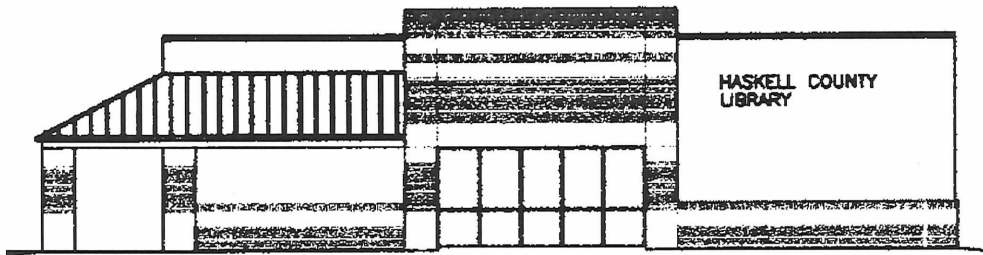
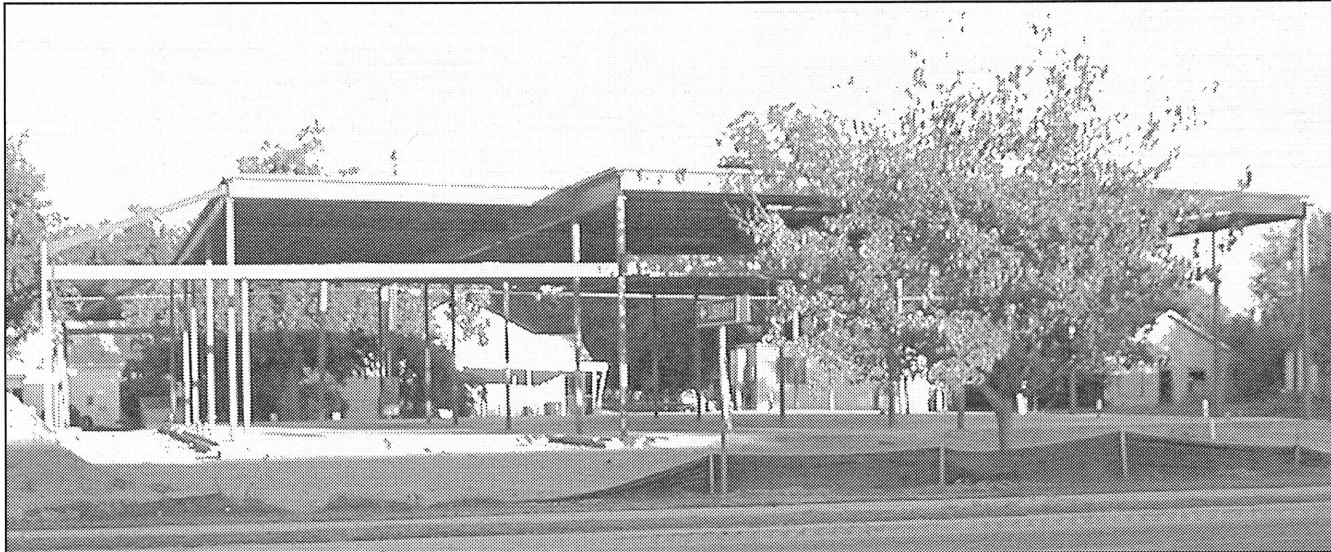




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#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 0033-01-037 for SEAL COAT in STONEWALL County, etc. will be opened on November 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the State 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.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 24992

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 6171-98-001 for HOT POUR CRACK SEAL in SHACKELFORD County, etc. will be opened on November 13, 2007 at 11:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$166,749.48.  
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.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 24893  
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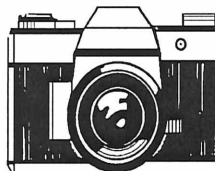


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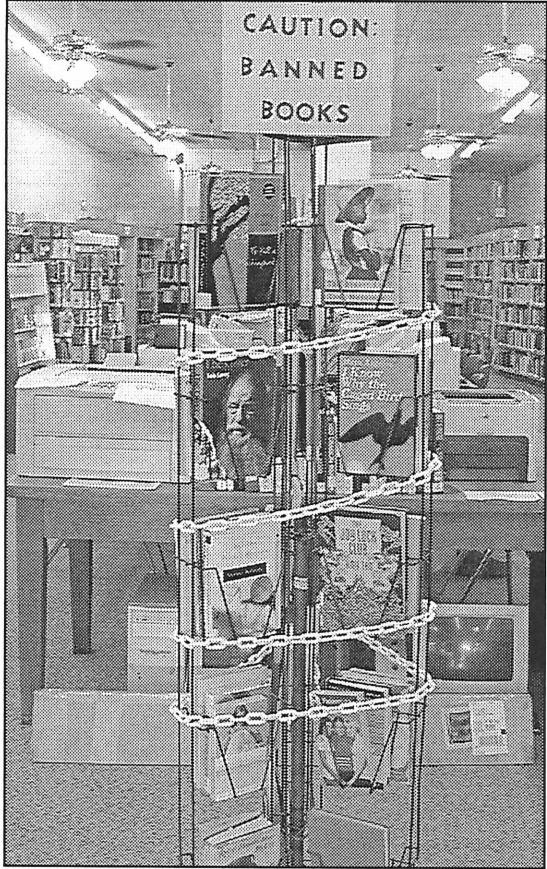
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**BANNED BOOKS**—The Haskell County Library celebrates 'Banned Book' month by chaining the books to the rack to demonstrate how First Amendment Rights can be taken away. Some feel that ideas that are contrary to theirs should not be read by the public. This is the first step that Hitler took in order to control the people. Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book, as long as any document does not offend our OWN ideas of decency. That should be the only censorship." A list of banned and challenged books is available at your library. Come and celebrate your First Amendment Right and read a banned book.

## Drugs stopped

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After a more complete search of the truck, about 150 pounds of more marijuana was found.

The driver was arrested and transported to the Haskell County Jail where he was booked for possession of marijuana. The truck was impounded at the Haskell County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff David Halliburton said that with this traffic stop where drugs were found, the marijuana will not make it to the streets and find its way back into Haskell County. The officers that work traffic not only watch for speeders, but for other criminal activity that might be passing through Haskell County. They are also on the look out for criminals that are wanted in other counties and states.

The efforts of all local officers in finding small amounts of drugs

in traffic stops, individuals with outstanding warrants for various offenses, large amounts of drugs and drug money, prevent illegal activities from moving freely through Haskell County and eventually the ruining of more lives.

With the help of all citizens and the work of all officers in the county, the movement of drugs can be slowed down and prevented from remaining in Haskell County. A Crime Stoppers program that is being implemented will help everyone in the county, said Sheriff Halliburton.

## Rule defeats Throckmorton

The Rule Bobcats defeated Throckmorton 56 to 8 in a game called at halftime.

The Bobcats picked up the



**LOOKING FOR YARDAGE**—Haskell Indian #5 Greg Guzman scrambles for yardage against the Bulldogs last Friday night. Guzman had 131 yards rushing and one touchdown during the game. The Indians were victorious with a 34-7 score. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Light's On program set tonight in Haskell

The Haskell Elementary After School Program invites everyone to the "Light's On" celebration Thurs., Oct. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Haskell Indian football stadium.

Indian High School twirlers.

For more information about the after school program, contact Jesse Medford at 864-8974.

"Light's On" is a national event that recognizes the importance of quality after school programs. The goals at Haskell Elementary are to keep kids safe, assist working parents and to inspire learning. The after school site coordinator is Jesse Medford.

Special events will include a helicopter landing; welcome speeches from city, county and school officials; and the Haskell

## In the Service

Army Reserve Pvt. Ronald J. Cooper has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Cooper is the son of John and Terri Cooper of Rule.

seventh straight win of the year. Rule had 203 rushing yards and 132 passing yards for eight touchdowns and 335 total yards.

## Shop Haskell first

A public meeting to discuss facts concerning the **Nov. 6 School Election** will be held **Mon., Oct. 22** at 7 p.m. at Paint Creek School Cafeteria

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$ 550,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$70.85*	\$72.42*	\$1.57	2.22%	8.27%
Commercial	\$296.15*	\$305.36*	\$9.21	3.11%	22.72%
Industrial	\$2,975*	\$3,143*	\$167.89	5.64%	38.95%
Transportation	519.88	\$687.77	\$167.89	32.29%	38.95%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

\*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.  
\*\*The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

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