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Calendar

Sunday in the Park

The tenth annual Sunday in the Park, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and the City of Haskell, is set Aug. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. Those who wish to have a booth should call the Chamber office 864-2477 or City Hall 864-2333 before Aug. 19 to register. Booth locations are on a first-come first-served basis.

Lodge meeting

The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., Aug. 2 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The hall opens at 2 p.m. The meal will be sandwiches. Plans to have an auction will be discussed.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex Thurs., Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Aug. 3 at First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Johnny Medford. He will present his poetry about early day immigrants and pioneers. The public is invited.

HHS registration

Registration for Haskell Secondary students will be Tues., Aug. 4 in the HHS auditorium. Seniors will register at 8 a.m., Juniors at 9 a.m., Sophomores at 10 a.m., Freshmen at 11 a.m., eighth graders at 1 p.m. and seventh graders at 2 p.m.

Marine Band

The U. S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment will perform at Shotwell Stadium Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard. The event is free.

Enchilada dinner

The CYO of St. George Catholic Church will hold an enchilada dinner Fri., July 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner will be served at the church hall or take-outs are available. Call 864-3171 to place an order.

Bible school

St. George Catholic Church, 916 N. 16th St., will hold a Vacation Bible School Aug. 3-7 from 1 to 4 p.m. for children in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade. Transportation is available by calling John Smith 864-3171, Jim King 864-6159, or in Weinert Andrea Estrada 673-8294. An open house program will be held Fri., Aug. 7 for parents at 7 p.m. in the church hall.

New Hope homecoming

New Home Homecoming is set Sun., Aug. 2 at the Bunkhouse in Stamford at the Rodeo grounds from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those attending should bring a picnic or potluck dinner to share and old pictures, mementoes or stories. Officers will be elected, the cemetery will be discussed and a memorial service will be held.

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DEMOLITION—Making room for the new expansion of Burkett's Family Restaurant, outbuildings and a house were demolished last week on two lots north of the business on Hwy. 277.

Demolition makes way for expansion of Burkett's

Two and a half years after it opened on Hwy. 277 in Haskell, Burkett's Family Restaurant is making an extensive expansion to its facility and services.

Owners Bob and Sherry Burkett are planning their first expansion to better accommodate the flow of business which has developed for them. With the assistance of the Haskell Economic Development Corporation making it possible, they plan the addition of a new 20 feet by 54 feet building and an adequate parking lot. This will be the first existing local business to be assisted by the EDC. Bob Burkett said one of EDC's reasons to assist with the project was the creating of five new full-time jobs. The EDC has acquired the land, and will clear the lot, renting it back to the Burketts for \$200.00 per month. For the next five years, at the end of each quarter, after

reviewing the business, EDC will refund to Burkett \$40.00 per month for each of the five employees still being maintained in the operation, thus honoring the original agreement.

Burkett said the new expansion will include new air conditioning for the entire restaurant, more space between tables for customer comfort and a relaxed atmosphere. The food bar will be expanded to two separate stations, including a salad bar, with service from both sides.

In addition to the present ten employees, which includes both the Burketts, and their son, Shane, three cooks, three waitresses and one dishwasher, the new expansion will also employ two food bar attendants, one more dishwasher/busboy and two more waitresses.

Speaking of the need for extra facilities, Burkett said the restaurant

now serves many traveling sports teams going to and from events, and generates a lot of repeated out-of-town trade as a meeting spot for groups and families. Haskell Kiwanis meets there on Tues. mornings, and the Rotary club meets at noon on Thurs. The Burketts also cater many events, large and small, both on premises or full-service take-out to other premises.

Clearing of the lot is expected to take about two weeks. Completion of the project will take about 60 days after construction begins. No interruption to business will be caused by the construction. Burkett said. It will be business as usual for the restaurant. Doors connecting to the new addition will be made only when it is completed.

The Burketts said their same ideal of good, clean food and service will be continued in the facility.

VRJC schedules Haskell Center fall semester courses

Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC) has scheduled several courses at the Haskell Center during the fall semester. All courses will begin the week of

Aug. 24 and will meet at Haskell High School. Registration for the courses will be held on Aug. 19, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., at Haskell High School.

Transfer courses offered in Haskell include Introduction to business (BUSI 1301) and Composition and Literature (ENGL 1302). High school seniors will also have the opportunity to enroll in a dual credit course, Composition and Grammar (ENGL 1301).

Technical offerings include Crime in America (CRIJ 1307) and Microcomputers for Business (MCOT 1401). Internet courses in drafting and electronic publishing are also on the schedule.

Students interested in enrolling in the transfer courses must meet the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) requirements. TASP tests will be administered on

Aug. 10, 15, 19 and 27 on the Vernon campus. Students need to pre-register for the TASP test with the VRJC counseling office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2250.

In order to register, students need to submit Applications for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records, Vernon Regional Junior College, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, TX 76384, as early as possible so that registration materials may be prepared and thereby reduce the time it takes to register at Haskell. Applications for Admission may be secured from Christy Gannaway, VRJC's Haskell Learning Center Coordinator, or from the VRJC Records and Admissions Office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2205. Applications are also available on the Internet at <http://www.vrjc.cc.tx.us/appinst.htm>.

Hunter safety courses set

Two hunter safety courses will be offered this year.

The first course will be at the Anson Ag building on Sat. and Sun., Aug. 1 and 2. Hours on Sat. are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sun. Call Chuck Vest at 915-823-3711 if interested.

The second class will be offered at Rotan Aug. 8 and 9. Call Jerry Hearne at 915-776-2412 for more information.

Paint Creek students to register Aug. 6

Registration for the Paint Creek '98-'99 school year will be on Thursday, August 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the school cafeteria. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 13.

New Elementary students to register

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district on Mon., Aug. 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the elementary library (located on the west side of the campus on South Avenue H). This registration

is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

PUC to meet with Haskell phone customers Aug. 6

A telephone bill can be difficult to understand. Which fees are legitimate? Who gives my phone company the authority to bill me for certain charges? What can I do to remove mysterious, unauthorized charges from my bill? What if my long distance company suddenly changes without my consent? And, most importantly, if I have a problem with my phone bill, who can I call?

Understanding that these questions are frustrating for customers and often go unanswered, Public Utility Commissioner Judy Walsh will visit with West Texas telephone customers during a trip to the area on Aug. 5-6.

Customers are encouraged to bring questions about their telephone bills to one of the following public question and answer sessions:

•Wed., Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rose Park Senior Center, 2601 S. 7th Street, Abilene

•Thurs., Aug. 6, 10:00 a.m., Haskell National Bank Community Building, 601 S. First Street, Haskell.

"If we at the PUC can help customers better understand their phone bills, thereby reducing the likelihood of fraud, we'll travel as far and as often as we need to," Walsh said. "Our mission is to educate and protect customers and it's hard to do that without getting out of our offices and learning from the public."

The PUC has helped Texas customers recover nearly \$108,000 in refunds from telecommunications companies since Sept. 1. These refunds came to customers who were slammed or

crammed. Slamming—the unauthorized change of your long distance provider—and cramming—unauthorized charges added to your telephone bill—are the leading customer complaints to the PUC, with 9,500 slamming complaints and 3,100 cramming complaints since September.

For questions or complaints, customers can call the Public Utility Commission at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477) or write to the Office of Customer Protection at the PUC, Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Customers can also reach the PUC through Internet e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us.

In Texas' changing regulatory environment, the PUC facilitates competition and customer choice while regulating electric and telephone utilities to ensure that rates, operations and services are just and reasonable for customers.

City accepts property bid

At the regular 7:00 a.m. meeting of the Haskell City Council, held July 27, the council opened and rejected all of the bids they have received for the proposed projects of seal coating, paving and the park walking path.

Johnie Billington's bid of \$475.00 for property located at North 6th and Ave D. East was accepted.

No further business was discussed.

Haskell Elementary students to register

Registration for all Haskell Elementary students will be Fri., Aug. 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted in the following locations on Thurs., Aug. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Early Childhood and Prekindergarten - North doors of

the new building.

Kindergarten, First and Second Grades - Homeroom doors.

Third Grade - North doors of the main building.

Fourth Grade - East doors of the main building.

Fifth Grade - South doors of the main building.

Sixth Grade - South doors of the new building.

School begins Tues., Aug. 18.

Mindy Howard elected Calf Club president

Mindy Howard of Haskell was elected president of the Texas Club Calf Association during the Belt Buckle Bonanza Steer Show held in



MINDY HOWARD

Austin July 1-5. For the past four years she has been a junior director.

Howard has shown cattle for the last nine years; in 1993 and 1996 she showed the Grand Champion Polled Hereford Steer at the Texas State Fair. Every year since she started showing, Mindy has been in the top ten Polled Hereford steer points for Texas.

In the future Mindy hopes to raise show steers from a small herd of Polled Hereford cattle that she keeps.

This fall Mindy will be a senior at Haskell High School. After high school she plans to attend Tarleton State University or Texas A&M and work towards a degree in animal science.

Mindy's parents are Bobby and Kim Howard of Haskell. Grandparents are W. R. and Joyce Hager of Weinert and Bob and Melba Howard of Haskell.

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FELLING TREES—Expansion of Burkett's Family Restaurant got underway last week as trees and brush were cleared from two lots to accommodate the addition and create more parking space.

Haskell Horse Club playnight results

Results of the Haskell Horse Club held Sat., July 25 are as follows:

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| Barrels | Rutkowski | 13-15: 1. Morgan Cox |
| 8 and under Novice: 1. Kristina Bitner 2. Cannon Edwards 3. Kelsie Adams | 13-15: 1. Morgan Cox
16-19: 1. Ryan Branch | 16-19: 1. Ryan Branch |
| 8 and under: 1. Misty Hise 2. Ashton Rutkowski 3. Weston Rutkowski | Flags | Poles |
| 9-12: 1. Lacy Hollabaugh 2. Cassie Lamb 3. Brittany | 8 and under Novice: 1. Brandon Bitner 2. Kristina Bitner 3. Kelsie Adams | 8 and under Novice: 1. Kristina Bitner |
| | 8 and under: 1. Weston Rutkowski 2. Misty Hise 3. Ashton Rutkowski | 8 and under: 1. Misty Hise 2. Weston Rutkowski 3. Paige Adams |
| | 9-12: 1. Chad Hays 2. Chris Hise 3. Cassie Lamb | 9-12: 1. Lacy Hollabaugh 2. Chris Hise 3. Brittany Rutkowski |
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Obituaries

Pauline Terry

Funeral services for Pauline Terry, 78, of Haskell were held Wed., July 29 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Slayton and Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Terry died Sun., July 26 at a local hospital. Born Sept. 19, 1919 in Upshire County, she had been a resident of Haskell for 17 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Survivors include five sisters, Lena Mae Patterson of Soul's Chapel, Winnie Faye Cox of Tyler, Louise Cerliano of Longview, Nathelee Caddell of Haskell and Laura Bell Thompson of Loveland, Colo.; one brother, Billy Joe Swinney of Haskell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Joseph Swinney, Frank Slayton, Clois Thomas, Bobby Medford, Bobby Tidwell and Larry Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Cong. Stenholm fighting for emergency drought relief

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is developing comprehensive response to the urgent needs of Texas agriculture and rural communities resulting from the ongoing drought and is pressing that plan with Congressional and Administrative officials.

"This drought is creating tremendous hardship in rural communities throughout Texas," Stenholm said. "I am pushing Congress to move quickly to provide assistance to the farmers, ranchers, small businesses and others who are being adversely affected by this drought."

"I am currently working with Republicans, Democrats and affected parties to develop a

comprehensive package to deal with the drought. The tight budget situation will determine the amount of assistance that we will be able to provide; however, the magnitude of the problem is beginning to convince even my colleagues from the nation's urban areas of just how serious this emergency is," added Stenholm.

Among the proposals Stenholm is considering are the following:

- Pay crop insurance premiums for producers who will receive an indemnity payment and a proportional payment for producers with catastrophic coverage or those who would be eligible under the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP);
- Provide funding to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (DRAP), which reimburses producers who must purchase feed with up to 30 percent of that cost;

- Allow producers to advance or defer Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA), also known as "Freedom to Farm" payments;
- Provide rural communities with needed additional funding to meet emergency needs, such as drought-related water shortages, health emergencies and business-related economic stress; and
- Allow unused export funds to be used to purchase domestic commodities in oversupply for domestic feeding programs and humanitarian assistance overseas.

"I told the President how seriously the ongoing disaster was affecting Texas and in response he urged the Congress to 'take emergency action to address specific stresses now afflicting sectors of the farm economy,'" noted Stenholm. "This crisis highlights the fact that more needs to be done to provide adequate risk protection under the Freedom to Farm Act."

Rural road safety urged

Although Texas backroads often have the most beautiful landscapes, taking the "scenic route" may not be the safest way to travel.

Rural road safety is a concern for Texas drivers. Though rural residents account for only 20 percent of the state's population, traffic crashes in rural areas account for 60 percent of the state's fatalities. In a recent study of safety restraint usage in 26 rural Texas communities, it was discovered that 50.2 percent of drivers and passengers do not wear their safety belts.

Janie Harris, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service passenger safety specialist said, "I think this is because people do not perceive the risk to be as great if they're not on a major freeway or

in a lot of congested traffic."

Thirty-four percent of the vehicles observed were pickups. Fifty-eight percent of the drivers and passengers in the pickups, were not wearing safety belts. This figure is significantly higher than the rate for passenger vehicles.

"Many people will wear their shoulder belt under their arm, and that could be very deadly if they are in a crash, because the strap can crush their ribs and their vital organs," Harris said.

The death rate on Texas highways for 1996 was the highest since 1990.

"It might make us stop and consider if speed is an indicator or a factor in this increase," Harris added.

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Swimmers should be cautious during hot weather

With the temperature rising and few signs of rain coming, more and more people look to cool off at outdoor water sports. But, as the heat goes up and water levels in rivers, lake, ponds and streams go down, the potential for health problems grows.

The Texas Department of Health is urging swimmers to be cautious when swimming in such waters. During drought and high temperature conditions, concentrations of the amoebas increase, feeding on the bacteria in the warm water. These can cause such mild problems as ear infections, swimmers itch or intestinal diseases, and the very dangerous rare problems such as primary amoebic meningoencephalitis.

Swimming pools properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine generally are safe as is salt water.

The Texas Department of Health offers these recommendations to avoid infection:

*Never swim in stagnant or polluted water. Take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

*Hold your nose or use plugs when jumping into water.

*Swim in properly maintained pools when possible.

*Keep wading pools clean and change water daily.

*Wash open skin cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

*Avoid swallowing water when swimming.

*Use ear plugs, swim goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections.

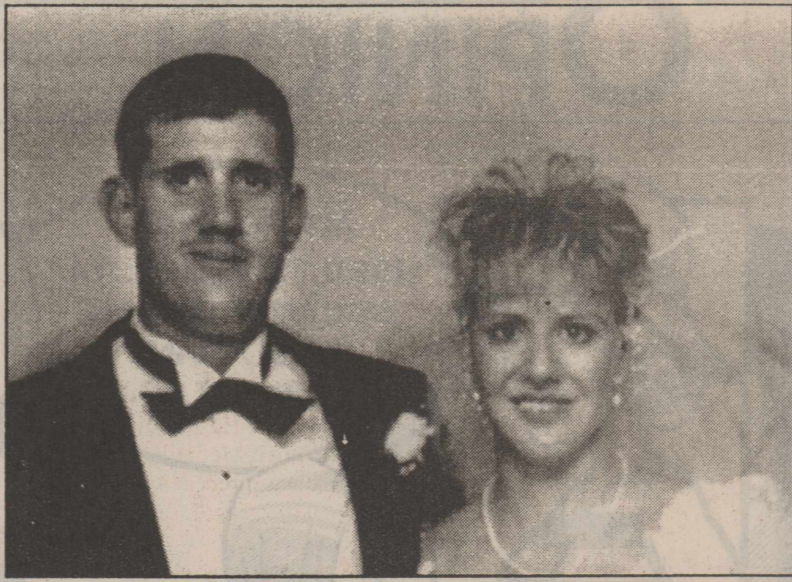
To help keep potential sources of infection out of recreational water, the THD recommends:

*Shower before swimming.

*Take young children to the restroom frequently.

*Children who are not toilet trained should wear a swimsuit or rubber pants over diapers designed to prevent leaks. Check diapers frequently.

Even more common dangers associated with lakes or rivers include injuries from diving into waters that hide rocks and debris or into waters that are too shallow, using alcohol or drugs and leaving children unattended.



MR. AND MRS. RANDY DEE BRADFORD

McGee, Bradford repeat vows

Mindy Leigh McGee of San Angelo and Randy Dee Bradford of Lampasas were united in marriage Sat., June 27 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. David Page, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Ben and Sue McGee of Haskell. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradford of Lampasas.

Pianist was Teresa New. Soloists were Philip Martin and Teresa New.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Mary Lee white short sleeved gown with a fully beaded bodice that featured a sweet-heart neckline. The basque waistline held a royal train with beaded and sequined cut-outs. She carried a bouquet of fresh white roses, white stock, white freesia enhanced with trailing English ivy, misty blue lace and strands of white pearls.

Serving her sister as maid of honor was Lori McGee. Bridesmaid was Jennifer Robles of San Angelo. They wore evening elegance gowns of

royal purple brocaded satin. Their bouquets were of fresh white roses, misty blue lace and greenery hand tied with purple tulle bows.

Flower girls was Laura Williams, cousin of the bride, of Big Spring. Dallas Robles of San Angelo was ringbearer.

Ralph Bradford served his son as best man. Groomsman was Billy Flannigan of Lampasas, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were John Holbert of San Angelo and Dan Daniels of Corpus Christi.

A reception followed at the church.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom at Burkett's Restaurant in Haskell.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and holds a B.A. degree from Angelo State University.

The groom is a graduate of Lampasas High School and is employed by Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

The couple will reside in San Angelo.

Six 4-H'ers compete with record books

by Greg Kaase
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Six Haskell County 4-H members competed in the District III 4-H Recordbook Competition Tues., July 14, in Vernon. These 4-H'ers included: Brittany Bartley, Chambray Bartley, Chase Cockerell, Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing and Brandy Gardner.

The 4-H Recordbook is an in-depth report of a 4-H'ers project(s), leadership and community service activities, photos and 4-H story. 4-H Recordbooks are judged in project categories in the county, district and state levels.

Results of the Haskell County 4-H members and the category in which the Recordbooks were judged include: Brittany Bartley, (Senior Division) Beef, 4th place; Chambray Bartley, (Jr. Division) Swine, Participation Award; Chase Cockerell, (Jr. Division) Photography, 3rd place; Abby Dudensing, (Jr. Division) Photography, 4th place; Emery Dudensing, (Jr. Division) Clothing and Textile, Participation Award; and Brandy Gardner, (Senior Division) Clothing and Textile, 4th place.

Congratulations to all of these 4-H members.

Spotting a drinking problem in your child

With more and more young children as well as teen-agers exhibiting signs of serious drinking problems, the 35,000 physicians of the Texas Medical Association urge parents to pay attention. Your child could be crying out for help. Your child may have a drinking problem.

It may start with a subtle change in attitude. Your teen-age is more argumentative, is more temperamental, starts hanging out with friends you've never met or never see, begins complaining of stomachaches, or anxiety or depression.

Other signs to look out for include:

- *Falling grades.
- *A sudden lapse in school attendance.
- *Lying about where the child has been, who they were with.
- *Giving up usual activities, like

sports and homework.

*Depressed attitude or mood swings.

*Weight loss, change in sleep habits or energy level.

*Mental confusion.

*Increased physical complaints--upset stomach, headaches, tension.

*Getting into trouble with the law.

*Traffic accidents.

If you observe these symptoms in your child, help is available. Your family physician is a great resource in helping diagnose the problem and treating the physical symptoms. Many communities have alcohol and drug abuse hotlines, treatment center and hospitals. Also, chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon/Alteen have meetings all over

the state and offer special meetings for teen-agers and young adults.

Harrell descendants hold family reunion

Descendants of Ike, Will, Charlie and Nathan Harrell held their annual family reunion Sat., July 25 at the Haskell County Country Club with 70 in attendance.

Viola Harrell Tidwell was recognized as being the oldest descendant in attendance and Abby Smith of Abilene, granddaughter of Daisy Harrell Smith was the youngest present. Driving the farthest was Leonard and Charlene Harris of Crockett.

Recognition was given to Junior and Margie Harrell of Burkburnett for 14 years of leadership of the reunion. The Roy Glover family was voted in as

president for the 1999 reunion.

It was voted to give \$200 to the Willow Cemetery for maintenance on the water well to help beautify the cemetery.

A yard party with hamburgers were enjoyed by 38 at Mike and Julia Harrell's on Friday night.

Special guests of the family were: Johnny and Teresa Scoggins of Rochester, Elizabeth Cofield of Haskell and daughter Juanita Loving of Houston; Chris Flippin, Brownfield, Ernie Wilson, Duncanville, Buster and Maxine Tidwell, Dimmitt; Rene Vojkufka, Weinert; Elizabeth Williams and Marie Culberth of Haskell.

125 attend Lackey reunion

The Lackey family and friends gathered at the Civic Center on Sat. and Sun., July 25 and 26. Approximately 125 attended.

Family attended from all over Texas, Arizona, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and New Mexico.

Forty-two and other games and

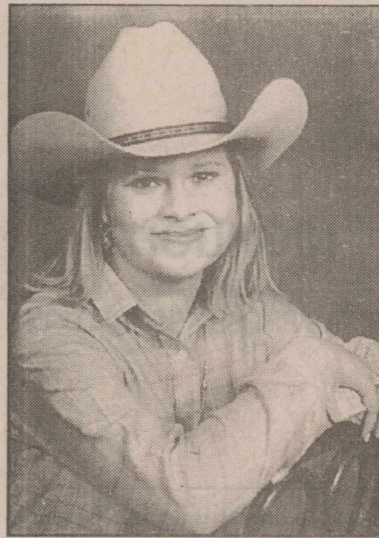
meal on Sat. night were enjoyed by the group.

Sun. morning a brunch and devotional led by Olen Andress Elmore and her family were held.

A huge auction was held Sun. afternoon.

The 1999 reunion will be held July 24 and 25.

Ashley Shelton is crowned Ranger Rodeo Queen



ASHLEY SHELTON

Ashley Dawn Shelton of Ranger was crowned 1998 Ranger Rodeo Queen during the Ranger Rodeo held July 10 and 11. Ashley is the 14 year old daughter of Tim and Jenny Shelton of Ranger and the granddaughter of Bennie Shelton of Haskell and Jim and Bonnie Stewart of Ranger.

She is a sophomore at Eastland High School this year and is active in FFA. She qualified for state in FFA horse judging this past year. Active in the 4-H horse program in Eastland County, her team penning team participated in the state 4-H horse show.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Another month ends and as we approach the next hot days, we are reminded of the Community Supper to be held at the community center on Tuesday night, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy COOL sandwiches and watermelon.

We welcome a new resident to our fair "city." Polly Jo Frazier has moved here from her country home near Old Glory. She lives in the place that was built by Joe Soto. The Sotos lived there for several years, followed by the Greens and last by the Gilberts. We are glad to have Polly among us and hope that she will soon feel like a part of our community.

Eugene and Ella (Peachy) Vanderworth of Houston visited with Clarence and Helen Lehmann last week. They had come up for the Vanderworth family reunion and visited with some of her Letz relatives while here.

Peggy Tabor, Yvonne Swofford, Dorothy Clark, Joyce LeFevre, Frances Clark, Helen Lehmann, Mary Neinst and Odene Dudensing were in Old Glory Wednesday morning for the ladies' breakfast.

Pastor Jeff Zell had the morning devotion at the men's breakfast last week at Faith Lutheran Church based on Matthew 7:11. Marchel Nauert and J. F. Dozier joined him.

The home of Bruce and Michelle Toney was the scene of a birthday party Sunday for little one year old Megan, featuring hotdogs, ice cream and cake. Relatives attending the party included Great Grandmother Rita Freeman of Topeka, Kansas and Freida Knippling; Grandparents Dennis and Becky Alexander of Abilene and J. B. and Dorothy Toney; Great Aunt Cheri Smallback of Iceland; aunt, uncle and cousin Renee, Jon and Josh McAden of Abilene;

Calina Kendall of Rule and her family, Bruce, Michelle, Clay and Tarah Toney.

Tarah Toney is enjoying a 10 day trip to Disneyland hosted by

Cheri Smallback of Iceland. Accompanying them were Rita Freeman and Sarah Lynn Smallback of Toledo, Ohio. Miss Smallback is an aunt of Michelle Toney and has been visiting in the U. S. this summer. She is a teacher in Iceland.

Joe and Yvonne Swofford, David and Leona Letz and Joe and Dorothy Clark were among the large crowd that attended the Dutch treat birthday dinner at the Cliff House last Monday night for July celebrants.

Joe and Dorothy Clark and Leon and Mae Stegemoeller were in Dallas Thursday night for the 22nd Annual Lake Highlands Summer Music Games presented by Lake Highlands Area Band Club. It featured a Festival of Drums and Bugles with nine drum and bugle corps performing from Killeen, Atlanta, Georgia, Ft. Mill, S. C., Denver, Colo., Toledo, Ohio, Santa Clara, Calif., Bergenfield, N. J. and Calgary, Alberta and Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Of special interest to the Clarks and Stegemoellers was the Lone Star Corp from Killeen. Christi Cotton, cousin of Dorothy and Mae and great granddaughter of Emma Raphael and the late Alfred and Velma Lou Hertel was a member of the corp. And the Clarks were pleased to see their grandson, Christopher Adler performing with The Glassmen of Toledo, Ohio. This is his second year with the Corp and he has been traveling all summer with performances in Toledo and Columbus, Ohio; Oswego, Ill.; Waukesha, Wis.; Charles City, Iowa; Wausau, Wis.;

LaCrosse, Wis.; Alexandria, Minn.; Rochester, Minn.; Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Michigan City, Ind.; DeKalb, Ill.; St. Louis, Missouri; Lawrence, Kansas; Oberlin, Kansas; Denver, Colo.; Wichita, Kansas; Tulsa, Okla. and Dallas. On Friday night the Clarks were in Houston for their performance. Also enjoying the Thursday night performance were Patsy Bivins of Valley View, Anna Willis of Montgomery, Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson and his friend, Lorie, an exchange student from Finland who was visiting in the States and of course, Christopher's parents, David and Peggy Adler. From Houston the Corp will be visiting San Antonio; Nashville, Tenn.; Ft. Wayne, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Centerville, Ohio; Huntington, W. V.; Hampton, Virginia; Allentown, Penn.; Charlotte, N. C. and then compete in the national finals in Orlando, Florida Aug. 13, 14 and 15. We were fortunate to see the National Champion Corp at the Friday night program in Houston.

G. W. and Ophelia LeFevre attended the family reunion at Glen Rose last weekend for the descendants of the late I. P. LeFevre. One hundred and one family members gathered for the fun, food and fellowship.

This weekend G. W. and Ophelia were at Possum Hollow near Possum Kingdom Lake for their immediate family reunion. Children of Bonnie LeFevre presents were David and family of Avoca, Steve's family from Lubbock and Sharon's family from Lake Stamford, Lubbock and Haskell. Elizabeth's family present included Dwain and family from Abilene, Darrel and family from Sheridan, Ark., Diana and family from Wautoga and Gary and family from Stamford.

Ten steps given to help prevent home burglaries

Three homes are burglarized every minute in this country, and more than a quarter of all residential burglaries happen without forced entry, with more than half occurring in broad daylight.

The Burglary Prevention Council, a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of residential burglaries says that the vast majority of such burglaries can be prevented by giving attention to the

simplest of security measures and stepped-up alertness.

Among the most effective and cost-effective security measures recommended by the Council are the following ten steps to better home security:

1. Close and lock all doors and windows even when leaving home for very brief periods of time. That includes doors connecting a house to an attached garage. Automatic garage openers are not reliable for

home security.

2. Connect indoor lights, radios and TVs to timers set to turn on and off at varying times of the day when you are away.

3. Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted with cost-effective, low voltage outdoor lighting.

4. Lock up ladders, tools, yard furniture or anything else that could be used to help gain access to your house.

5. Trim trees and shrubs that hug your house and serve as potential hiding places for burglars.

6. Consider starting an official neighborhood watch program or establish good relationships with a neighbor who can watch over your house when you are away.

7. Get a dog or install inexpensive window and door alarms. Dog and alarm warning stickers alone often deter burglars.

8. Take a complete inventory of your valuables and hide easily concealed items in creative locations around your house, or lock them away in a bank safe-deposit box.

9. Don't invite strangers into your home to use the phone, and never leave service technicians or repairmen alone in your house. They could be casing homes in your neighborhood or have other unlawful intentions.

10. Don't "hide" a spare key in an obvious spot like under a door mat or flower pot or on a window sill.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 948 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, July 25, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was steady in all classes. 80 pair consigned for 8/1/98.

Cows: fat, .34-.38; cutters, .34-.39; canners, .20-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .42-.4850; feeder, .55-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .75-.90; 300-400 lbs., .68-.85; 400-500 lbs., .65-.85; 500-600 lbs., .60-.74; 600-700 lbs., .58-.72; 700-800 lbs., .58-.6842; 800-up lbs., .45-.65.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .65-.80; 300-400 lbs., .60-.75; 400-500 lbs., .58-.75; 500-600 lbs., .68-.72; 600-up lbs., .45-.68.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 350-450.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 350-525; aged or small, 250-350.

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Children are exposed to many hours of violence on television

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The average American child views about 22 hours of television per week. By age 70, seven to ten

years of life have been spent watching television. In Saturday morning cartoons, children witness 20-25 acts of violence per hour. Two to five violent acts occur

during each hour of prime-time television. A common theme in American media is that violence is justified, particularly by the good guy.

More than 100 studies document a connection between violence in the media and aggressive behavior in children. At a time when guns rank as one of the leading causes of death among children and youth, gun-play and references to guns are still commonplace on prime-time television, in the movies, in video games and in music lyrics.

Parents who are concerned about the amount of violence in the media can do a number of things to have an impact on their children, neighborhoods, state and union. At home, parents can set a specific amount of television viewing allowed each day. When the allowed time is used, the television is turned off. Families can plan ahead for which shows they really want to watch. Parents can discuss the limits they place on the types of programs which can be viewed. Parents also can watch television with their child and talk about the violent acts they see. It's good to focus on the consequences of the violence on the victim. Parents can also pay attention to other violence to which their child is exposed. Parents can limit or eliminate violent toys and games in the children's lives.

Parents can talk with neighbors and parents of their children's friends. Let them know about your rules and ask if they have rules or limits on television and violent play. Parents can expect friends of their children to follow house rules on television and violent play when visiting. Parents can also help to organize play groups and other non-violent activities for children.

Parents can make a difference in what is shown on television by making their views known to both the networks and the companies who advertise during programs. Write to the national networks and let them know that you will not allow specific shows to be viewed in your home. Write to companies who advertise during shows with violent scenes and let them know you will not support or buy their product until they choose to market during family-friendly shows.

Parents can play with and read to their children instead of watching television. Children love the adult attention and it will give you an opportunity to talk about your views on violence in a nurturing and loving environment.

Supplements can leave athletes low

Recreational athletes who rely on nutritional supplements to burn fat and build muscle may be setting themselves up for severe dehydration.

"Athletes tend to stay right on the edge of being well-hydrated,"

said Dr. Lon Castle, a sports medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Some of these supplements can push people over the edge and lead to dehydration."

"People who take supplements should ensure they are drinking a lot of water—up to 10 to 12 eight-ounce cups a day," said Castle. "And if you experience persistent muscle cramps, that's a sign that your body's water level is low."

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Haskell FFA students attend state convention

The State FFA Convention was held recently in Fort Worth at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Attending from Haskell were: Amy Aycock, Angela Aycock, Mindy Howard, Conrad Palacios and Evan Everett.

The students attended educational sessions as well as voted on and selected a new state

FFA president. Brandon Hill of the Arlington-Martin FFA Chapter was elected president.

Several FFA members from Haskell received their State Farmer Degrees on Wed. They were: Amy Aycock, Angela Aycock, Mindy Howard, Shayne McKenzie, Creora Tatum, Missy Teague and Landon Terry.



SKEET SHOOTERS—Shayne McKenzie shoots as Lee Christian pulls at the three day Krooked River Range Camp sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts of several counties.

Local students attend annual Krooked River Range Camp

The annual Krooked River Range Camp for 4-H and FFA students was held last week. The three day camp had students from several towns. They included Jayton, Stamford, Anson, Paint Creek, Albany, Breckenridge and

Haskell. The students learned 30 range plants, shot skeet, toured the R. A. Brown Ranch, Throckmorton and the Throckmorton Land and Ranch operations.

Attending from Haskell were:

Shayne McKenzie, Brittany Bartley, Justin Teague and Lee Christian; and from Paint Creek, Brandy Gardner.

The local Soil Conservation District sponsored the camp.

Haskell Co. included in Governor's disaster request

Governor George W. Bush is asking the federal government to grant disaster status to an additional 176 counties including Haskell county stricken by drought. If the U. S. Department of Agriculture grants the Governor's request, all 254 Texas counties will be under a drought disaster declaration.

In a letter to U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Governor Bush describes the economic emergency caused by above normal temperatures and severe drought conditions. If the request is granted, Texas farmers and ranchers will be eligible for emergency loans to cover losses suffered under the drought. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates total losses will be \$1.5 billion statewide. "I'm asking the federal government to expedite the declaration for all Texas counties because Texas needs immediate assistance," Governor Bush said.

As of July 17, two Texas counties, Terrell and Glasscock, have been designated disaster areas by the federal government. Requests from seventy-six counties are pending.

The Governor is also concerned about the risk of fire and the ability of volunteer firefighters to do their jobs. He has written to the heads of each state agency, urging them to

grant paid leave to volunteer firefighters who respond to rural emergencies. "I encourage all agencies to support their personnel who take on this vital community service role," Bush said. "Their response to ongoing fires helps to protect the lives and property of all Texans." Approximately 40,000 volunteers serve as the primary fire fighting force for rural Texas.

Should your child get the chickenpox vaccine?

Those unmistakable, itchy red bumps are a telltale sign. Your child has the chickenpox. Those bumps mean missed work and other inconveniences for you, not to mention days of missed school and discomfort for your child.

The chickenpox vaccine could prevent all that. The physicians of Texas Medical Association suggest that you consider the option of the vaccination for your child.

Since the varicella vaccine was only approved for use in the United States in 1995, its long-term effects are still under scrutiny, and its staying power is still uncertain. However, many physicians and researchers believe the benefits of vaccinating a child for chickenpox are far more important than the possibility that a person will get the illness later in life. The results

of several studies suggest that worries about the vaccine's long-term effects might be unfounded.

Without any vaccination, getting the chickenpox can be serious business. Chickenpox cases in adults are more prone to painful complications, such as the rash known as shingles, or even pneumonia, brain inflammation and death.

Children, though they are less at risk for complications, could still contract pneumonia or other serious illnesses from the chickenpox virus. Side effects from the varicella vaccine are rare and minor. The vaccine may cause a redness or soreness around the area where the shot was given, or may provoke a slight fever.

If you are uncertain about whether or not the varicella vaccine is best for your child, seek advice from your family physician.

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Mon., Aug. 31. The service, through United Regional Health Care System's Women's Mobile Diagnostic Unit, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 940-864-2621.

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Legislation requires labeling of imported meats

The Texas Farmers Union praised the Senate passage on July 15 of legislation to require labeling of imported lamb and beef products.

The Meat Labeling Act was adopted by unanimous consent as an amendment to the fiscal year 1999 agriculture appropriations bill.

The legislation will require identifying labels on imported,

U.S. produced and blended products of both U. S. and foreign origin. The legislation also provides for voluntary labeling for ground beef and lamb, as well as study of ground meat labeling practices, due to the difficulty in determining the source country of ground meat.

"Mandatory meat labeling is long overdue for farmers and consumers alike," said Texas

Farmers Union President Sims. "Consumers know where their car, their clothes and their computers come from. They also have a right to know where their food is produced," he said.

"Moreover, our farmers produce the safest and highest quality food supply in the world. Labeling will allow consumers to support that proud tradition," added Sims.



BIG WHEELS—Clearing out other traffic on four lanes, a large dump bed for a very large truck was recently hauled through downtown Haskell on Hwy. 277, destination unknown.

Extra precautions needed against tick-borne diseases

Hikers should be aware that summer is peak season for tick-borne diseases. Travelers to grassy, wooded areas should take extra precautions against getting ticks on them, said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Ticks are most likely to be picked up when you brush against vegetation on which they're perched. Because they are so tiny, you might not feel their bite. But

when they anchor themselves to your skin to feed on blood, they inject organisms that can cause diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever, and Lyme disease, an illness characterized by a rash, chills, fever, joint pain and damage to the heart and nervous system.

To keep ticks off your clothes, soak or spray clothes with an insecticide called permethrin and allow them to air-dry before packing. To deter ticks from

biting, apply an insect repellent containing DEET on your exposed skin.

If you find a tick on your skin, said Dr. Riley, don't squeeze or crush it, because that can inject more harmful organisms into your blood. Remove the tick with tweezers or a special device sold in sporting-goods stores. If there is evidence the tick has been feeding on your body, such as a tick engorged with blood, see a physician for antibiotic therapy.

Take motion-sickness medicines before symptoms develop

Doctors at the Baylor College of Medicine are reminding travelers to take motion-sickness medicines before symptoms develop. If the motion of the ocean gets to you, make sure your medication gets to you first.

"One of the side effects of motion sickness is decreased absorption in the stomach," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "So oral drugs taken after the onset of symptoms are usually not very effective."

Motion sickness can cause vomiting, paleness, cold sweats, hyperventilation and headaches. Some over-the-counter antihistamines can help minimize the discomfort of motion sickness if taken two hours before traveling. Medicated patches containing scopolamine can prevent motion sickness if applied behind the ear eight hours before travel; they are available by prescription only.

Riley offers several tips for travelers susceptible to motion sickness:

*Avoid eating heavy meals for at

least two days before traveling.

*Eat light, easily digestible foods, such as crackers, bread and canned fruit.

*Don't read in the car or on a plane, train or boat when it's in motion.

*When traveling long distances by car, sit in the front seat and focus your eyes on the horizon. This stable reference can help minimize the effect of changes in the inner ear, which controls the sense of balance and plays a role in motion sickness.

Right diet is important

by Lou Gilly,
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent

Diet is important to health at all stages of life, according to the information now available from the United States Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Service. Research has pointed towards many genetic, environmental, behavioral and cultural factors affecting health. Learning more about certain risk factors in your family's history such as body weight and fat distribution, blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels can help people make more informed choices that can improve health.

Food choices can be a pleasurable way to affect these actions. Good diets enable people of all ages to work productively, feel better, reduce the risk of developing debilitating disease - heart, certain cancers, diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and cholesterol and osteoporosis as well as reduce the risk factors for them.

Get a fresh start on preparing foods light. Select, buy, and prepare your foods using the recommendations in the recently revised U.S. Department of American dietary guidelines. This style doesn't mean eliminating all

fats and sugars - it just means avoiding too many. Balance is the key. Balance the foods that are high in fat or sugars with other foods that contain less of these components. If you tend to prepare foods that are high in fat or sugars, gradually begin to reduce the amounts of these items added to your foods. By using a few simple techniques in your food preparation routine, you can:

*Balance food with physical activity to maintain and improve your weight.

*Choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits.

*Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fatty acids and cholesterol.

*Choose a diet moderate in sweeteners, salt, and sodium.

The style of eating is moderate in fat, sugars and sodium. But moderation does not mean no-fat, no-sugar, no-sodium and no-fat meals. The point is to avoid too much fat, sugar and sodium in your total or overall diet, not just in a single food item or a single meal. With a little planning, any food can fit into a moderate, healthful meal plan. It is not necessary to count grams and milligrams to avoid too much fat or sugars. To plan menus that are moderate in these:

*Emphasize foods from each food group that are lower in fat, sugar and sodium. Foods within each food group vary in amounts of fat, sugar and sodium. Go easy on fat and sugars you add at home. For example, bake rather than deep-fat fry chicken or fish. Cook beef, pork, lamb, chicken or fish in an herb-seasoned tomato sauce rather than a sweet barbecue sauce.

*Balance your food choices. When you plan to have a food that is relatively high in fat, sugars or sodium, plan other food items that are lower in the same thing to go with it. If you or your family prefer whole milk to low-fat or skim milk, cut the fat elsewhere in your meals - try low-fat salad dressing or use less butter or margarine. When using other group oil, choose vegetable oils with less saturated fatty acid. Remember that most vegetable oils - canola, corn, olive, safflower, soybean, and sunflower oils - contain mostly monosaturated and polysaturated fatty acids, which help lower blood cholesterol when used in place of saturated fatty acids. However, a few vegetable oils - coconut, palm and palm kernel oils - contain more saturated fatty acids than unsaturated fatty acids.

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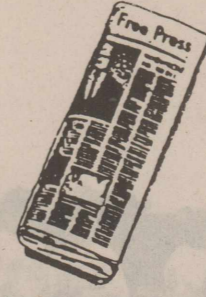
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FIRE SAFETY—Members of the Haskell and Munday Fire Departments demonstrate fire safety for a group of the ninety youngsters attending the Farm Safety Camp held in Munday, June 10.

90 youth participate in farm safety camp

Ninety youth participated in a day packed with farm safety topics on Wed., June 10, in Munday. The Farm Safety Day Camp was one of many being held across the nation by Progressive Farmer Magazine and was locally sponsored by The Texas Agricultural Extension Service—Knox and Haskell Counties.

A task force comprised of concerned individuals from Knox and Haskell Counties planned and conducted the camp with the help of many local, area and national donors. Over fifty volunteers devoted their time and efforts into making the day a success by serving as instructors, group leaders, conducting registration and organizing the noon meal and snacks.

The day's activities began with a farming accident victim, Rick Arnold of Rule, speaking to the group about his experience. The youth then rotated among 11 different sessions focusing on a

variety of possible farm hazards. The sessions taught and instructors were:

- Farm Safety Quiz Bowl: Greg Kaase, Haskell County Extension Agent/Ag.
- First Aid/911: Ronnie Brown, Knox County EMS
- Well/Water Safety: Danny Lamberth and Bo Whitaker, Seymour Aquifer
- Animal Safety: Brad Bevel, Ag. Science Instructor, Perrin.

•Fire Safety: Bill Williams, Stan Decker, Bill Steele, Kyle White—Munday and Haskell Fire Departments.

•Shop-Eye Safety: Duane Gilly, Ag. Science teacher, Haskell

•Chemical Safety: J. C. Clark and Johnna Oman, Helena Chemical Co.

•Weather Safety: Buddy McIntyre—National Weather Service

•Firearm Safety: Kenneth Patton, Haskell.

•Electric Safety: Jim Novak,

Stan Decker, Bill Longan, Phil Loftin, B-K Electric Co-op.

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The day concluded with a video review of the day's activities, door prizes, goody bags full of safety information and the presentation of completion certificates.

Camp coordinators were Jane Brown, Knox County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences and Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Others serving on the camp task force were: Paul Weiser, Greg Kaase, Tommy Bibb, Barbara Horne, Judy Lowe, Ricky Moeller, David Davis, Dale Bullinger, Renee Dudensing, Duane Gilly and Phyllis Reer.

For more information contact Jane Rowan at the Knox County Extension office (940) 454-2651 or Lou Gilly at the Haskell County Extension office (940) 864-2546.

Texas wildfires have burned over 77,108 acres

Since June 15 this year, the Rolling Plains-Big Country-Trans Pecos regions of Texas have experienced over 484 wildfires that have burned over 77,108 acres.

According to the Texas Forest Service Wildfire Prevention team, the main causes of wildfires in Texas continue to be lightning, improper utilization of power tools in grassy areas, escaped control burns, improper disposal of smoking materials, fireworks, trash burning, vehicle catalytic converters, railroads, down power lines, arson and electric fences.

Haskell County is one of 169 counties (67 percent) that are under a burn ban against outside burning. Fire officials are asking that no outside burning be attempted until the county burn ban has been lifted or until adequate rainfall has been received. The local fire department should always be checked with before doing outdoor burning of any kind.

There are six Forest Service fire prevention teams that have been actively working to keep man-caused fire starts at a minimum. The Abilene Wildfire Mobilization Staging Area is covering a large area of west Texas (approximately 120,000 square miles). It has responded to 27 wildfires that have burned 8,191 acres since July 1.

On July 18 firefighters were still battling a wildfire that covered about 1100 acres on the Spade Ranch in Throckmorton County, with four volunteer fire departments, two Texas Forest Service four-engine strike teams and two helicopters.

Conditions are not expected to improve and are expected to worsen due to lower humidities and stronger winds.

The Texas Forest Service has continued its Extreme Wildfire Danger Alert for east and west Texas, and will continue a High Fire Danger Alert for the Central Texas area. Humidities are expected to drop into the "teens" in many areas of West Texas, and winds are supposed to increase to 30 to 40

miles per hour gusts. The public is being asked to report all wildfires, especially ones

started from lightning strikes, to the local fire department or by calling 9-1-1.

Haskell Indian football workouts to begin

Don Flippen, head football coach and athletic director of Haskell CISD, has announced the schedule for the 1998 football season's Fall workouts which begin Wed., Aug. 5.

Coach Flippen reminded again that athletes must have a physical examination before they will be allowed to take part in any organized workouts.

Workout times are:
Aug. 5: 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.
11:15 to 12:30
3:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 6: Same as above

Aug. 7: Same as above
Aug. 8: 8:00 to 10:30 only
Aug. 10: In full pads
8:00 to 10:30 a.m.
11:15 to 12:30
3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

A scrimmage game, starting at 2:00 p.m., Aug. 22, will be a 3-team scrimmage against Lubbock Roosevelt and Bangs in Haskell.

A scrimmage game against Jim Ned will be played in Haskell, Aug. 27, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The seventh and eighth grade football workouts will begin the first day of school.

Summer band schedule set

Band director Michael Copeland has announced that Haskell High School Indian Band will begin summer practice sessions on Monday, Aug. 3.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 1

Band Hall open: 1-4 p.m.
Students may pick up their instruments or meet with Mr. Copeland at this time.

Monday, Aug. 3

Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

School registration will also be held. Students whose rehearsal conflict with registration schedules

should register first, then go to band rehearsal (noon)

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Woodwinds: 9-10:00 a.m.
Brass: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Percussion: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Full Band: 3-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6

Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7

Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30-12:00 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 10

Woodwind/Brass: 10-12:00 (noon)

Full Band: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

Woodwind/Brass: 10-12:00

Full Band: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Woodwind/Brass: 9-10:30 a.m.
Percussion: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Full Band: 3-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13

Full Band: 2-4:00 p.m.
Full Band: 6-9:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 14

Full Band: 1-3:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 17

Full Band: 6-8:00 p.m.

Regular Tues. night band rehearsals begin Tues., Aug. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The U. S. Marine Corps Band will be performing in Abilene on Sat., Aug. 8. Mr. Copeland will be taking a bus of students who wish to attend. Students need to contact Copeland at 864-3666 to reserve space on the bus.

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