Football games

HASKELL

JV Indians vs Anson Thurs., Sept. 7, 4 p.m. at Anson Indians OPEN Fri., Sept. 8

PAINT CREEK JH Pirates vs Ira Thurs., Sept. 7, 6 p.m. at Paint Creek Pirates vs Ira Fri., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Ira

RULE

JV Bobcats vs Gordon V Fri., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. at Newcastle **Bobcats vs Valley** Fri., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Valley Schools

Calendar

Members needed

The Haskell Indian Booster Club is seeking members. Dues are \$15 and must be paid by Tues., Sept. 11 for members names to be included in the game programs. Dues benefit all athletes in all sports. Drop by the Haskell Administation Office at 605 N. Ave. E and see Billie Lindsey for a form and to pay your membership fee.

Bake sale

A bake sale will be held Sat., Sept. 9 at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell. For more information, call 940-864-5473.

Weinert celebration

Weinert has set their Centennial Celebration and Homecoming for Oct. 6-8. A centennial parade will be held Sat. morning at 10 a.m. Those interested in entering the parade should contact Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269.

Brazos Boys to sing

The Brazos Boys will appear in concert Sun., Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at Rochester First Baptist Church. This southern gospel group based in Abilene performs all across west and central Texas. Members are Harvey Jackson, Chuck Sims, Brian Clifton, Keith Davis and Mark Perkins. Everyone is

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., Sept. 8 at noon. Fund-raising events will be

Rule clean-up

The City of Rule will promote city-wide clean-up Sept. 11-15. Call City Hall at 996-2214 for details and to be added to the list for pickup.

Story time

The Haskell Co. Library will host story time each Thursday in Sept. at 10 a.m. Topics will include Sept. 7, library; Sept. 14, fire prevention; Sept. 21, dogs; and Sept. 28 5-A-Dav. Stories. crafts and snacks will be provided.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Sept 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A salad supper will kick off the new club year. Guests are welcome

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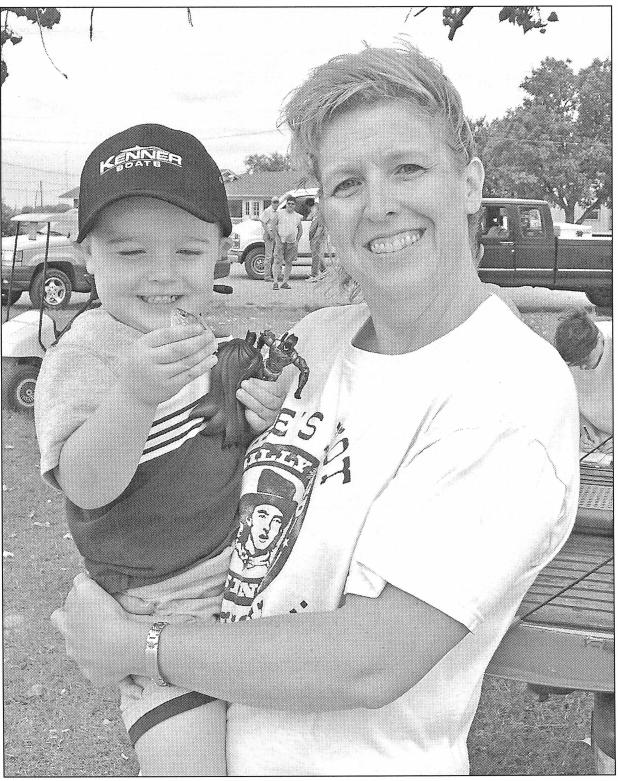
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PRIZING HIS FIRST FISH-Garret Dutton, held by mom Cherie Dutton, shows off the perch, weighing .5 oz., he caught during the Kids Fishing Tournament held Saturday at Lake Stamford. This

was Garret's first successful attempt at catching a fish and the first time he had entered a tournament. His entry was one of the tournament's smallest fish.

Fishing event results

On Sat., Sept. 2, 69 contestants from ages 2 to 15 braved cool northern winds and occasional misty rains to compete in the 4th annual Kids Fishing Tournament held on Lake Stamford.

The 69 contestants kept Benny Gibbs busy weighing in the 66 fish brought to the official scales at The Anchor headquarters for the day's catch. Twenty of those fish took top places in the following seven categories:

Black Bass: Andrew Sammons, Haskell (2.12 lbs.); Lucas Denney, Abilene (1.15 lbs.); Braden Parnell, Abilene (3.5 oz.).

White Bass: Joey Martinez. Abilene (4.5 oz.); Toby Underwood, Abilene (4.0 oz.).

Blue Cat: Ryder Goosen, Abilene (7.35 lbs.); Blade Siegfried, Abilene, (6.5 lbs.); Zeb Petty, Rule (3.5 oz.).

Channel Cat: Cedar McIlwain, Haskell (3.05 lbs.); Casey Stiewert, Knox City (1.25 lbs.); Preston Morrow, Haskell (11 oz.). Crappie: Vennie Perales, Rule (8

oz.); Phillip Coleman, Haskell (4 oz.); Ty Coleman, Haskell (4 oz.). Drum: Shawn Myers, Haskell (1.1

lbs.); Austin Nanny, Haskell (9.5 oz.); Don Glass, Haskell (9.0 oz.).

Perch: Corey Williams, Friona (2.5 oz.); Aaron Silvas, Weinert (2.0 oz.); Timothy Gillentine, Abilene (.75 oz.).

Each category paid \$25 for first, \$15 for second, and \$10 for third.

The three biggest fish overall paid \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. The overall prize money went to Ryder Goosen, Abilene, first; Blade Siegfried, Abilene, second; and, Andrew Sammons, Haskell, third.

Contestants were also able to compete in an open casting contest led by Sealy Haggard before cash and prizes were awarded. Those not receiving cash awards received a prize, so nobody left empty handed.

There were lots of smiles and "see you next year" heard as the tournament closed. A special thanks goes to each person that took a kid

Brown, QB had two receptions on 5

True to form, both teams, Haskell and Rotan, went with their strengths and style of football in this for a run was stopped short of the goal interesting opening game for both line. With only 8:17 to go in the

Haskell with its ball control offensive scored in every quarter of the game. Rotan with its spread and speed scored two TDs in the time of 27 seconds to make the game exciting down to the end.

Haskell scored on its opening possession of the pigskin, moving the ball some 65 yards on 9 plays. Running back Greg Guzman scored on a five yard run. The PAT kick was no good. Running back Travis Adams added a "touch" and a twopoint PAT to put the Indians up 14 to 0 at the 7:46 mark of the 2nd quarter. Rotan's QB Josh Reese hit pay-dirt on a 23 yard run. The PAT failed as the kick was blocked. Half time score was Haskell 14. Rotan 6.

During the third quarter, Haskell kept the Hammers in check. Safety Greg Guzman had two interceptions during this quarter. The Indians QB Matt Brown added a touchdown on a 29 yard run. The PAT failed.

Brown would add another TD on a 9 yard run, but the extra point try game. Haskell led 26 to 6.

Guzman would add the last TD for the Indians on a 9 yard run and the PAT kick by Gerrardo Torres was good. Haskell 33, Rotan 6.

Rotan's QB, Reese, would score on a 53 yard run, and pass for the additional 2 points. Twenty-seven seconds later, Reese would hit tight end Brady Adams in the end zone for a TD, and would again pass for the additional two points.

With 2:03 left in the game, the score stood at 33 for the Indians and 22 for the Hammers-just the way the game ended. Victory for the "good"

Haskell's offense had 45 rushes for 324 yards, and threw the ball 8 times for three completions for 57 yards. Matt Brown had 2 TDs on 13

carries for 117 yards. Weston Rutkowski got 33 yards on 3 rushes. Guzman had 11 rushes for 34 yards and 2 TDs. Justin Rodriquez

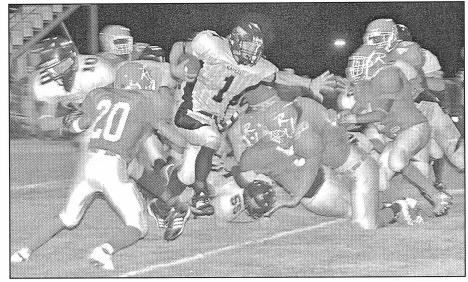
had 50 yards on 9 rushes. Josh

attempts for 28 yards. QB Rutkowski Rodriquez got two points on one carry and Travis Adams had one TD on 88 yards and 8 rushes. Matt

had one reception for 29 yards.

The JV Indians lost to Rotan 0 to 6 on Thursday evening

The Varsity Indians are open this Friday, while the 7th and 8th JV play at Anson on Thursday. Game time is 4:30 p.m.



INDIANS WIN-#1 Matt Brown steps through a flock of Yellowhammers to help lead the Indians to a 33-22 victory over Rotan. Brown lead the team with 116 rushing yards.



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Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of August.

Failure to ID fugitive: 2 cases. Possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams: 1 case.

Traffic warrants: 3 cases. No driver's license: 2 cases. Driving while intoxicated: 3

Public intoxication: 2 cases. Surety withdrawal: 3 cases. Unlawful possession of a firearm:

Driving while license invalid: 2

Possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram: 2 cases. Evading arrest or detention: 1

Minor in possession: 1 case. Prohibited substance in correctional facility: 1 case.

Disorderly conduct: 1 case. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle: 1 case. Burglary of habitat: 1 case.

Burglary of building: 1 case. Credit/debit card abuse: 1 case. Possession of drug paraphernalia:

Public intoxication with 3 previous convictions: 1 case.

Aggravated assault with deadly weapon: 2 cases.

Forgery: 1 case.

288 calls were made to 911 during the month of August.

Faucets

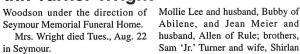
Nobody likes a drip. To avoid having one, take regular care of your faucets.

To repair a dripping sink or shower faucet, shut off the water, remove the faucet stem, replace the washer or cartridge and reinstall the faucet stem.

It is also helpful to periodically clean the aerator. Do this in each faucet to prevent the build up of deposits. Simply unscrew the aerator from the mouth of the faucet, rinse, and reattach it to the faucet.

Obituaries

Ann Turner Wright



She was an Independent Associate/Director for Prepaid Legal Services, Inc., and a retired head bank bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her parents, S.F. and Willie Mae (Goode) Tuner Sr.; her in-laws, B.E. and Margaret (Ervin) Wright Sr.; sister, Frances Meier; brother-in-law, Joel McCandless; and great grand son Austin Lane Stone.

Survivors include her husband, C.H. Wright; daughters, Sheila W. Helton of Seymour and Lorraine England of Iowa Park; sons, Charles H. Wright Jr. of Chandler, John C. Helton of Briscoe and Curtis England of Iowa Park; sisters, Loveta Hearn and husband, Dalton of Rochester, Maxine Ingle and husband, Tommy of Beeville, Frankie Simpkins and husband, Olen Gene of Big Spring,

Abilene, and Jean Meier and husband, Allen of Rule; brothers, Sam 'Jr.' Turner and wife, Shirlan of Monahans, and Kenny Turner and wife, Judy of Nashville, Tennessee; brother-in-law, Luther Meier of Old Glory; sisters-in-law, Emma McCandless of Amarillo, and Marilyn McGough and husband, Roy of Seymour; brothers-in-law, Buford Wright and wife, Linda of Archer City, and Ron Wright of Seymour; grandchildren, Marlana Helton and Torrie Stone, both of Carter, Oklahoma, Charly Helton and Calvin Helton, both of Briscoe, and Candice Wright, Chasidy Wright, Caleb England and Cayleigh England, all of Iowa Park; great grandchildren, Keaton Nye Helton, Ashlyn Rose Stone, Trinity Paige Stone and Tate Kyle Stone, all of Carter, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended

Billie Harris

formerly of Haskell, were held Sun., Sept. 3 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Bro. Danny Manross officiating. Services were under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home of Rotan.

ANN WRIGHT

Wright, 60, of Seymour were held

Thurs., Aug. 24 at Seymour

Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services were held Fri., Aug.

25 at First United Methodist Church

of Seymour with Rev. Steve Ulrey,

Rev. Shores 'Trey' Franklin Turner

III and Rev. Scott Turner officiating.

Burial was in Woodson Cemetery in

Wake services for Ann Turner

Mrs. Harris died Fri., Sept. 1 at Fisher County

Born Feb. 15, 1916 in Stephens County, she was the daughter of the late Joe and Mattie (Taylor) Ridling. She married Alton Harris Dec. 23, 1933 in Haskell. The couple owned and operated the Harris Slaughter Service from 1949-1974. She lived the last sixteen years in Rotan. An avid gardener, she loved tending to the many different varieties of flowers she grew in her yard. Known as MeMa to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she received great joy in watching them all grow up. She

Graveside services for Billie Harris, 90, of Rotan, was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Dot Harris of Rotan and Lyndon and Mauryce of Holden, Louisiana; five grandchildren, Sherry Beall of Hammond, Louisiana, Dwyatt Harris and wife, Tammy of Hammond, Louisiana, Spencer Harris and wife, Tammy of Albany, Louisiana, Mark Harris and wife, Pam of Roby and Robin Pruitt and husband, Greg of Rotan; ten great grandchildren, Harris Beall, Brittani Harris, Hanna Harris, Britt Harris, Shelby Harris, Bryan Harris, Houston Harris, Emily Pruitt, Rachel Pruitt and Molly

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 246, Sweetwater, Texas 79556

Mary Phariss

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September

Graveside services for Mary Phariss, 75, of Haskell were held Sat., Sept. 2 at Mountain Home Cemetery near Jacksboro with Rev. Danny Manross officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Phariss died Thurs., Aug. 31 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Nov. 6, 1930 in Lamb County, she was the daughter of Melvin Thurman and Ethel Badgett Thurman. She married Otis B. 'Junior' Phariss Nov. 25, 1948 in Breckenridge. She was a LVN for many years and a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Kaye Phariss; a great granddaughter, Jaedyn Olivas; two brothers, J.R. and Henry Thurman; and her parents.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years. O.B. 'Junior' Phariss; daughters, Deborah Gove and husband, John of Bonham, and Leeta Collier and husband. Mike of Coahoma; one brother, Pat Thurman and wife, Ann of Richardson; one sister, Oleta McBride of Lawn Oak, Arkansas; grandchildren, Sheree Smirl, Kristen Morris, Alesha King, Dustin Gove and Jennifer Olivas; and close friends, Robbie Harris and Cory Green; and six great grandchildren.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2006 and September 12, 2006 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Court

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

Bobby Smith, Johnny Scoggins, Kenny Thompson, David Davis FOR: AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Tiffen Mayfield

Comparision of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

1.02% (decrease) Maintenance and operations % (increase) % (decrease % (increase) Total expenditures % (increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calcuated under section 26.04, Tax Code

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year \$352,320,842.00 Total appraised value* of all property \$343,092,879.00 Total appraised value* of new property**
Total taxable value*** of all property 1,057,610.00 \$ 1,968,547.00 \$215,321,830.00 \$205,466,544.00 Total taxable value*** of new property** 1,941,797.00 1,011,110.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtness \$0.00

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Proposed tax rate for the current tax yea Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year

\$0.7803 per \$100 per value

\$.0084 per \$100 in value

1.08% Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changed in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared form the preceding tax year and the

•	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$31,290.00	\$32,089.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing un	nit	
(excluding special exemptions for persons 6	5 years	
of age or older or disabled)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Average taxable value of a residence homester	ad	
(excluding special exemptions for persons 6		
or age or older or disabled)	\$ 239.72	\$ 243.44

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$239.72. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$243.44. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be at increase of \$3.72 in taxes.

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. "New property" is defined by Seciton 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04.(10), Tax Code.

TAX **PLANNING**

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

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Written By James E. Rodgers, CPA



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WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST BUSINESS PROBLEM?

If you run a business, try this exercise. First, write down what you think is the single biggest problem in your business. Then ask the key people in your company to do the same. Try to include input from all areas of operations-sales, manufacturing, personnel, purchasing, shipping, finance. The number of inputs will depend on the type and size of your business, but make sure you cover everything from internal operations to relationships with customers.

Then compare the answers. You might find that one common theme emerges, or you might find some issues that you weren't aware of. There might be a problem with your suppliers, or it might be a problem in closing sales. It could be an internal problem in meeting orders, or a shortage of suitable employees. Perhaps it's a financial problem, such as finding financing or collecting payments. Sometimes it's a frequent source of customer complaints.

Why focus on problems? Whey focus on your problems instead of looking at what's working well? Because directly or indirectly, problems translate into dissatisfied customers, higher costs, lower sales, and reduced profits. It's usually true that it costs more to fix something that's wrong than to do it right in the first place.

Once you have your list of problems, call together the group that provided input. Discuss the results and how to solve the most important problem or problems. It doesn't have to become a big bureaucratic exercise. By the end of the meeting you should have fleshed out the issues $\,$ and decided on a course of action.

Sometimes just the internal communication at the meeting will help to resolve issues. Often the true nature of a problem will change or become clearer as it is discussed. Make sure you involve key managers from all parts of your business. The different perspectives will help you reach a better solution. Also, the joint problem solving will make your staff feel appreciated and part of a team. But the best result of all is that your business will have recognized and addressed some of its biggest problems. For guidance with any of your business concerns, give us a call.

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Certified Public Accountant 20 Southwest Third Street Hamlin, Texas • 325-576-2356 an annual effort to help communities in every state become better prepared for disasters. To help citizens become disaster-ready, Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross are offering information on the steps each person should take before a disaster occurs.

Being disaster-prepared is more than just knowing what to do in case of a tornado or a fire. It also involves: •Developing and practicing an

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supply kits for your home, office and Understanding

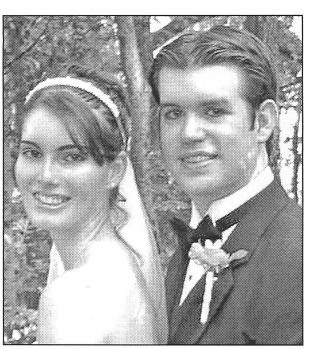
community's warning systems and evacuation routes •Knowing whom to contact in your community for more

information •Getting involved in local preparedness efforts

Disasters most often are unpredictable, and they can be devastating. But the more you prepare, the better you will know exactly what to do and where to go and the more likely that you and your family will be safe.

For more information on disaster education, contact your local Extension office at 940-864-2658 or visit the office at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Other tips are available through a nationwide network known as the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). Texas EDEN information is on the web at http:// texashelp.tamu.edu.

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MR. AND MRS. DAVID MICHAEL THOMPSON

Evening ceremony unites Sorrells, Thompson

Christi Blair Sorrells and David Michael Thompson were united in marriage Aug. 20 at 6 o'clock in the evening at the beautiful A & M Gardens in Azle with Prentice Barnett of Denton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Tammy Sorrells of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Betty Sorrells and the late Doyle Sorrells of Rule, and granddaughter of Jerry Butler of Haskell and the late Kathleen Butler.

The bridegroom is the son of Rick and Teresa Thompson of Bedford. He is the grandson of Judy Thompson of Plano, Charles Thompson of Dallas, and the late Bill and Jonell Mikule of Whitehouse.

The bride wore a strapless white satin ball gown featuring box pleats and a satin banded drop waist with a broach accented bow. Her headpiece was a two-tier fingertip length veil with a white ribbon edge accompanied by a jewel and pearl encrusted headband.

For something old, she had a piece of lace from the wedding dress her grandmother and mother had worn sewn inside her gown. For something new, she wore a pair of white satin flat sandals with pearl cluster

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Sept. 11

Lunch-King ranch, buttered corn, green beans, onion slice, bread slice, Devils food cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Sept. 13

Lunch-Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Sept. 15

Lunch-BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced onions, bread slice, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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ornaments. She borrowed a sixpence from her aunt. For something blue, she wore the garter her mother had worn on her wedding day.

The bride carried a bouquet of various summer flowers selected by the groom as a surprise for the bride on the day of the wedding.

The bridesmaids donned black satin tea-length dresses accented with pool blue sashes at the waist and carried nosegay bouquets of multicolored ranunculus and stephanotis.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed food from the buffet while music from the 1920's and 1930's was played. The cake was a four-tier white cake covered in white fondant with black ribbon and flower accents.

The groom's cake was a three-tier square chocolate cake with chocolate fudge icing and chocolate dipped strawberries cascading down the

Bridesmaids were Morgan Cox of Haskell, Lindsey Hall of Rowlett, Kenna Brannan of Navasota, Candice Vetter of Keller and Melissa Thompson of Bedford, sister of the

Best man was Kenneth Siscon of Hurst. Serving as groomsmen and ushers were brother of the bride, Jeremy Sorrells of Haskell, Justin Lott of Mesquite, Donovan Huber and Sean Mantey, both of Hurst.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School and will graduate in December from Midwestern State University with a B.B.A. degree in Management Information Systems.

The bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of L.D. Bell High School and attends the University of North Texas where he is pursuing a degree in vocal performance.

Following the wedding, the couple took a five day cruise to the Western Caribbean before returning to Denton where they will reside.

Serving

7 days

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6 a.m. to



Sept. 11-15 Breakfast

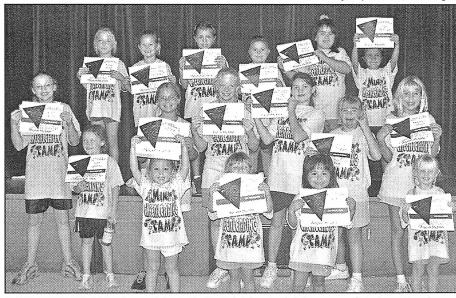
Juice and milk are served daily. Monday: Cereal or toast Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Breakfast burritos Friday: Cereal or toast Lunch

Milk is served daily. Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, fruit Tuesday: Pork roast, rice, gravy, broccoli, salad, apple crisp Wednesday: Enchilada casserole,

pinto beans, corn, slasa, salad, chocolate cake Thursday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, peach

Friday: Bar BQ sandwiches, fried okra, salad, peanut butter bars

cobbler



CHEERLEADERS-Girls who participated in the Paint Creek mini cheer camp Sat., Aug. 26 performed a routine at Paint Creek's Meet the Pirate night Thurs., Aug. 31. Those who learned cheers and chants included front, I-r, Adaline Utley, Maddie Sewell, Brittany Yanez and Gracie Oliver; middle row, Caitlin Medford, Sara Edwards, Stormy Darnell, Samantha Barnett, Kadie McCord, Skylar Bridges and Danielle Oliver and back row, Krissy Hunt, Catherine Lemmond, Samantha Martinez, Alex Martinez, Breanna Bruce and Cheyenne Elias.

Back to school safety reminders

and children should be in age and size

be distracted by kids in the car or with

Driving just 5 MPH over the speed

limit increases both the risk of hitting

a child and the severity of any

crossing the street are paying

attention, so remain stopped until the

child has crossed not only your lane

of traffic, but the adjacent lane as

stopped at a crosswalk, as they may

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children may enter the road from

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things that block drivers' view of the

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·Stay focused on driving and don't

·Slow down in school zones.

appropriate car seats

other activities

With the start of the new school year, students will be rushing to be on time, parents will be getting them on their way, and drivers will be going about their business-all could heed some advice on safety. Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to get back into their good traffic safety

Tips for Walking or Biking to School

•Walk with a friend.

•Pay attention to all traffic signals. Never cross the street against a stop

•Cross only at crosswalks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.

•Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each

•Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.

•If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing

Tips for School Bus Riders

•Do not play in the street while vaiting for the bus.

•Line up facing the bus, not along

•After getting off the bus, move out of traffic

·Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.

Tips for Parents & Drivers

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Banana nut muffin Wednesday: Cereal, graham

crackers Thursday: Egg and sausage burrito Friday: Biscuit, sausage, cheese

Lunch Milk and iced tea are served daily at

the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese Monday: Chicken flatuas, salsa, pinto beans, chips with queso, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Sliced turkey with gravy, green beans with potatoes, garden salad, hot roll, fresh melon

Wednesday: Lasagna, garlic breadsticks, garden salad, fried okra, jell-o with crushed pineapple

Thursday: Beefy nachos, pinto beans, salsa, baby carrots with ranch dressing, orange wedges

Friday: Barbeque on a bun, pickles, onion slices, curly fries, Rice Krispie

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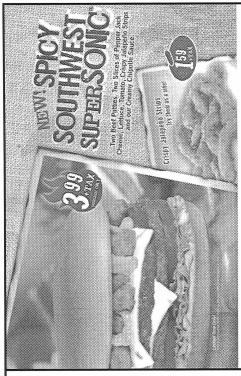
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Candidates have their own take on TAKS

AUSTIN-Now that the kids are back in school, gubernatorial candidates are talking about what they would do to improve education.

Candidates focused on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry seems to be saying TAKS matches the curriculum, things are fine the way they are, and stick with the program.

Democrat Chris Bell said TAKS should be a diagnostic tool to help schools get an idea of students' academic strengths and weaknesses, but not to be the keystone to public education in Texas.

Independent candidate Kinky Friedman has one of the bolder ideas, which would be to kill TAKS, the test students must pass to advance at intervals in the elementary and secondary grades, and finally, to graduate.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, also running as an independent, wants kids to take TAKS at the beginning of the school year rather than at the end, so teachers can get an early assessment and make needed adjustments.

She also wants to give teachers a \$4.000 a year raise, bring back a \$1,000 health care stipend taken away by the Legislature and offer high school graduates tuition-free junior college.

Plans made for nuclear plants

Dallas-based TXU Corp. on Aug. 31 announced plans to build one to three new nuclear power plants in Texas

TXU will file applications for the plants with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for licenses that would allow the company to produce two to six gigawatts of power generation capacity at the sites.

The applications will be filed by 2008, and if approved, the power plants would be up and running between 2015 and 2020, according to a company news release.

Part of the plan is to increase capacity at the Comanche Peak

nuclear power plant near Glen Rose. Students' math scores improve

Students improved their math scores but received lower reading scores this year on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Texas Education Agency announced in an Aug. 29 news release.

"The average math score of the 129,784 Texas students enrolled in public and private schools who took the SAT was 506 out of a possible 800. That compares to a score for Texans of 502 in 2005.

"While the Texas score showed improvement, it fell short of the national average math score of 518. Nationally, math scores dropped two points in 2006," the TEA said.

New biodiesel plant to open

This month, Hawaii-based Pacific Biodiesel Inc. is bringing online Willie Nelson's vision: a biodiesel fuel plant in Carl's Corner, the truckstop about 60 miles south of

The plant will process locally produced cottonseed oil and used cooking oil to make the fuel, B20. The plant is designed to make 3 million gallons of B20 a year.

Nelson has long promoted biodiesel as a way to reduce the nation's dependency on fossil fuels and to create a new revenue stream for family farms.

Drought relief loans to come

Texas will get a share of a \$780 million pot the U.S. Department of Agriculture will divide up to give farmers drought relief. But Texas' share won't be much compared with the \$4 billion in crop and livestock losses this year in the Lone Star State.

Relief will come to qualified farmers and ranches in the form of low-interest loans capped at \$500,000.

AG launches

anti-violence effort Attorney General Greg Abbott and the Texas Council on Family Violence launched the public awareness program "Red Flags: Know When to Raise Them."

The program is offered to "help young Texans form healthy relationships by learning to detect and deter date-related violence.'

THERE'S NO ESCAPING THE WEIGHT OF THIS DATE ...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago September 5, 1996

During the 4-H awards program Nisha Patel, daughter of A.K. and Usha Patel, received the Gold Star award; the Dale Bullinger family, the Outstanding 4-H family award; Christie Stapleton and Dr. Elicia Hogan received the Outstanding 4-H leader plaque.

Girls who attended cheerleader camp instructed by Courtney Gibbs were Ingrid Wesley, Jaclyn Torres, Mali Torres, Angela Pena, Kellye Tidrow, Kayla Tidrow, Chelsea Bullard, Allison Mitchell, Shelby Morrow and Shannon Bird.

Ernest A. Griffith celebrated his 100th birthday.

Erma and Kristy Barton drove to Lexington, Kentucky to visit Mrs. Barton's sister and brother-in-law, Rosemary and Lee Caudill.

20 Years Ago September 4, 1986

A trailways bus left on a 22 day trip to Alaska. Passengers were long time friends of Haskell County including Johnny, Eloise and Dudley Perrin, Virgil and Margaret Wall, Chester and Mary Abbott, J.L and Martha Toliver, and Glen and Jonna Caddell of Haskell; and Marvin and Myrtle Phemister, Ted and Faye Jetton and Rene Vojkufka of Weinert, Judy Anderson of Knox City and Ben and Polly McMillin of San Angelo.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new First National Bank building in Haskell.

Dayln Gilly has been named winner of the 1986 F.W. Martin Memorial Achievement 4-H Award. Ray Overton, has been awarded the trip to Dallas and Mineral Wells.

An autograph party was held in the home of Tiffen Mayfield of Weinert, for the book "Just Passing Through Weinert, A History of Northeastern Haskell County," written and published by R.S. and Betty Sanders of Weinert.

30 Years Ago September 9, 1976

The Haskell Indians opened their season with a victory over Anson 20-

Visitors in the Vernay Howard home were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Crouch, Lorenzo and their granddaughters, Sonya and Kathy Crouch and Davis Bishop of Lubbock

Visitors in the W.H. McBroom home during the Labor Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. James Rosson and Heanna of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Rosson of Austin, Mrs. Gary Scheets and Linette McBroom of

Visiting the E.L. Hilliards over the Labor Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilliard of Lubbock, Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard of Abilene, Jesse Hilliard of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hilliard, David and Kelly Jo of Plano.

40 Years Ago

September 1, 1966 Mrs. Roy Don Rhoads and

children, Adelia, Renae and Dean Erin, have returned to their home in Avondale, Arizona, following a weeks visit here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Ray Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs.

master of education degree at Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Bob Herren and Mrs. W.O. Holden returned home from a three weeks vacation at Friendship Cottage, Estes Park, Colorado

50 Years Ago September 6, 1956

Showing at the drive in theater in Stamford was "Shotgun" starring Sterling Hayden, Yvomnne De Carlo and Zachary Scott.

Ferrel Coston has been elected president of the Band Boosters club. Vice president is Jean Elliott. Secretary is Mrs. Robert Sego and treasurer is Mrs. Charles Swinson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Couch, Sr., are expected home this week after an extended tour of the New England states and part of Canada.

100 Years Ago September 1, 1906

Whit Williams brought in two bales of new cotton this week and says he has two more open in his field. He is heading the bollworms off in good shape. His is the first new cotton brought to the gin this year.

Clay Parks has sold his residence in the east part of town to T.D. Roberts of Dallas County.

R.E. Sherrill and Prof. F.L. Morrow returned from a trip over several western counties. They say they saw some pretty country but none as good as Haskell.

J.B. Martin, the Union Mutual Life Insurance man, returned the early part of the week from a business

Farmers, ranchers to share aid

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Gov. Rick Perry has announced that Texas will share in \$780 million in drought assistance for the nation's farmers and ranchers provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Texas has been suffering from severe and prolonged drought conditions for more than a year, resulting in an estimated \$4.1 billion in losses to the agricultural industry.

USDA officials said federal funding to be provided to states stricken with drought and other weather related production challenges will include a new \$50 million block grant program for livestock producers and \$30 million in unused conservation funds that will be made available for drought. In addition, \$700 million in payments already due to producers of cotton and grain sorghum will be accelerated, along with payments to peanut producers.

Perry also has requested the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency to provide disaster relief assistance for 35 additional counties where farms and ranches are suffering from prolonged drought. Perry's earlier requests for USDA assistance to 47 other counties were approved previously.

"Having grown up in a farming and ranching community, I know first hand how devastating a drought can be to individual farmers and ranchers and the agriculture industry statewide," Perry said. "We want to help get farmers and ranchers the federal assistance they deserve as quickly as possible."

Perry has requested assistance for 35 counties, including Bee, Blanco, Bowie, Brooks, Camp, Clay, Cochran, Coleman, Collin, Delta, DeWitt, Franklin, Glasscock, Grayson, Gregg, Haskell, Hood, Irion, Jack, Jim Hogg, Jones, Karnes, Knox, Lynn, Martin, Montague, Morris, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Rains, Somervell, Titus, Tom Green, Upshur and Wood counties.

The USDA has already granted Perry's requests for assistance to 47 drought-stricken counties.

When a USDA request is approved, qualified farm operators in designated counties are eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production for physical losses, or a maximum of \$500,000. The agency offers additional programs, such as technical assistance, to eligible farmers

In 2005, Gov. Perry requested a statewide drought declaration to pave the way for federal assistance for all farmers and ranchers who suffered losses due to extremely dry conditions: 245 Texas counties were

outstanding group.

Letters to the Editor

The City of Haskell would like to

thank the Haskell High School National Honor Society and their sponsor, Amanda Hadaway.

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Brandon Anderson City Administrator

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MEMBER

This issue mailed Wed., Sept. 6, 2006

Certified wheat seed may be in short supply

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

With wheat seed projected to be

increased demand, wheat officials planting. across Texas are requesting the State exceptions in the certified seed program.

Wheat production in Texas is going to be significantly lower than past years, said Steve Brown, director of Texas Foundation Seed. Consequently, certified seed

production will be lower than what is needed to plant the acreage in Texas. Brown said.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, and some private sector wheat developers, have been working with the Texas Department of Agriculture to get the emergency recertification clearance.

The board is being asked to allow certified wheat growing in fields now to be re-certified and sold as certified seed, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension state small grains specialist.

"It won't cure the shortage in seed supplies, but hopefully it will mitigate the problem to some extent."

Morgan said. "What we don't want compared to 71 percent last year. He is the seed supply to be so short that in short supply due to drought and from using quality seed for fall considered good to fair.

We also don't want producers to Seed and Plant Board make be forced to plant unprotected varieties." he said. "So if we can keep the cost of certified seed down, which are typically the best yielding varieties, producers are more likely to stay with those varieties."

> Another problem, if seed prices go too high, is there is more probability of violations of the Plant Variety Protection Act, Morgan said.

Most of the recent wheat varieties released by Texas A&M University, AgriPro Wheat, Oklahoma State University and Kansas State University are protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act, Morgan said.

The act requires the varieties to be sold by variety name and as certified seed, he said. The concern is since yields will be down so much this year, a lot less certified seed will be available for purchase.

Rodney Mosier, Texas Wheat Producers Association executive vice president, said the statewide wheat crop is rated at 26 percent of normal,

said 74 percent of the crop is very the seed price prevents producers poor to poor and only 26 percent is

The most recent crop production estimate forecasts 35.1 million bushels, down 63 percent from last year's crop, Mosier said. The projected harvested acreage for grain is 1.3 million acres, down 57 percent from last year.

"That's the lowest level since 1925," Mosier said. "The grain production hasn't been this low since With reduced yields on the farm,

Morgan said, more producers will be looking for wheat seed to plant this fall; they may not have enough seed to plant their farm.

Timing of the State Seed and Plant Board's decision is critical, because re-certification by a Texas Department of Agriculture field inspector done prior to harvest, Morgan said. Harvest has already begun in parts of the Blacklands and Rolling Plains.

Applications for re-certification have to be made prior to harvest and not later than May 31 through Texas Department of Agriculture.

This can be an opportunity for

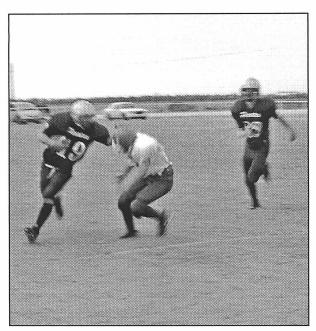
last year to sell their wheat this year as certified seed, instead of selling it for grain purposes, the wheat officials

However, the crop will have to meet the same certification requirements as the original crop, Brown said. Producers will have to pay their inspection fees, provide a map and supplemental sheet along with the forms and have permission of the variety owner.

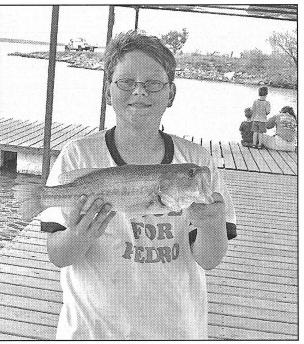
One of the requirements for certification in Texas is that the producer either has to be registered as a certified seed grower or in the case of the seed dealer, he has to be registered as a certified seed conditioning facility, Brown said. Those are the only situations to apply for certification.

Producers and seed dealers with questions regarding eligibility for the re-certification program should contact the variety owner or the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For Texas A&M University varieties, contact Brown at 940-552-6226. For AgriPro Wheat varieties, contact Dr. David Worrall or Rob Borchardt at 940-552-8881.



RUNS FOR GAIN-Paint Creek Pirate, Donovan Colly made a run for yardage during a game against the Novice Hornets last Friday night. The Pirates began the season with a loss on Pirate field to the Hornets, 70-20, when the game was called due to the mercy rule with 3:30 remaining.



BIG BASS-Andrew Sammons caught this bass weighing 2.15 lbs. off the fishing pier at The Anchor Saturday morning during the Kids Fishing Tournament. He won the Black Bass category.

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN-Benny Gibbs, right, weighs in a drum fish for Austin Nanny during the Kids Fishing Tournament held at Lake Stamford. Gibbs was the official overseeing the weigh-in of entries by the fishermen. Nanny won second place in the drum

USDA program to focus on drought aid

Johanns announced during a visit to South Dakota \$780 million in assistance to help farmers and ranchers manage drought and weather related production challenges. This funding includes a new \$50 million program for livestock producers impacted by drought, focusing nearly \$30 million in unused conservation funds on drought, and accelerating the delivery of an estimated \$700 million in counter-cyclical payments.

"While some parts of the country are experiencing very good crop conditions, drought is taking a toll on farming and ranching operations in other areas of the United States this year," said Johanns. "Today's actions emphasize USDA's commitment to use every resource available to help farmers and ranchers who are impacted by drought."

Livestock Assistance

The new \$50 million program for livestock producers, called the Livestock Assistance Grant Program, will provide \$50 million in Section 32 to states in block grant form. States will distribute to livestock producers in counties that were designated as D3 or D4 on the Drought Monitor anytime between March 7 and Aug. 31, 2006. The grants will help livestock producers restore their purchasing power. A list of eligibility criteria and eligible counties can be found at http://www. usda.gov by clicking on the drought spotlight.

Conservation Funds

The nearly \$30 million in unused conservation funds includes almost \$19 million in unused Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funds and \$11 million in unused Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). The ECP funds will go to 27 states. Information on eligibility and a list of the states and funding is also posted online.

The GRP funds will help to protect drought-affected grazing lands. The funds will be distributed to 14 states. These funds will be focused on pending GRP applications for rental agreements in droughtaffected areas.

Johanns also directed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationists to work with their producers and state technical committees to focus remaining FY 2006 and a portion of FY 2007 conservation program funds on resource conservation practices related to drought response and mitigation. Programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program, and GRP have built-in flexibility and local decisionmaking ability in order to encourage a focus on state-specific concerns, such as those related to drought.

Counter-Cyclical Payments

Johanns directed that 2005-crop year counter- cyclical payments be delivered as quickly as possible to expand the financial resources of farmers facing drought.

An estimated \$700 million in payments to upland cotton and grain sorghum producers will be made this week. This will constitute the earliest delivery of counter-cyclical

Agriculture Secretary Mike payments on record. Payments to Secretary Johanns. peanut producers will also be expedited, following the calculation of the final 2005 average price.

Existing USDA Disaster Assistance

As always, emergency loans are available to help producers in counties declared disaster areas. These low-interest loans are for producers who have suffered production or physical losses resulting from a natural disaster or quarantine in counties designated disaster areas by President Bush, or disaster or quarantine areas by

Prior to this announcement, USDA has allocated over \$30 million in emergency conservation program and emergency watershed protection program funds for 2006 disasters, including drought. The agency has released considerable Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage to emergency haying and grazing and lowered the rental rate reduction to 10 percent from 25 percent.

Federal crop insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) are also available to crop producers each year to help

mitigate the risks associated with the adverse affects of heat and drought. Producers enrolled a record-high 246 million acres in crop insurance in 2005, with nearly 90 percent of acres insured at levels above the minimum catastrophic level of coverage. Similar enrollment levels are expected this year. In addition, NAP is available for producers who grow crops for which crop insurance is not available

More information about the drought assistance package and existing USDA disaster assistance is available at http://www.usda.gov.

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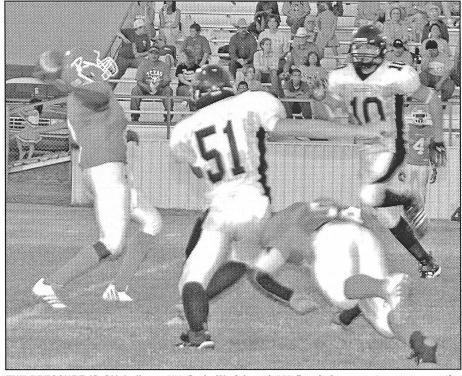
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THE PRESSURE IS ON-Indians, #51 Cody Wyrick and #10 Derek Agraz, put pressure on the Yellowhammer quarterback during the Indians 33-22 win over the Rotan team during the season

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH SHOWS US HOW TO COPE WITH MINOR MISHAPS

Like most of us, you occasionally undergo one of those days when everything seems to go wrong. You overslept and had to skip breakfast. Then, by the time you discovered that the car wouldn't start, it was too late to catch the bus. Later, your expected package didn't arrive; and so on, until by the end of the day you wish you had just slept through it. However, were all those things true disasters, or did they merely seem to be because of the accumulation? Through faith, we learn to rise above these mishaps, many of which could be prevented by our being a little better organized. At your house of worship give thanks to God for these lessons in character, as well as for all those other days, when everything seemed to go right.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY New Covenant Foursquare

---HASKELL--

East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell Church of Christ

Jim Yates, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E. Haskell

First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pasto Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

908 N. Ave. A, Haskell Independent Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

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Rev. William Hodge Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m. Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m 203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison

Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rocheste First United Methodist Church Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester

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---RULE---First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule Church of Christ John Greeson, minister

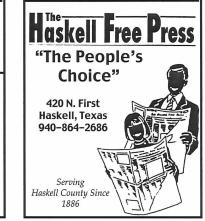
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-PAINT CREEK-Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek

-O'BRIEN-O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m

Attend Church This Sunday



Tools exist for producers to boost nitrogen use efficiency, reduce costs

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

There are several tools small grain producers can use to gauge the nitrogen use efficiency of their crop and achieve a savings in production costs, said a Texas Cooperative Extension small grains specialist.

"When we look at production inputs, we need to put them in two categories," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension agronomist based at College Station. Morgan spoke at the recent Big Country Wheat Conference in Abilene. "There are yield-building inputs and yieldpreserving inputs.

"Nitrogen fertilizer could fall into both categories, but we chiefly use and manage it as a yield-builder. More important is nitrogen use efficiency."

Wheat has an average nitrogen use efficiency of 33 percent, he said. In other words, about 33 percent of applied nitrogen is used by the plant to produce grain. The U.S. consumes about 7.3 million pounds of nitrogen fertilizer annually.

"So if we can improve our nitrogen use efficiency, we could achieve a potentially significant savings in nitrogen costs," Morgan said. "But how do we do that-what tools do we need?'

Producers who grow wheat, for example, should rely on soil tests to gauge actual available nitrogen for a crop and consider their crop's realistic yield potential before applying nitrogen, he said. Soil test results matched to yield potential and the producer's yield goal can help ensure that nitrogen is applied according to crop need and not prevailing tradition.

"Our current thinking and our current recommendation for nitrogen fertilizer is 2 pounds per acre for each bushel in your yield goal," Morgan said. "Breeders are working to produce new varieties with higher nitrogen-use efficiency. Even so, we can do a better job with the genetics available today.

"We can better assess the crop's true nitrogen need and time the application of fertilizer to coincide with critical growth times."

Winter wheat, for example, needs little nitrogen in the fall. Producers who want to guarantee nitrogen availability for wheat roots should assess their crop's nitrogen need in late winter or early spring-possibly in February, he said.

"If you time nitrogen application to coincide with wheat's late winter and early spring growth, you can determine the needs of the wheat crop and probably use a lower fertilizer rate while achieving the same or higher yields that a higher fertilizer rate will provide," Morgan said. "This spring top-dress application allows you to assess the crop's yield potential and match the nitrogen fertilizer rate to the yield potential."

One good way to gauge nitrogen need in early spring is to visually

assess crop/plant growth in nitrogen test strips-strips in the wheat field where producers can experiment with different fertilizer rates and combinations. This provides the producer a visual reference of the crop's needs and how much nitrogen fertilizer should be applied for the top-dress application.

"You can readily see how the crop is doing and how it responds to different application rates," Morgan

Producers seeking a higher-tech approach to gauging nitrogen needs can use sensors to help them develop "prescription" fertilizer rates and applications, he said.

"Dr. Jeff Edwards, Oklahoma State University Extension small grains specialist at Stillwater, Oklahoma, has done a lot of good work on precision and variable rate nitrogen application," Morgan said. "Their variable-rate nitrogen tests use optical sensors to measure plant biomass, which tells them how much crop is out there and what condition it is in.

"They use sensors in conjunction with nitrogen-rich test strips and visual assessments. They even have a sensor-based nitrogen calculator available online.3

The Oklahoma State University Extension wheat fertility Web site is http://www.wheat.okstate.edu/fert/ index.htm.

Hand-held optical sensors are available commercially for about \$3,500, while those suitable for use on fertilizer application machinery are more expensive, Morgan said. Edwards' work indicates that the cost of optical sensors can be recovered in a year or so through savings achieved in nitrogen costs and application costs, he added.

"OSU Extension has logged a nitrogen cost savings of \$12.11 per acre using nitrogen test strips and optical sensors," Morgan said. "But it may be higher. The indirect savings, or value, of a correct nitrogen rate probably varies from \$18 to \$30 per acre.

"It's certainly not a silver bullet, but these tools can help us achieve a higher nitrogen use efficiency by tailoring fertilizer applications to actual plant needs. That could save input dollars and allow us to be more specific and efficient with our nitrogen fertilizer. We can adjust rates by field or crop condition.'

Producers who grow wheat for grain and grazing can also use optical sensors as part of their fertility strategy but may have to make slight adjustments in when crop assessments are made, he added.

"Grazing removes biomass-the cows/calves eat the plant material that's out there," Morgan said. "Because the sensors measure available biomass, you fence off an area in late winter and wait about two weeks after you terminate grazing to assess crop condition with optical sensors or nitrogen strips."



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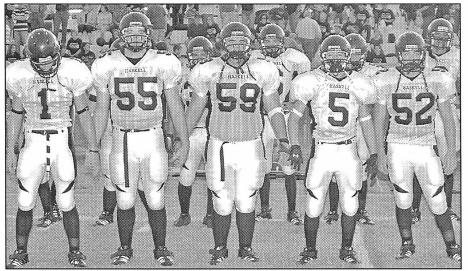
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Electric co-op to receive **USDA** loan

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced that Western Farmers Electric Cooperative has been selected to receive a \$133,596,000 Rural Electric Loan. Funds will be used in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Upgraded or expanded electric infrastructure is important for rural communities to ensure economic opportunities for their residents," said Daniel. "These funds further demonstrate USDA Rural Development's dedication in supporting local job-creating business opportunities.'

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The USDA Rural Development mission is to deliver programs in a way that will increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting the web site at http://www. rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

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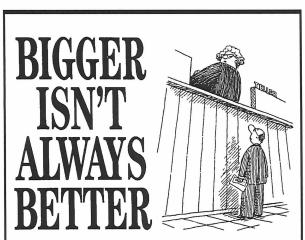
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Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor

environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could results in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.



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