

Football games

HASKELL
 7th-8th Warriors vs Colo. City
 Thurs., Sept 27, 5 p.m.
 at Colorado City
 JV Indians vs Colo. City
 Thurs., Sept 27, 6 p.m.
 at Haskell
 Indians vs Colorado City
 Fri., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
 at Colorado City
PAINT CREEK
 Pirates vs Patton Springs
 Fri., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
 JH-JV Bobcats vs Bryson
 Thurs., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m.
 at Bryson
 Bobcats vs Bryson
 Fri., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., Nov. 8 edition. Space is limited to the first fourteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

Popcorn sale

The annual Boy Scout popcorn fund-raiser is underway. Ten items are available. See any Haskell Boy Scout or Cub Scout or call Sherri Morrow at 864-3624, Tyke Meinzer at 864-3664 or Patrick Pace at 996-2729 to place an order.

Cantata rehearsals

Rehearsals for this year's county wide Christmas Cantata are underway at First Baptist Church in Haskell. This year's cantata is titled 'A Christmas to Remember' and will be performed Dec. 16. Participants are asked to purchase their books. Rehearsal CDs will be available for a nominal fee. Child care will be provided by contacting the First Baptist Church office. For more information on the cantata, contact Greg Gasaway at 864-8599.

Life after loss

The American Cancer Society and Hospice of the Big Country will continue their "Life after Loss" support group program Tues., Oct. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Downstairs Conference Room of the West Texas Rehabs Center, 4601 Hartford in Abilene. The five week program concludes Nov. 6. For information, call 325-793-5450.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Oct. 1 in Haskell City Hall at 6 p.m.

Child safety seats

Effective Sept. 2005, Texas law stated that children under the age of 5 must be properly restrained in a child safety system. If you need information concerning the proper use of child safety seats or are in need of financial assistance to obtain a child safety seat, contact the Texas Dept. of State Health Services in Stamford by calling 325-773-5681.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., Oct. 6. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St. or by calling 864-2477 or 256-1734. Cost is \$10.

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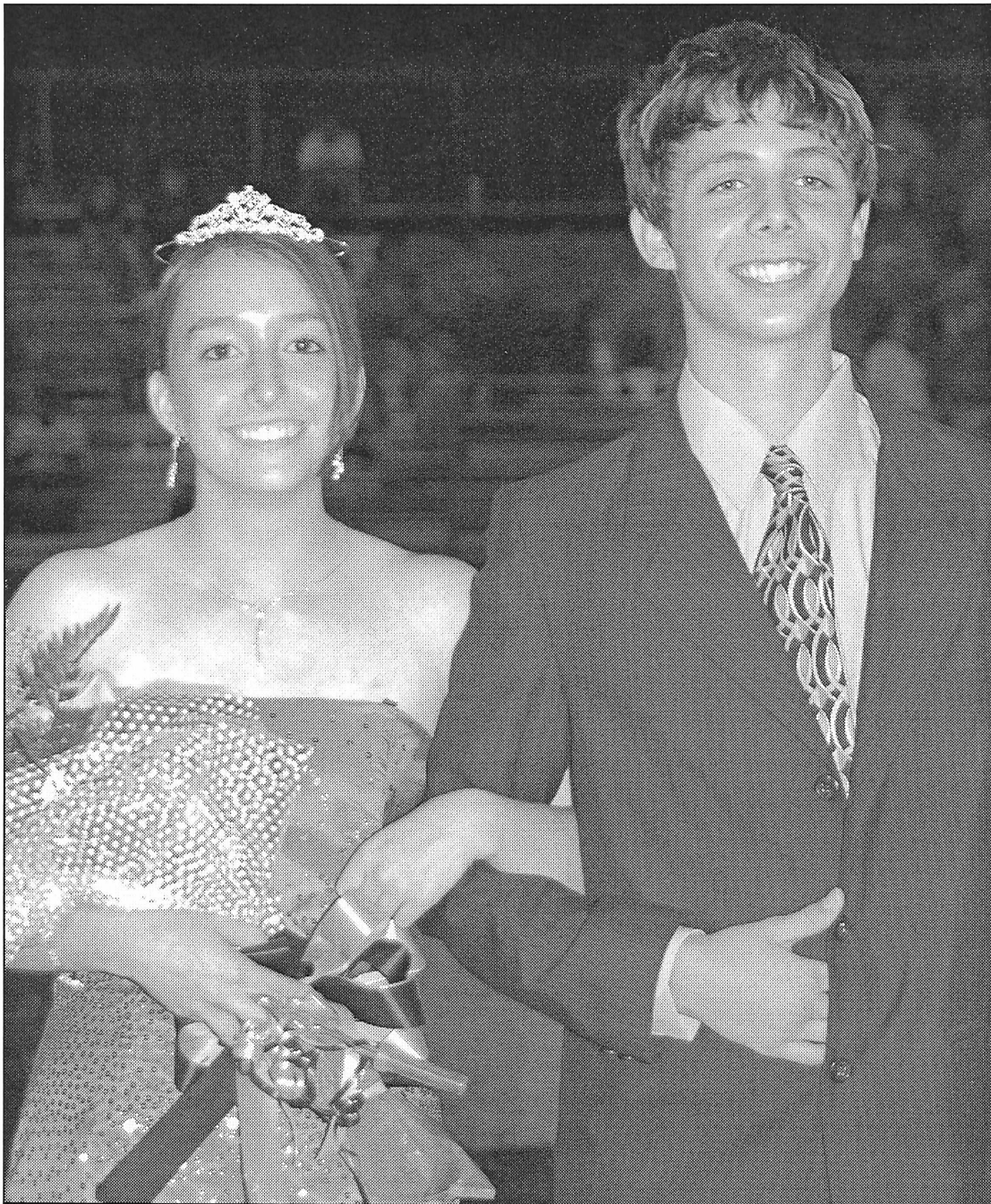
Go Indians

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2007 HOMECOMING QUEEN—Claire Isbell, daughter of Terry and Felix Rodriguez, was crowned the 2007 Haskell Indian

Homecoming Queen during half-time activities Friday night. Her escort was John English.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Food manager's course set

Texas Cooperative Extension Staff in Kent and Haskell counties are offering a food manager certification training course for area food service managers Tues., Nov. 6, in Aspermont.

The one day course includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with the opportunity for the participants to take the exam late that afternoon. Anyone planning to participate must pre-register by Mon., Oct. 15.

The program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination, but will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Special attention to food safety will help keep the many customers safe and satisfied.

By attending the course, food service managers will learn about: identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling; preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food; teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees; complying with government regulations; maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings; and controlling pests. Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For a registration form and more information about the food manager certification training course of the Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent at 940-864-2546, l-rowan@tamu.edu.

Tribe takes homecoming game title

To the delight of the homecoming crowd, the Haskell Indians sent that scoreboard up to the sky to the tune of 47 to 14. When both teams are called Indians, Haskell and Quanah, it is easy to say the Indians will win.

Haskell had plenty of cheers as the homecoming crowd was rewarded by the team. Haskell would score first on a five yard run by running back Greg Guzman. Simon Rodriguez would kick the extra point making it 7 to 0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Indians' quarterback Weston Rutkowski scored on a 18 yard option play with 10:49 left in the first half of play. The kick try for the extra point failed.

Guzman, on a seven yard run, added the last TD of the first half for Haskell. The two point conversion try was successful as QB Rutkowski threw to running bank Travis Adams. The good guys—the Haskell Indians—led at half, 21 to 0.

Haskell's defensive unit shut down the ground game of the Quanah Indians. Haskell's safety, Greg Guzman, intercepted a Quanah pass and raced 45 yards to the south end zone. The extra

point kick failed again. Rutkowski added six more points in the third quarter on a six yard run and Simon Rodriguez tacked on the extra point on a successful kick. The score was 34 to 0 at the end of the third quarter.

Quanah would get two TDs in the fourth quarter over the airways and would add a two point conversion. This put the score at 34 to 14 in favor of Haskell. Guzman would get his fourth TD of this homecoming evening on a five yard run, but the extra point kick failed. Tyler Rodriguez would add the final nail to the game as he scored in the north end zone on a 30 yard option play. Simon Rodriguez kicked the extra point. The Indians were sent out to win and win they did.

During half-time activities, Claire Isbell, daughter of Terry and Felix Rodriguez, was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2007.

Haskell had 43 team rushes for 308 yards. Rutkowski, Indian QB, got 61 yards on 11 carries and two TDs. Guzman had 13 rushes for 92 yards, three TDs rushing and one TD on a pass interception. Adams had 110

yards on 14 rushes. James Williams had two rushes for nine yards. Tyler Rodriguez had one TD on two rushes for 39 yards and Jonathan Martinez had -3 yards on one rush.

The Indian defense gave up

only 43 yards of rushing to Quanah. A good night for the defense.

Haskell will start their quest for the District 5AA crown this Friday in Colorado City. Kick off time is 7:30 p.m.

The Indian JV will play Colorado City at Indian field on Thursday. Game time is 6 p.m.

7th and 8th Warriors will travel to Colorado City Thursday to play. Games start at 5 p.m.



YARDAGE GAIN—Haskell Indian Travis Adams #40 reached for yardage during the Haskell-Quanah game played last Friday to a homecoming crowd. Adams had 110 yards rushing on 14 rushes during the game.

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How can a patient obtain the forms for Advance Directives?

The easiest way to obtain Advance Directive forms along with more information on the requirements and regulations governing them, is to ask your health care provider, your physician, home health agency or hospice. Any Medicare provider should have information on all four types of directives for health care.

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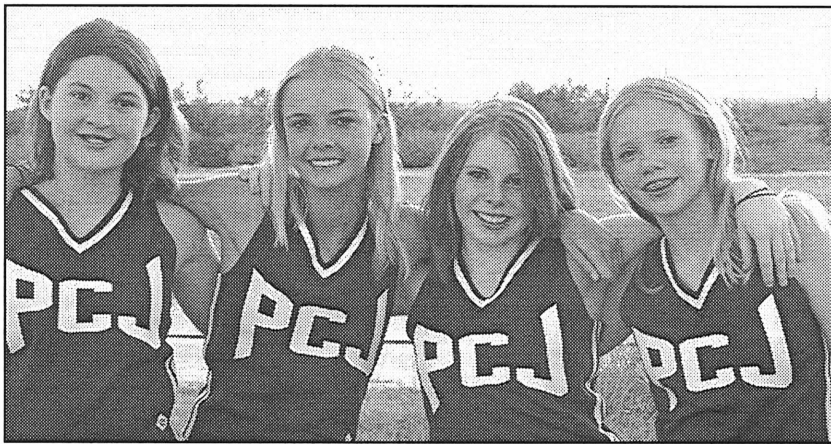
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Region 14 program recognized

Region 14 Education Service Center Head Start/Early Head Start program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From April 15-20, the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services conducted an on-site monitoring review of Region 14 Education Service Center's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Based on the information gathered during the review it was established that these programs were recognized as in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements.

Region 14 Education Service Center is the grantee for the Head Start programs in the school districts of Breckenridge, Moran, Albany, Anson, Stamford, Hamlin, Merkel/Tye, Haskell, Colorado City, Rotan, Sweetwater and the Early Head Start program in the Sweetwater ISD. In addition to these public schools, the Home Based program in Rule and Rochester was also reviewed. During the federal review, each of these schools was visited by the reviewers and all received exemplary comments about their programs.

A certificate of excellence was presented to Terry Grosvenor, Director, and the Region 14 ESC Head Start staff by Ronnie Kincaid, Executive Director of Region 14 Education Service Center on Tues., Sept. 18.



PIRATE CHEERLEADERS—2007-08 Paint Creek Junior High Cheerleaders are, l-r, Kadie McCord, Katrina Buerger, Haley Myers and Caitlin Medford. Their sponsor is Barbara Utley.

Public meeting slated for EQIP

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group (PDG) meeting to be held at Haskell National Bank Community Room Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program Development Group will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by the Haskell County Conservation District, to address for the

FY2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices, county priorities, and application ranking for counties.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary

conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to projects which provide significant environmental benefit.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Haskell at 940-864-8516. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

NRCS accepts EQIP applications

Texas agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16, 2007, if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have

signed up yet," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 for 2008 funding. There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October."

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices, and to implement management systems that promote conservation. Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Gohmert, there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008. NRCS is adding another statewide resource concern to the program at the recommendation of the State Technical Committee. Funding will be provided in 2008 specifically for conservation practices that improve habitat for the pronghorn antelope in west Texas.

Also new in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage of cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice. "Landowners will know up-front what the payment in dollars will be," Gohmert said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns there," Gohmert said. "Our local offices may be holding program development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input." NRCS offices and local soil and water conservation district officials will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office at 940-864-8516 extension 4.

Information is available about Texas NRCS conservation technical assistance and programs at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Paint Creek Junior High Pirates defeat Longhorns

The Paint Creek Junior High is off to a great season. Defeating Benjamin 51 to 31 in the home opener on Sept. 13 and then winning 57-34 over the Buena Vista Longhorns in Blackwell on Friday.

Team members are Chris Richardson, Justin Bailey, Ben

Groves, Damatric Escamilla, David Powell, Shawn Myers, Cheyenne Buerger, River McTasney, Damien Winterstein, Payne Utley, Daren Johnson, Dylan Cooper, Dalton Barnett and Blake Edwards. The Pirates travel this week to Motley County on Thursday.

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Hobby Club sets Bazaar for Nov. 10

The Sagerton Hobby Club met in the home of Dorothy Toney, Sept. 20.

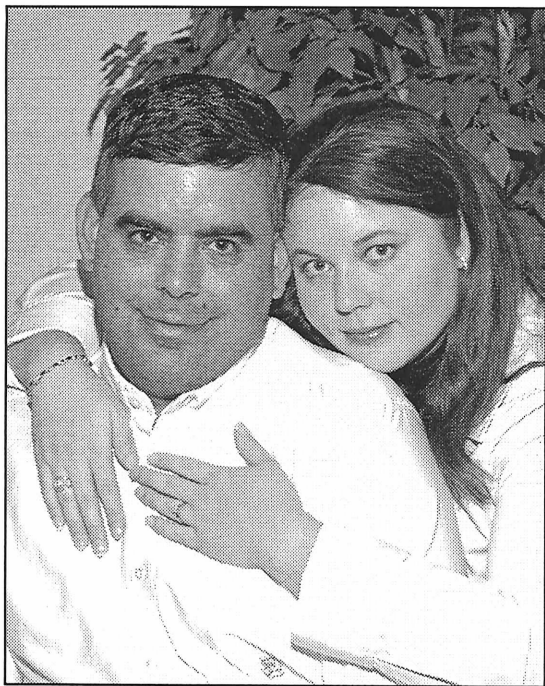
Toney showed carvings and other articles that she had collected when they lived in Dakar, Africa for two years, when J.B. Toney worked for an oil company. She also told about some of the customs and life styles in Africa.

Brown 325-773-3832 or Joyce LeFevre, 940-997-2103. Booths are available and homemade pie, hamburgers and stew will be available at noon.

Proceeds from the bazaar go to the Community Center Fund and the academic fund awarded to Sagerton area graduating students.

Jo Brown, chairman, conducted the business meeting. Primary business was setting the date for the annual bazaar on Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., in the Sagerton Community Center. For more information, call Jo

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MICHAEL JOE HESTER - LESLIE ANN VENGAUS

Venghaus, Hester to wed in November

Ronald and Mary Ann Venghaus of Beasley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Ann Venghaus of El Campo, to Michael Joe Hester of El Campo, son of Billy Wayne and Sheila Hester of Rochester.

graduate of B.F. Terry High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Rochester High School and a 1995 graduate of Vernon Regional Junior College.

The couple plans a November wedding to be held in El Campo.

Beta Chi Chapter to meet Oct. 7

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its May meeting in Haskell on a Saturday for a luncheon, fun and fellowship. A tribute to the founders gave members insight into the personality of the teachers who started this Society.

Beta Chi received recognition in several areas, they include Outstanding Newsletter, Exemplary Yearbook and scholarship awards.

In June, Beta Chi President, Judy Burnett, went to Amarillo for the State Convention. There are two ways Delta Kappa Gamma contributes to the educational field, one is through

mentoring new teachers and the other is contributing monies for grants, scholarships and aid. Beta Chi will hold its next meeting in Knox City Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school library. The Chapter will be assembling healthcare sacks for area rest homes.

Births

Rick and Emmalee Phemister of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Calee Jayne Phemister, born Mon., Sept. 3 at 10:24 p.m. in Abilene weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. She was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are Pat and Don Bivins, Max and Doris Jean McMeans, all of Haskell and Linda Phemister of Rowlett.

She was welcomed home by her sisters, Chambray Jean, age 5, and Cassidy Jo, age 3.

Great grandparents are Dorothy Clark of Sagerton, Doris Roberts of Haskell and Sue McMeans of Rule.



MR. AND MRS. MARVIN STIEWERT

Couple celebrates 55th anniversary

Marvin and Dorothy Dean Stiewert celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Wed., Sept. 26.

Marvin is a lifelong resident of Haskell County, growing up and attending school in the Irby community.

Dorothy Dean was raised in the Weinert and Munday area and

attended school in Weinert.

They met after he returned from serving in World War II, and were married in Haskell County in 1952 by Brother Joe Scheets.

Marvin has farmed in the Haskell area all his life while Dorothy Dean worked at Bill's Dollar Store and later at the S&H Green Stamp store.

Octoberfest set deep in the heart of Texas

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Experience Fall and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Octoberfest 07 is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of Oct. 22-26.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn seasonal crafts, gardening, candle making, ball room dancing, wood crafting, and many other exciting projects.

Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to your stay on our lighted boathouse. Or enjoy the beautiful fall foliage on our nature trail and take in some birding activities. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment is also a part of the program. Fun and educational tours are also an

option for those who prefer this type of fun.

"Octoberfest 07 . . . Fall Frolics" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

If you are 50 or older, then "Octoberfest 07 . . . Fall Frolics" is for you. Call Jane Rowan, Family & Consumer Sciences, Haskell County Extension agent at 940-864-2546 or the 4-H Conference Center at 1-325-784-5482 for more information.

Student in the News

Diplomas were awarded to more than 1,900 Texas A&M University graduates during summer commencement ceremonies.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State publishes new franchise tax rules, seeks feedback

AUSTIN Businesses can get a clearer idea of how much franchise tax they are going to pay because of tax law revisions, and the state is welcoming feedback on the new rules.

The rules implementing changes mandated by the state Legislature were published in the Sept. 14 edition of the Texas Register, and a 30-day public comment period started.

The 79th Legislature in 2006 and the 80th Legislature in 2007 devised changes to the franchise tax to help pay for a sweeping property tax cut.

"It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports in 2008.

The rules are expected to be adopted in December, according to the Comptroller's office.

Taxable entities with total revenue of \$434,782 or less and entities that calculate they owe less than \$1,000 in franchise tax will not be required to pay the tax, but will still have to file a report, Combs said.

How to pay for it is the question

Texas transportation officials announced plans to form a working group to figure out how to pay for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor road-building project.

Ports-to-Plains is a proposed divided highway running from Laredo through West Texas to Denver, Colo. Designated as a High Priority Corridor by Congress in 1998, planners intend Ports-to-Plains to expand economic opportunity and serve international trade from Mexico to Canada.

Despite the congressional designation, adequate federal funding has not been provided to cover the cost of the project, officials said.

In addition to economic development and job creation, officials said the corridor could provide a way to transfer energy generated by wind turbines in West Texas to other parts of Texas and the Southwest.

Amnesty program brings in bucks

Comptroller Combs' tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, brought in more than \$100

million in unpaid taxes from June 15 through Aug. 16.

The amount included more than \$90 million in state taxes and more than \$10 million owed to local governments, Combs said.

A total of 1,258 businesses reported and paid delinquent taxes. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of those were new taxpayers operating businesses without required tax permits and without paying state taxes.

In exchange for their cooperation and payment, the comptroller waived penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes.

Land board rejects all proposals

The School Land Board, chaired by Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, on Sept. 18 rejected all six bids for the purchase of the 9,200-acre Christmas Mountains ranch tract in Big Bend.

Patterson said a mistake in the map of the tract in the original bid specifications was the reason.

The Land Board, which will meet again in November, is expected to consider bids again.

"Moving this land out of government hands is in the best interest of the land and those who want to preserve it," he added.

Language certifications approved

If a Texas public school teacher wants to be state certified to teach a foreign language, the choices are Spanish, French, German or Latin at the secondary school level.

But beginning in October, they can become certified to teach Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Vietnamese in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classes.

Karen Loonam, director of educator standards at the Texas Education Agency, said "These five new certificates were created to be responsive to the needs of multicultural communities and to prepare students for increasing globalization of the economy."

Institute releases traffic report

Austin is considered a high-congestion city, traffic-wise, and a new report has numbers (mobility data) to prove it.

Texas Transportation Institute, a division of the Texas A&M University System, published its 2007 Annual Urban Mobility Report for cities across the nation, including Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Laredo and San Antonio.

To read the report, go to <http://mobility.tamu.edu/ums/>.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

September 25, 1997
Members of the Haskell Fire Department officers for the 1997-98 year are Fire Chief, Bill Steele; Asst. Chief, Sam Watson; Capt. Co. 1, Kenny Watson; Lt. Co. 1, Donald Cunningham; Capt. Co. 2, Eddie Klose; Lt. Co. 1, Keith Hannasz; Capt. Co. 3, Randy Shaw; Lt. Co. 3, Jerry Stocks. Chaplain, Jerry Stocks; Trustees, Jessie Billington and Kyle White; Tail Twister, Coy Scoggins; Sec-Treas., Danny Stocks; Asst. Sec-Treas. Kenny Watson. Training Officer, Jerry Stocks; Asst. Training Officer, Tony Haynes; Safety Officer, Danny Stocks; and Reporter, Randy Shaw.

Dale Bullinger received the "Outstanding 4-H Leader Award" for his support and service to the Haskell County 4-H program.

20 Years Ago

September 24, 1987
Lori Lane was crowned queen of the 1987 Haskell County Fair. Lane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lane.

Haskell secondary students turned out for a short program in recognition of the 200th birthday of the Constitution. The program included a pledge of allegiance and a short talk by State Rep. Rick Perry.

30 Years Ago

September 22, 1977
Davis Dewey of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and Lorene Dewey of Abilene, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dewey.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bowen of Lubbock, and Mrs. Bob Brock of Haskell, were guests in the home of Mrs. Ruth McKennon, of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Mancill of Big Spring, visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Mally Shaw.

The first bale of cotton ginned in Rule was brought in by David Letz of Sagerton.

Mrs. Joe L. Howard celebrated her 90th birthday with a party.

40 Years Ago

September 21, 1967
Visiting in the home of Mildred Kennamer were Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Camp and children of San Antonio, Mrs. Larry Ivy and children of Lueders, Jerry Saffel of Rule, and Loise Luce of Dallas.

Braxton Thornton Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Gilmore, was among the freshmen cadets who have entered the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mrs. Ted Elliott, Haskell County Home Demonstration Agent for the past two and half years, has resigned and will transfer to Brenham where she will serve as Agent of Washington County.

50 Years Ago

September 26, 1957
The Boy Scouts of Troop 36 elected officers for 1958. Elected were junior assistant Scoutmasters, Robert Bartley and Jodie Kennedy; senior patrol leader, Ken Weaver; scribe, Joseph Thigpen and

quartermaster, Phil Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Snow of Fort Worth, visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank McCurley and with Mrs. McCurley's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Tankersley, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. High Lowe of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Williams and son, also of Dallas, were visitors in the home of Mrs. R.C. Lowe.

100 Years Ago

September 28, 1907
A.C. Foster and family, and J.L. Jones, left to attend a meeting of Scottish Rite Masons in Dallas. Una Foster will go on to Boston from Dallas.

T.L. Atchison was in town and

said his cotton would turn out about one fourth of a bale to the acre.

Jim Logan, of the west side, was in town looking for cotton pickers.

Maggie Pierson and Florence Couch left for Waco where they will attend Baylor University.

A.B. Carothers, founder of the prosperous new town of Rochester on the Orient Railroad, was in town. He stated there will be a big public sale of town lots in Rochester. He is one of the oldtime settlers in Haskell County.

M.A. Clifton has completed a four room cottage in the southeast part of town.

Cattle entry and ID requirements tackled

Texas livestock health officials, striving to protect Texas' hard-earned cattle tuberculosis (TB)-free status, have adopted new cattle entry, testing and movement regulations that go into effect Sat., Oct. 13.

The 13 commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) have tightened regulations, due to concerns about the recent findings of cattle TB infection in two New Mexico dairies, a Colorado bucking bull herd, and an Oklahoma beef herd. Additionally, over the past two years, at least five infected cattle herds and infection in free-ranging deer have been identified in Minnesota. For several years, Michigan also has waged war against TB in both cattle and free-ranging deer.

Texas originally achieved cattle TB-free status in 2000, only to lose it in 2002, after two infected cattle herds were detected. To regain the state's status and ability to move and market cattle without restrictions, a rigorous TB testing program was initiated to detect any remaining infection and provide proof of sufficient disease surveillance. In October 2006, Texas regained its TB-free status, after testing 342,937 cattle in the state's 818 dairies, and 128,489 head in 2,014 beef purebred and seed stock herds.

"Reclaiming TB-free status was hard work for Texas producers and veterinary practitioners who participated in the testing program, and for TAHC and U.S. Department of Agriculture staff in Texas," said Dr. Bob Hillman, TAHC executive director and Texas' state veterinarian. "It's not enough to just find and eradicate TB." He stressed that proactive measures are needed to prevent reintroducing this contagious, bacterial disease that can cause lesions on an animal's lungs, lymph nodes and other internal organs.

"We must be able to find the disease quickly if it is reintroduced and trace those animals that may be the source of infection or be exposed to TB," he said.

"Imported dairy cattle fed for slaughter will not rejoin a herd," said Dr. Hillman. "Therefore, their risk to other cattle is minimal. If TB lesions are detected in the animals' carcasses at slaughter and infection is confirmed, the required

identification will make it possible to identify the source of the animal. The identification also will aid in tracing the movements of the animals and assist in determining which other animals may have been exposed."

"During their lifespan, dairy animals may be moved numerous times among different production facilities. Having dairy animals identified can be a boon, if TB infection is detected," said Dr. Hillman. "Animal identification also greatly enhances our ability to trace back the movements of infected animals, so we can conduct epidemiological investigations and disease surveillance more efficiently and effectively."

"Regulations already were in place for importing steers from Mexico, requiring them to be "M"-branded, and then retested annually in Texas, if they are used for rodeo or roping activities," said Dr. Hillman. "The new regulation addresses situations in which Mexican-origin steers have been maintained in other states. Requiring these animals to be test-negative within the previous 12 months provides greater assurance that the animals will not introduce TB into Texas herds."

He advised producers to avoid commingling U.S. cattle with Mexican-origin rodeo steers or feeder cattle. Although these imported animals enter under strict TB testing requirements, he noted that TB has not been eradicated in Mexico and there is significant potential for disease exposure.

"Cattle tuberculosis infection may be a 'silent' infection. For years, the infected animal can appear healthy, and only when it is tested or slaughtered, is there evidence of infection. By then, the infected animal may have exposed many herd mates to this insidious disease," said Dr. Hillman. "We must act proactively to prevent disease introduction and ensure the ability to identify sources of the disease, in order to maintain Texas' well-deserved TB-free status."

Dr. Hillman said the new TAHC regulations include:

- Lowering the TB test-eligible age from six to two months for sexually intact dairy cattle entering Texas. These animals also must have been officially identified individually and be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection stating they tested negative for TB within 60 days prior to entering Texas. Sexually intact cattle less than two months of age must have an entry permit and go to a designated facility, where the animals will be held until they are tested negative at the age of two months.
- Forgoing TB testing on out-of-state dairy cattle delivered to an approved feedlot in Texas for finish feeding for slaughter only, unless the animals are from TB-infected herd. These dairy feeder animals must be identified, and have a TAHC entry permit and certificate of veterinary inspection.
- Identifying all Texas dairy cattle—regardless of age—with an official or TAHC-approved identification device prior to movement within the state.
- Requiring TB tests for Mexican-origin (or "M"-branded) steers that are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock, and entering Texas from other states. These steers must have had a negative TB test within the previous 12 months, and have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the previous 30 days.

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Child find set Oct. 1-3

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement (HKSSA) in cooperation with these school districts, Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD or Rule ISD, will hold special education child find screenings for children ages 3-5 years of age who parents have concerns about the developmental level(s) of their child's functions, in Munday and Knox City on Oct. 1-3.

In the spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB), HKSSA will focus on keeping children in their most natural instructional settings whenever possible, while focusing in on supports for areas of delays.

Parents who have concerns with children who are 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten; in the areas of mental, learning, speech, motor, and/or emotional skills should call HKSSA for an appointment at 940-658-3587. Once an appointment is made, parents will need to bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record along with the child on the day of the appointment.

Parents who have a child turning 3 years old later on in the 2007-08 school year, and have concerns with their development are encouraged to contact your local school's principal's office or HKSSA at 940-658-3587 at that time to obtain more information about Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD).

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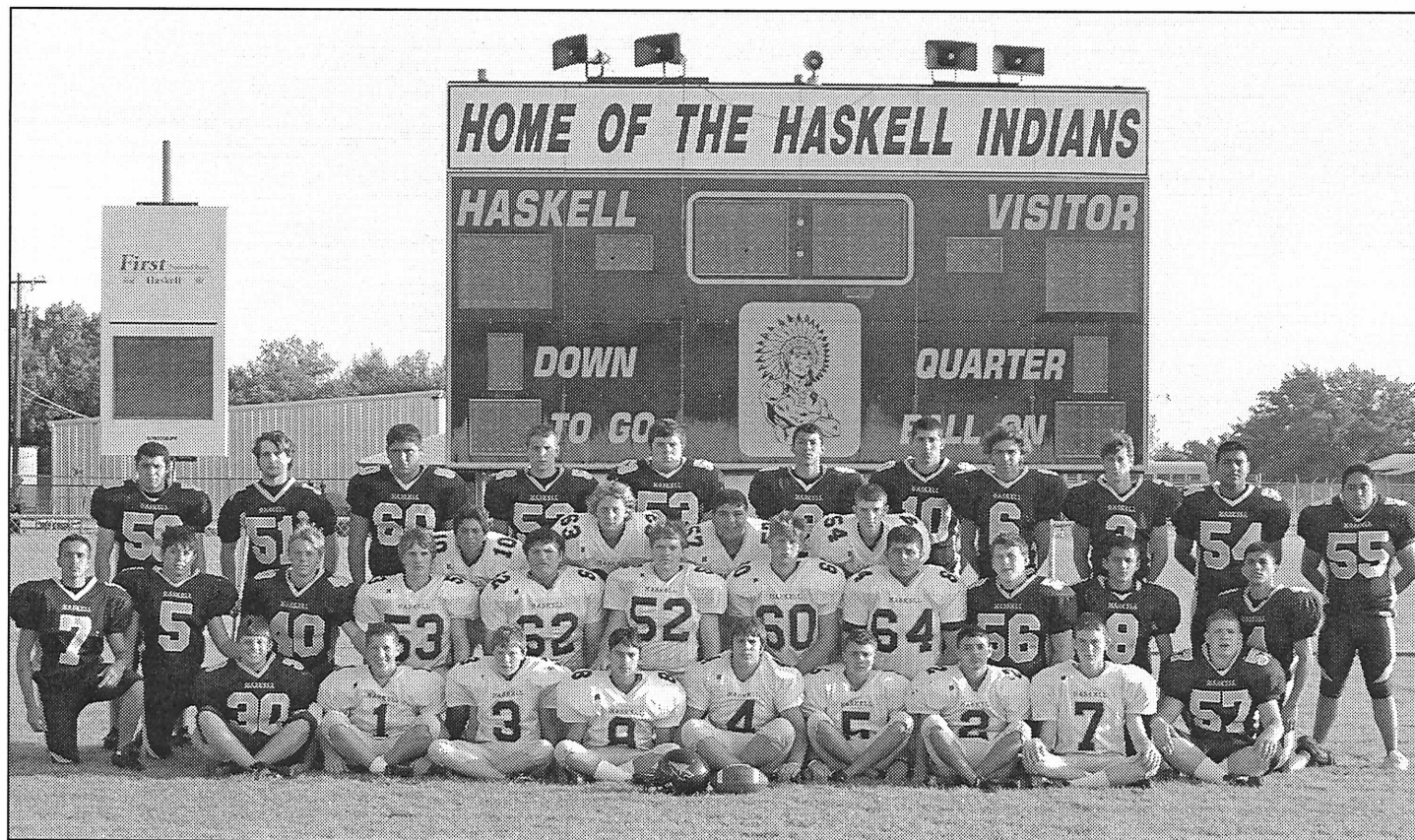
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2007 INDIAN FOOTBALL



2007 HASKELL INDIANS: front row, l-r, #30 V James Williams, #1 JV Christian Meyers, #3 JV Austin Nanny, #8 JV Kelson Aguero, #4 JV Tony Trevino, #5 JV Tyler Rodriguez, #2 JV Rickey Barrett, #7 JV Tyler Reese, #57 V Randall Pace. Second row, #7 V Jonathan Martinez, #5 V Greg Guzman, #40 V Travis Adams, #53 JV Garrett Miller, #62 JV Pedro Castillo #52 JV A.J. Benton, #60 JV Douglas Moore, #64 JV Lee Hernandez, #56 V Andrew Crail, #8 V Larry

Arebalos, #4 V Raul Villareal. Third row, #10 JV Edward Benevides, #63 JV Markus Martinez, #57 JV Scottie Rodriguez, #54 JV Ethan Frierson. Fourth row, #58 V Moses Munoz, #51V Cody Wyrick, #60 V Justin Amaro, #52 V Clint Hamilton, #53 V Clyde Frierson, #9 V A.J. Alvarez, #10 V Derek Agraz, #6 V Aaron Rodriguez, #3 V Weston Rutkowski, #54 V Simon Rodriguez, #55 V D.J. Rodriguez.

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Harvest guide available

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Plains cotton producers preparing for harvest have an updated harvest-aid guide available to help them make the most of this year's delayed crop, said a Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist.

"We have updated the High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains Cotton Harvest-Aid Guide," said Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Lubbock. "The guide is available online at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu> under the 'What's New' heading, and in the Cotton Section of the web site <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cotton/>. "Weathering considerably

reduces the dollar value of cotton lint unless producers take steps to protect both yield and quality potential. Even in a normal year, producers who use harvest-aids can speed harvest of a mature crop and protect lint quality and yield potential."

To date, 2007 has not been a normal year for Plains cotton producers. Rains at planting and the cool, rainy weather that followed helped defray irrigation costs, but put the crop slightly behind it's "normal" pace of growth.

"Many fields are later this year due to later planting dates and a cooler growing season than what we've had for some time," Boman said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sept. 12 crop report projects this year's Plains cotton crop at 4.5 million bales from more than 3 million harvestable acres in the region. If this holds true, 2007 could supplant 2006 as the third largest crop, Boman said. Even so, producers will need good open weather in September and October to properly finish many fields, he added.

Regardless of weather, there are several factors that affect the usefulness and performance of harvest-aids from season to season, he said.

"Warm, calm, sunny weather increases harvest-aid performance," Boman said. "Soil moisture should be relatively low, but sufficient to maintain active plant growth without moisture stress. Soil nitrogen levels should be relatively low, and plant leaves should be actively growing and uniformly expanded."

"Plants should have little or no secondary growth, a high percentage of open bolls in the cutout stage and they should have shed some mature leaves."

At the other end of the spectrum, these field conditions can reduce the performance of harvest-aid chemicals:

- Application under cloudy skies at temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Prolonged wet weather following application.
- Plants still in the vegetative stage of growth, with low fruit set.
- Moisture-stressed plants with tough, leathery leaves.
- Rank, dense foliage and delayed maturity caused by high soil moisture and high nitrogen levels.
- And poor spray coverage, incorrect sprayer application or the wrong application rate.

The 2007 harvest-aid guide explains how to determine crop maturity and discusses desiccants, defoliant and boll openers. It also provides tips on selecting and apply these chemicals, late-season insect management, harvesting a treated crop and ways to prevent sticky cotton and other lint contamination.

The guide also includes a treatment table that can help producers select the right treatment or combination of treatments, based on crop maturity, yield potential and expected weather conditions, Boman said.

"We have also received a few calls about how to estimate cotton yield," Boman said. "Estimating cotton yield is a very risky endeavor, but there are two publications available online for those who want to try it."

"Field Estimation of Cotton Yields, takes a fairly simple, user-friendly approach. A more complicated, thorough treatment of yield estimation is available in an older publication by Dr. Will McCarty, former Mississippi State University Extension cotton specialist. Links to both publications are in the Aug. 31 edition of Focus on South Plains Agriculture newsletter."

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

September 20, 2007

While cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade closed higher Thursday, it was essentially a sideways move from the last three days and an inside day on the technical charts.

"The market shrugged off Wednesday's reversal and continued on its merry way Thursday resulting in eight of nine consecutive days in which prices closed higher," an analyst said. "Thursday was the best close since Aug. 9 despite the fact that the industry met USDA's export sales report with indifference. Some industry observers thought it exceeded expectations, while others said it didn't change anything," he added.

Cotton also has posted strong gains on expectations by market players that U.S. cotton acreage, which already is at an 18-year low this year of 11.01 million acres, would fall anew in 2008 due to sizzling rallies in grains prices which would spur U.S. farmers to plant crops other than cotton.

Some traders said USDA's weekly export sales report provided an additional positive backdrop for the market. Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 177,900 bales for the week ended Sept. 13, a 77 percent boost from

the previous week but 42 percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers were China, Indonesia, Turkey and Mexico.

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In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 95,995 bales in the week ended Sept. 20 compared to 17,137 bales in the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 55.09 to 57.19 cents per pound versus 51.38 to 54.79 cents per pound the previous week. In other news, the effects of Australia's worst drought in recorded history were quantified this week as the Australian Bureau of Agriculture estimated the cotton crop at a paltry 477,750 bales.

"Even though this represents what would be the lowest cotton production in 30 years, it only starts to tell the tale of the frustration that is widespread in Australia," an observer commented. "Compounding the aggravation is the fact that the successes experienced over the

past 20 years has resulted in the Australian cotton infrastructure being built up to handle a crop well on the optimistic side of three million bales. It now appears that for at least the next 12 months, the preparation will have been all for naught," he added.

Difficulties also continue in India as the government there issued its first estimate of summer-grown crops, pegging the 2007-08 cotton crop at 22.94 million 170-kilogram bales, much below industry estimates of 31 million bales. In its last report, USDA estimated India's crop at 23.5 million 480-pound bales.

Closer to home, a new weak surface low pressure system was forming off the West Coast of Florida Thursday and was expected to develop into a tropical storm system in the eastern Gulf of Mexico by the end of the week. Although it was too early to predict the exact path of the system, untimely rain is possible in cotton producing areas of the Memphis Territory. Thus, harvest activities were advancing at a rapid pace. Growers were rushing to get as much cotton picked before the inclement weather arrived.

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Perennial pastures require more care and planning

by Wes Utley
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So you want some perennial grass on your place for grazing or maybe even hay? Before you get started on this project, get a leg up and do some planning, said a Texas Cooperative Extension beef specialist.

"Perennial grass for pasture is more economical than planting annual grasses," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef specialist at Amarillo. "It takes less time, labor and fuel to establish perennial grass because you plant it only once. Just make sure you want it there for a long time."

Putting a perennial grass where it can remain productive year after year is part of an overall plan that requires different management than row crops or temporary pastures, McCollum said.

"Perennial grasses are different than annual grasses," he said. "They don't put all their reproductive energy into seed production. They reproduce vegetatively through tillers (new upright stems), stolons (above-ground runners) and rhizomes (underground runners)."

"They're out there for the long haul," McCollum said. "We can benefit from that if we manage those grasses for crown and root health, and limit grazing to allow the plants time

to rest and replenish themselves."

Fertilizing perennial grasses benefits yield and forage quality. A general rule of thumb on the High Plains is 30 to 60 pounds of nitrogen per acre for dryland Old World Bluestem in one application.

"Research has shown that we can boost forage production with every pound of nitrogen applied," McCollum said. "An upfront application is recommended for dryland pasture. There seems to be little or no benefit in using split applications. If rainfall has been good or you have irrigation in the equation, consider using a little more nitrogen."

Nitrogen also boosts the protein content of young, tender forages preferred by livestock, he said. Research with Old World Bluestem has shown that the first increment of nitrogen applied (30 pounds per acre) can increase gain per head and gain per acre, he said.

"Grazing studies have shown little or no affect on gain when more than 30 pounds per acre of nitrogen were applied," McCollum said. "We also have to have good phosphorus levels to get a boost from the nitrogen we apply. The recommended rate is 50 pounds of P2O5, but it's a good idea to run a soil test first and apply phosphorus as needed."

The best way to achieve good livestock gains on perennial pastures is to adjust stocking rates based on the amount and quality of available forage, he said.

"If you treat cattle like lawnmowers, they'll perform like lawnmowers," McCollum said. "We cannot expect cattle to completely consume all the forage in a pasture and still perform well. "We have to manage our forage and adjust our grazing to allow warm-season grasses to bank nutrients in its roots before fall and winter. Come spring, the grass will use those stored nutrients to initiate new growth."

Taking livestock off the grass during the growing season, preferably in September and October, allows the forage to rest and regenerate nutrient stores in its roots, he said.

"Your overall pasture plan can also include paddocks planted to complementary forages," McCollum said. "The idea behind complementary forages is one provides what the other lacks—whether it's quality, carrying capacity or grazing—when the other is deferred from grazing."

After the fall rest period, perennial grasses can provide some grazing of residual forage during winter, he said. Adequate fertility during the growing season and respecting the grasses need for rest helps forage quality through winter.

"This can lessen the need for supplementation during winter," McCollum said. "During the growing/grazing season, cattle will need a mineral mix similar to what we would provide for them on native range."

McCollum was a featured speaker at a recent South Plains perennial grass workshop sponsored by Extension and the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation.

Funded by the Texas Water Development Board, the alliance is a joint effort of Texas Tech University, Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Agricultural Research Service Cropping Systems Research Laboratory, and several producers in Hale and Floyd counties.

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PIRATES—The varsity Paint Creek Pirate team is ranked 0-4, however, each week the teams efforts and stats have improved. This week they will host Patton Springs at home. Pirates, I-r, are Jordan Adkins #43, Caleb Whitfield #35, Denton Reed, Charlie Myers #13, Bret Siegfred #37, and Rusty Rogers #1. The remaining lineup for the varsity team is Matt Ruiz, Josh Ramirez and Micheal Buerger.



CHEERLEADING CAMP—Twenty-one girls participated in the Paint Creek mini cheer camp held Thurs., Sept. 6. They were divided into age groups and taught cheers that were performed at the Paint Creek varsity football game on Fri., Sept. 7. Each participant received a certificate of completion and a t-shirt. Instructors were the 2007-08 Paint Creek Junior High and Varsity cheerleading squads. Participants were: front row, l-r, Madilyn Davis, Gracie Oliver, Adaline Utley, Bailey Hearn and Maddie Sewell; second row, Destiny Carson, Catherine Lemmond, Zhenia McTasney, Bailey Hawkins, Felicity Gentry, Cheyenne Elias, Skylar Bridges, Alex Martinez, Sara Edwards, Kayla Bosnjak, Brittany Yanez, Cequin Mcllwain, Jennifer Caudle and Danica Elias; and, back row, Shalon Heidenheimer, Stormy Darnell, and 2007-08 cheerleaders, Kadie McCord (junior high), Caitlin Medford (junior high), Cidney Jordan (mascot), Haley Myers (junior high), Katrina Buerger (junior high), Amber Gilbreath (high school), Shanna Armstrong (high school), Jessica Pendergraft (high school) and Lacey Stephens (high school).

Masons to set cornerstone at KC Museum

For decades, the people of Knox County have dreamed of having a Knox County Museum.

A group of determined individuals brainstormed different ways to make this dream into a reality, bringing up a common problem, money. Then, a Benjamin family left \$5,000 to the Knox County Historical Commission for the purpose of making this dream into a reality. This bequest, along with long hours of dedication and work spent in fund-raising, applying for and receiving grants from various venues, has resulted in the very nearly completed museum building located just east of the Knox County courthouse in Benjamin on U.S. Hwy 82.

This project has been a pay as you go effort, with the whole county working together to make this happen. The efforts were led by a small group of dedicated

individuals that not only love history, but have an overwhelming love for Knox County. This group quickly gives credit to the residents and friends of Knox County who have so generously helped and supported all their efforts.

Sat., Sept. 29 presents area residents and visitors with an opportunity to participate in another important step in making this dream into a reality.

Grand Master of Texas Masons, Donny Broughton, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, will lead a ceremony to set the cornerstone at the Wichita-Brazos Historical Museum in Benjamin. Generally, the placement of the corner stone is the last act in the building and serves as a dedication of the building and a signal of its completion. This ceremony will be a commemorative setting, in that the structure of the building is already complete.

The Masonic cornerstone ceremony, when duly laid with Masonic Rites, is full of significance and meaning, and is quite impressive. Throughout Texas history, Masons have leveled cornerstones of schools, churches, local government buildings and public buildings. It is considered a great honor by Mason's to perform this service

in their communities. Likewise, it is a great honor for the community to have this ceremony performed.

The Grand Master will be joined by other Grand Lodge officers from across the state, including David Counts of Knox City. Counts is serving in the position of Grand Senior Warden, and is in line to be the Grand Master of Texas Masons beginning in 2009.

The event will be preceded with a meal at the Benjamin

Memorial Building, consisting of brisket and all the trimmings, including peach cobbler for dessert. This will be a fund-raising opportunity sponsored by the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission, with a suggested donation of \$10. Serving will begin around noon. The cornerstone ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the museum site presenting a unique opportunity to take part in a historical moment in Knox County.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 980 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Sept. 22, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

448 steers and bulls, 320 heifers, 212 cows and bulls were sold. 67 sellers and 35 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, 42-48; cutters, 46-51; canners, 30-40.

Bulls: bologna, 57-62, feeders, 80-95.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 140-170; 300-400 lbs., 125-140; 400-500 lbs., 115-125; 500-600 lbs., 110-115; 600-700 lbs., 108-110; 700-800 lbs., 106-110.25; 800-up lbs. 106-110.25.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 135-144; 300-400 lbs., 115-135; 400-500 lbs., 107.50-115; 500-600 lbs., 104-107.50; 600-up lbs., 95-104.

Bred heifers: medium frame 525-775.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 875-990; aged or small, 345-525.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 875-1010; aged or small, 505-775.

Hogs: all types, .20.

Popcorn sale continues

Haskell Cub Pack 136 and Boy Scout Troop 136 will join the Boy Scouts of America, Texas Trails Council of Abilene, in the annual Trails-End popcorn sale with popcorn orders being taken through Mon., Nov. 5.

This year ten items will be available. Delivery date for the orders is Nov. 19.

Haskell County citizens wishing to support these young men in this endeavor may order from any local scout or call Sherri Morrow at 864-3624, Tyke Meinzer at 864-3664 or Patrick Pace at 996-2729.

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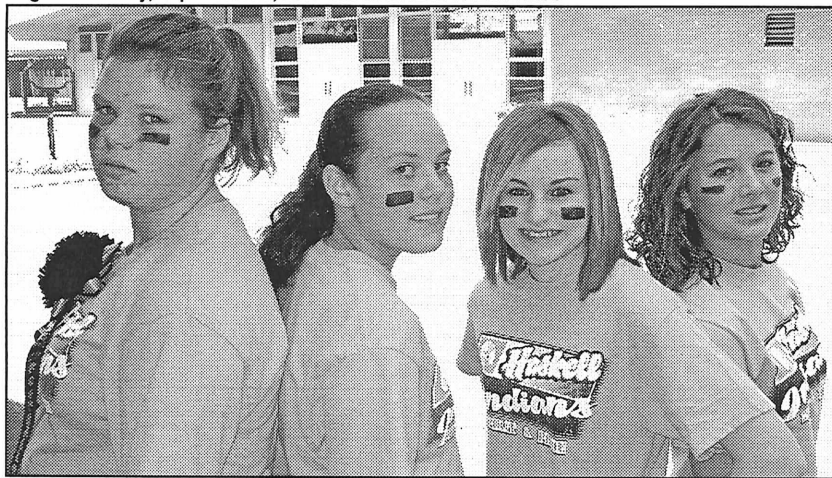
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HASKELL INDIAN PRIDE—Dressed and displaying war paint in support of the Haskell Indians are, l-r, Rochester Junior High School students, Jasmine Klose, Felysha Walker, Lisa Hibbitts and Laycee Tullos.

Paint Creek cross country teams run

Paint Creek high school girls and junior high girls and boys participated at the cross country meet in Guthrie Sept. 15.

Payne Utley, junior high student, did an outstanding job with a time of 14:52, to place seventh overall.

Others who participated in included varsity girls: Shana Armstrong, LaCresha Escamilla,

Britney Martinez and Brittany Waggoner; junior high girls: Katie Bosnjack, Haley Myers, Kelsey Smith and Danielle Oliver; junior high boys: Matthew Booe, Caleb McCord, River McTasney and Payne Utley.

Coaches are Esther Waggoner and Coach Bleiker.

Six-Man action

The Rule Bobcats defeated the Paducah Dragons Friday night by a score of 67-20.

The Bobcats rushed for 153 yards and passed for 151 yards. The game ended in the third quarter at 7:24 by the mercy rule.

Buena Vista defeated the Paint Creek Pirates by a 65-6 score, ending the game at halftime by the mercy rule.

Haskell School Menu

Oct. 1-5 Breakfast

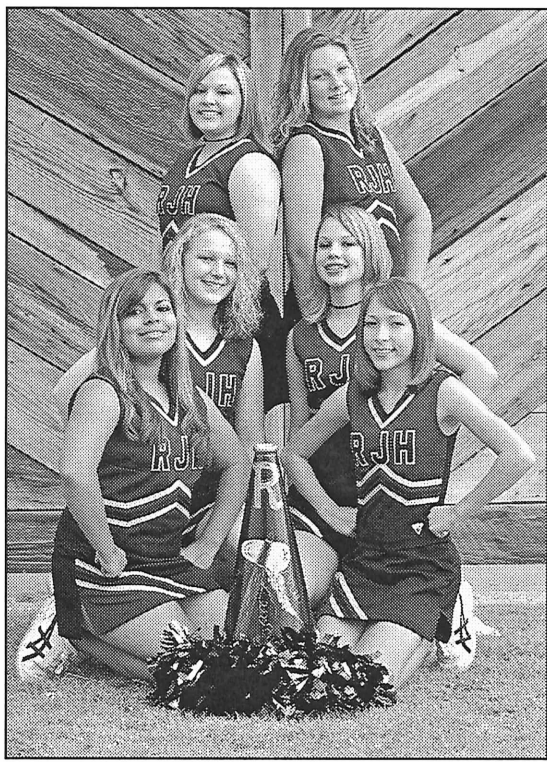
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit
Wednesday: Cereal, Cheez-Its.
Thursday: Egg and sausage burrito
Friday: Cinnamon roll

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 and ham.

Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend, hot roll, pudding cup
Tuesday: Pepperoni HotPocket, corn, garden salad, baby carrots, ranch dressing, applesauce
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips, apple wedges
Thursday: Lasagna, Italian green beans, garden salad, bread stick, Mandarin orange fruit
Friday: Barbeque on a bun, pickle spears, french fries, orange slices



RJH CHEERLEADERS—The 2007-08 Rochester Junior High cheerleaders are front: Valerie Gonzalez and Sasha Walker; middle, Mackenzie Thomas and Kymbre Kupatt; and back, Paige Glover and Carson Hadaway.

Paint Creek School Menu

Oct. 1-5 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: Cereal or toast
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Biscuits, sausage
Friday: Waffles

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, squash, salad, rolls,

peach cobbler
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Fajitas, refried beans, corn, salad, pudding.
Thursday: BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, potato wedges, rice krispy bars
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, onions, chips, fruit

This Week's Devotional Message:



MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT WITH A MESSAGE FOR OTHERS

Since very few of us ever manage to achieve great fame or wealth, we sometimes wonder what our lives have really amounted to. Even those who are blessed with good children to follow them may still feel a compulsion to do something of lasting value which will be of help to others after they're gone. The answer is simple: write something! You don't have to be a literary genius in order to do this, for

that would eliminate most of us. All you need it the ability to put a few words of advice together, such as 'help somebody' or 'love your neighbor.' For inspiration, at your house of worship, you will receive many worthwhile messages to pass along. Then, the next time you long to accomplish some good in this world, you can remember that you have already done so.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 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. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 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. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Cloviss Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
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- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING A CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JUANITA SELMA-BRITE BURSON
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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Estate of Juanita Selma Brite-Burson, c/o Law Offices of Matt Mercer, PLLC, 124 S. Swenson, Suite 102, P.O. Box 1215, Stamford, Texas 79553.
Dated the 20 day of September, 2007.
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124 S. Swenson, Suite 102
P.O. Box 1215
Stamford, Texas 79553
Telephone: 325-773-2233
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Paint Creek Independent School District, Haskell, Texas will receive sealed proposals for the Construction of New High School Gymnasium and Science and Computer Classrooms. Proposers are invited to submit individual proposals and shall identify their proposal on the outside of the sealed envelope in the following manner:
Construction of
New High School Gymnasium
Science and Computer Classrooms
Paint Creek Independent School District
Haskell, Texas 79521-9404
The following proposal package will be received: CB1-01 Pre-Engineered Metal Building.
Proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent, Paint Creek I.S.D., 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521-9404 on: Monday, October 8, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the following locations:
Construction Manager: Compass

Builders, Inc., 536 South Coppel Road, Coppel, TX 75019, Phone: 972-471-0222, Fax: 972-462-9016.
Owner: Paint Creek I.S.D., 4485 FM 600, Haskell, TX 79521-9404, Phone: 940-864-2471, Fax: 940-864-8038.

Architect: NR2 Architects, 2301 N. Akard St., Suite 405, Dallas, TX 75201, Phone: 214-871-2302, Fax: 214-871-8716.

McGraw-Hill Plan Room: Dallas, Reed Architectural Plan Room: D/FTW, Minority Business Counsel of DFW,

Construction Information Network Dallas, thebluebook.com.

One copy of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with the Construction Manager, Compass Builders, Inc. Such deposits shall be made payable to Paint Creek I.S.D. and will be refunded to the Proposer who submits a bona fide proposal or returns the plans and contract documents in good condition within ten (10) days of the proposal opening, otherwise no refund will be made. Partial sets will not be issued. Proposers and suppliers at cost may purchase additional single complete sets from Compass Builders, Inc.

The successful proposer (if over \$25,000.00) will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory payment and performance bonds within five (5) days of presentation of the contract.

Per Section 9, Subsection (b), Section 44.031, Texas Education Code.

(b) Except as provided by this subchapter, in determining to whom to award a contract, the district will consider the following:

1. The purchase price -40%
2. The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods and services -25%
3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services -10%
4. The extent to which the goods or services meets the district's needs -5%
5. The vendor's past relationship with the district -10%
6. The total long term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services -10%

The Owner/Compass Builders, Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any formalities in the proposal. Proposals shall not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the proposals, without written consent of the Paint Creek I.S.D.

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INDIAN CARRY—Haskell Indian Jonathan Martinez #7 carries the ball during the homecoming victory played last Friday night. The Indians defeated Quannah by a score of 47 to 14.
Photo by Bill Blankenship



WAR PAINT—Rochester Junior High School student Krista McLemore displays her 'H' painted in support of the Haskell Indians.

Older Worker Week is Sept. 23-29

Texas joins the rest of the nation promoting the hiring of older workers during Employ Older Workers Week Sept. 23-29. Established by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), this special week recognizes the contributions that older Americans continue to make to our nation's economy and to acknowledge employers who establish age-friendly work environments by training and recruiting qualified older workers.

With the growing population of older people and the anticipated shortages of skilled workers, many seniors are choosing to remain in the workplace well past retirement age. Data released earlier this month by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that 23.2 percent of people between ages 65 and 74 were either working or job hunting in 2006, an increase of nearly 20 percent compared to 2000 statistics.

"Employers recognize that mature workers contribute strong work ethic and valuable experience to their businesses," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Older workers benefit from the opportunity to acquire newer skills necessary to meet the demands of today's changing workforce needs."

Census bureau statistics suggest that the number of Texans age 55 and older is expected to increase from its current 4.6 million to more than 5.1 million by 2010 and 10.3 million by 2040. The Texas economy is expected to mirror the rest of the nation's efforts in relying significantly on the contributions of workers in this talent pool.

In Program Year 2006, DOL allocated more than \$23 million to Texas for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which provided on-the-job training and employment opportunities to

more than 6,500 qualified older Texans. SCSEP was established more than 40 years ago to serve the employment needs of people age 55 or older with limited financial resources.

Participants provide community services for public entities and nonprofit organizations such as libraries,

workforce centers, museums, hospitals, recreation centers, social service agencies, school districts and public housing agencies while they prepare to transition into full- or part-time employment in the public and private sectors. Federal grants are issued to states and a broad network of organizations to operate the program nationwide.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners held a special called meeting Sept. 17 to conduct a public hearing regarding the intent of Haskell County to apply for a Texas Community Development/STEP fund grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The grant is for water system improvements in the Sagerton area.

The hearing was opened by Judge David Davis. Commissioners Tiffen Mayfield and Bobby Smith, along with County Clerk Rhonda Moeller were present.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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