

Football

HASKELL

JV-V Indians vs Roscoe
Sat., Aug. 13, 10 a.m.

Scrimmage at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

Pirates vs Trent

Fri., Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m.

Scrimmage at Trent

RULE

Bobcats vs ACHS

Fri., Aug. 12, 6 p.m.

Scrimmage at Rule

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Aug. 25 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

New pool hours

Due to lack of attendance and busier schedules for trained lifeguards during the month of August, the Haskell City Pool will have new hours. August hours are 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1:30-5 p.m. every Sunday of the month. The only weekday the pool will be open is Fri., Aug. 12 from 1-5 p.m. The pool is still available for rental for private parties. Contact Pool Manager, Lakay Caparoon at 940-256-2083.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Aug. 12 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. Discussion will be concerning the new budget for fiscal year that begins Sept. 1 and new officers.

Fund established

A medical fund has been established for Janis Briggs to help offset medical expenses at First National Bank in Haskell. Donations may be made at the bank or through First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 525, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Back to school night

The Paint Creek ISD faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Thurs., Aug. 18. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children. All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

Girls' athletic form reminder

All girls who plan to be in athletics at Haskell High or Rochester Junior High schools need to have their physical forms and other necessary paperwork finished and turned in to the athletic office by the time school starts. If forms are needed, they can be obtained at the high school athletic office.

Youth flag football

Interest in a youth flag football program is being sought for a program in Haskell. Teams would be Pre-K through sixth grades. To express your interest, call Tyke Meinzer at 325-725-3820, Roger Roewe at 325-669-8848 or Casey Larned at 325-669-0688.

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Football scrimmages begin this week

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JEFF YORK

York is new Haskell High School principal

by Caron Yates

Haskell High School welcomes a new principal this upcoming school year. With the retirement of current principal Larry Howe, the search began to find someone to fill the vacancy. It ended with the hiring of Jeff York.

York is an "almost local guy." Although he was raised in Graham, where he still has family, he and his wife have actually owned property, as well as a house, in Rochester for several years, and have been there frequently. He is married to the former Reva Greenwood, who was raised at Rochester. She is employed in the business office at Stamford ISD.

York received both bachelor's and master's degrees in Agricultural Education from Tarleton State University. He began his career as an Ag Science teacher at Robert Lee, where he taught for six years. It was during this time he earned his Mid-management Certification from Sul Ross State University.

York is beginning his eleventh year as a school principal. From 1997 until 2000, he served as the Rochester ISD principal. He spent one year as assistant principal at Dublin ISD and then four years as the

elementary principal with the Hico school district. After leaving the education field to work in the oil industry for a few years, he rejoined school life as assistant principal at Burkburnett High School.

He began work at Haskell High School on June 15, and feels it has been a smooth transition. Having been in this area, he already knew some of his staff, and he looks forward to getting to know and working with the others.

York says, "It makes my job easier to come into a school where things are in great shape. Our focus will be to maintain the high quality of education already established here, while at the same time work to find ways for continued improvement."

He expects to maintain many of the student reward and recognition programs, that were previously instituted. He emphasizes that decisions must be based on what is best for the kids.

York says, "It is like getting back home." He adds, "There are some wonderful people here and I feel very comfortable and ready to do what is necessary to ensure that the students at Haskell High get the best education."

Haskell Elementary to hold Back to School Nights

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held on the following days and times:

Tues., Aug. 16, third and fourth grades at 5:30 p.m. and fifth grade at 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 18, Head Start, PPCD and Kindergarten at 5:30 p.m., Prekindergarten from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., first and second grades at

6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork. Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 22. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Herring named new Paint Creek School principal

by Caron Yates

Paint Creek ISD will have a new principal on duty, when students begin classes on August 22.

Blaze Herring has been hired as principal, taking over the responsibilities from Jim Raughton, who is now principal at Stamford ISD. Herring is the son of Leon and Carolyn Herring of Haskell. He has a seventeen year old son and a thirteen year old daughter.

After graduating from Sweetwater High School, Herring earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and Kinesiology from Texas Tech University in 1990. He continued his education, receiving a Master's Degree in Education Administration from West Texas A&M.

He is excited to be back in The Big Country area, which he considers home. Most of his teaching and coaching experience has been in the Panhandle of Texas. He served as a coach and assistant elementary principal at Dalhart ISD, and was a part of the McLean school system for a total of fourteen years in various capacities including teacher, coach and principal. Last year he taught and coached in the Amarillo ISD system.

He realized he much preferred the smaller schools. Herring says, "It is important to me to really get to know the kids and build strong relationships. It is much easier



BLAZE HERRING

to do that in a small school system."

He has high expectations as principal. He says, "We have a strong staff with good attitudes and a record of success, so I want to maintain that, as well as keep parents and students interested and involved in their child's education. I want this to be a place the students want to be, because when they feel wanted they tend to work harder."

Not only has he been hired as an administrator, but he will

also wear the hat of football coach.

He has adopted the team motto, "Why Not Us?" Although all coaches have winning toward the top of their list, Herring wants to focus on building interest and positive attitudes, as well as teaching players that not only does hard work pay off, but it can also be fun.

He looks forward to the upcoming school year, and being a part of the Paint Creek school community.

Rule ISD to register Aug. 16-17

Rule ISD will hold Jr. High and High School registration Tues., Aug. 16 in the school library.

Parents or legal guardians of students in grades sixth through eighth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend. The registration schedule will be as follows: eighth grade will register at 9 a.m.; seventh at 10 a.m.; sixth at 11 a.m.; seniors at 1 p.m.; juniors at 2 p.m.; sophomores at 3 p.m.; freshmen at 4 p.m.

Registration for Elementary students will be held Wed., Aug. 17 in the classrooms of each grade level. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through fifth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill.
- A copy of the child's Social Security card.
- A copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Current immunization records.

•Any records from the child's previous school district.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the Teachers" and "Meet the Bobcats" night for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Rule will also conduct its annual Title I Parent meeting at this time. This event will give students and parents the opportunity to enjoy ice cream and meet the 2011-2012 Bobcats, returning teachers, new teachers and staff at Rule ISD.

After a short assembly in the auditorium about the upcoming

school year and the Title I program, students will be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to leave before the first day of school. Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions. There will be information about Booster Club and sign up forms for Booster Club activities. Order forms for new school t-shirts will also be available along with the 2010-2011 annuals.

A few extra annuals will be in Jimmie Peter's classroom for \$35.00 each, or if you ordered one last year, come pick yours up. Come enjoy this event in preparation for an exciting 2011-2012 school year!

Rochester JH to register

Registration night for Rochester Junior High will be Mon., Aug. 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Junior High Cafeteria. Sixth grade students will register from 5:00 to 6:00 and seventh and eighth grade students will register from 6:00 to 7:00. A meeting will be held in the auditorium at 5:45 for sixth grade students and their parents to provide information about Junior High and answer any questions you may have about the new school year.

The Junior High Student Council will be available to give

tours during registration. If you cannot attend registration night and would like to register your student at another time, please contact the Junior High office at 940-743-3260 and a time for you to register your student will be scheduled.

Students new to the district will need a birth certificate, shot records, and driver's license to register.

If you have any questions please contact Reida Penman at 940-743-3260 or 940-742-3476.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Clay Shoot set Sept. 3-4

The second annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot will be held Sat., Sept. 3 and Sun., Sept. 4 outside of Haskell. Shooting times for the Modified Lewis Class Shoot will be 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In a Modified Lewis Class Shoot participants do not have to be a top shot to win a gun.

Shoot proceeds will

benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and concession stand proceeds will benefit the Progressive Study Club War Memorial Project.

For more information contact Steve Alsabrook, alsabrook@srcaccess.net, 325-280-2100; Dudley Cockerell, johnnie0h@aol.com, 325-668-0302 or Billie McKeever, bmckeever@

srcaccess.net, 940-864-4814.

Come on out and shoot, have lunch and enjoy a couple of great days. Dove hunters, get your limit and then come try to win a gun.

4-H Lamb validation tag orders due Aug. 29

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Time is near to order Lamb/Goat Validation Ear Tags.

If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags until Mon., Aug. 29. The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

You may come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell to order the tags.

If you have any questions, call Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag. at 940-864-2658.

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NOTICE

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2011 at 135 N. Munday Ave. in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate is **0.0218** per \$100 of value.

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2011 INDIAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 13	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Haskell	10 a.m.
Aug. 18	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Merkel	5 p.m.
Aug. 26	Archer City	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Coleman	Coleman	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Rotan	Rotan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Munday	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Quanah	Quanah	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Jacksboro Homecoming	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Seymour	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	OPEN		
Oct. 21	*Stamford	Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*Olney	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Albany	Albany	7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 13	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Haskell	10 a.m.
Aug. 18	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Merkel	5 p.m.
Aug. 25	Archer City	Archer City	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	Coleman	Haskell	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	Rotan	Haskell	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Munday	Munday	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Quanah	Haskell	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	Jacksboro	Jacksboro	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Seymour	Seymour	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	OPEN		
Oct. 20	*Stamford	Haskell	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Olney	Olney	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Albany	Haskell	4 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 8	7th Breckenridge	Haskell	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	8th Rotan	Haskell	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	7th & 8th Munday	Munday	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	7th & 8th Quanah	Haskell	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	7th & 8th Jacksboro	Jacksboro	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	*7th & 8th Seymour	Seymour	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	OPEN		
Oct. 20	*7th & 8th Stamford	Haskell	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	*7th & 8th Olney	Olney	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	*7th & 8th Albany	Haskell	4 p.m.

*District Game

AD/HEAD COACH: Kent Colley
COACHES: Harvey Davis, Josh Damron, Tate Thompson and Chad Copeland
PRINCIPAL: Jeff York SUPT.: Bill Alcorn

Obituaries

Travis Donald Lee



DONALD LEE

Graveside services for Travis Donald Lee, 85, of Rule were held Sat., Aug. 6 at Rule Cemetery in Rule with Rev. Russell Stanley officiating. Services were

under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Lee passed away Thurs., Aug. 4 in Rule.

Born Aug. 14, 1925 in Rule, he was the son of Carl Chancellor Lee and Ruby Pearl Hines. He married Laverne Allison in Haskell, Texas Sept. 8, 1950 and lived in Rule all his life. He worked as a carpenter. He served in the U.S. Army 3rd Battalion from December 1943 to February of 1946. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ruby Lee; two brothers, Alfred Lee and Lloyd Lee; sisters, Dessa

Mae Jeter and Christine Morgan.

Survivors include his wife Laverne Allison Lee; three daughters, Karen Smart and husband Sid of Rochester, Valerie Minefee and husband Joe of Midland, Julie Petty and husband Rod of Rule; two sons, Eugene Lee of Midland, Terry Lee and wife Judy of Austin; grandchildren, Jennifer Smart, Jason Smart and wife Tamara, Jarred Minefee, Joseph Minefee and wife Brandi, Zeb Petty and Allison Petty; four great grandchildren; sister, Joan Brock of Clyde; sister-in-law, Alletha Lee of Camden, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Producers reminded of closing date for noninsurable crops

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of Sept. 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial

assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said Brzozowski. "This year alone has proved that natural

disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011: All small grains (wheat, oats, barley, rye and Triticale), beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, canola, cauliflower, garlic, sod grass, greens, herbs, Kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onions, radishes, strawberries, turnips and value loss crops (Christmas trees, crustaceans, fin fish, and flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 607 N. 1st East Ste. B in Haskell or call 940-864-2617 ext. 2.

Golf tournament to benefit Noah Project

Noah Project, Inc., an area shelter with the mission of "Advocating for victims and working to end family violence," will be holding its first golf tournament fundraiser.

For the past several years, Noah Project benefited from the Diamondback Charity Classic golf tournament along with Hendrick Hospice Care. When the Diamondback Charity Classic decided to disband, it left a huge deficit in the general budget of Noah Project. The Noah board this year decided to

do a golf tournament on their own in an effort to replace some of the lost funds from the Charity Classic.

That tournament will be held Fri., Aug. 19 at Diamondback Golf Club. Some player spots, teams and sponsorships are still available. For more information call Noah Project at 325-676-7107.

In the past year Noah Project served over 700 clients through its resident and non-resident services with those clients coming from 20 different area counties.

Haskell area agent among second quarter's top agents

A Hermann Sons fraternal insurance agent representing the Haskell area has been recognized as a top producer for the second quarter of 2011. The Marketing Department of the Grand Lodge, Order of the Sons of Hermann in the State of Texas has announced that Jean Merchant finished first in the state and first

in Region 3 in the new premium income generated category and third in the state and first in Region 3 in the applications written category.

Hermann Sons agents are assigned to one of five geographic regions in the state and must meet minimum requirements for premium income and number of applications written to compete for quarterly cash bonuses.

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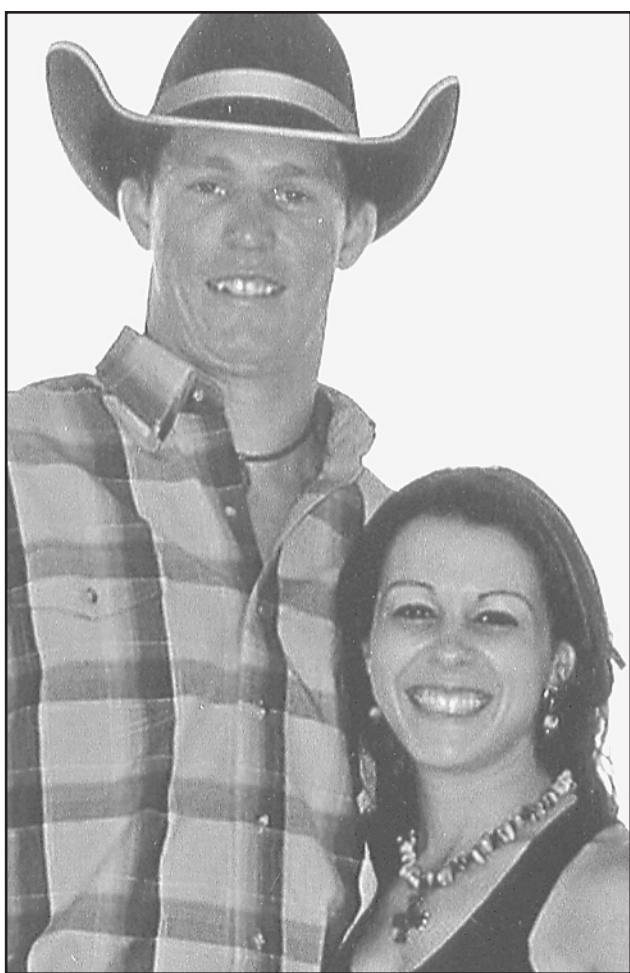
2011 BOBCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 12	ACHS, Scrimmage	Rule	6 p.m.
Aug. 19	Northside, Scrimmage	Vernon	5 p.m.
Aug. 26	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Harrold	Harrold	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Knox City	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	OPEN		
Sept. 23	Paint Creek	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Aspermont	Aspermont	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Trent	Trent	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Guthrie	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Jayton	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Benjamin	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Lueders-Avoca	Rule	7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 8	Knox City	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	OPEN		
Sept. 22	Paint Creek	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Aspermont	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Trent	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Guthrie	Guthrie	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Jayton	Jayton	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	Benjamin	Rule	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Lueders-Avoca	Lueders-Avoca	6 p.m.



JUSTIN HANNSZ - LINDSAY BROWNING

Browning, Hannsz plan to wed Sept. 3

Lindsay Browning and Justin Hannsz are announcing their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple plans to wed Sat., Sept. 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Browning is the daughter of Lisa Browning of Stephenville and Robert Browning of Marshall. Grandparents are Joe and Becky Adams of Breckenridge and Jimmy and Janice Browning of Haskell.

Hannsz is the son of Deborah and Brian

Bredthauer of Angel Fire, New Mexico and Carey and Vicki Hannsz of Pecos. His paternal grandparents are Jerry and Carla Hannsz of Haskell and Maxine and Bob Farmer of Pecos. Maternal grandparents are John and Marilyn Kiki of Breckenridge and Walter and Aileen Bredthauer of Haskell.

Both are graduates of Tarleton State University. He is a ranch manager and she is employed by Greenmackers Nursery.

They plan to live in Stephenville.

Harrell family holds reunion

The 2011 Harrell family reunion was held Friday night and Saturday at First National Bank with 15 present.

Oldest present was Bob Glover of Panhandle. Youngest present was Robin Price, granddaughter of Mike and Julia Harrell, of Haskell. Glover and Price are both descendants of Will Harrell.

Others attending were Roy and Mareta Glover of Richardson, Dana, Rachel and Austin Shipley of Rowlett, Casey and daughter Reagan of Frisco, Mike, Susan and Jamie Kendall of Richland Hills and guest Breanna of Richland Hills.

The 2012 reunion is set for July 28 at New World United Methodist Church Activity Center in Garland.

Hamburger supper, awards program set for 4-H'ers

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will sponsor their yearly fund-raiser hamburger meal before their annual 4-H Awards Program Sat., Aug. 27 from 6:30 till 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell County fairgrounds under the pavilion. Anyone attending is also invited to stay for the 4-H awards program that will follow the meal. The meal will consist of a real

grilled hamburger with all the trimmings, real French fries, homemade desserts and iced tea. In case of rain, the meal and awards will be moved to the Haskell Show Barn. Call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 and Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.



TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY—Vera Smith of Haskell will be celebrating her ninety first birthday Aug. 11. Kicking off the celebration early, Tucker (the golden retriever) stopped by Sunday morning to take this birthday photo with her before she went to have lunch and a party with relatives in town. Smith was the life of the party, of course.

Cancer Support Group offers seminars

Cancer Services Network will offer a six-week educational support group for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. Sessions are set for 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning Aug. 18 at the Hinds Square Classroom located at 100 Chestnut, Suite 112, in Abilene. Cancer Services Network is an agency of the United Way of Abilene.

This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in any way. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with your Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with

the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fourteen years' experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a grant from the Discretionary Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Record-setting heat, lack of rain prompt actions

AUSTIN—Texas is suffering through the most severe one-year drought on record and experienced the hottest July in state history, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced on Aug. 4.

Drought-caused damage to the Texas economy “is already measured in billions of dollars and continues to mount,” Staples said.

“I cannot stress enough the critical need for forage to sustain the largest cattle herd in the nation. The suffering and desperate need for relief grows with the rising temperatures and record-breaking heat that continue to scorch Texas with each passing day.”

The commissioner’s words came after Texas A&M-based State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon confirmed Texas was in a worst-on-record drought situation. The state began to collect weather information in the 1890s. To those who remember the drought of 1950-57, this one is “shorter and sharper” Nielsen-Gammon said.

To help with cattle feeding, Gov. Rick Perry extended a hay transportation waiver at Staples’ request to Sept. 1 with the possibility of further extensions every 30 days as long as the drought continues.

With weeks of daily high temperatures topping 100 degrees, Texans have been using unusually elevated levels of electricity to cool their homes and businesses. Extreme temperatures resulting in extraordinary power usage prompted the Public Utility Commission, power grid-managing entity ERCOT and the governor, who said himself there is no relief in sight, to ask citizens to switch off unnecessary appliances and turn up air conditioning settings in order to avoid rolling blackouts.

Furthermore, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has in the works new rules that may allow the agency’s executive director to suspend or adjust water rights during times of drought or emergency water shortages.

An Aug. 11 hearing at TCEQ headquarters in Austin was scheduled to include public input in advance of rulemaking on drought procedures and to define “drought” and “emergency shortage of water.”

Perry takes part in ‘Response’

More than 30,000 people attended The Response, a Christian prayer meeting initiated, promoted and led by Gov. Perry and evangelical groups in Houston on Aug. 6.

Also, more than 80,000 web viewers watched the daylong event from their homes,

organizers said.

Billed as an opportunity to pray publicly “for a historic breakthrough for our country and a renewed sense of moral purpose,” the event was held at 75,000-seat Reliant Stadium.

In Houston and Austin, small groups of protesters criticized the governor’s official connection and personal participation in The Response.

The Response was monitored by political commentators, some of whom expressed the notion that the event might be seen as an indicator or serve as a trigger for the governor’s pending decision over whether to run for the presidency in 2012.

Online college is promoted

Texans now have what state leaders call “an affordable and flexible path to a higher education degree” through the accredited web-based Western Governors University-Texas.

Bachelor’s and master’s degrees in “key workforce areas” including nursing, education and information technology are offered, the governor’s office announced.

Self-sustaining WGU-Texas does not collect money from the state. Tuition reportedly costs about \$5,780 per 12-month year. Visit <http://texas.wgu.edu/> for more information.

The first paragraph of Gov. Perry’s Aug. 3 executive order establishing WGU-Texas says, “although enrollment in all Texas institutions of higher education has increased 47 percent since 2000, there is still a significant need to provide adult learners with greater access to opportunities to obtain higher education degrees.”

AYP report is released

Some 5,597 Texas schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress standards for the federal school rating system this year, the Texas Education Agency announced. This represents 66 percent of all Texas campuses.

Schools and districts must have 80 percent or more of their students in grades 3-8 and 10 pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading or English language arts test and 75 percent must pass the TAKS mathematics test to meet AYP standards.

They also must achieve a 90 percent attendance rate or a 75 percent graduation rate, depending on the grade levels they serve.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind law, the standards must reach 100 percent passing on both reading and mathematics assessments by 2014 which requires a substantial increase in ratings standards each year in order to meet this requirement, the state education agency noted.

10 Years Ago August 9, 2001

Sponsored by the Haskell First United Methodist Church, several Haskell residents returned to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico on a mission trip. They were Darrell, Melynn and Kyle Hunt; Bryan, Cindy and Heath McCullough; Robb and Renee McClellan; Peggy and Ross Hairgrove; Drew Garison; Sandy Sanford; Cathy Bartley and Shane Brue.

Dwayne Landreth took first place in the Rudder-Elevator-Spoiler Class at the Radio Control Sailplane National Championship held at Muncie, Indiana.

Descendants of C.A. and Annie Mae Josselet Thomas gathered for their annual reunion. Four of the five living children attending were John Thomas, Roberta Carroll, Marie Cole and Lewis Thomas.

20 Years Ago August 8, 1991

Doyle High, Dr. Cliff Ray and Dr. Tom Hairgrove prepared the roast pig which was served at the Texas Hawaiian Luau to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Kim Gilly and Mindy Ballard, representing the

Haskell County 4-H, attended a 4-H leadership retreat in Red River, New Mexico.

Ronny Tanner was elected president of the Haskell Booster Club. Also elected were vice-president Danny Josselet, secretary Debi Burson, treasurer Phyllis Coleman and reporter Kathleen Tanner.

30 Years Ago August 6, 1981

W.L. “Blue” Holt has been named head football coach at Haskell ISD by the Board of Trustees. He has taught math at Haskell High for the past five years.

Participating in the State 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot in San Antonio are Haskell students Felipe Arredondo, Bobby Short and Darryl Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Raughton of Haskell announce the birth of a daughter, Amber Dallas, born at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Raughton of Haskell.

40 Years Ago August 12, 1971

Deborah Denson was crowned 1971 Haskell County Farm Bureau Queen in ceremonies held at the Haskell Country Club. She is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Denson, Jr. of Rule.

Bill Comedy, publisher of the Haskell Free Press, was elected to the Board of Directors of West Texas Press Association at the 41st annual meeting.

Eugene Hester, son of Mrs. Juanita Hester of Haskell, has been selected to be included in the Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a graduate of Midwestern University and is presently with the Peace Corps in Malaysia.

50 Years Ago August 10, 1961

A.L. (Loyd) Conner, local builder and contractor, hooked a 52 pound yellow catfish on a trotline at Lake Stamford.

Robbie Lou Drinnon received a Bachelor of Science degree in commencement exercises at Hardin-Simmons University. She is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Roberson.

Serving with Airbonne Early Warning Squadron 11 at Argentia, Newfoundland, is Calvin D. Wester, aviation structural mechanic airman apprentice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Wester of Haskell.

100 Years Ago August 12, 1911

J.W. McNeely was in town and purchased cotton sacks. There will be more cotton picked in Haskell County in August this year than ever before.

T.C. Cahill has a new auto. The car is a beauty and is built for service.

Brother J.W. Watson will start a meeting in the Rose community which will continue for ten days.

The Mollie Bailey Show will be here today. The show first pitched a small tent here in 1886.

Sales tax holiday means more bang for Back-to-School bucks

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says Texas families have a big opportunity to save money when they shop.

The state’s annual Sales Tax Holiday is scheduled for Fri., Sat. and Sun., Aug. 19-21.

“On that weekend, shoppers will pay no state or local sales tax on many school supplies, school backpacks and most children’s and adults’ clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100,” Combs said. “The tax break helps out when the kids’ back-to-school lists are long and money is short.”

This year, Combs predicts shoppers will save \$62.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999. Currently, the Tax Code sets the holiday for the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller’s website at www.texastaxholiday.org.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I must have hit a nerve with the last two columns (pleased some and probably ticked-off others). We left for Ruidoso Wednesday and when we got back, I had a bunch of supportive messages left on the answering machine. One from an old friend, Fitzhugh Williams who said, “We haven’t talked in over 40 years, but I get the paper here (north of Dallas) and want you to know I appreciate what you’re trying to do for Haskell.” I do appreciate the “pats on the back.” I surely don’t do this mayoring thing for the salary.

Your city government: You have elected people who serve on the City Council to make decisions that will benefit Haskell as a whole. Those five people cast their votes based upon the information they have and you must understand the citizenry does not have all the information. Everybody has a point of view and everybody has friendships that will stand even if you know they’re wrong. I admit I have a few of those myself, sort of like family, you love them warts and all. They may be wrong, but I love them and that won’t change. I hope you appreciate how serious your representatives on city council take the

decisions they make. I feel certain that many of the items on which they have to cast a vote keep them awake at night. I know they do me and I can’t even vote unless there is a tie. Even if you don’t agree with the decisions they make, they have your best interest at heart. They would all appreciate a “supportive” phone call or a thank you the next time you see them. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, “Do what you feel in your heart to be right—for you’ll be criticized anyway. You’ll be damned if you do and damned if you don’t.” I feel that your City Council does just that... They do what is in their heart to be right.

I had a high school teacher who was always saying: “People shoot at the top; if you’re not being shot at, you’re probably not doing anything.” We have an incredibly competent City Administrator. I know not everyone likes Brandon Anderson or me for that matter. He’s a big target—not only his size but his authoritative, booming voice which can be intimidating if you don’t know him well. He is on top of things and you cannot believe the things he does to keep Haskell out of scrapes and on the progressive side. He has a love for this city as does

his wife, Penny. If we lost his expertise, we would be in a world of hurt. As the administrator, he is most of the city’s workforce’s superior and therefore evaluates most employees. We all answer to someone. I know when I worked for the Experiment Station for 46 years I had a boss, in fact I had many tiered bosses... and I answered to them. Their evaluations meant whether I kept the job or lost the job. I listened to their criticisms and corrected to their suggestions. It doesn’t mean I always agreed with them. We talked and came to an agreement but you know, they were still the boss and if I wanted to continue working under their leadership I had to adjust. We used to tell our kids when they complained vociferously about some teacher; “They have the red pencil.”

I understand from Sally Rueffer that Big Country Electric is going to begin hanging the lights around the square on Aug. 10-11. A big thank you to Twyla Pace who contacted Roland Gonzales, acting district manager of Big Country Electric in Stamford, asking him for a “favor.” Until this phone call, we’d pretty much faced a stalemate on

this project. Please let Big Country Electric know how grateful we are for their help on this project. If you are a customer of this company, write and tell the powers that be how much we appreciate Roland Gonzales’ and Big Country Electric’s decision to help us out. Your thanks and appreciation is all that is required.

We did enjoy our cool vacation in Ruidoso, 66 degrees when we left and when we arrived in Haskell it was 106 degrees. Amazing what a little moisture can do—all the dead-looking grass and trees and devastation from the fires from our previous visit were greening up. Enjoyed our time with our R&R Crew or Ya-Yas as the girls call themselves... we guys are the Ya-Hes, or the Yo-Yos. Everyone needs a group of friends who recharge their batteries, who will stand between you and trouble and love you “warts and all” as mentioned above.

We are blessed to live in this country and particularly in this small hamlet/village/city. We do have our differences; after all, we aren’t robots. Continue to pray for our small part of the world and Lord willing, He will watch over us, heal us and send rain!

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Calendar

Volleyball night

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

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Potato luncheon

A baked potato luncheon is set Sun., Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the door or at Citibank in Haskell. Take-outs will be available. The event will benefit the Civic Center.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Donations needed

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is in dire need of donations. If you would like to make a donation, drop by the center at 1404 S. 1st or contact Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3875 for more information.

Clay Shoot

The second annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot will be held Sat., Sept. 3 and Sun., Sept. 4 outside of Haskell. For more information contact Steve Alsbrook, alsbrook@srcaccess.net, 325-280-2100; Dudley Cockerell, jdohnnie0h@aol.com, 325-668-0302 or Billie McKeever, bmckeever@srcaccess.net, 940-864-4814. Proceeds will benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and concession stand proceeds will benefit the Progressive Study Club War Memorial Project.

Variety show

The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will hold a variety show and dinner fund-raiser Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will consist of BBQ brisket, sausage link, potato salad, red beans and bread slice. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. A choice of

BBQ, tuna fish or pimento sandwich and chips will be available for \$4. Drinks will be \$1, water 50¢ and cake \$1. The variety show will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Casen Riley 3-on-3

The second annual Casen Riley 3-on-3 basketball tournament to benefit the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation will be held Sat., Aug. 27 with check in at 8 a.m. at Will Hair Park, off Ambler Ave., in Abilene. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Registration deadline is Aug. 20. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games. Open adult ages 16 and over. For registration forms or more information, visit www.casenriley3on3basketball.com or call Heather Riley at 325-370-6379 or Casey Riley at 325-370-6380.

Chicken spaghetti lunch to be held Aug. 22

Haskell National Bank will hold a chicken spaghetti lunch Mon., Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation. Please stop by Haskell National Bank and purchase your tickets in advance.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 20 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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 20 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Financial seminar

A Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey, sponsored by East Side Baptist Church, will be held beginning Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 Ave. N. The seminar includes thirteen classes. A preview seminar will be held Mon., Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. For information, contact Randy Bowers at 940-864-2964.

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DANCERS WIN AWARDS—Members of the Movement Space Dance Company include, front row, l-r, Tori Thompson and Kameryn Mathis; middle row, Rebecca Serrato, Madison Edgar, Kristen E. Kuehler, M'Kayla Ericson and Kristen R. Kuehler; back row, Kaley Mathis, Kesley Joseph (instructor), Krystel Royster (instructor) and Taylor Thompson.



DANCERS WIN AWARDS—Members of the Movement Space Dance Company include, front row, l-r, Kristen E. Kuehler and Kameryn Mathis; back row, Tori Thompson, Rebecca Serrato, Taylor Thompson, Cori Corcoran (director), Kristen R. Kuehler, M'Kayla Ericson and Kaley Mathis.

The Movement Space Dance Co. scores at dance competitions

The Movement Space Dance Company began their summer in Munday by attending a dance workshop taught by two instructors from MA Dance in Dallas. The company has six junior members, Madison Edgar (newest member), M'Kayla

Ericson, Kristen R. Kuehler, Kameryn Mathis, Rebecca Serrato and Taylor Thompson and three senior members, Kristen E. Kuehler, Kaley Mathis and Tori Thompson.

They attended six classes in three days including, technique, jazz, contemporary, lyrical and hip hop. They were evaluated daily based upon their attitude, technique and performance skills.

They earned red and blue ribbons as well as the coveted white ribbon representing an invitation to perform at The Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Florida, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York or the Cotton Bowl held in the Dallas Cowboys Stadium. Five named on the Honor Roll as standing out all week with their efforts, were Kristen E. Kuehler, Kristen R. Kuehler, Kaley Mathis, Rebecca Serrato and Tori Thompson.

They then rehearsed over twenty hours to prepare for the Stage One Regional and National Dance Competition held in Arlington July 6-9.

The dancers had a very

successful week. Honors earned at the regional competition included Company Lyrical, gold; Sr. Jazz, high gold; Jr. Jazz, high gold and their first platinum with their Company Tap as well as the one and only Showmanship Award.

They also performed with all of their solos earning them gold and high gold awards as well as placing in the top ten with high point scores with groups and solos.

Some of the dancers immediately began competing in the national competition the same day as finishing regionals.

Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana were just some of the states represented at the national competition consisting of hundreds of competing dancers.

The Movement Space Dance Company earned all high golds with every solo and all but one group number; and the Company Tap earned another platinum award. All groups and most solos earned high point scores as well as the national level.

Wind energy meeting

to be held

Sept. 20 in Haskell

Haskell County will host a meeting concerning the proposed wind energy project in the northeast part of Haskell County Sept. 20 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell County District Courtroom. The HCISD will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Throckmorton County and Knox County, including any school districts involved, are welcome to attend and be a part of any discussion. This will be a posted meeting for Haskell County and anyone wishing to attend is welcome. John C. Rutledge and Keith Ellis of Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. will make a presentation as to what it means to have a wind energy project.

Burn ban issued for Haskell Co.

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 result in a wildfire. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Clip-Out

2011 PIRATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 12	Trent (Scrimmage)	Trent	10:30 a.m.
Aug. 19	Rule, Northside, Bryson (Scrimmage)	Rule	5 p.m.
Aug. 26	Novice Hornets	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Benjamin Mustangs	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Guthrie Jaguars	Guthrie	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Trent Gorillas	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Rule Bobcats	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Westbrook Wildcats	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Veribest Falcons	Veribest	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	OPEN		
Oct. 21	*Throckmorton Greyhounds	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*Gordon Longhorns	Gordon	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Knox City Greyhounds	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.

*District Game

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PRINCIPAL: Blaze Herring SUPT.: Don Ballard

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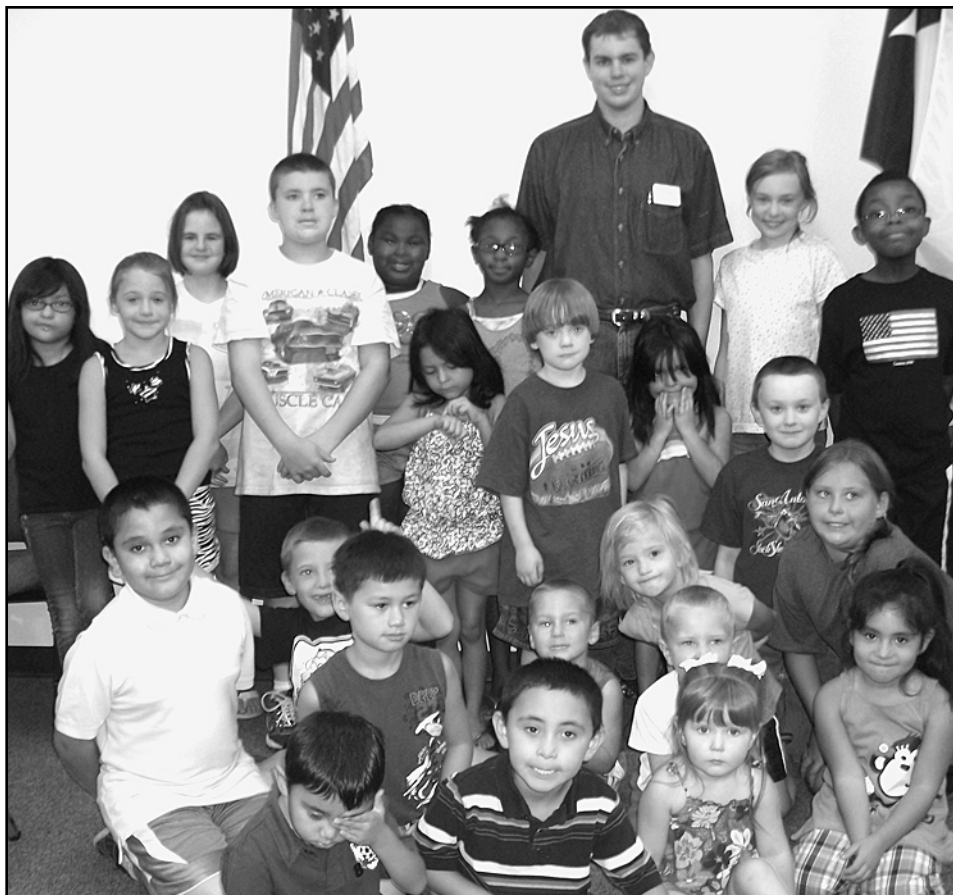
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READING PROGRAM ENDS—Presenting the last reading program of the summer at the Haskell County Library last week was Jo Nell Roberts. Readers also expressed their thanks to Samuel Bitner, representing Modern Way, for furnishing the cookies for each reading program during the summer. Readers in attendance included, front row, l-r, Nathan Alvarez, Kristopher Alvarez and Raegan Adkins; second row, Ramiro Olvera, Corey Mize, Kyle Smith, Colton Gober, Cassidy Mize, Matthew Gober, Marina Wagner and Alyssa Hernandez; third row, Tana Contreras, Justin Townsend, Ozzy Contreras and Jon Townsend; back row, Arian Contreras, Marley Casey, Addisyn Bates, Buddy Mize, Faith Jordan, Blessing Jordan, Samuel Bitner, Elise Townsend and J.R. Brown. The summer reading program was sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Haskell County Library and the Friends of the Library.

Wildfire awareness

Few Texans realize that homes in suburban areas can be at risk from wildfires. But whether you live in the forested areas or in suburbs on the outskirts of relatively treeless places, houses are at risk every year when wildfires sweep across the land. Sparks from wildfires as far as two miles away can be blown into yards and roofs.

- Remove ladders, trellises or any other object that might serve as a path for fire to travel from ground level to the roof of a building, or from the ground into canopies of trees.
- Avoid planting shrubs and trees that catch fire easily, for example: juniper, yaupon holly, pine, evergreen, eucalyptus and fir trees. Instead, plant hardwoods, crape myrtle, red yucca, forsythia, China rose and Texas sage.
- Remove any tree limbs located within ten feet of your chimney and roof.
- Prune tree limbs from ground level to six feet up.
- Regularly rake up leaves, dead limbs and other dead vegetation.
- Remove branches, twigs and leaves from roof and gutter areas.
- Prune limbs of trees and shrubs that are near the ground.
- Ask power companies to clear branches away from power lines.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from the house.
- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety containers.

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Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS TDRA PROJECT NO. 710319

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Irrigation Improvements will be received by the City of Haskell, Texas until, Thursday, August 18, at 10:00 a.m., at City Hall, 301 South First Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of furnishing and installing a polylined center pivot irrigation system for Haskell's wastewater effluent. The project includes one 1,250 foot radius pivot, valves, pumping facility, and controls as well as materials only for 6,800 feet of effluent piping, with associated metal tape, air valves, and fittings, according to these specifications and according to the plan sheets contained in this document. The control equipment for the pivot shall provide remote operation as noted in these specifications.

project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. City of Haskell, Texas By: John Gannaway, Mayor Date: August 4, 2011 31-32c

NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids for a new roof structure and carport for the Sheriff's Office, 507 S. 2nd. The deadline for bids to be turned in to the County Judge's office is Friday, August 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened in Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. For more information call 940-864-2851. 31-32c

NOTICE

Haskell County Commissioners' Court will be accepting sealed bids for 6 storm doors for offices in the County Courthouse measuring 90" x 36". The deadline for bids to be turned in to the County Judge's office is Friday, August 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened in Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. For more information call 940-864-2851. 31-32c

PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 30, 2011, Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc. filed an application with the FCC for a new FM broadcast station to serve O'Brien, Texas. The principals of Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc. are Maria Cristina Guel, Jenifer Juarez, and Omar Vasquez. The new station will operate on Channel 261A, 100.1 MHz, with a daytime and nighttime power of 6 kW. The station will operate from an existing tower 80 meters above ground, located on US-82, 3 miles northeast of Junction of US-82 and SR-222. A copy of the application can be examined during normal business hours at 2605 Hyacinth Dr., Mesquite, Texas 75181. 31-34c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Johnny A. Medford, Deceased, were issued to William Carroll Holley, Jr on August 2, 2011, in Cause No. 4,462 now pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas.

The address of the Independent Executor, to which claims against this Estate must be presented, is as follows: William C. Holley, Jr., 1701 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time, and in the manner, prescribed by law.

Dated the 2nd day of August, 2011. McMahon Surovik Suttle, P.C. By: David L. Buhrmann Attorneys for the Estate of Johnny A. Medford, Deceased 32c

This Week's Devotional Message:



God's world offers an enjoyable economy vacation

Vacation time can mean many things to many people, depending on their interests as well as what the budget will allow. They may travel a great distance in style, go camping in the nearby woods, or just languish in the backyard. All of these places can provide enjoyment and relaxation, being a departure from the normal routine. Moreover, even a low budget vacation can

be a learning experience, because it is not necessary to go far in order to observe the wonders of God's creation. They are on display everywhere, in different forms, just waiting for you to discover them. Take your Bible along as a sort of guide book, and remember that wherever you go on your vacation, God will be there to watch over you and protect you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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Wed. 7 p.
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- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
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Steve Willis, minister
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West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
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- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
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Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
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- 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
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Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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John Greeson, minister
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Manuel Marin, pastor
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500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.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.
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NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. The central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the secretary's office at the school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must check the box on the application indicating no social security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Sarah McCord will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to

discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request whether orally or in writing to Don Ballard Superintendent, 4485 E.M. 600, Haskell Texas, 940-864-2471.

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Cause No. 11,500. Styling: Haskell County

Appraisal District v. Alvarez, Alvino et ux; Legal description: 1. All of Lot Nine (9) and the North Twenty-five feet (25') of Lot Ten (10), Block B of the Carney Addition to the Original Town of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,633. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Thomas, Jimmy J., et ux. Legal description: 3. Lot Ninety-eight (98), of the Edgewater Beach Club Lakeshore Site, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,727. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Ambriz, Felix, Jr., Ind/Heir of Felix Ambriz, Sr., Deceased. Legal description: 4. Lot Three (3) and Lot Four (4), Block Two (2), A.B. Carothers Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,731: Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Isbell, Betty. Legal description: 6. Lot One (1), Block Twelve (12), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,733. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Rohmfeld, Robert, et ux. Legal description: 8. Lot Twelve (12), Block Two (2), Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,758. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Kelly, Don, Ind/Heir of Violet Bricker Purcell, Deceased,

et al. Legal description: 9. A.01550390 Overriding Royalty Interest, Lease 10711, Thomas Anna Mae, S B Street Operating, Inc., Abstract 2 (Allen P #140), Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,761. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. West Texas Energy Company, Inc. Legal description: 10. All that certain tract of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, and being 2.77 acres of land out of the NE One Fourth (1/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Block Fourteen (14), H & TC Ry. Co. Lands.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of September, 2011, which

is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 26th day of July, 2011, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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Haskell Co. schools receive accountability ratings

by Caron Yates
The Texas Education Agency recently released accountability ratings for 8,526 public school campuses across the state of Texas. These ratings are based on high school completion rates, dropout rates and passing rates on the state test, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. At first glance, the results state-wide seem to have dropped significantly. It is important however, to keep in mind that several factors changed in determining the accountability ratings for Texas public schools. Schools are rated each year as Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or

Academically Unacceptable. One big change was the elimination of the Texas Projection Measure, which allowed districts to count students considered to be making progress toward passing the TAKS. Also the inclusion of additional results for students tested with alternative assessments, the inclusion of a measure for English language learners based on TAKS passing standards, the adding of a new commended performance indicator, the increasing of the annual dropout rate for grades 7-8, and increasing the TAKS indicator standards for the Academically Acceptable rating for mathematics and

science, all played a part in the overall determination of accountability ratings. According to Commissioner of Education Robert Scott, "Each year, we raise the bar to push our schools to keep growing and improving." The number of campuses earning the highest rating dropped from 2,637 in 2010 to 1,224 for the most recent year, while the number of campuses receiving the lowest rating increased from 104 to 569. The majority of school campuses and districts fell into the middle categories.

Haskell CISD was rated Academically Acceptable overall, and each individual campus within the district also received this rating. Rule ISD earned Academically Acceptable as well. Paint Creek ISD received a Recognized rating for its Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade campus. The most common reason state-wide for lower ratings, was TAKS mathematics and science scores, where passing standards were raised.

It is true that the rating system used by the state to rank each school's academic performance is a very complex one, with many factors involved. The more defining measure for each school district is when the scores are compared to the district's previous years for each group and subgroup tested. Commissioner Scott believes the changes made this year will help prepare schools for the new accountability system in 2013. This coming school year will be the first year for the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR, which is expected to be even more stringent. Ratings will not be assigned to schools in the first year of the new system.

Although districts have little influence on how ratings are determined, they do benefit from these results. It provides a district or campus with an opportunity to analyze what areas need to be improved upon and develop a strategy for reaching their goals. As Texas schools, and Haskell County schools in particular, are readying for the beginning of a new school year, we must keep in mind that it takes students, parents, school staff and the entire community to deliver a complete education. No matter how high the bar is raised, or what expectations the state puts before them, schools will continue to work toward meeting those marks. After all education has been, and should always be, about educating all children, and ensuring each child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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Child Find screenings set

Screening dates for children ages 3-5 whose parents have concerns of their child's developmental level for those residents of the school districts of Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD or Rule ISD have been set.

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement, in cooperation with the school districts listed above, is holding these screenings Sept. 12-16.

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

Parents with children who are age 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten who have concerns of their child's development in the areas of mental, learning, speech,

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