

Calendar Homecoming

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell, will hold their 41st homecoming and memorial service Sat. and Sun., July 18-19. Saturday services will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a get together followed at 7:30 by a musical. Sunday morning services begin at 9:45 with Sunday School followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. An evening service at 3 p.m. will include a memorial service. Speakers will be Rev. Don Burton and Rev. James Anderson.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 16 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1:30 to 4 p.m. New immunization requirements for Kindergarten and seventh grade students. Kindergarten students must have or have had two doses of Varicella and two doses of Hepatitis A. Seventh grade students must have or have had one dose of Meningitis, Tdap and Varicella booster. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Women of prayer

Women of Prayer meets each third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Church of God, 714 N. First St. East. No children, please.

Benefit

A benefit lunch, bake sale and dance will be held Sat., July 18 beginning at 11 a.m. at Macias Ballroom for Cruz Garcia Jr. Brisket plates are \$5. Dance tickets are \$5.

Girls athletics

All members of Haskell High School and Rochester Junior High girls athletics are reminded to turn in their completed physicals to the athletic office by Fri., July 31. Additional forms, if needed, are available at the high school athletic office.

Fun day

A Fun Day will be held Sat., July 18 beginning at 9 a.m. on The Drug Store parking lot and around the Courthouse square benefitting the Noah Project. A bake sale, dunking booth and plant sale will be held.

Praise night

A praise and worship night will be held Sat., July 25 beginning at 7 p.m. at Goree Baptist Church.

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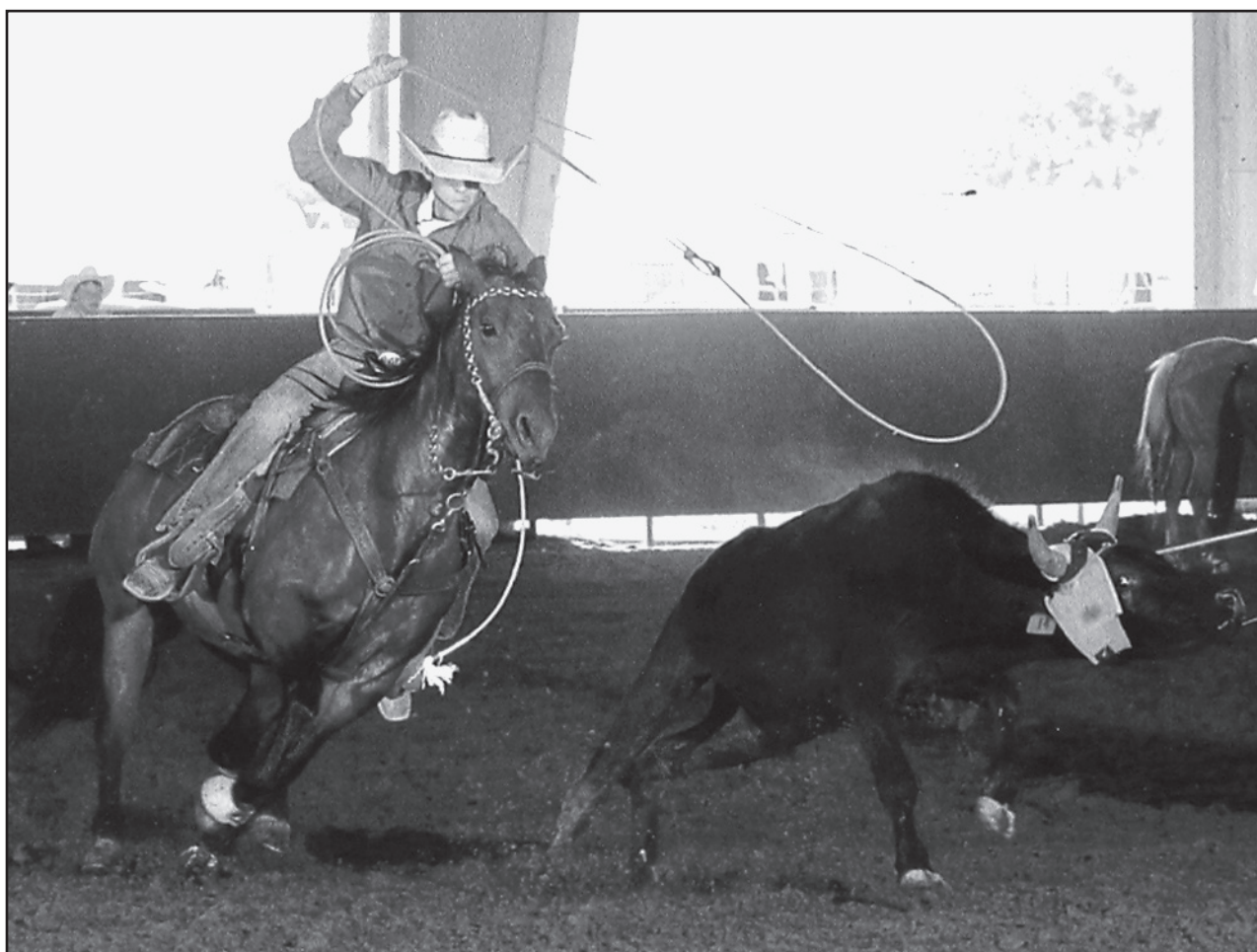
Noah Project Fun Day Sat. at the Courthouse

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TOP 10 ROPING COMPETITOR—Gideon Carmichael is competing this week at the International Youth Finals Rodeo in Shawnee, Oklahoma in the team roping event. Carmichael finished the 2008 year in the Top 10 at the Texas High School Rodeo State Finals. The Haskell High School senior is the son of Hew and Beth Carmichael.

Fun Day to benefit Noah Project

A Fun Day will be held Sat., July 18 beginning at 9 a.m. at The Drug Store parking lot and around the courthouse square to benefit the Noah Project-North.

A plant sale with super bargains will be held at The Drug Store parking

lot. Plants will be from ABC Greenhouse with all proceeds benefiting the Noah Project.

A bake sale and dunking booth will be held on the courthouse square.

Scheduled to make appearances in the dunking

booth are District Judge Shane Hadaway, Municipal Judge Linda St. John, Chief Probation Officer Lonnie Rolls and Probation Officer Sandra Garcia, Mike Alsbrook and Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 4 Bobby Don

Smith.

All proceeds of the fun day will benefit the victims of family violence in Haskell and area counties.

The Noah Project-North is responsible for raising all funds used in the five county area that includes Haskell County with the exception of salaries which are provided for by the Abilene office. A shortfall of community support due to the present economic conditions has been experienced by the organization.

If you would like to donate to the Noah Project-North, please send your monetary donation to P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521.

All Noah Project services are available to victims of family violence 24/7.

Commissioners Court meets

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session July 13 with all members present except Judge David Davis. Commissioner Kenny Thompson, County Judge Pro-Tem, presided.

A Senior Citizen's Report was given by County Treasurer Janis McDaniel. The County Treasurer's monthly and quarterly reports were approved.

The burn ban was not re-

instated.

The personnel policy was tabled until the August 10 session.

A motion to approve and ratify any documents executed regarding the Right of Way agreement on CR 463 was made.

Robbie Peiser was appointed to the Hospital Board to replace Wilton Weise Sr.

A motion to include

\$3,363 in the 2010 budget for the Helen Farabee MHMR was made and approved. This amount is Haskell County's percentage of the matching grant, bringing the total that the County will pay to \$10,363.

A motion to accept the proposal from Batts Communication LP in the amount of \$2,988 for a new phone system at the Sheriff's Office was approved.

HHS to hold Test Prep Boot Camp

Haskell High School will hold the first Annual Test Prep Boot Camp for incoming seniors July 23, 24, and 27, 28. Each class will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. and will focus on ACT/SAT strategies and testing practices that will enable students to improve their score or get ready to test for the first time.

The teachers have attended the Chad Cargill training of testing strategies. Note the following times and room numbers for the classes. Students may attend one or all sessions. No registration required.

The schedule is:

July 23: Math in room 114 with Kendra Bevel

July 24: Science in room 114 with Randy Waggoner

July 27 and 28: Reading and Writing in room 120 with Jill Druessedow.

Peacock is new Haskell Co. Game Warden

by Caron Yates

Imagine growing up in rural West Texas loving the outdoors with all the hunting and fishing opportunities it offers. Imagine also having a genuine interest in law enforcement. Your dream job just might include becoming a game warden.

That is exactly how the newly appointed Haskell County game warden, Ryan Peacock, describes himself.

Peacock was raised in this part of Texas, graduating from Throckmorton High School in 1997. He attended Tarleton State University, earning a degree in Criminal Justice in 2001. He says that even as a freshmen in high school, he knew he wanted a career as a game warden.

It is a long, difficult process from making the decision to become a game warden to actually realizing your dream. Texas game wardens are required to complete a four year degree, commonly with coursework

in biology, forestry, agriculture, zoology or criminal justice. In addition they must pass an interview conducted by a three member board, an extensive background check, rigorous physical agility testing, a psychological evaluation and, of course, a thirty week training academy.

There are approximately five hundred and fifty game warden jobs in the state of Texas. Needless to say, the competition is stiff. In the training academy Peacock began in Nov. of 2008, fifty-one cadets were accepted from the over six hundred applications.

After graduating from the academy, which was held in Hamilton, Peacock was licensed as a state peace officer and given his assignment. Although cadets are given the opportunity to submit a "wish list" of three counties they would prefer, most often they are assigned to whatever area has an

available opening. Peacock said, "I was very fortunate that the timing worked out, and there was an opening in this area." Long time Haskell County game warden, Steve Barbour, retired this past year.

Peacock and his family have lived in Haskell for the past four years. His wife, Belinda, is the school counselor at Rochester Junior High. They have two young sons Eli, 4, and Luke, 3. With the local assignment, they are pleased to be able to stay in Haskell. He also has the advantage of working an area in which he is very familiar.

Peacock's primary duties are the enforcement of game and wildlife laws, as well as environmental laws, enhancing public safety and assisting in educating the public. While he is assigned to Haskell County, he is licensed to enforce the laws in any part of the state. He is quick to add that he also is

Rainey pleads guilty

Byran Dee "B.D." Rainey, former Haskell resident, and former owner of Haskell Livestock Auction, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of felony theft, in the 39th Judicial District Court on July 9, 2009. Rainey, had been charged by a Haskell County Grand Jury with the third degree felony.

Rainey initially contested the charges and submitted his case to a Haskell County petit jury on May 5, 2009. After a three day trial, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict and the trial resulted in a hung jury.

Mike Fouts, the District Attorney for Haskell County, requested 39th District Judge Shane Hadaway, reset the case for another jury trial at the court's earliest convenience and a retrial was set on the court's docket for July 15, 2009.

A plea bargain offer of ten years in the Texas Penitentiary was extended by the District Attorney's office to Rainey, in exchange for his plea of guilty. The third degree felony carried a range of punishment of two years to ten years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Fouts, felt the scope of the crime and the harm done to the community warranted the maximum sentence available, and that constituted the basis for his plea bargain offer. Fouts wanted to thank the petit jurors that participated in the May mistrial. It was his belief from post trial interviews with the jurors, that a strong majority of those jurors favored a guilty verdict.

Peacock is new Haskell Co. Game Warden

available and willing to help other local law enforcement entities, in situations when extra manpower is needed.

Growing up as a country boy, hunting and fishing, Peacock says he gained a great respect for not only nature and the outdoors, but also for those who work to protect it. He is proud and enthusiastic to be a part of that team.



RYAN PEACOCK

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ATTEND CONCERT—Abby Blair, left, and Felicity Gentry, right attended a Jonas Brothers concert Sat., June 20 at the new Dallas Cowboy Stadium in Arlington. The first concert of the 2009 World Tour for the band was opened by the Honor Society Band, Jordan Sparks (winner of American Idol), Nicole Anderson (from the TV show Jonas) and Miley Cyrus who sang a duet with Nick Jonas. The girls were accompanied by Gentry's mother Derinda Hannsz and great grandmother, Omitene Amonett. The group had seats close to the revolving stage for the performance. They enjoyed a tour of Cowboy Stadium where they saw some of the Dallas Cowboys, owner Jerry Jones, visited rehearsal rooms and dressing rooms for the Jonas Brothers band and their opening performers. The girls had an opportunity to sign the Jonas Brothers bus. Gentry is the daughter of Keith and Derinda Hannsz and great granddaughter of Omitene Amonett and the late Roy Amonett, all of Haskell. Blair is the daughter of Cody Blair of Haskell.

Digital and film mammography compared

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the United States, behind lung cancer. It is also the most common type of non-skin cancer in women. Because of these facts, it is vital that women participate in regular mammography screenings to ensure early detection of breast abnormalities, if any.

In recent years, various studies have shed light on a new type of mammography, called digital mammography, and the benefits it can provide some women when compared to traditional film mammography. Although both film and digital mammography use X-rays to produce an image of the breast and the actual procedure of positioning and compressing the breast for examination are identical, there are several differences between these two types of mammography that should be noted.

Film mammography, which has been successfully used as a screening tool for breast cancer for 35 years, uses film to produce an image of the breast. Even though film mammography is considered a very good screening tool for detecting irregular breast characteristics, studies have revealed that film mammography is less sensitive for women who

have dense breasts. Perhaps the most limiting issue with film mammography is the film itself. Once an image of the breast has been created on the film, it cannot be significantly altered, magnified, or brightened, which would allow a better assessment of the image.

Digital mammography, first approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2000, takes an electronic image of the breast and uses a computer to store that image. This electronic method allows images to be stored and shared more easily than film mammography. Images created by digital mammography can be modified in any way; for example, images can be enhanced or brightened for further evaluation. Digital mammography uses less radiation when compared with film mammography, lowering the dose of radiation exposure in women; however, women with larger breasts may require several additional exposures. The main limitation of digital mammography is the cost; current digital systems can cost about 1.5 to 4 times more than film systems. If your doctor recommends you have a digital mammogram, it would be wise to check with your insurance company (or if you do not have insurance, check with the business doing the mammogram) to see if there is a difference in

cost of a digital mammogram to you personally.

In 2001, a study trial, called the Digital Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial (DMIST), was conducted by the American College of Radiology Imaging Network. Key findings from this study suggest that digital mammography was significantly better in screening women who fit any of these three categories:

- under age 50 (no matter what level of breast tissue density they had),
- of any age with heterogeneously (very dense) or extremely dense breasts, or
- pre- or peri-menopausal women of any age (defined as women who had a last menstrual period within 12 months of their mammograms).

According to the study, women who fit into ANY of the above categories may benefit from digital rather than film mammography. However, the study showed no benefits from digital mammography in women who are over age 50, do not have dense breasts, or those who are no longer menstruating.

So what should you do? Talk with your doctor to determine if you would benefit from digital mammography. Breast density is best determined by asking your doctor, since prior mammograms will have

provided that information.

If you and your doctor decide you are a good candidate for digital mammography, do not delay your next mammogram until a digital mammogram is available. It is important to continue to have your regularly scheduled mammograms, regardless of the type. Also, women should not receive an extra mammogram because of these trial results. The National Cancer Institute recommends that if a woman has had a mammogram in the last year and she has no breast abnormalities or symptoms, she should undergo her next screening mammogram only when she is due for one— not earlier than she would ordinarily be scheduled.

Death rates due to breast cancer continue to decline, and these decreases are believed to be the result, in part, of earlier detection along with improved treatment. Therefore, it is important to participate in regular screening activities as a part of a healthy lifestyle. In addition to annual mammography screenings beginning at age 40, two other important steps in early detection include clinical breast exams and being aware of any changes in your breast and promptly reporting them to your doctor.

For more information, consult www.cancer.gov.

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July sales tax receipts show decline

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in June, down 11.2 percent compared to June 2008.

"The oil and gas, construction and retail trade sectors showed continued weakness, resulting in a sharp decrease in sales tax collections in June," Combs said. "Contributing to the decrease was not only the weakness in these three sectors, but also the strong

level of collections received from them in June 2008."

Combs sent July sales tax allocations totaling \$426.7 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, down 8.8 percent compared to July 2008.

Combs sent July sales tax allocations of \$284.3 million to Texas cities, down 8.8 percent compared to July 2008. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down

1.6 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26 million, down 10 percent compared to last July. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 0.9 percent compared to this point in 2008.

Combs sent \$16.6 million to 151 special purpose taxing districts, down 5.5 percent compared to last July. Ten local transit systems received \$99.6 million in sales tax allocations, down 8.9 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in June and local sales tax allocations in July represent sales that occurred in May.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., Aug. 14.

Haskell County had a 44.74 percent decrease for July 2009 of \$30,254.55 in comparison to \$54,753.61 for July 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$231,445.72 reflect a 10.54 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$258,729.99.

The City of Haskell had a 48.71 percent decrease for July 2009 of \$26,815.75 in comparison to \$52,287.30 for July 2008. 2009 payments to

date of \$211,784.39 reflect a 11.84 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$240,237.71.

The City of O'Brien had a 245.41 percent increase for July 2009 of \$135.47 in comparison to \$39.22 for July 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$815.95 reflect a 48.71 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$548.65.

The City of Rochester had a 23.11 percent decrease for July 2009 of \$280.97 in comparison to \$365.45 for July 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$3,871.73 reflect a 4.15 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$3,717.21.

The City of Rule had a 54.87 percent increase for July 2009 of \$2,918.09 in comparison to \$1,884.20 for July 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$13,084.57 reflect a 8.26 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$12,085.24.

The City of Weinert had a 41.23 percent decrease for July 2009 of \$104.27 in comparison to \$177.44 for July 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$1,889.08 reflect a 11.77 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$2,141.18.

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Mail requests to Country Elegance, 1700 Mulberry Lane, Stamford, Texas 79553 or call 325-773-5511.

The e-mail address is "countryelegance09@att.net"

Note: Country Elegance is a non-profit organization and is looking for bedroom suites and other décor to decorate two apartments. If you have a nice bedroom suite to donate to the facility, please call. Donations are tax deductible through non-profit organizations.

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Hill, Yates wed in New Mexico



MR. AND MRS. DUSTY YATES

Lelanya Hill and Dustin Yates celebrated their marriage in a double ring ceremony on June 20 in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The couple exchanged vows in a late afternoon ceremony on the beautiful lawn of Cree Meadows under an arch adorned with greenery and accented with tiny purple flowers. A small pond and the mountains served as the backdrop. Officiating was Shannon Waters, cousin of the groom.

The bride was escorted by her step dad Steve Smith. She wore a floor length, antique white dress, with fitted bodice and flared skirt embellished with embroidery and beading. She carried a bouquet of purple lilies with white roses and baby's breath.

Serving the bride as Matrons of Honor were her sister-in-law, Katrina Hill of Edgewood, N.M. and Jianna Whitley of Las Cruces, N.M. Bridesmaids were Kasey DeAtley and Charla Strosser, both of Las Cruces. Shanna White of Stamford and Amy Murphy of Waco, cousins of the groom, were also bridesmaids. The bride's attendants wore dresses of varying shades of purple, in memory of the groom's grandmother Sarah Guess. They carried bouquets made with an assortment of purple flowers.

Best men were the groom's brothers, Jace Yates and T.J. Yates, both of Abilene. Lane Murphy of Waco and Heath Guess of Weinert served their cousin as groomsmen,

along with Donovan Hill and Bart Hill, both of Edgewood, N.M. and brothers of the bride. Groomsmen were attired in dark suits, white shirts and purple ties.

White rose petals were spread on the lawn by Jamie Hill, niece of the bride, and Bergen Waters, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Toby White, cousin of the groom. He carried a pillow handmade by the groom's grandmother, Alice Yates. Carrying the long flowing bride's train were niece Corrina Hill, and cousin Brenley Waters.

Following the ceremony, a reception, complete with dinner and dancing, was hosted by the bride's parents in the Cree Meadows banquet hall.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Liz Smith of Edgewood, N.M. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Animal Science from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. She is employed at Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley in Las Cruces.

The groom, son of Joe and Caron Yates of Weinert, earned his Bachelor's of Animal Science degree from Texas A & M University and Master's of Animal Science degree from Angelo State University. He is employed by New Mexico State University where he is completing his Doctorate degree in Reproductive Physiology. He is the grandson of Toby and Alice Yates and Lindo Guess, all

of Weinert.

June 19 in Ruidoso.

A dinner for family and friends, hosted by the groom's parents, was held on June 19 in Ruidoso. After a honeymoon trip to Tennessee, the couple will reside in Las Cruces.



MR. AND MRS. LOYD KLOSE

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Loyd and Janis Klose were married July 17, 1959 in Haskell, where they lived until 1964. At that time they moved to Abilene where Loyd served on the fire department for 26 years. He is now an insurance agent for Germania Insurance and Janis is a homemaker. They are faithful members at Zion Luthern Church where they are very active. They also volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Loyd is the son of the late Felix and the late Lydia Klose and Janis is the daughter of the late Charlie and the late Eureda Campbell. Their

parents were lifelong Haskell area residents.

The Klose's are the parents of three daughters, Jamie Smith and husband Doug, Felecia Sanchez and husband George of Cedar Park, and Kelly Reese and husband Jeff of Lexington, Kentucky; seven grandchildren, Caleb Smith and wife Taryn, Austin Smith and wife Lex, George Sanchez, Jr., Sarah Sanchez, Jake Reese, Kaitlyn Reese, and Rachel Reese; and one great-grandchild Layla Smith.

They will celebrate their anniversary in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

4-H record book winners listed

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Winners in the Texas AgriLife Extension Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H Record Judging were selected July 9, when screening groups met at the Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium in Vernon, according to Kelli Lehman, Extension 4-H Program Specialist for the twenty-four Rolling Plains counties.

There were 67 Junior records, 84 Intermediate records, and 70 Senior records scored in 39 different subject matter areas. Records were placed first through

fifth place in all categories and age divisions. First place Senior records will be submitted for State judging where they will compete for scholarships and awards.

Submitting records from Haskell County and their results were:

Juniors: Zhenia McTasney, Sheep.

Intermediates: River McTasney, Sheep, fourth place.

Seniors: Shelby Starr, Consumer & Family Science Open Category, second place; Kate Rowan, Safety, first place.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

More Bad News for the State Budget

State Comptroller Susan Combs has said tax collections in June were more than 11 percent below collections in June of last year. That could translate into a budget shortfall of \$550 million if the economy continues to falter, with only two months left in the fiscal year.

About half the state's general fund budget is derived from sales taxes on consumer spending, and Texans aren't spending like they have in recent years. Cities across the state also are wrestling with falling revenues.

Combs said the biggest decline in revenue was from the oil and gas industry, which benefited last year from higher prices and more drilling activity but which has since fallen off.

Lampasas Publisher to Head

State Board of Education
Gail Lowe has been named chairwoman of the controversial State Board of Education. Gov. Rick Perry selected Lowe, co-publisher of the Lampasas Dispatch Record, after the Legislature refused to confirm Bryan dentist Don McLeroy, the previous chairman and Perry's first choice.

Lowe is solidly in the conservative camp on the divided board, but she has remained largely in the background during bruising fights over evolution and teaching the Bible in public schools in Texas.

Board members are already braced for another fight over the social studies curriculum. A curriculum reviewer named by Lowe has said the Bible and religious beliefs should be emphasized in history and government classes.

Board members, elected from 15 districts around the state, select textbooks and set curriculum standards for Texas schools.

UT Poll Shows Perry Ahead in Governor's Race

A new poll by researchers at the University of Texas at Austin has Perry ahead of Republican challenger U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison among voters who plan to vote in the March 2010 GOP primary. Perry was the choice of 38 percent of those who responded to the pollsters, while Hutchison was the preference of 26 percent.

The wild card, of course, is the huge undecided vote. Fully 34 percent of respondents said they were undecided or planning to vote for someone else. Still, it was good news for Perry after a Rasmussen poll released in May showed him and Hutchison in a dead heat.

Science Curriculum Progressing at UT System Campuses

A program to ramp up science classes at University of Texas campuses around the state has been praised as a great success. The UT System plugged about \$3 billion into the effort, which began in 2006. So far, the plan has resulted in 89 new science faculty members and more than 800,000 square feet of new laboratory, clinical and research space, according to system officials.

While only \$74 million was spent on hiring and retaining faculty members at the system's 15 academic and health sciences campuses, those hires have produced millions more in research grants, officials said.

Gonzales lands at Texas Tech

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been appointed a visiting professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Gonzales, who resigned as attorney general in 2007 after a stormy tenure as head of the Justice Department, will teach a course in contemporary issues in the executive branch.

Gonzales previously served as President George W. Bush's general counsel in the White House and as a Texas Supreme Court Justice before being confirmed as the country's first Hispanic U.S. attorney general. He will earn \$100,000 at Tech.

Steroid Testing Continues to Find Few High School Abusers

Only eight cases of steroid use among Texas high school athletes were confirmed among the more than 16,200 tested from January through May. Since testing began in early 2008 after the Legislature approved the \$6 million measure, more than 45,000 students have been tested for steroid use, and only 19 cases have been confirmed.

Last session, the Legislature cut funding for the program to \$2 million over the next two years.

Child Drownings Concern Health Officials

With 63 cases of children drowning in Texas so far this year, health officials are warning Texans to take precautions and never leave children in a pool alone.

Dr. Pat Crocker, chief of emergency medicine at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, said children younger than 4 should never be more than arm's length from a watching adult. Swimming pools should be covered and fences locked. Children over the age of 13 should learn CPR.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 22, 1999

Haskell Experienced Citizens Center received a fifteen passenger van, made possible by a long-awaited grant from the Texas Department of Transportation and help from the County.

Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce welcomed owners, Elaine Reed and Zona Lentz, in the official ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Plum Cute Feed Store.

Angela Stoddard, Casey Williams, Marcie Stoddard, Elena Reyes, Ginger Adkins, Julie Penman and Dala Nicholson, members of the Rochester High School cheer squad, attended a week-long National Cheerleaders Association camp held on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Haskell students, Tiffany Loving, Levi Terry and Ashley Medford attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 36th annual citizenship seminar in San Angelo.

20 Years Ago July 20, 1989

Josh Reid and Paul Harvey signed letters of intent with Midwestern State University. Reid was on the track team and Harvey played football for the Indians.

Paint Creek's Sharlene Grisham participated in the first-ever 6-man Coaches Association girl's all-star basketball game.

The Haskell varsity cheerleaders for the school year 1989-90 were JoAnn Villa, Amanda Diaz, Sylvia

Alvarez, Missy Phemister, Corie Brzozowski and Jana Payne.

30 Years Ago July 19, 1979

Rev. Dudley Bragg, members of the building committee of the First Baptist Church and church members attended the ground breaking ceremony on a new \$156,000 Family Activity Center for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Robison attended the Junior Olympic Relays in Lubbock and watched their grandson, Tommy Robison, win a gold medal in the discus throw.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Carruth held their annual family reunion at the Corral building in Haskell.

40 Years Ago July 17, 1969

A rangeland fire, five miles northeast of Haskell, was brought under control after two crews from the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department fought the stubborn blaze for over five hours.

Eagle Scout Gary Black, member of Troop 36 in Haskell, attended the National Jamboree at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

The Haskell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Candy Strippers of Haskell and Weinert, observed Frontier Day celebration with a bake sale.

50 Years Ago July 16, 1959

Recognition of outstanding achievement in sales of Ford cars, trucks

and parts was given to Bill Wilson Motor Company, when J.B. Gibson, manager of the concern, was presented the coveted "4-Letter Dealer Award" of Ford Motor Company.

The Sunshine Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. Calvin Wheeler for their regular semi-monthly business and social meeting.

Sammie Williams, Area IV President of Future Homemakers of America 1959-60, attended the National FHA meeting in Chicago.

Mrs. J.F. Thomas celebrated her 89th birthday.

100 Years Ago July 17, 1909

Lewis Fields has returned from New Mexico.

Fulton E. Hardwick of Memphis, Tennessee visited friends in Haskell.

Marvin Post was working at the Haskell National Bank.

Eula Poole and Lucile Hughes attended the encampment at Palacios.

Hazel Griffis of Saint Jo visited her aunt, Mrs. M.S. Edwards.

The Sherrill Elevator Company went ahead with their elevator and hoped to have the plant ready to handle Kaffir corn and maize in the fall.

F.L. Peavy, T.C. Williams, Rube Brewer and J.H. Mauldin attended the state convention of the Knights of Pythias at Stamford.

ECC Menu

Mon., July 20

Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Wed., July 22

Lunch—Frito pie and trimmings, pinto beans, onions, pickles, jello, choco chip, tea or coffee

Fri., July 24

Lunch—Ham slice, new potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, tea or coffee

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

Haskell Summer Menu

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, breadsticks, broccoli with cheese, orange slices

Tuesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork 'n beans, shape-ups.

Wednesday: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ice cream cups

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, fresh fruit

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spear, chocolate chip cookie

Correction

In the Out of the Past column printed in The Haskell Free Press on July 2, in the 100 Years Ago section, the paragraph about the county school's census should have read (correcting the enrollment in the Haskell enrollment):

County Superintendent T.C. Williams reported the scholastic census which listed enrollments in the independent districts as follows: Haskell, 731; Rule, 386; Rochester, 286; Carney, 207; Sagerton, 194 and Weinert, 116. All other common school districts in the county had an enrollment of 2,371 to make the county's total 4,281.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

It's Summer Time!

School's out, the crickets are chirping, and the days are long and hot. It's officially summer time in Texas.

Kids look forward to summer all year long. Help make it special by creating lasting memories for you and your family. When parents are involved in their lives, children have a better chance at growing up healthy, happy and well adjusted. Most parents instinctively understand this and do what is needed to provide the foundation for success.

Take time this summer to connect with your children and create memories with simple activities such as exploring a new park, making homemade ice cream, playing in the sprinkler, having a picnic or barbecue, reading a book, or stargazing.

Employees of the Office of the Attorney General who are charged with ensuring Texas children receive the financial support they need from parents see the benefits of fathers and mothers being involved in their kids' lives. This starts with regular child support payments. Children depend on child support to provide basic needs like

food, shelter, health care and clothing.

Research shows that children who receive regular child support reap intangible benefits as well, such as making better grades in school, being more likely to finish high school and attend college, and even having fewer behavior problems at school. Without a doubt, paying child support is one critical way parents can demonstrate their love for their children.

But, money is only part of the equation. Too often, children would benefit from more, not less, involvement from the parent who pays child support. That is why the Attorney General's Office encourages strong family formation, responsible parenthood and parental involvement through initiatives including:

The Access and Visitation program promotes noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. Awarding grant funding to local organizations is one way the Office of the Attorney General can help children

whose parents are engaged in custody or visitation disputes, since federal funding to run the child support program cannot be used to handle these issues. The services provided under this grant include co-parenting education, alternative dispute resolution, development of parenting plans, supervised visitation and visitation enforcement.

The Access and Visitation Hotline is the only service of its kind in the nation that provides parents with free phone access to attorneys who offer legal information and assistance related to child custody and visitation issues, as well as paternity and child support information. Hotline attorneys do not represent parents. Rather, they provide tools and guidance, and answer parents' questions. The statewide toll-free number, 866-292-4636, is answered in English and Spanish, Monday-Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. The Hotline has a corresponding Web site, www.txaccess.org, where parents can download sample materials and tools for assistance with child access issues.

p.a.p.a. (parenting and

paternity awareness) is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults that deals with the "rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting." Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realities of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.

Thankfully, most parents faithfully carry out their responsibilities to their children, doing such things as paying court-ordered child support each month. All children deserve the security that comes from knowing their parents care enough to make regular child support payments.

Please help make this summer memorable for your kids by paying your child support and being there for them. The Office of the Attorney General hopes you and your family have a fun and safe summer!

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Protecting cattle against summer temperatures

by Wes Utley
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It has been estimated that heat-related events in the Midwest have cost the cattle industry more than \$75 million in the past 10 years. With summer temperatures rising, ranchers must be aware of how heat affects their cattle.

According to Deke Alkire, Ph.D., livestock consultant for The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, the ideal temperature range for beef

cattle is between 41 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit. When temperatures exceed this, cattle are at risk of heat stress.

Environmental factors also play a role in the potential for heat stress including: relative humidity, wind speed, solar radiation, ground cover, access to water, diet, shade and nighttime temperatures. Additionally, individual animal characteristics will affect the potential for heat stress in cattle. Hide color,

breed, health, adaptation, hair coat length and disposition all impact cattle's susceptibility to heat stress.

Heat stress can lead to decreased milk production, calf growth, reproductive performance in cows and bulls, and stocker and feeder performance. There are several ways to identify and manage heat stress in cattle. "Fortunately, a lot of these signs are easy to recognize," Alkire said. "The most obvious are cattle congregating in shady areas, standing in ponds, and decreased grazing activity."

Other signs include increased water consumption, decreased weight gain and panting. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA)

Agricultural Research Service, more than 90 breaths per minute is an indication of heat stress, and a respiration rate of more than 110 indicates a dangerous heat stress level.

To prevent heat stress, Alkire suggested ranchers should make sure that during summer months and dry periods cattle have access to clean, fresh water and plenty of shade. If access to shade is limited, heat stress can be compounded by animals crowding together. Alkire advised against working and transporting cattle during periods of heat stress as well. If the cattle must be worked or moved to a new pasture, early in the morning is the best time, he said.

Since heat stress also

can affect the reproductive performance of cows and bulls, ranchers should plan their breeding season around the hottest months, keeping in mind that heat stress can impact semen quality for up to eight weeks.

"Be prepared by planning now for heat stress," Alkire said. "As hot weather

approaches, monitor the Heat Stress Forecast developed by the USDA. This is a great tool for predicting the potential for heat stress in livestock because it takes into account wind speed, solar radiation, temperature and humidity to provide an accurate prediction for the region."

FFA academic award recipients named

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo awarded Texas FFA members with four-year academic awards during the Texas FFA State Convention in Dallas.

Local recipients include Paige Adams, Kimie Hutchinson and Lauren Newton, all Haskell FFA members.

FFA academic awards are just one facet of the show's educational program. In 2009, the show committed more than \$15.9 million to academic awards, research, endowments, calf scramble

participants and junior show exhibitors. Also included is support of the Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence™, School Art participants, and other educational and youth programs.

An academic award evaluation committee, chosen by Texas FFA officials, and consisting of agricultural science teachers representing the 10 FFA areas in Texas, evaluates applicants on the criteria of academic ability, FFA involvement and achievement, financial need, and leadership.

Getting to the root of science in a nutty way

Dr. Leo Lombardini has gone underground to get the most top secret information in his field.

Lombardini is watching roots grow in his experimental orchards, and it is sort of nuts—he's a pecan researcher.

His study is part of a national specialty crop research project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Lombardini, a Texas AgriLife Research horticultural scientist, will focus on pecans while researchers at other universities focus on almonds, pistachios and walnuts. The overall goal is to discover ways to produce a higher quality, more nutritious nut in the most efficient, sustainable way.

"There have been very little root research efforts," said Lombardini who is teamed on the project with Dr. Astrid Volder, Texas A&M University assistant professor of horticultural sciences. "And there has been nothing that looks directly at the root. As far as we know, this is the first research to look at roots in the real setting."

To do that, Lombardini bored a hole at a 45-degree angle about 20 inches from the trunk of 20 trees in a 400-tree orchard planted in February. Each hole was fitted with a six-foot clear plastic tube into which a

camera will be inserted at various times in the growing year.

"Pecan trees are planted bare root, that is with not much root system," Lombardini said. "The camera turns to capture a panoramic-type view. So we will be able to watch as these roots grow and see how they respond to various conditions over time."

A pecan tree spends its first five or six years growing into a mature tree capable of producing nuts. Spring is typically a period of growth for the trees, but it is not currently known whether first-year roots grow much in the first few months of planting. Lombardini hopes the initial shots from the camera in June will give an indication of first-year root growth.

"If we can see when various roots of a tree die or what happens to roots in a drought, for example, we then might know better how to schedule tree maintenance or apply nitrogen at the best time for the best results," Lombardini explained.

Lombardini plans to photograph the roots at least twice a year. A similar study in Las Cruces, N.M., will replicate his work, and the two can be compared.

The federal grant will provide \$100,000 over three years for Lombardini's study.

Let's talk plants

by Brandon Carr
Soil Conservationist
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James E "Bud" Smith
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Knox City

The Texas heat is hard to beat. During this time of the year, we have to wonder how anything can survive the 100+ degree days. Isn't it heartbreaking to see our crops and plants wilt in the heat of the day? Have you noticed how slow the dog moves in the afternoon?

Here at the Plant Material Center, we struggle with attempting to keep our newly planted grasses and legumes alive through this heat. This can seem like a lost cause, especially on those days where the wind is howling and the dirt is blowing.

Have you ever stopped and thought about how crucial and valuable water is to everything around us? Truly water has to be one of our most important resources. We all see the growing need to protect our water and ensure that many generations to come have the ability to enjoy fresh water.

Small steps today can bring big results later.

First, avoid overwatering. Determine the amount of water needed to accomplish your goal. Water needs vary not only by crop, but also by growth stages of a crop. Plants will take in only the amount they need. Everything else is just wasted.

Second, water only what needs watering. Too many times, irrigation systems overshoot their target areas and water runs into roads and ditches.

Finally, if possible, water during the cool parts of the

day. Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day, where more water will be lost to evaporation. This is extremely difficult to do when dealing with large acres, but there are other options when watering through the heat of the day. Large producers as well as urban homeowners can use subsurface irrigation, drag hoses, or sprinklers with larger droplet size to help minimize the amount of water lost to evaporation.

Rainwater harvesting is becoming a popular method for homeowners to capture water in tanks for use around their homes and shops.

Another idea for collecting rainwater is to place flowerbeds in areas where water runs during rains. Lucky for us, plants are remarkable organisms that have the ability to take care of themselves and survive the heat. Just remember, it will not be long before we will be ready for it to warm up again.

We invite you to come and see us anytime. The NRCS Field Office staff can assist you in planning all the conservation needs on your land. Or, give us a call at the plant materials center 940-658-3922, we would be happy to visit with you about our plant material releases and research projects.

We also welcome groups, large or small, to come out and tour our center. Let us know when you want to come and we will have someone available to show you around. We are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

CHECK OUT EXPANDED ENERGY TAX BREAKS

Now there's an added incentive to generate energy savings at home and at work. Reason: The new economic stimulus law—the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*—expands the tax breaks available for qualified improvements made by individual and business taxpayers. Let's review the key changes.

Energy tax breaks at home. For starters, the new law increases the residential energy credit from 10% of qualified expenses to 30%. As under prior law, the credit covers a wide variety of expenses ranging from central air conditioning to hot water boilers to insulation. Furthermore, the lifetime dollar cap of \$500 for the credit is replaced with a cap of \$1,500 covering 2009 and 2010.

The new law also removes through 2016 other annual credit caps for solar hot water heaters, geothermal heat pumps, and small wind energy property installed in a home. But a \$500 cap remains for qualified fuel cell property.

Energy tax breaks at work. Business taxpayers can now benefit from modified tax incentives.

A business may claim a 30% investment credit for electricity produced from renewable sources.

The new law enhances the business energy credit by eliminating the cap on small wind property. It also repeals the basis reduction requirement for subsidized energy financing.

Instead of taking a production credit payable over ten years, business taxpayers can elect to treat certain alternative energy facilities as energy property eligible for the investment credit. This election may be made for qualified property placed in service after 2008 and before 2014 (2013 for wind property).

This is just a summary of several new law changes. Contact us for details about energy tax breaks that could apply in your situation.

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What's killing the great lawns of Texas?

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Lawns throughout the Lone Star State are dead and dying. While drought is the main suspect, other forces may be at work, according to Texas AgriLife experts.

"Chinch bugs thrive in hot, dry weather and feed primarily on St. Augustine grass, but can also damage Bermuda and zoysia grass, although this is rare," said Molly Keck, integrated pest management specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bexar County. "They prefer areas of the lawn that absorb the most heat, like where the grass meets the walkway, driveway or foundation of the house."

Chinch bugs are thought to insert a toxin that kills the grass while they suck out its juices. They feed on stems and nodes near the base of the plant, leaving brown patches that will continue to grow larger if left untreated. Damage to lawns has been extensive throughout Texas due to the extended drought which has created ideal conditions for the pest to

feed and proliferate. Grown chinch bugs are typically about 0.2 inch long. Adults are black with white wings showing a triangular black mark; immature bugs are wingless and bright to burnt orange with a light-colored horizontal band across their back.

Keck said chinch bug damage often looks like fungal damage—dead grass with a "halo" of yellow grass surrounding the dead spot—so it's important to try and find out if they're present.

One way to check for the pests, she said, is to take an empty can with both ends open, a piece of PVC pipe or other cylinder and work it into the soil so it will hold water in an area of the lawn where the grass is yellowing.

"Fill the can with water and after about 10 minutes you should see chinch bugs floating to the top," Keck said.

Lawns infested with chinch bugs can be treated using an insecticide that's labeled for use on the pests, she said.

Some ways of managing lawns to reduce the possibility of chinch bugs include aerating the turf and applying a layer of top dressing, as well as not over- or under-watering, according to other AgriLife Extension experts.

Grub worms also are active during the summer months and into early fall, and their damage is often confused with that caused by chinch bugs, said Dr. James Reinert, an entomologist with Texas AgriLife Research in Dallas.

Reinert said grubs are white, C-shaped, wormlike creatures with three sets of legs and are the larvae of beetles that take flight in May or June, usually following a storm.

"Grubs are one of the biggest problems in lawns throughout Texas," he said. "While chinch bugs feed on the surface of grasses, grubs feed on the root system. If grubs are present, the grass will pull up easily because of the anchorage of the plant to the soil has been cut off at the roots."

Without roots to take up moisture and plant nutrients, the grass will brown and die and appear to be under drought stress, Reinert said. Grass damaged by white grubs can be pulled up easily or even rolled up like a carpet, while grass under drought stress remains anchored to the soil and cannot be easily pulled up, even though it is turning yellow or brown.

Dead or dying grass roots will be black or brown, while healthy roots are white, he added.

Reinert said seeing a significant number of May or June beetles flying near a home is a good indication of grubs in that or a neighbor's lawn.

"If you dig into the soil two or so inches deep about three weeks after a major beetle flight, this is the time to look for grubs," he said. "They will be small this time of the year, but if you begin to find four or more per one square foot, they may cause damage to the lawn later in the summer or fall. Damage will depend on the condition of the turf and how well you

manage your lawn."

Reinert added that other smaller, straighter and legless wormlike larvae may also be found in Texas lawns.

"These smaller ones are the larvae of the hunting billbug, which have become more damaging in recent years," he said. "When populations of these insects are high, they can be just as harmful as May or June bug larvae."

Reinert said white grubs too can be treated with an insecticide specifically labeled for use on them.

"If you discover white grubs and are using granular treatment, you need to water it well to push the insecticide down to the target site to kill the grubs where they are feeding on the roots," he said.

While turf grass disease isn't typically a problem in hot, dry weather, it can occur when a lawn is under drought stress, said Daphne Richards, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Travis County.

"Stress from drought, as well as too little or too much watering, can lead to turf grass disease," Richards said. "A common turf grass disease in the summertime is take-all root rot, a fungal disease that affects mainly St. Augustine lawns, but also Bermuda, zoysia and other turf grasses."

Serious take-all infestations produce large discolored patches, dead roots and significant loss of

grass stolons or runners.

"In the summer take-all is common in lawns throughout the state and is often mistaken for a chinch bug infestation or another turf grass disease known as brown patch," Richards said.

But brown patch kills only the leaves, while take-all kills the plant's roots and stolons as well.

"If your lawn gets large yellow or brown spots in the spring, odds are it's take-all; but in the summer it could be something else," she added. "Identifying the real cause can save you time and money."

AgriLife Extension offices in counties throughout Texas have information on sending turf grass samples to the the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station. This is a service lab of Texas A&M University's department of plant pathology and microbiology in conjunction with AgriLife Extension. The fee for routine testing is typically about \$30.

Additionally, researchers continually try to develop new resistant turf grass cultivars, Reinert added, but resistance may wear down over time since the pests are constantly evolving and adapting.

"We are always working on new cultivars of grass that will resist these pests and the other abiotic challenges, including drought and heat stress," he said.

Vehicle crimes increase during summer months

Every five-and-a-half minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two-and-a-half minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Historically, July and August are the two months when the most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas.

Stolen vehicles can be used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug and weapon smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents that result in the theft of personal identification items, house keys and garage door openers left inside vehicles are leading to cases of identity theft. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Hide, Take, Lock": hide belongings, take keys, and lock vehicle doors.

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout "Watch Your Car Month," which is being recognized this month of July.

During "Watch Your Car Month," hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers to take precautions when leaving their vehicles unattended. To raise awareness about the role of auto theft in secondary crimes, ABTPA personnel will heavily promote the "You Hold the Key" and "Where You Are, They Are" campaigns, which are designed to remind all owners and operators that vehicles should never be left running while unattended, and valuables should not be left inside.

In 2008, approximately 85,400 vehicles were stolen in Texas resulting in financial losses of more than \$700

million. And in almost half of all auto theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was, in some cases, an unwitting accomplice to more heinous crimes.

Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement agencies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are stolen are: residences/homes (41.6%), public parking lots/public garages (28.7%), and roadways/highways/alleys (12.2%), which proves no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We can not stress enough to Texas drivers that they 'hold the key' to auto burglary and theft prevention," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force, which is housed at the University of North Texas at Dallas Caruth Police Institute at Dallas Police Department. "Anything an individual leaves in their vehicle might be of value to a thief, including anything that has the vehicle owner's name or address on it. We strongly suggest that vehicle owners and drivers always leave their vehicles the way they appeared the day they rolled off the factory floor—leave nothing more in the vehicle than the parts it is made with."

Charles Caldwell, ABTPA director, adds, "We know for a fact that criminals go where vehicle owners go. No one should ever become comfortable with the thought that vehicle crimes can't or won't happen to them. Auto theft and burglary can happen anywhere, anytime, and to anyone. Texas drivers must become educated about these problems and solutions to avoid becoming victims. Practicing techniques to prevent vehicle crimes, such as utilizing visible deterrents and anti-theft devices, will help discourage thieves and make neighborhoods safer."

This Week's Devotional Message:



God is wherever you may go

Even though your faith and your church have their regular place in your daily walk of life, do you remember to include them in your vacation plans? Whatever highway you travel, God is there to provide you and your loved ones with His unfailing guidance and protection, if you will only reach out and

avail yourself of it. He is everywhere, in the beauty of all the mountains, lakes and valleys of this world which He created, and so are His churches. You can easily find them anywhere throughout the land. Remember that God never takes a vacation from you; don't take a vacation from Him!

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Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
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
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Wed. 7 p.
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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
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
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- 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**
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**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 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
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
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—
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Estimated Cost: \$275,000.00. Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge. Plans and specifications are available from the Abilene District, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, TX 79601, Attention: Chris Medford, Phone 940-864-8521. For mailed plans from Austin, request by FAX on your company letterhead to: TxDOT Maintenance Div., Facilities Management, FAX: 512-416-3080, or e-mail to Judy Gage at jgage@dot.state.tx.us. A HUB plan is not required.
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Haskell Police Department will auction a seized vehicle Sat., July 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Haskell Police Department.

The vehicle is a white, 1993 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 door, VIN #1G2WH54T1PF230582.

The Haskell Police Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Vehicle may be viewed on July 25, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Haskell Police Department. 28-30c

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

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The Rule Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss implementing a Student Drug Testing Program at 7:30 p.m. on July 28, 2009 at the Rule ISD library, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas. 29-30c

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We would like to thank the community of Haskell and surrounding areas who contributed with their prayers, food and support. A special thanks to Tom Bassett who spent the entire day making sure we had immediate help and our needs were being met.

We would also like to thank AEP, who immediately provided electricity to our rent house. It is because of so many caring people that we will re-build and continue to call Haskell home.

God has truly blessed us and we are thankful for His caring hand that kept us and our family safe.

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JOSSELET FUN RUN/BIKE RIDE—Participating in the July 4th Josselet fun run/bike ride were, l-r, Caleb Wheat, Van Josselet, Sandy Sanford, Cathy Bartley, Cooper Wheat, Misti Bartley and Shannon Sanford.

Josselets hold celebration

The first July 4th C.H. Josselet celebration took place last Saturday.

The first event was the fun run/bike ride with three teams participating. Caleb Wheat and Van Josselet were the winning team. Caleb was first in the 5K run while Van was first in the bike ride. Cooper Wheat and Misti

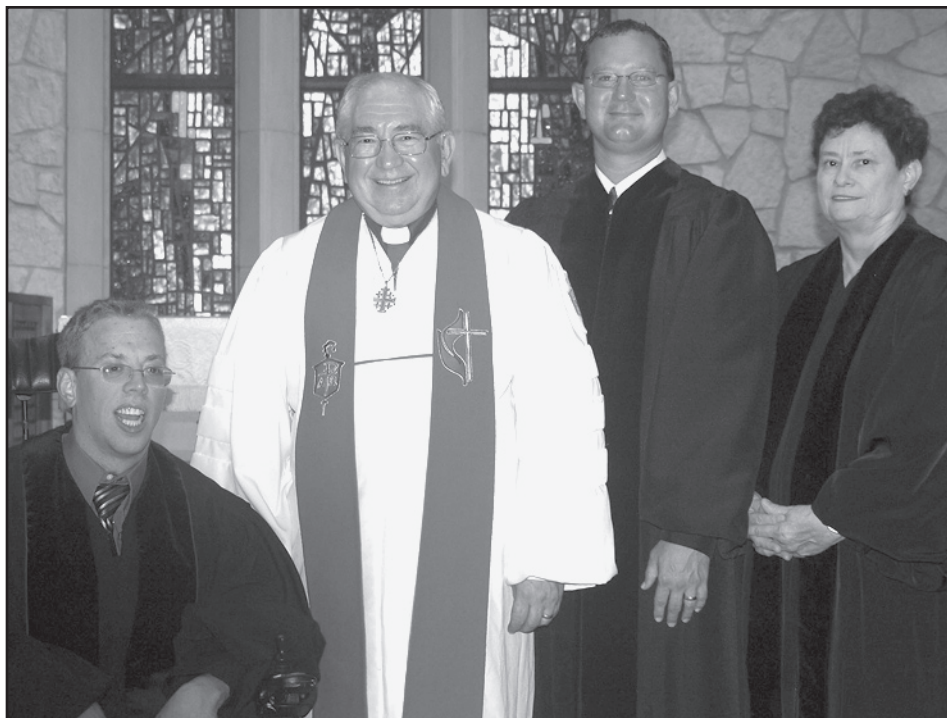
Bartley ran the 5K for the next team, and Shannon Sanford rode the bike. The third team was Cathy Bartley who ran the 5K and Sandy Sanford who rode the bike.

Robert Bartley was the support crew by following the runners and bikers. Jerry Josselet and Bobby Sanford had breakfast

ready for the participants after the race. Awards were presented at breakfast.

Other family members participating in fun and games during the afternoon were Chad and Christi Wheat, Shawn and Misty Sanford, Christopher, Tyler and Austen Sanford.

Fireworks were enjoyed at the end of the day.



RECEIVE COMMISSIONS—Rev. Thomas J. Long, second from right, of Haskell was commissioned as a Provisional Elder at the 100th session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in Midland June 12. Rev. Long has been reappointed to serve another year as pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell. Both Justin Michael Hancock, left, Director of Spiritual Formation, Texas Tech Wesley Foundation and Pastor Sandra F. Keith, right, Pastor of Throckmorton/Elbert UMC were commissioned as Provisional Elders during the service. They are pictured with Bishop D. Max Whitfield, Presiding Bishop of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference UMC.

Students in the News

Tarleton State University in Stephenville held spring commencement May 9 with the following students from Haskell receiving diplomas.

Tracy Mueller graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (BA) and with a Master's degree in Business Administration (BA).

Frederick Utley graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education and with a Master's degree in Agricultural Education.

Cole David Earles of Haskell received a BSET in Construction Engineering Technology degree from the University of North Texas during spring 2009 commencement ceremonies.

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Volleyball night

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Summer lunches

The Summer Food Service program, sponsored by Haskell CISD, will continue through July 24. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G. Anyone ages 1 through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults may eat for \$3 per plate.

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rlhansoncmc@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

Benefit lunch

A benefit hamburger luncheon and silent auction will be held for Diana Simmons Sun., July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office at 940-864-2851.

Harrell reunion

The Harrell reunion will be held July 24-25 at the Haskell National Bank Community Center. Festivities begin Fri., July 24 at 6:30 p.m. and continue until all bingo prizes are won. Sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks will be served. Saturday's activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Meat, bread and beans will be served. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share, and one item for the auction or door prize. A kids' auction will be held.

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host their Family Bible Festival Aug. 6-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Homecoming

Haskell homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26. Updated information is needed on former students. If you can provide updated information concerning addresses, email addresses or phone numbers, send the information to 1702 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email baylessgrant@gmail.com or call 940-864-2176.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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In extreme conditions or with certain physical problems, the body may be unable to maintain its normal body temperature. When this happens, body temperature can rise or fall to the point that serious medical problems occur.

- Risk factors**
- Age: The elderly are at high risk because their temperature regulation mechanisms are not as effective.
 - Disease processes: People with heart or lung problems are at higher risk because of increased oxygen needs.
 - Medications: Some medications interfere with the process of perspiration and other mechanisms that the body uses to cool itself.
 - Environment: Heat combined with high humidity is dangerous because perspiration does not evaporate well and cooling is not as efficient.

More on heat-related illness in the next article.

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