

Football

HASKELL

JV Indians vs Archer City
Thurs., Aug. 30, 6 p.m.
at Haskell

V Indians vs Archer City
Fri., Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.
at Archer City

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Woodson
Fri., Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE

Bobcats vs Aspermont
Fri., Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 6 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. The Haskell Free Press will be closed Mon., Sept. 3.

Rummage sale

A rummage sale will be held Sat., Sept. 1 from 8:30 til ? to benefit the medical fund of Stanley Martin.

Youth football

Signup for flag football will be held Tues., Sept. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary cafeteria. Cost to play is \$30 per player and or \$20 per sibling. Money is due at signup. Additional forms are available at Sport-About. No forms will be accepted after Thurs., Sept. 6. For information call Casey Larned at 940-864-2749.

Cattle conference

The Texas AgriLife Extension offices of Haskell, Knox and Throckmorton counties will host a Cow/Calf and Stocker Cattle Conference Sept. 6 beginning at noon at the Civic Center in Haskell. Topics that will be covered are Herd Management during Drought, Stocker Health, and Cow Nutrition during times of stress. Speakers for the event will be Stan Beavers, Extension Economist, Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, and Mark Daniel, ADM. Seating for this conference is limited so please call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658 to reserve your place at this important conference.

TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" will be held beginning Wed., Sept. 7 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

Bible study

A Bible course on the Book of Hebrews will begin in September. Serious students only should call 864-3982 for an application.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could 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.

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The Haskell Free Press

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Haskell Police Chief Richard Candalaria, left, presented donated school supplies to Haskell Elementary teachers, l-r, Jennifer Roewe and Tonya Cypert, along with Haskell Elementary Principal Jimmy Lisle. The school supply drive was hosted by the Haskell Police Department to help students who could not otherwise obtain the needed supplies for the start of the school year.

Pirates to host open house Fri.

Paint Creek School has undergone major construction this summer in the secondary wing and taken on a new look. Classrooms have been totally renovated, new air conditioning and heating units have been installed, and the hallways are exhibiting school pride with bright lights and school colors.

The Paint Creek staff would like to show off their newly refurbished building by hosting an open house for the community Fri., Aug. 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the gym foyer and hamburgers will be for sale at the concession stand.

Come out and tour our improved facility, grab a burger, and support the Pirates as they open their season against the Woodson Cowboys at 7:30 p.m.

Hatley captured in Rule after brief escape

On Tues., Aug. 21 a panel of jurors was assembled in the District Court Room in Haskell. Out of that panel twelve jurors were picked to serve on the criminal trial of Forrest Lewis Hatley IV for burglary of a building, the First Baptist Church of Rule.

After hearing the evidence and the closing arguments, the jury found Hatley guilty

of burglary of a building. Due to the time, the jury was sent home and the punishment phase of the trial began on Wednesday morning. The jury agreed on two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail Division and a \$10,000 fine.

Hatley was sentenced to the time in TDCJ by District Court Judge Shane

Hadaway.

After being taken back to jail at noon, Hatley was returned to the court house for other proceedings. During this proceeding, he got the chance to run down the west stairs and exited the court house and ran across the lawn, headed to the southeast. He ran behind the old Roberson storage

building and pulled his red shirt off and left it behind the building. He went inside the building and left his blue jeans and exited the front and went west down the alley.

Officers in the courthouse ran after him, but couldn't catch up to him as he ran across the yard. They lost sight of him as he ran behind Tommy's Barber Shop.

Chief Richard Candalaria went to the back of the building and covered the back entrance and waited for other officers to arrive and cover the front and enter the building to look for the suspect. Hatley continued west and made it outside the City of Haskell where he got a ride to Rule to his father's house on 5th St.

Rule Chief of Police Alan Beard received a phone call that Hatley was seen at the back door. Chief Beard contacted other officers and they went to Rule and surrounded the residence and began looking for Hatley. Officers found an opening in a closet going under the house. Hatley was found

hiding under the house. At this time, he gave up and was returned to the Haskell County Jail by Chief Deputy Winston Stephens.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton said, "Again, the cooperation of the local law enforcement, Haskell Police Department, DPS, Haskell County Constable, DPS flight personnel, District Attorney's Office and concerned citizens, helped catch this subject before he could steal more property or hurt someone."

Changes will be made in the way inmates are transported and guarded while in the District Court and County Court. Defendants that are going to court for trial will be wearing a belt under their clothing that will shock them if they act up or try to escape. Others that will be going to court will have leg shackles and handcuffs.

"All law officers and court personnel want to keep all of the citizens safe in Haskell County and will do what it takes to do that," said Halliburton.

Haskell CISD greets students and personnel

by Caron Yates

Although it may seem to many that school was just dismissed for the summer, those bells, signaling the beginning of the new school year, have rung. With that comes excitement and anticipation for another successful school year.

Haskell CISD, led by Superintendent Bill Alcorn, had a first day enrollment of 610 students, with 326 reported at the elementary, 122 junior high students and 162 in attendance at the high school.

Working in the central office again this year will be Brenda Turner, business manager; Lisa Teague, financial assistant, Billie Lindsey, PEIMS coordinator and Michelle Dunnam, programs director.

For the first time in several years, Haskell Elementary is taking up where it left off last year. There have been no new personnel or assignment changes made for this school year.

Elementary principal Jim Lisle, now in his thirty-seventh year in education, anticipates a smooth start. Returning staff in the elementary office are Tina Adams, secretary and Peggy Adams, PEIMS and attendance. Nurse Susan

Blanks will be taking care of medical needs and required paperwork for all Haskell CISD students. Kristi Stewart continues as elementary counselor, while librarian Betsy McManamon and Jacklyn Wheatley will work on both campuses. Special programs personnel include Pam Gibson, music teacher; Debbie Miller, computer lab; Kristi Gibson, science lab; Tiffany Thomas and Melisa Burson, P.E.; Burson also coaches; Vicki Bullard and Donita Hudgens are SpEd teachers and are assisted by Nora Andrada, Erlinda Booe and Ember Medford; Patsy Blakely is overseeing the RTI program and is supported by Deanna Jordan and Becky Gordy.

Jennifer Bridges, assisted by Rosemary Rodriguez, will once again be teaching the Head Start program, while Melyn Wittenborn serves as the Head Start Family Service Worker. Faye Urlich, aided by Stacy Medford, will teach the PPCD and Pre-K-3 students, while Loutina White and Vicki Josselet continue in the Pre-K-4 classroom.

Kindergarten teachers will be Susan Cox, Judy Washburn and Laurie McBroom. April Colley, Joni Bullock and Julie Alvarez serve as first grade teachers, while Rhonda

Hanson, LaKay Caparoon and Donna Waggoner have teaching duties in second grade. Tonya Cypert, Vicki Bredthauer and Vanessa Shiplett lead the learning for third grade.

Sheila Homeyer, Amy Sloan and Wendi Parks will instruct in the fourth grade classrooms, and rounding out the elementary are fifth grade teachers Tammie Wallace and Jennifer Roewe. Kristi Gibson will also have continued on page 10



SENIOR ATHLETES—Haskell's senior athletes introduced during 'Meet the Athletes' last Thursday after the Merkel scrimmage were, front row, l-r, Maci Colley, Kalyn Wheatley, Cailey Foster, Ashley Adams, Morgan Frierson, Delecia Garcia, Veronica Robledo, Doug King and L.J. Hammond; back row, Gabriel Torres, Phillip Coleman, Taylor Burson, Carson Hadaway, Tillie McGuire, Ryan Markey, Brett Shelton, Cole Hutchinson, Felipe Deanda, Daniel Turner, Drake Everett, Adrian Alexander, Cannon Edwards and David Newton.

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USDA authorizes more emergency haying use

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzowski announced that eight additional Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) practices are authorized for 2012 emergency haying and grazing use.

These practices include: Waterways, Wetland Restoration, Wetland

Restoration (Non-Floodplain), Rare and Critical Habitat, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, Duck Nesting Habitat and FWP Flooded Prairie Wetlands.

"Previously, only lands classified as 'D2—under severe drought' according to the U.S. Drought Monitor were eligible for CRP emergency haying and grazing," said Brzowski. "Now lands classified as 'D0—abnormally dry' will be eligible for CRP emergency haying and grazing," he said.

In addition to the 25 percent CRP payment reduction being reduced to 10 percent for all 2012 emergency haying and grazing authorizations, participants may now sell the harvested hay or lease grazing privileges for profit under the new emergency provisions. However, subleasing of the grazing privileges will not be permitted.

Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed haying or grazing may elect to switch to emergency use by contacting the Haskell County FSA office to request approval.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency haying and grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

Eligible CRP land can be used for emergency haying until Aug. 31, 2012, or emergency grazing until Sept. 30, 2012. Producers who receive approval to hay or graze additional CRP practices will have to complete a CRP-117 and/or CRP-118.

The eligible CRP acreage is limited to qualified acres located within the approved county. Eligible producers who are interested in haying or grazing CRP under this emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for haying or grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval from their local FSA office and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include site specific haying or grazing requirements.

In counties that are authorized for CRP emergency haying and grazing, producers are reminded that the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife. In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting.

For more information and to request approval for additional CRP emergency haying and grazing practices contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2.



MAKES THE TACKLE—Haskell Indian Doug King makes a tackle during the scrimmage last Thursday night against Merkel.

Obituaries

Stanley Ralph Martin



STANLEY MARTIN

Funeral services for Stanley Ralph Martin, 62, of Haskell were held Wed., Aug. 29 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Art Flores Jr. officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Martin passed away Saturday evening, Aug. 25 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born March 7, 1950 in Stamford, he was the son of Joe and Ruby (Muse) Martin. He married Betty Ozuna Oct. 2, 1993 in Haskell. Stanley and Betty remained in Haskell where Stanley served as a Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church and he enjoyed doing all kinds of odd jobs. He was supervisor over the janitorial department at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Ruby Martin; a son, Kevin Glenn Martin; and two brothers, Randy Martin and Ricky Martin.

Survivors include his wife Betty of Haskell; three daughters, Lorie Martinez

and husband Marty of Lacy, Washington, Sylvia Mullen and husband Eric of Halton City and Melanie Alvarez of Grand Prairie; two sons, Joseph Martin of Haskell, and Bert Alvarez and wife Julie of Haskell; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were L.C. Johnson Jr., Randy Shaw, Louis Enriquez, Kyle Martin, Matt Muncell and Randall Martin.

Memorials may be given in Stanley's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123-1718.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council held a budget workshop Tues., Aug. 21 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers and Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance.

The 2012-13 initial budget and the Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Plan were discussed.

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Aug. 27 with Mayor Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Bowers, and Councilmen Bridges, Hoover and Druessedow in attendance. Councilwoman Sue Medford was absent.

The Haskell County Appraisal District budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year was approved as presented.

The bills were approved. Councilman Bowers abstained.

The monthly police report and racial profile report was given by Police Chief Richard Candelaria.

Sept. 19 was proclaimed "Texting and Driving—It Can Wait Day."

The rezoning fee change from \$40 to \$100 was approved, effective immediately.

The council entered into an executive session to discuss consultation with attorney GC 551.071 to discuss settlement in Rangel lawsuit.

Returning to general session, the policy for collection on past due accounts and write-offs, pending City Attorney Lois Rockefeller's approval, was approved.

The Drought Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Plan was discussed.

Matthew Duran, Director of Public Works/Safety gave a monthly report.

In the City Administrator's

report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•The proposed 2012-13 budget is on file at city hall. It was filed Aug. 22.

•The City is working on the Drought Contingency Plan and have a proposed document ready for review. Citizens wishing a copy may pick one up at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

•A public hearing to address the plan will be held Sept. 10 at 7 a.m. at City Hall during the regular council meeting.

•The budget and tax rate will be on the next two agendas for public comment. Those meetings will be held Sept. 10 and Sept. 24.

•A note from Mike Schweikhard of Atmos Gas was included in the council packet. He discussed the new 811 call before you dig line that will be utilized in the future.

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Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Al-Anon

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

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

Football tickets

The Haskell Indian reserved football seats are now on sale at the High School office.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Two of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Two calls for a mandatory 15% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

Financial seminar

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a nine-week course in personal finance, will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building starting Sept. 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 8. Childcare will be provided at East Side Baptist Church. A short, free preview session will be held Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Contact Randy Bowers at 864-2964, or visit www.daveramsey.com for further information.

Pancake supper

The Haskell Lions Club annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper will be held Fri., Sept. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria, preceding the Seymour and Haskell football game. Tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased from any Lions Club member or at the door. To request more information, e-mail haskellionsclub@yahoo.com or call 940-864-3957.

Art Association

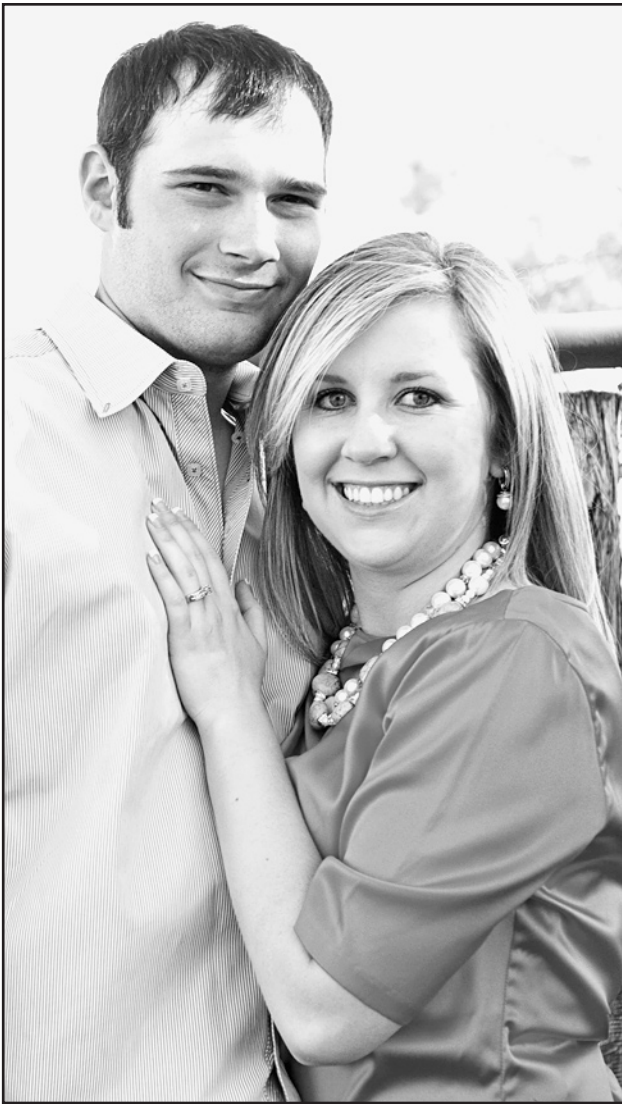
The Brazos West Art Association will meet Sept., 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church of Christ annex for a salad supper, and a time of planning for the new club year. Each member is asked to bring painted or handmade items (old, new, borrowed, etc.) for a fun "show and tell." No personal invitation is needed, come just as you are and have fun with us. Hostesses are officers and volunteers.

Fall festival

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will host a fall festival fund-raiser Sept. 16 on the grounds of the church. For information, contact Eva Jimenez at 864-5446 or Andrea Estrada.

Volleyball tourney

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held Sun., Sept. 16 at St. George Catholic Church. To enter the tournament, contact Lenda Abila at 940-658-1442 or Eva Jimenez at 940-256-2366.



JACOB WARREN AKINS - PAIGE LeANN ADAMS

Adams, Akins to marry January 5

Micheal and Peggy Adams of Haskell are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Paige LeAnn Adams, to Jacob Warren Akins, son of Vernon and Stephenie Akins of Stamford.

Adams is the granddaughter of Pansy Harris and the late Henry Harris of Haskell and Elmer and Linda Adams of Weinert.

Akins is the grandson of Ted and Carri Marfia of Shingle Springs, California; Gerry and Jeanne Foisy of San Jose, California; Fran Wilson and the late Ernie Wilson of Anson; and the late

John Akins of Andrews.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Haskell High School and plans to graduate from Texas Tech University in December 2012 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

The prospective groom is a 2009 graduate of Stamford High School and plans to graduate from West Texas A&M University in December 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness and a minor in Finance.

The couple is planning a Jan. 5 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. BAILEY TOLIVER

Tolivers to celebrate 60th anniversary

Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sat., Sept. 1 with a backyard party at their home at 1601 N. Ave. F in Haskell from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to join them. No gifts, please.

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Heart Disease: Does it affect women as well as men? Are there differences in how it affects women versus men?

Many people think of heart disease as a man's disease, it is the number one cause of death for women as well. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), heart disease kills more women than the next five causes of death put together.

Just as with men, women can experience crushing chest pain or severe shortness of breath when a heart attack occurs. However, according to the AHA, common symptoms for women also include:

- Sudden tiredness or lack of energy (this is the most common symptom and it's easy to ignore)
- Difficulty in breathing (this may be your only symptom)
- Nausea, vomiting or indigestion, especially in combination with other symptoms
- Pressure and squeezing sensations in the chest, and heartburn-like feelings
- Pain in the back, neck or jaw
- Unexplained or excessive sweating
- Dizziness or lightheadedness

If you experience these symptoms, and they last for more than five minutes, you may be having a heart attack. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

In the meantime, here are some things you can do to help protect your heart and prevent heart disease:

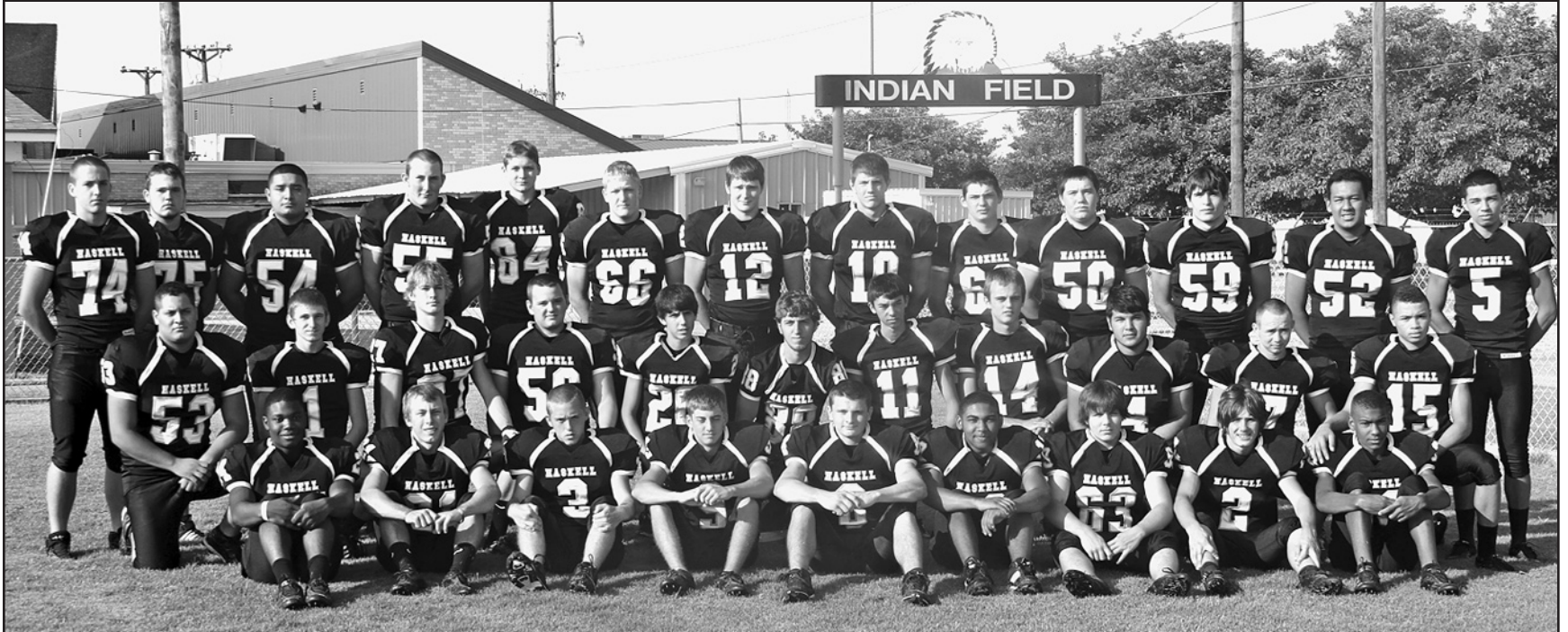
- See your doctor regularly for heart checkups
- Eat a healthy diet
- Don't smoke
- Get active
- Control stress

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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2012 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, #24 Tamiya Lowry, #21 David Newton, #3 Trevor Reese, #9 Kyle Kimbrough, #8 Phillip Coleman, #13 Dametric Masias, #63 L.J. Hammond, #2 Jacob Kreger and #32 Justice Dever; middle row, #53 Adrian Alexander, #1 Austin Curran, #27 Ryan Pace, #56 Zachary Tatum, #20 Dakota Silvas, #88 Aaron Waggoner, #11 Cannon Edwards, #14 Cade Colley, #4 Jarred Escobedo, #7 Mathew Martinez and #15 Warren Flye; back row, #74 Doug King, #75 Jarett Earle, #54 Daniel Contreras, #55 Daniel Turner, #84 Henry Smith, #66 Max Weise, #12 Brett Shelton, #10 Ryan Markey, #62 Aaron Urich, #50 Drake Everett, #59 Cole Hutchinson, #52 Felipe Deanda and #5 Gabriel Torres. Not pictured is J.T. Schmegner.

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Paint Creek welcomes 166 students to new school year

by Caron Yates

Could that be bells ringing? Ready or not, school bells are ringing in Haskell County. Paint Creek ISD began classes August 27, with a first day enrollment of 166 students.

There are a few new faces on campus this year, to help with the education of students attending Paint Creek school. Richard Cumby comes to Paint Creek ISD as the new principal and head football coach. He was previously at Blackwell ISD. Also new to the district is Jacy West, teaching fourth grade; Kira Poteet, assisting in Pre-K/Kindergarten; Becky Pair,

overseeing technology and computer classes; and Brian Burgess, teaching Social Studies, directing one-act play and coaching boys' basketball.

Don Ballard, beginning his forty-second year in education, continues to serve as superintendent at Paint Creek ISD. He is assisted by business manager Sarah McCord, and office assistant Jeanie Waters.

Returning to the elementary lineup are Amy Jimenez in Pre-K/Kindergarten; Esther Waggoner teaching first; Tracey Graham in second grade; Tammi Hawkins in third grade; West in fourth;

and Barbara Utley will teach fifth grade.

On the junior high and high school level are Shannon Sanford, who was hired at midterm last year, and will teach middle school English/Language Arts; Lauten Escobedo teaches English and girls' athletics; Scotty Walker has the Ag. Science; Valiene Bullinger teaches Science; while Roy Gardner handles math.

Social Studies is taught by Burgess; Emily Olson will teach Family Consumer Science classes, along with serving as yearbook sponsor; Pair takes over technology; Nan Sublett, instructs SpEd and dyslexia; and Michael Waggoner teaches math and has coaching duties. Sherrie Raughton continues as school counselor, and Charlene Murray is the school nurse.

Along with Poteet, paraprofessionals Janet Smith and Annette Stanford will aid teachers in their instruction. Preparing and serving meals will again be Susan Emert and Deborah Oliver, while John Wheat will head up maintenance and transportation and Connie Lusk will carry out custodial duties.

Secondary students came back to a "new look," as their classrooms and hallway have been completely remodeled over the summer break.

Paint Creek administration and staff are confident in the programs they have implemented over the past several years, and look forward to another successful school year.



ON THE CARRY—Haskell Indian Justice Dever carries the ball during the scrimmage last Thursday night against Merkel. The Indians play at Archer City Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., Aug. 13 with all members present.

A motion to pay all the bills, including the additional bill from Winston Stephens, passed.

The County Treasurer submitted the County Attorney's bank reconciliation report, the treasurer's monthly report and the Experienced Citizens Center report. All were accepted.

Sheriff David Halliburton reported that Deputy Greg Hearn is on administrative leave until Aug. 16. Dan Kazuba has been hired and will begin his duties Aug.

16. Denton Reed and Russ Compton will no longer be working for Commissioner Kenny Thompson in Precinct 3, as they are returning to school.

The burn ban is still in effect.

The Commissioners and Judge David Davis expressed great concern over the need to make citizens aware of the local water issues and how the drought is affecting everyone.

A motion to allow only certified service animals in the Courthouse passed.

A motion to authorize request to TDHCA to be put on the list to become

a Reservation System Participant to be able to access HOME funds allowing Haskell County to have ten homes built instead of six passed.

No action was taken regarding the salary for the District Attorney's secretary.

A motion to enter into an inter local cooperation agreement with the City of Coleman passed.

A motion to take time warrants for five years to purchase a new Chevy double cab gas pickup passed.

Commissioner Thompson expressed his gratitude for all the prayers and well wishes during his surgery.

FSA to provide assistance to livestock producers

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, announced that special provisions will be made to the FSA emergency loan program and to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program in order to provide greater flexibility for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought.

On Aug. 22, Secretary Vilsack announced that modifications will be made to the emergency loan program allowing them to be made earlier in the season. In the past, emergency loan eligibility was determined after the production cycle.

Producers will no longer have to wait until the end of the production cycle to obtain a loan. This change will support producers who currently need assistance to help offset high production costs.

Vilsack also announced that a special provision will be made to the federal crop insurance program through RMA that will allow producers to hay or graze cover crops without forfeiting crop insurance eligibility on planted 2013 spring crops. This change is beneficial to livestock producers making forage and feed available this fall and winter. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, producers should consult with their

insurance agent, according to RMA.

"Adding more flexibility to current program requirements will make much needed assistance more readily available to producers affected by disaster," said Brzozowski. "These changes in particular should benefit livestock producers who are facing higher feed costs or are at risk of liquidating their herd due to the drought," he said.

For more information regarding special provisions to the emergency loan program, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 607 N. 1st E Suite B or call 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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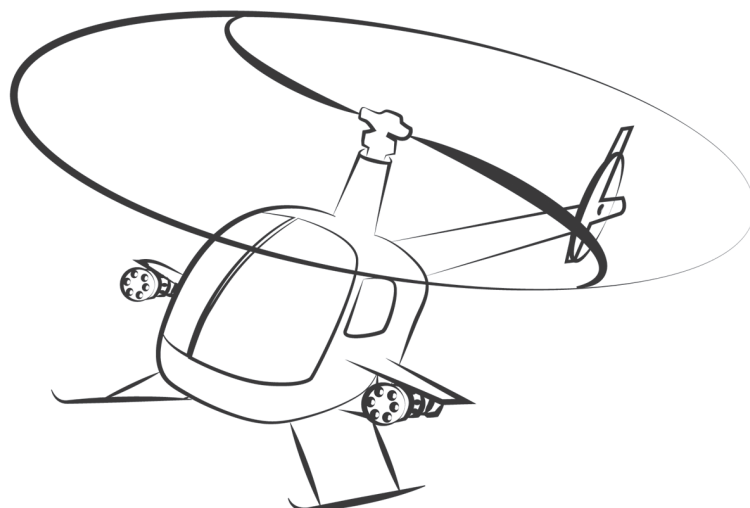
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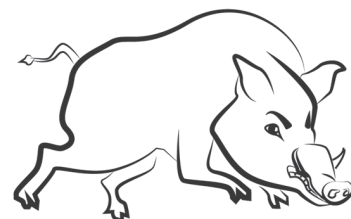
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Few Texas hospitals offer this life-saving heart procedure

Patients with severe aortic valve disease, diagnosed as too weak to survive open-heart surgery, are discovering another life-saving option. In November, the Food and Drug Administration approved a procedure that replaces a failing heart valve without opening the chest. Most hospitals, however, do not have the technology, experience, and staffing to offer the treatment. This month, the valve's maker, Edwards Lifesciences, created a website with a map of available centers to help patients find a physician who can help them.

The Dallas Valve Institute at Medical City Dallas Hospital is one of only four sites listed in Texas. The Dallas Valve

Institute's performed more than 350 Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) procedures since pioneering the treatment as part of a research trial in 2006. Martha Godwin of Garland, is one of those patients. Godwin had aortic stenosis, a tightening of the aortic valve. Godwin, however, was told she was too weak to survive traditional open-heart surgery to replace the failing valve. The 79-year-old grandmother came to the Dallas Valve Institute, and successfully underwent the TAVR procedure in September.

"I wasn't ready to go yet," said Godwin. "I figured I still had a lot yet to give and do."

To perform the TAVR procedure, physicians guide

a tube, about the width of a pencil, containing the Edwards SAPIEN transcatheter aortic valve into the body through a tiny incision located near the groin, in a major leg artery. The new valve, which has been collapsed into a delivery system (long tube with a balloon on the end) is placed inside of the diseased valve and expanded when the balloon is inflated, immediately restoring full blood flow from the heart. Unlike open-heart surgery, the heart continues to beat throughout the entire procedure. A cardiopulmonary bypass machine is not needed.

"That procedure allowed her to have her aortic valve replaced without opening her chest, and that was an easier

recovery for her," said Dr. Bruce Bowers, Medical City's Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Research.

Edwards CEO Mike Mussallem addressed the number of treatment centers available in a call with shareholders in July, saying, "From launch to the end of the second quarter, we have trained more than 110 centers, and are confident we'll train 150 to 250 commercial sites by the end of the first year of launch."

Godwin is grateful to the Dallas Valve Institute at Medical City, and has used her renewed health to give back to the hospital. She now routinely knits caps for every baby in Medical City's Neonatal Intensive

Care Unit.

For more information on the Dallas Valve Institute and

TAVR, call 972-566-6389 or go to www.dallasvalveinstitute.com.



HEART PATIENT—Martha Godwin, right, visits with Dr. Bruce Bowers, Medical City's Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Research.

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a fifth grade homeroom, in addition to the science lab.

In charge of keeping the campus clean and in good running order are Matilda Lopez, Alfred Ozuna and Adam Garcia. Preparing and serving two meals each day is Andrea Estrada, Francis Rodriguez, Minnie Camacho and Mary Villarreal.

Lisle and his staff remind parents that it takes teachers, students and parents working together to accomplish a complete education. He encourages parents to be an active advocate in their children's education, by taking advantage of all opportunities to be involved.

Changes for the new year on the secondary campus, are many. The most recognizable is the relocation of the junior high from Rochester back to Haskell. A new junior high building, just north of the high school, has been completed in time for the start of the school year.

While most of the junior high staff remains the same, there have been

some changes in teaching assignments. New at the junior high is Rich Gammon, who will teach science and have coaching duties.

Returning to sixth grade will be Shanna Daniels, teaching English/Language Arts and Monica Shelton, teaching sixth and seventh grade math.

Other experienced teachers on campus are Chet Forehand, science and coach; Tracy Frierson, math; Jodi Andress, English/Language Arts; and Darlene Hopkins, English.

Tate Thompson will instruct Social Studies, as well as coach; while Tara Hollingsworth will head up the Special Education department; and Melissa Tatum will oversee the RTI program for the junior high. Teresa New will work in the office, and assist with the band.

Paraprofessionals Tammy Crosson, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Janie Saucedo and Karen Smart will work in various areas to aid instruction.

The junior high staff is excited about their beautiful

new facility and look toward another successful school year.

Principal Jeff York, in his second year at that position, says there have been several changes in personnel at the high school level.

Grady Benton has taken over as Athletic Director. He and his wife Kayla Benton, who replaces retiring English teacher Nancy Stewart, moved to Haskell from Slaton. Blake Eddleman, Matt Garvin and Dustin Mackey will fill vacancies in the Social Studies department, while also assuming coaching duties. Completing the Special Education department are Sharla Skiles and Cindy Cox. Also helping in this department are Michelle Edwards and Shannon Eddleman. They join Judy Foster, who will again run the ASPIRE program, which is a credit recovery program.

Familiar faces on campus will be Kent Colley, who has taken on duties as an assistant administrator, and Jamie Davis who serves as counselor.

Teaching math are Kendra Bevel, who serves as head of the department, Teresa Martinez, Josh Damron and Colley. In Social Studies Keith Medford, lead teacher, is joined by Mackey, Eddleman and Garvin.

Randy Waggoner, head teacher, John Foster and Betsy Coleman will continue the push for the science department, while Jill Druessedow, Kayla Benton and Belinda Peacock are teaching English and journalism. Druessedow is head of the department, and Peacock also serves as the junior high counselor. Lolo

Martinez continues as the Spanish teacher.

Other enrichment programs include Ag Science taught by Kenny Cockerell and Justin Cox, Family and Consumer Science taught by Wanda Thompson, Computer Science and Business Technology taught by Amanda Hadaway, art and yearbook taught by Pam Thigpen and all levels of band are led by band director Mike Aston, assisted by New. Tatum will also teach Theatre Arts at the high school.

Maintenance supervisor is Bart Parham and is aided by Robert Acosta, Luz Diaz and Edie Strickland. Zef Perez is the grounds supervisor, while Daryl McGhee continues as transportation supervisor.

Making sure the nutritional needs of students are met at the secondary will be Edgwyna Flores, Becky Howeth and Malinda Teague. Jo Pogue and Charisse Felty will handle the office duties, while Lupe Rivera works in the ISS, or in-school suspension program. John Rutkowski will once again have the task of keeping the massive network of computers, servers, printers and phones in working order.

The ultimate goal of all schools, including Haskell CISD is to provide for every student the best education possible, as efficiently as possible. While that goal is made more challenging by state budget cuts and significantly higher testing standards, the desire and dedication to preparing students for their future remains steadfast and true. It does however, take the efforts of school staff, students and parents working together to make it happen.

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4-H swine validation tag orders due Sept. 14

by Wes Utley
 CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
 Time is fast approaching to order swine validation tags for the upcoming stock show year of 2012-13. If you plan to show this year, that animal must have an official Texas State Validation Ear Tag. If showing the animal project under FFA, check with your Ag. Science teacher at school for deadline to order.

The deadline to order the validation ear tags for swine if showing through 4-H will be Fri., Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2013 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$390,240.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 11,630.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Haskell County Appraisal District
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF WEINERT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.996753 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code) Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Weinert City Hall.

The second public hearing will be held on September 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Weinert City Hall.

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

FOR: Stanley Hager, Angela Kirklin,
 Randy Waggoner and Leonard Mahan

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Caron Yates

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF WEINERT last year was \$38,493. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.512600 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$197.32.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF WEINERT this year is \$37,725. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.492700 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$185.87.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.532100 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$200.73.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.