

Football

HASKELL

JV Indians vs Seymour

Thurs., Sept. 6, 6 p.m.

at Seymour

V Indians vs Seymour

Fri., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

at Haskell

PAINT CREEK

Pirates vs Trent

Fri., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

at Trent

RULE

Bobcats vs Lueders-Avoca

Fri., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

at Rule

Calendar

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 call Wes Uteley at 940-864-2658 to reserve your place at this important conference.

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.

TeamKid

TeamKid "Character Challenge" will be held Wednesdays 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.

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.

Bible study

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

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"The People's Choice"

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Indians are victorious in season opening game



MARKEY TACKLE-Haskell Indian #10 Ryan Markey makes a tackle during the game against Archer City. Indians #15 Warren Fly and #5 Gabriel Torres are close behind. The Indians defeated Archer City 32-6. Markey was named the defensive player of the week. He had nine tackles during the game. The Indians host the Seymour Panthers Fri., Sept. 7 at Indian Field at 7:30 p.m.

Coker uplifted by Haskell friends and family

by Caron Yates

It is sometimes difficult for folks from the city, or perhaps those from more beautiful parts of the country to understand why we have all chosen to live, raise our families and even retire here. While we may all have different reasons for living in hot, dry West Texas, there is something about living in a smaller community that truly binds us together. Maybe it can only be understood, by experiencing it.

Without a doubt, one of the most rewarding aspects of small town life is that when a neighbor is in need, we all want to help. While there have been many recent examples of this in Haskell County, the latest fund-raiser for the Coker family reminds us just how caring the people of Haskell County can be.

Macey Coker, fourteen year old daughter of Vickie and Jerry Coker of Haskell, was recently diagnosed with a condition called Restrictive Cardiomyopathy. In layman's terms, it is an enlarged heart. According to the doctors, there is more than one type of Cardiomyopathy, and in fact there have been others in Vickie's family, with similar conditions. After all the doctor appointments, testing and consultations, the conclusion is that Macey needs a heart transplant.

The family was told that she must live within an hour of the hospital to be placed on the transplant list. While the family quickly began making plans for Macey and her mom to move to Houston, friends, neighbors and others got busy finding ways to help. A fund was started in Rule where Jerry was raised, at the Rule Banking Center, Team Macey bracelets bearing a scripture were sold. Earlier a group of stock show friends and acquaintances got together and auctioned off a show pig, donated by



MACEY COKER

a top breeder. By the end of the auction, over \$22,000 had been raised for the cause. Recently the First Baptist Church of Haskell held a chicken spaghetti lunch, along with an auction and raised over \$14,500. They were overwhelmed with the response, having served 550 lunches. Church members, along with many others from the community prepared and served food and desserts for the fund-raiser. It was however, the large group of young people at the event, that was so noticeable. Friends and fellow youth group members of Macey's set up tables, served the food and cleaned up, because it was a way for them to let their friend know they are on her team.

Now the waiting begins. Doctors have told the family that it can take from three weeks to two and a half years, for a donor to be matched. Although it is very difficult for the Cokers to be away from their home, family and regular life, the efforts of so many have made the adjustment bearable. In fact, Vickie says, "It is like a heavy burden has been lifted from our shoulders, so we can focus our attention on Macey. We will never be able to repay everyone for their generosity."

Macey is attending a large junior high, which is a new experience. She takes only the core subjects and is limited to a half day of school. Much to her dismay, physical activity is very limited for now. Doctors feel that after a successful transplant, she will be able to lead a normal life, with no limitations. The Cokers have had the opportunity to meet others who have lived through similar situations. In fact, they were encouraged to have visited with a young woman who, after having had two transplants, has just given birth to her first child.

The separation and waiting have been made easier through the actions of so many. For example, Vickie says, "We were trying to get our house ready to sell, and while we were gone for tests, an extreme home makeover took place." It seems that kinfolks Tim Larned, Heath Pinkerton and Jim Larned and their crews, stepped up and did the work. Becky Offutt put Vickie in touch with her sister and brother-in-law, who live in the area. Coker explains, "She has been a principal and I could ask her advice about Macey's school and so many other

things. They have been so good to us. It just makes us feel safe to know they are there."

Another example of how positive things have just come together, was when they met one of the nurses in the transplant ward. It happened to be the daughter-in-law of Ken and Nelda Lane. "It is so comforting to know there is someone right there where she will be, someone who can help calm our fears," says Coker. It's always hard to be separated from friends, so several trips to Houston, have been made carrying a few girls at a time to spend the weekend.

An especially uplifting experience for Macey, arranged by a co-worker of Jerry's, was meeting the Texas Rangers in person. Being an avid Rangers' fan, she met and even received hugs and words of encouragement from many of the players, and was then presented an autographed jersey, cap and pictures.

While they wait, they carry on as normally as is possible. Vickie carries a beeper at all times, and Macey will be contacted by phone while at school. After the transplant, she will stay at least three months

for 60 yards and one touchdown.

Jarred Escobedo had a rushing touchdown.

The Indians had 125 yards rushing and 180 yards passing against the Wildcats.

On defense, the Indians gave up one interception and had three fumble recoveries.

The JV Indians lost 8-0 to Archer City. "This team played very well and continues to show improvement every week," said Coach Benton.

The JV will play Seymour Thurs., Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at Seymour.

The varsity squad will play Seymour at Indian Field Fri., Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

while doctors regulate the necessary medications.

Although it is not always easy to talk, or even think about, Vickie says, "This has really brought to our minds the importance of organ donors. It is something to give serious consideration to."

"We so truly appreciate every single thing people have done. It is impossible to thank each by name, or even know what each person has done. We just know it eases our burden," says Vickie.

Macey is the granddaughter of J.W. and Louetta Wallace of Haskell, the late Sandra Wallace, and Jack and Charlotte Coker of Rule. Her great-grandmothers are Ruth Larned, Julie Wallace and Bonnie Schultz.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Cokers, can do so at the Rule Banking Center or First Baptist Church in Haskell. Macey loves getting mail. Cards and letters can be mailed to P.O. Box 20213, Houston, Texas 77225.

Generous people caring about others, helping in whatever way they can. Maybe that is why living in Haskell County is so special.



FRIEND TIME-Enjoying a little friend time during a recent visit with Macey Coker in Houston were her Haskell buddies, l-r, Kylie Adams, Coker, Allie Stewart and MyKaylee Wilhite. The young ladies visited Galveston and tried their talents riding the two-wheeled Segways. Not pictured is Jaycee Guess.

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New residency requirements for first-time CDL applicants

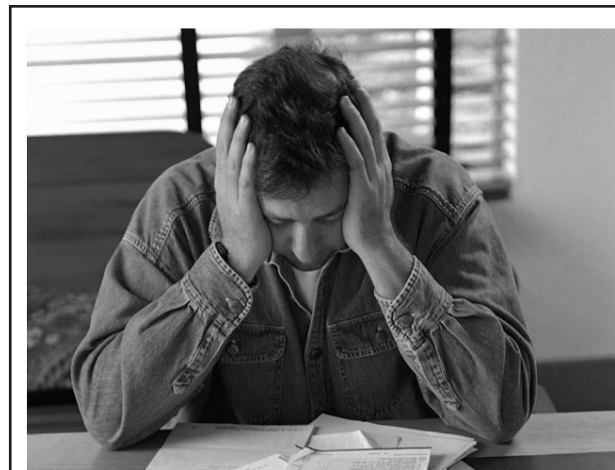
The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has announced that it will begin implementing the new proof of residency (domicile) requirement for obtaining a commercial driver license (CDL) effective Sept. 4, 2012.

The requirements, which only apply to first-time CDL applicants, are the result of legislation approved by the Texas Legislature and comply with federal regulations.

First-time CDL applicants are required to establish domicile in Texas to be eligible for a CDL. Domicile is defined as a true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence.

All new CDL applicants will be required to present two acceptable documents containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of domicile in the state of Texas. The two documents must be issued by two different companies or agencies. Under certain circumstances, applicants who are unable to provide two acceptable documents proving domicile may be eligible to complete a Texas Residency Affidavit.

For a complete list of acceptable proof of domicile documents and additional details, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/domicileReq.htm>.



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Obituaries

Myrtle Wood



MYRTLE WOOD

Graveside services for Myrtle Wood, 95, of Hewitt, and formerly of Rule, were held Sun., Sept. 2 at Rule Cemetery in Rule under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Wood passed away Thurs. Aug. 30 in Hewitt. Born Feb. 25, 1917 in McKinney, she was the daughter of Edward and Bertha Yarbrough. She was one of seven children, all of whom moved from Arkansas in a covered wagon back to Rule, when she was 4 years

old. She was raised in Rule and graduated from Rule High School and always considered Rule her home. She married Gene Wood March 18, 1940. He was the love of her life and they had 58 years together before he passed away in 1998. To this union there were two children born. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Wood loved God, her family, nature, music, painting and poetry. She encouraged all of her family to appreciate those blessings in life. Myrtle and Gene lived in Seattle, Rule, Munday, Waco and Haskell. They were always active in their communities and churches.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband; her parents; two sisters, Paulene Metcalf and Hazel Almond; four brothers, Arnold Yarbrough, Clarence

Yarbrough, Houston Yarbrough and Glenn Yarbrough; several nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

Left to cherish her memory are one son, Gary Wood and wife Patte of Lakeway; one daughter, Gail Howerton and husband Robert of Waco; three granddaughters, Wendy Wood and husband Dave, Stephanie Potts Hansen and husband Ryan, and Amanda Potts Mathews and husband Jeremy; four great grandchildren, Geneive Hansen, Lilliana Hansen, Lorelei Walton and Everett Walton.

We would like to thank Lighthouse Hospice and Senior Care of Hewitt for the love and care that they administered to our mother.

Online condolences may be viewed at www.tankersleyfuneralhome.com. PD. NOTICE

Swine validation tags to be ordered by Fri., 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.

All swine must be validated to be legal in all major and county shows.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 17, 2012, in the Board Room at 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.16200/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	6.30% increase or % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase or % (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.30% increase or % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 123,992,699	\$ 134,231,849
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 528,180	\$ 256,670
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 35,080,110	\$ 40,693,330
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 506,580	\$ 256,670

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.170000	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.170000	\$2,837	\$6,274
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.12200	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.12200	\$2,832	\$7,116
Proposed Rate	\$1.16200	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.16200	\$2,927	\$7,136

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,011	\$ 35,236
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,026	\$ 20,784
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.154500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 234.30	\$ 239.95
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.65

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.16200. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.16200.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 501,371
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haskell County Water District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2012 on September 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weinert School. Your individual taxes may increase or 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.

FOR the proposal: Lester Hutchinson, Melvin Vojkufka, Barry Walker and Lavita Burgess

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: Mike Cox

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.04280/\$100	0.04350/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$+0.00070/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		1.64%
Average appraised value	\$39,080	\$39,014
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3,754	\$1,517
Average taxable value	\$35,326	\$37,497
Tax on average residence homestead	\$15.12	\$16.31
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$+1.19 +7.88%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN GANNAWAY

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

John and Jan Gannaway were honored Sat., Aug. 25, with a lawn party hosted by their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in the exact location of the original wedding ceremony, Aug. 28, 1962.

Guests were entertained with a DVD of wedding pictures, music from their dating years, a buffet meal

and a replica of the wedding cake topped off with the original bride and groom amidst live roses and English ivy.

On display were Jan's veil, the ring bearer's pillow, garters and Bride's Book.

John's comment was: "The years have gone real fast." Jan's comment was, "We've been blessed."

Too sweet?

Too much sugar is blamed for a variety of health problems including diabetes and obesity. Medical professionals advise us to enjoy added sugars in "moderation," but how much is too much?

Guidelines recently established by the American Heart Association provide the answer: no more than 25 grams of added sugar a day for women; 37.5 grams for men. Both are less than what's found in a 12 oz. can of soda.

The key phrase is "added sugars," says Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center and a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

Because nutrition labels don't distinguish between natural sugars—such as fructose in fruit—and the ones added in food processing, consumers need to scour the lists of ingredient lists for sugar content. "If sugar is listed as one of the top three ingredients, you know that most of the sugar in that food is coming from added sugar," Sandon says.

Some common euphemisms for sugar include: brown sugar, corn sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, dextrose, fructose, fruit juice concentrate, glucose, high-fructose corn syrup, honey, invert sugar, lactose, maltose, molasses, raw sugar, sucrose, syrup and table sugar.

'Texting & Driving—It Can Wait Day' proclaimed by City

by Caron Yates

Take out your wireless device. Read the last text message you sent or received aloud. AT&T asks, "Would reading or responding to that text message from behind the wheel of a vehicle be worth the risk of an accident, resulting in injury or worse?"

AT&T is committed to educating all wireless users, especially teen drivers, on the risks of texting while driving. Their message is simple, yet vital: When it comes to texting and driving, It Can Wait.

Research shows that those who drive and text are 23 times more likely to be in a crash. In 2010, texting while driving increased 50% in one year. Although many states have rushed to ban texting and driving, two out of every ten drivers say they text while driving.

The City of Haskell, as well as the State of Texas, join AT&T in their campaign to raise public awareness about the risks of texting while driving, by declaring September 19, 2012, as "Texting & Driving-It Can Wait Day."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute estimate that nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near crashes involve some form of driver inattention. Statistics show that distracted driving results in 4.78 million

crashes, 2 million injuries, more than 34,000 fatalities, and \$184 billion in economic damages each year.

In a very short amount of time, technology has changed our lives in many positive ways. Most of us not only enjoy the instant communication through our electronic devices, but many depend on it in their careers.

Unfortunately the downside is that it takes away our complete attention to other tasks, especially driving. The results of an AT&T survey, show nine out of ten teens expect a reply to a text or email within five minutes or less, thus pressuring them to respond while driving. 97% of teens say they know texting while driving is dangerous, however 43% admit to doing it.

Another eye-opening fact from the survey showed that according to 77% of teens, adults have told them not to text or email while driving, and yet do it themselves "all the time."

In a culture where multi-tasking has become a way of life, it is essential that we stop and consider the consequences of not giving our full attention to the task of driving.

In recognizing September 19 as "Texting & Driving-It Can Wait Day" the City of Haskell encourages all citizens to commit to refraining from texting while driving.

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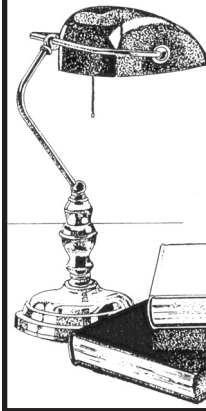
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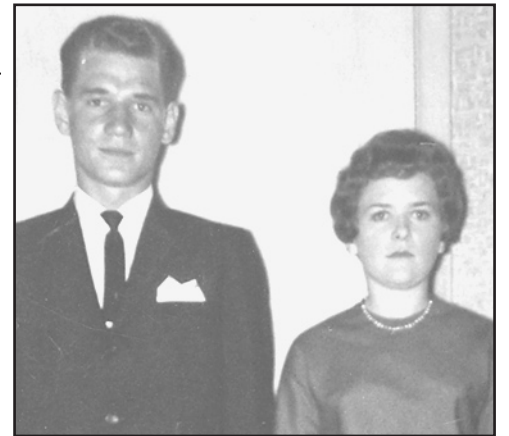
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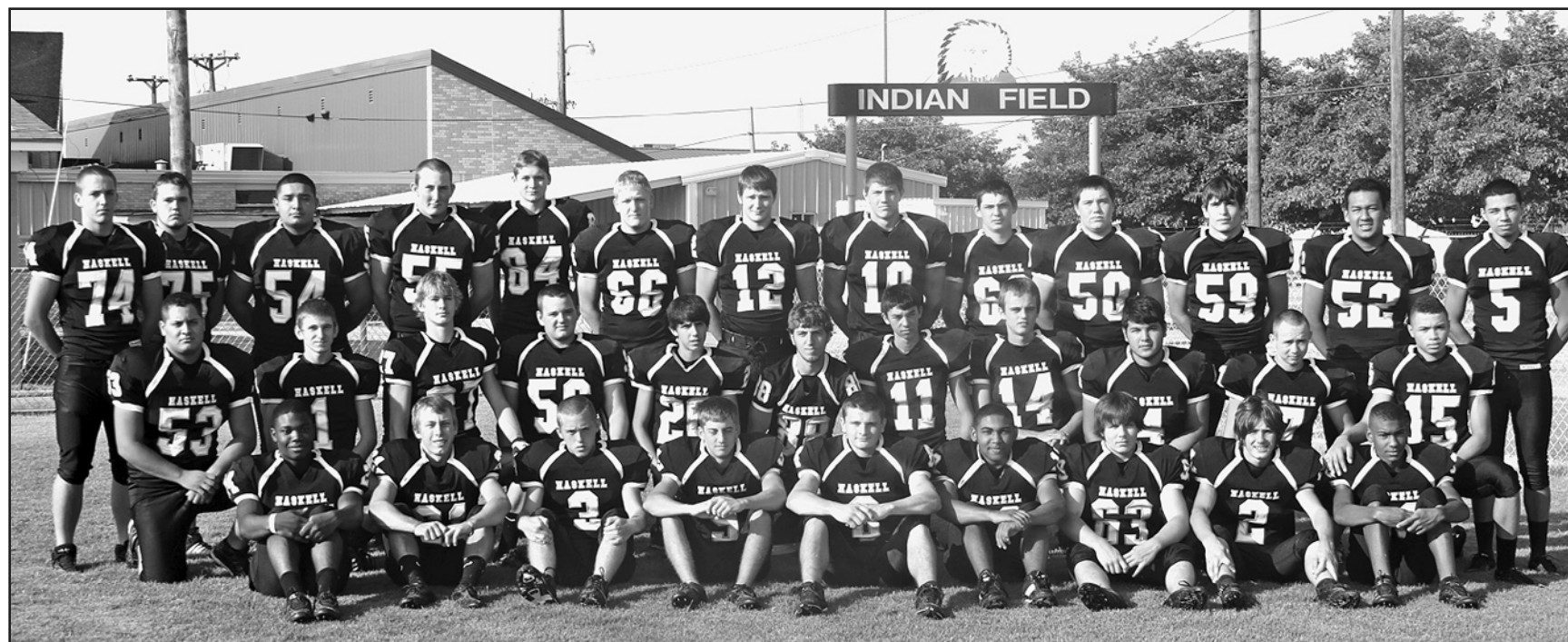
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Haskell Indian Football 2012



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.

Haskell Indians vs Seymour

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Be prepared when pets scheduled for surgery

Finding out that your pet needs surgery can be a scary experience, but being well-prepared before and after surgery can alleviate some anxiety, says Dr. Courtney Baetge, a veterinarian at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

After a pet has been scheduled for surgery, the veterinarian will usually give the pet owner some guidelines for

accommodations the pet will need before and after the procedure, but there are a few tips that every pet owner should know before the operation.

The pet owner will need to make sure that the animal is up to date on its vaccinations and the pet's medical and surgical history is available to the surgeon. If the pet is taking a prescribed medication, pet owners should be sure to tell the operating veterinarian, Baetge believes, and the medication may have to be halted prior to the surgery for the animal's safety.

Baetge says the animal will have to fast (go without food or water) usually starting the night before surgery. "Make sure that during the time that the pet is fasting, that all available means of attaining food or water have been prevented," she explains.

"For example, some

dogs or cats may try to drink out of the toilet since they do not have another water source. To prevent this, owners should keep the lid to the toilet down," explains Baetge.

On the day of the surgery, pet owners should anticipate simply dropping off the animal at the clinic or hospital. The surgery may be completed that day or the pet may need to stay overnight to be monitored.

"On the day of the surgery, pet owners should allow themselves enough time to let the pet eliminate before surgery to help avoid 'accidents' during anesthesia," Baetge adds.

Pet owners should also make sure that all of their contact information is correct prior to the animal's surgery. From time to time, the pet owner will need to be contacted because of an emergency. If the owner cannot be reached, this can greatly complicate the situation, she notes.

After surgery, if the animal usually resides outdoors, it may be a good idea to make a confined area in the home where the pet can lounge after surgery with clean blankets or other comfortable material. This area can also be helpful in allowing the pet owner to keep a close eye on the pet after surgery.

"Some animals will irritate the area of incision causing it to get infected, so pet owners should check the area at least twice a day to ensure that the wound is healthy," Baetge explains. "If the incision is red, swollen or has fluid leaking from it, the pet owner should call the veterinarian."

She adds that all medications prescribed for the pet should be given as directed.

"Call your local veterinarian if you have any questions or if your pet continues to appear pained, won't eat or eliminate normally," she advises. "Do not give your pet any human medication unless specifically told to do so by your veterinarian. Many of the medications used regularly by humans are highly toxic to pets. Making sure you and your pet are properly prepared before and after a surgical procedure is one important component to a successful outcome."



SPIRIT THEME—Paint Creek students dressed in their cowboy and cowgirl attire on Friday to show their Pirate spirit before opening their football season against Woodson. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Johnny Jones, Crystal Aich, Felicity Hannsz, Audrianna Yanez, Billy Jones, Brittany Yanez and Barbara Utley; middle row, Eric Perkins, Brennan Jordan, Steven Crain, Brianna Yanez, Ragen Thompson and Nan Sublett; back row, Gabe Todd, Augi Moreno, Hanna Grand and Kayla Bosnjak.



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS—Paint Creek School hosted a hamburger and hotdog supper, Title 1 meeting, and faculty introductions Tues., Aug. 28. Over 160 people were in attendance. An open house event was held Friday before the football game to show off their newly remodeled secondary wing. Pictured touring the building are Kenny and Wanda Thompson, Cathy Bartley, Eddie and Sondra Simpson, and Superintendent Don Ballard.

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Choose day care providers carefully

It's back-to-school time. This is also a time when a lot of parents are hunting for day care. If you're in the market for day care, the Child Care Licensing Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services urges you to do your homework and always choose regulated day care.

At first glance, unregulated or illegal day care might seem like a good deal—but without any oversight there are no checks and balances to protect your kids.

You can find a state-regulated day care in your area and review its record by using the TxChildCareSearch.org database on the DFPS website. You can also learn more about choosing child care at www.DontBeInTheDark.org, where you will find a downloadable tip card and brochure.

If you're looking for day care, remember to look, learn, visit, and meet:

- Look for features that will help your child thrive. Consider the caregiver's education, experience, and training, as well as the size of the group and setting.
- Learn about licensed and registered child care at DontBeInTheDark.org and TxChildCareSearch.org. You can explore day care options—searching by zip code, city, or county and read the history of the day care's inspection records.
- Visit the day care you are considering while children are there so that you can see

activities, how caregivers interact with children, and how the children like it there.

• Meet the caregiver or director. Discuss any concerns and make sure you are satisfied with their answers. Make a surprise visit later for a second look.

All regulated day care staff must undergo background checks but regulation and state oversight increase with the size of the day care.

Listed homes (1-3

unrelated children) must apply and pass background checks but are not inspected regularly.

Registered homes (maximum of 12 children at any time) must meet training requirements and pass background checks, and are inspected every 2 years.

Larger licensed homes and day care centers must meet health and safety requirements, get regular training, and are inspected every 5-12 months.

Fall gardening tips

Fall is the time of year when many do-it-yourself gardeners wind down their activity and begin to think about closing up the shed for the season. However, the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), the nation's lawn and landscape association, notes that early fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, and some annuals as well as to plan a winterizing strategy.

"Many people stop working in their yard after Labor Day," said David Snodgrass, Landscape Industry Certified Manager, president of PLANET. "However, fall is actually one of the best times to landscape, giving plants time to establish new roots during the cool season so they are ready to put on lush, healthy, new growth next spring. Fall is also an important season to pay attention to maintenance and upkeep of the yard, and to start preparing for winter dormancy."

Early fall is the time to • Plant spring perennial bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, and narcissus, as well as fall or winter annuals such as mums and pansies.

• Plant trees, shrubs and grasses.

• Pull weeds. Do it now and you'll have fewer weeds next season.

• Rake and remove the leaves in the yard to avoid damage to the grass so you can enjoy a healthier lawn next summer.

Late fall is the time to • Give trees and shrubs a deep watering after the leaves on the trees drop and just before turning off the outside water for the season.

• Cut most perennials back close to the ground.

• Wash garden sprayers with soapy water before storing.

• Clean, oil, and sharpen gardening tools before storing for the season.

• Shut off water lines to the outside before the first freeze.

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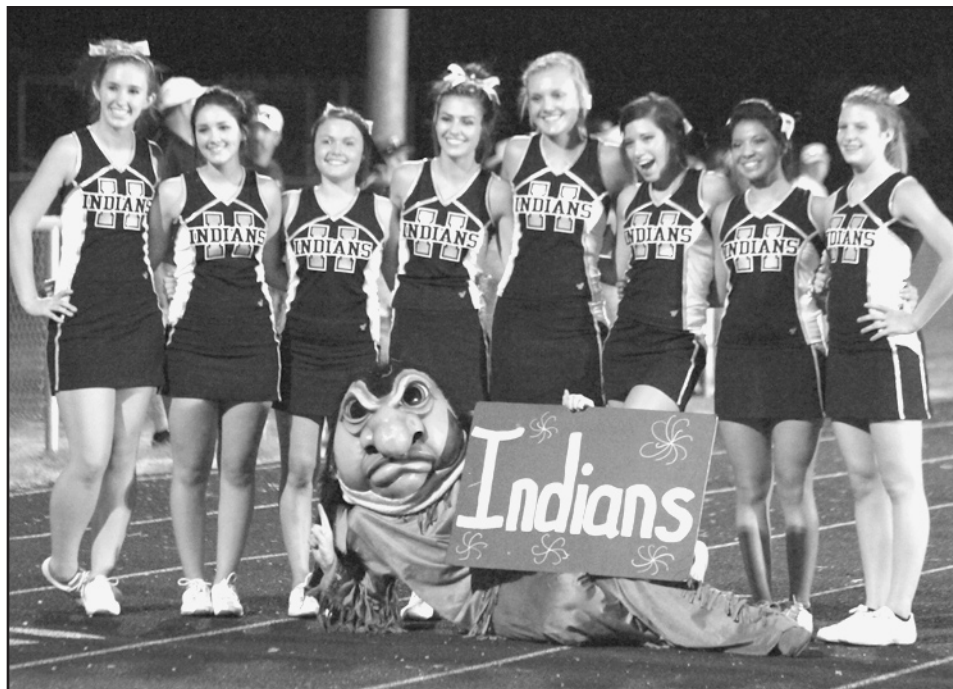
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CHEERLEADERS AND MASCOT—Leading the cheers for the Haskell Indians this year will be, l-r, Crissy Bassett, Megan Glover, Kaylee Walker, Lucy Carmichael, Kaley Mathis, Dana Rodriguez, Delecia Garcia and Jacie Klose. Tillie McGuire is the mascot.

Paint Creek School Menu

Sept. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Waffles
Thursday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy

Friday: Breakfast bagels Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken Parmesan, green beans, salad, breadsticks, apples
Tuesday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, hot apples

Wednesday: Tangerine chicken, rice, carrots, broccoli, snowball salad
Thursday: Baked potato, ham, salad, crackers, fruit
Friday: Hamburgers, salad, tater tots, beans, pears

Rule School Menu

Sept. 10-14 Breakfast
Juice, milk and fruit are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, jelly, sausage
Wednesday: Biscuit and gravy
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Hamburger, hamburger salad, potato tots, western beans, diced pears
Tuesday: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples
Thursday: Stuffed BBQ potato with cheese, baby carrots, crackers, fresh fruit bowl, cherry fruit bar
Friday: Chicken Parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick



PIRATE SPIRIT—Faith Walker shows her Pirate Spirit by dressing as a cowgirl who is Cool Like her Daddy (Ag teacher, Scotty Walker).

Haskell School Menu

Sept. 10-14 Breakfast
Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or Honey Nut Cherrios, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza or Coco Puffs cereal, orange juice
Wednesday: Pancakes and sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fruit punch juice
Thursday: Pig in a blanket or Lucky Charms cereal, apple juice
Friday: French toast or RS Trix cereal, orange juice

Lunch
Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal includes a sandwich, fruit and a chocolate chip cookie.
Monday: Spaghetti de Italiano, bread stick, corn, garden salad with fresh spinach, cantaloupe, tropical fruit
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat dinner roll, sliced peaches, apple crisp
Wednesday: Beefy tacos, salsa, cheese or pasta salad with wheat crackers, pinto tomatoes, lettuce, chopped tomatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit slushy
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy or energy meal, broccoli with cheese sauce, blackeyed peas, cornbread, grapes, spiced apples
Friday: Hamburger or ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, baked fries, baby carrots, orange, fruit slushy, chocolate chip cookie

This Week's Devotional Message:

Grandparents stay young longer than ever before



Thanks to better living habits, advances in medicine, and a wider variety of appropriate activities, people are not only living longer but staying active longer. The so-called 'generation gap' is a lot narrower than it used to be, because Grandma and Grandpa no longer sit at home in their rocking chairs. They go to senior citizen lunches, play bingo, and organize political action groups to secure better health care, insurance, etc. Some continue working, or even find new careers for themselves. In any case, we can learn much from their ability to enjoy and make the most of every day that remains of their lives. At our house of worship, our children will learn to love, respect and communicate with their elders; a rewarding experience for all.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

Church of Christ
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.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
Clovie 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
Stephania 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
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Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovie Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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

—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

ECC Menu

Mon., Sept. 10
Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, Parmesan toast, peaches, brownie, tea or coffee

Wed., Sept. 12
Creamy mushroom steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, Coke

Fri., Sept. 14
Meatballs with tomato gravy, Club spinach, scalloped potatoes, rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

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

Strengthening core, leg muscles can reduce risk of ACL tears

First comes the pop, then comes the pain. For those who play or watch sports, the sound and sight of a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is a too-common experience.

Such injuries are even more common among female athletes than males, with an occurrence rate that's eight times as high. That's why it is crucial heading into fall sports for athletes to take proper prevention steps to reduce their chances of suffering what's often a season-ending knee injury.

Sports medicine specialist Dr. Katherine Coyner, an orthopaedic surgeon at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says biomechanics is one of the factors that come into play in understanding why women are more prone to tearing their ACLs, which connect the upper and lower leg bones and help stabilize the knee.

"Women have wider hips and tend to experience valgus collapse—which is landing in a knock-kneed position—when they jump or cut," Dr. Coyner says. "Also, women have stronger quadriceps in relation to their hamstrings than men. This leads to an imbalance that makes

landing properly with a bent knee more difficult."

Specializing in a single sport, which can emphasize one set of muscles over another, can increase the chance of ACL injuries.

"The muscles we use playing on the playground or playing all sorts of sports no longer develop as completely, creating muscle imbalances," Dr. Coyner says. "People become one-muscle dominant at the expense of other muscles, and that can apply too much force on the knee."

Dr. Coyner and other sports-medicine experts recommend exercise training programs such as 11+, developed by soccer's international governing body, FIFA. The 20-minute warm-up program is designed for use before practices and games. It concentrates on strengthening core and leg muscles through running, jumping and balance exercises to create a well-rounded athlete.

"Injury-prevention programs require no additional equipment and can be incorporated into game-day strategies," Dr. Coyner notes. "Using proper techniques can go a long way in reducing ACL tears."

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Indians defeat Archer City



INDIAN CARRY—Haskell Indian #15 Warren Flye makes a carry for the Indians during the game against Archer City last Friday night. Flye had five catches for 60 yards for the night. The Indians defeated Archer City 32-6.



TORRES ON THE CARRY—Haskell Indian #5 Gabriel Torres carries the ball for the Tribe in the game against Archer City last Friday night. Indian #15 Warren Flye makes the block for Torres. The Indians play Seymour Fri., Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Indian Field.



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OPEN HOUSE—Sherrie Raughton, Paint Creek School counselor, center, serves punch and cookies to those attending the Paint Creek School open house last Friday night before the season opening football game. On display were totally renovated classroom and hallways in the secondary wing. The renovation was done over the summer break and added new heating and air conditioning units, lighting and remodeling to brighten up the Pirate campus.

Shelton, Markey named to AR-N Player of the Week

Listed on the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week list was Brett Shelton, Haskell Senior quarterback. Shelton completed 16 of 23 passes for 180 yards and was at the forefront of a stunning 32-6 win over Archer City last Friday night.

He ran seven times for 50 yards. His passing numbers were noted as uncommonly good for a program that has been traditionally steeped in the running game.

On the other top performers list, was Haskell Indian Ryan Markey, a senior linebacker. He posted nine

tackles, four for loss, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, returned fumble for a touchdown and rushed for 50 yards on seven carries.

To be considered for the Big Country Player of the Week, athletes must be nominated by their coaching staffs.

Evans arrested for drug possession

On Tues., Aug. 28, Chief Deputy Winston Stephens made a traffic stop south of Haskell on Highway 277 on a person that he had been watching and suspected of selling drugs in Haskell.

Chief Deputy Stephens interviewed the suspect and she gave up that she did in fact have some illegal drugs on her person and in her billfold inside the vehicle. She gave up a small plastic bag containing a clear hard like substance believed to Crystal Meth. Also in her coin purse was another small plastic bag containing the same type of clear hard like substance.

Constable Kim Bassett was contacted to help in transporting and patting down the female for other contraband. Constable Bassett didn't find any more illegal drugs and she transported the suspect to the Haskell County Jail and booked her in on possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (Crystal Meth).

The subject, Cheri Carmel Evans, made bond the next day but was rearrested on a motion to revoke probation for making alcohol available to minors and was transported back to Haskell County Jail and no bond was posted.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton said, "Again, we want to thank the citizens of Haskell for any and all information that is received about any type of criminal activity that is going on in Haskell County. Drugs are behind a lot of criminal activity that is going on in the cities of Haskell County. It leads to burglaries and thefts, family arguments and abuse to children and to the elderly. It touches each and every one of us at some time or another whether it is a loved one that is addicted to it or being the victim of a theft or burglary.

We are not going to win the war on drugs, but with your help we can slow it down and maybe save someone from being dragged down in the use of illegal drugs."

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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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Sept. 15 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., Sept.

15 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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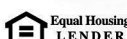
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