

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., July 4 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., June 27 at 4:30 p.m.

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### Squash cook-off

The 8th annual squash cook-off will be held Fri., June 21 at Village Primitives in Rule. Entries with recipe must be turned in by 11:15 a.m. Eleven categories will be judged. Winners must be in attendance. Call 940-996-2428 or 940-256-0267 for more information.

### Plant Sale

The annual Plant Sale for the Noah Project-North will be held Sat., June 22 beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the west side of the square in Haskell. Most plants are priced from 50 cents and \$1.00. All proceeds go to help victims of family violence.

### Bible school

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School Sun., June 23 through Thurs., June 27 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for ages 5 through completed sixth grade. This year's theme is "Gotta Move! Keepin' in step with the Spirit."

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Tues., June 25 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

### Puppet treat

The Dallas Puppet Theater will present a string variety, magical, musical marionette treat for the whole family at the Haskell Co. Library, Fri., June 28 at 10 a.m. Contact the Haskell County Library for more information.

### African American First Step

School days from 1930-1965 from a one room building to a three room building will be relived Sat., July 6 when those who attended Central Ward School and E.B. Evans school will celebrate their first African-American School Reunion in Haskell at the Occasions building. The celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. Over 30 ex-students of the two schools will make the first step, in returning, to reconnect with the school that recognizes and honors them as an important part of this community. Come join in this time to reflect on the long history and pay tribute to those who fought against a separate but equal 'education.'

### Library reading

The summer reading program "Dig Into Reading" will be held at Haskell County Library through July 30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program will not be held on Tues., July 2 and Thurs., July 4. The program will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages K-third grade. Children are invited to come enjoy reading, crafts and cookies.

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## Brittany Rutkowski chosen 2013 TCR Sponsor

Brittany Rutkowski has been chosen as the 2013 TCR Sponsor. As sponsor, Rutkowski and her 7-year-old Blue Roan Gelding Horse, Double Blue Shotgun (called Shotgun) will set the cloverleaf pattern around the

barrels prior to the Sponsor's Contest each night of the rodeo. Shotgun is new to Brittany, and he has run the pattern less than 50 times.

Rutkowski is the daughter of John and Glenda Gayle (Chapman) Rutkowski of

Haskell. Her mother owns and operates Personality-Slipper Shoppe, and her father works at Haskell High School as the Technology Director.

She graduated from Haskell High School in 2004.

She attended Texas A&M University and was a member of the Saddle & Siroloin Club and Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. Rutkowski received her degree in Animal Science with a Business Minor in August of 2007.

Upon graduation, she moved to Lubbock to begin her career in sales. She is a sales representative for Pearson Higher Education and resides in College Station. When she was younger she competed as a member in the Haskell Horse Club and the Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse, winning many events and year end awards throughout her childhood. She was SJSP Sweetheart in 1998. She also competed in the TCR Sponsors Barrel Race and West Texas Barrel Racing Association.

Rutkowski comes from a family with rich rodeo history. Her uncle, Keith Chapman, was the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association Champion Saddle Bronc Rider in 1998 and 1999. He won the TCR Bronc Riding in 1994. Her uncle, Terry Chapman, went to the National Finals Rodeo in Saddle Bronc in 1979. He won the TCR Bronc Riding in 1974. Both of her uncles are members of the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. Her mother, Glenda Gayle (Chapman) Rutkowski was Miss Rodeo Texas in 1976, and she competed in TCR many years, placing in 1980. Both uncles and mother rodeo'd for Texas A&M's Rodeo team. Brittany's sister, Ashton Rutkowski, was on the Weatherford College Rodeo team and was the TCR Sponsor last year. Her brother, Weston Rutkowski, has competed in Bull Riding at TCR in years past and is a Professional Bull Fighter. Her Granddaddy, the late Jack Chapman, and great grandpa, the late Truett Cobb, were both lifetime members of the TCR Old Timer's Association.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo nightly performances will begin July 3 at 8:00 p.m. For a complete list of Reunion activities including Sponsor Slack Barrel Racing go to [www.tcrrodeo.com](http://www.tcrrodeo.com).



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## Maidens named to All-Big Country softball team

High school softball competition in this area, was some of the toughest in the state. Two area teams, including the District 4-1A champions Albany, advanced to the state tournament. The Haskell Maidens, along with two other area teams, earned a trip to the Regional Semi-

finals. The All-Big Country softball team, chosen by the Reporter-News sports staff has been announced. After area coaches nominated players and provided stats for their top players, the Reporter-News staff selected thirty of the Big Country's

best. The Maidens placed three players on this elite team. Senior Cailey Foster, was one of only five players chosen for the Bullpen. She excelled as a pitcher, as well as at the plate. In the circle, she was 21-7 with seven shutouts and 113 strikeouts in 143

innings. In the batter's box, Foster hit .398, posted a .476 on-base percentage and collected 31 RBIs. She also was unanimously selected as District 4-1A Defensive MVP.

Named as Honorable Mention are senior players Maegan Gonzales and Maci

Colley. Both girls were previously named to the All-District First Team. Gonzales had an impressive season record for not only base hits, but also runners batted in. Colley contributed to the hitting and made some outstanding plays at second base.

## Veterans to meet Mon., June 24

Calling all Veterans young and, well, seasoned. American Legion Post 221 of Haskell is on a mission. Years ago when you all answered the call of the nation to serve, you then became one of a select few that can call themselves Veterans. That proud legacy is calling you again in the form of the American Legion.

Please come to the post for a short meeting Mon., June 24 at 7 p.m., and let's see what we can do together. We have some things to discuss about our future and how to best apply our strengths and assets. Whether you are or have been a past member, or if a Veteran and not engaged at the moment, give us a few minutes of your time and meet your brothers and sisters at arms.



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## Students in the News

Michael Wilburn, a resident of O'Brien and a junior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll with distinction.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll with distinction, students must be in the top 10 percent of their school of record.

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Scott Kennedy of Haskell graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the university's Stephenville campus.

Commencement ceremonies were held May 11 at Tarleton's Memorial Stadium.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 10-16:

Aaron Austin Cody Pierce, no drivers license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Forty-seven calls were made to 911.

## 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.

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## Obituaries

### Jane Boon



JANE BOON

Funeral services for Jane Boon, 90, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Thurs., June 13 at Smith Family Funeral Homes in Haskell with Rev. Jim McCurley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family

Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Boon passed away early Monday morning, June 10 at Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell.

Martha Jane Holt was born Jan. 29, 1923 in Stamford, Texas to W.A. and Fannie (Sadler) Holt. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1940 and went to North Texas State Teachers College in Denton. She graduated there in 1945. Jane married Fred Boon July 29, 1955 and the two owned and operated Boon's Cleaning Center in Haskell for many years.

If you knew Jane, you knew she was passionate about Dachshunds. She always had two at her side and adored them, but was

a collector of everything and anything that was a Dachshund. If it came in the shape of a Dachshund, Jane had it.

Mrs. Boon was a member of the First Baptist Church of Haskell and the American Legion Auxiliary Rogers-Cox Post 221.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.A. and Fannie Holt; and her husband, Fred Boon.

Survivors include several cousins.

If desired, memorial contributions may be given in Jane's name to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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### Mary Elizabeth 'Betty Drew' Brown



BETTY BROWN

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth 'Betty Drew' Brown, 81, resident of Haskell, formerly of Dallas, were held Tues., June 18 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Pastor Dan Bullock officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Brown passed away Sun., June 16 in Haskell.

Born June 8, 1932 at

Baylor Hospital in Dallas, she was the daughter of Laura (Teague) Drew and Homer Maurice Drew. She graduated from Ursuline Academy of Dallas (Merici High) and received her Bachelor's of Arts from the College of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

Betty retired as one of the first female executives from Southland Life Insurance Company after 32 years of service as an Administrative Vice President. Betty was fluent in three languages and spent much of her early adulthood traveling through Europe. After retirement, she spent her time with the love of her life, V.A. Brown, doing things they loved including owning race horses, researching family genealogy and reading. She was a member of the Progressive Study Club in Haskell and actively

participated in the Southland Life Retiree Organization until she moved to Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Alvin "V.A." Brown, Jr.; and her parents, Laura and Homer Drew.

Survivors include her brother, Martin Drew of Dallas; her stepson, James Brown of Cleburne; her stepdaughter, Barbara Knuth and her husband Rene' of Dallas; granddaughter, Monamolin Knuth of Dallas; her beloved best friend and "adopted" daughter, Cindy Guess and husband Hal of Weinert; and numerous cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hendricks Hospice or the Special Olympics.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Tues., May 28 with all members present.

Precinct 3 road hands picked up debris caused by the strong winds and storm at Stamford Lake on May 25.

There is no burn ban in effect.

A motion to contract the services of Jerry Love CPA for one year passed.

Tammy Parham asked the

court if repairs could be made to the extension office while both agents are gone. Repairs need to be made to the ceiling tiles, toilets, filing cabinets, water heater and etc. Parham was assured that the repairs would be done.

A motion to accept the bid from Quintanilla Management Co. was accepted.

A motion to accept the bid to purchase a motor grader from Yellowhouse Machinery was accepted.

A discussion on interlocal agreements with cities within the boundaries of Haskell County was held. It was discussed that the entities need to request the job be done by adding it to the agenda and enter into an interlocal agreement with the County. Road repair is done case by case and house demolition is a 5 year contract.

A motion to accept the bid from Yellowhouse Machinery for a loader for Precinct 2 was accepted.

## Haskell Memorial Hospital

is hosting a celebration reception for the retirement of

*Betty Martin*

Tuesday, June 25 • 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building  
Please join us in thanking her for her dedication to the hospital during her combined service of thirty-nine years and wishing her well as she retires.

# Sorrells, Griffith united in marriage May 18

Kaycie Elaine Sorrells and Cody Travis Griffith were united in marriage Sat., May 18 at Corinth Baptist Church outside of Cisco.

The bride's parents are Clayton and Darla Sorrells of Arlington and Jan and Steve Lefevre of Avoca. The groom's parents are Jamie Griffith and Travis Griffith of Cisco.

The bride's grandparents are Darrell and Amy Sorrells of Rule, Billie McKeever of Haskell and the late Eddie McKeever. The groom's grandparents are Patsy Griffith of Cisco and the late Don Griffith, James and Mary Jo King.

Officiant Jim Strahan presided over the exchange of vows and rings and the blessing of the hands. The

bride and groom lit the unity candle after their mothers lit the candles representing the two families.

Maid of Honor was Jordan Sorrells of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Suni Cauthern of Sweetwater, Elsbeth Border of Aledo, Charlena Lemaster of San Angelo and Alexandria Austin of Abilene, friends of the bride and Britney Griffith, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids wore black halter dresses with Malibu sashes. They carried white hydrangeas accented with pearls, crystals and blue ribbon. Each attendant wore a bow bracelet which was a gift from the bride.

Serving as best man was Nathan Addison of Duncan, Oklahoma. Groomsman

were Payton Keifer, Clayton Keifer and Josh Keller of Cisco, Chase Cockerell of Stephenville and David Griffith, brother of the groom.

Flower girl was MaxLyn Owens of Granbury. The ring bearer was Henry Mongonye of Austin.

Ushers were Peyton Bevel of Stamford, cousin of the bride, and Kaydence Smoot of Cross Plains, cousin of the groom. Tylee Jo Bevel of Stamford, cousin of the bride, welcomed and registered guests.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride wore an A-line gown of tiered organza and a beaded floral bodice. Something old was her great-grandmother's brooch which was on her

garter; something new was her dress and veil; something borrowed were her grandmother's pearl necklace and earrings, and something blue were her shoes. A penny from the year of her birth was placed in her shoe by her father.

The bride's bouquet was red roses, hydrangeas, pearls and ribbons with charms holding pictures of the groom's late grandfather and the bride's late grandfather and great grandmother.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and shirt and Malibu blue tie. Groomsman wore black tuxedos, vests and shirts with Malibu blue ties. Boutonnieres were super hero figurines accented with Malibu blue tulle.

The church was decorated with live ferns and baby's breath, and urns of white Calla lilies and spider mums. Pew markers were decorative plaques with the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They were accented with pearls and black and Malibu blue bows.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the Hilton Conference Center in Cisco. Guests enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, vegetables, fruits and dips while waiting for the bride and groom to arrive.

The couple danced to "From This Moment" a duet with Shania Twain and Bryan White, followed by the daughter/dad dance, "Walk With You" by Edwin McCain, and the son/mother dance, "I'll Be" by Reba McEntire.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered French vanilla confection with butter cream icing. The groom's cake featured Thor's hammer and was chocolate on chocolate. Both cakes were made by

the bride's great aunt, Susan Cockerell.

Guests were invited to have some "Hugs and Kisses from the New Mr. and Mrs." as they visited a candy bar on departing from the reception.

The groom's mother and father held a rehearsal dinner for the bridal party at the Hilton Conference Center. The bride's attendants hosted a lingerie show for the bride at Lobo Lodge.



MRS. CODY TRAVIS GRIFFITH

## Food Manager Certification Training Course set in Abilene

by Jane Rowan, CEA-FCS Taylor Co. Extension Office

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in six Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on July 15 and 22 at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo Grounds. Cost includes training, materials, and National Restaurant Association's ServSafe certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is July

1. This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," and how to register, call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048.

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### ECC Menu

**Mon., June 24**

Chicken patty, gravy, blackeyed peas, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, choco chip cookies, tea or coffee

**Wed., June 26**

Lasagna, green beans, Long John Silver slaw, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

**Fri., June 28**

Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, hominy, misc. dessert, tea or coffee



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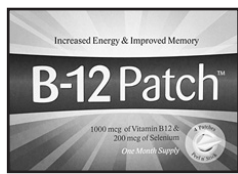
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**Heat Exhaustion:** May occur with continued or worsening heat exposure. Symptoms include weakness, dizziness, nausea, headache, fainting, fever, and rapid pulse and respirations. Skin may be pale and cool with heavy perspiration. Seek medical attention if this is suspected. The affected person should lie down in a cool place, out of the sun, with legs raised slightly. Give cool liquids and sponge off with cool water to reduce body heat. Avoid extremely cold or iced drinks and sponging with very cold water, as these may cause shivering and excessive constriction of blood vessels, thus decreasing desired heat loss.

**Heat Stroke:** This is the most serious type and requires immediate medical attention. The body loses its ability to regulate temperature and body temperature may reach 104°F or higher. Symptoms are those of heat exhaustion but also include changes in mental status and the skin is hot, dry and flushed. Seizures may occur with fever over 104°F. If these symptoms occur, call 911. While waiting on emergency transport, a victim of heat stroke should be placed in a cool environment with legs slightly raised. Emergency cooling measures include removing clothing, using cold packs at the armpits and groin, and pouring cool water over the person. Do not give fluids by mouth if heat stroke is suspected.

*More on heat-related illness in the next article.*

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# OPINION

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago**  
**June 19, 2003**

Don and Bobbye Collins of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. The trip was a gift from their children.

Named to the President's List at Texas Tech University were Meg McManamon, junior Multidisciplinary Studies major; Jessica Rieger, sophomore Animal Science major; and Katherine Thompson, Arts & Sciences major.

To be included in the book "Texas High School Track Champions, 1905-2004" by Dr. Billy Wilbanks are Haskell High School state track champions Johnny Billington, Stephon Brockington, Derrell Davis, Eldon Amonett, Joseph Browning, Mark Young, Tommy Davis, Debbie Young and Joy McKeever.

**20 Years Ago**  
**June 24, 1993**

Winners in the Weinert 4-H Club photography project were Lane Murphy, Best Photographer Award; Dustin Harbers, Best Action Shot; Tiffany Loving, Best Still Shot; and Trisha Horan, Best Scenery.

Doyle High, owner of The Drug Store in Haskell, received the Leadership Award from the Texas Pharmaceutical Association. High has served as president of the Big Country Pharmaceutical Association.

Haskell High School FFA members Heather Stewart, Holly Hobgood and Blake Henshaw, have earned Lone Star Farmer degrees. They were presented the award at the FFA Convention in Corpus Christi.

**30 Years Ago**  
**June 23, 1983**

At the Experienced Citizens Center's annual Volunteer Awards Banquet, a special award was given to Tom Watson, for his Outstanding Accomplishments through volunteer services in Haskell and neighboring communities.

Attending Camp Butman, near Merkel, from Trinity Lutheran in Haskell are Jana Payne, Corie Brzozowski, Tiffany Moeller, Bruce and Wayne Geilhausen, Steven Klose, Robyn Weaver and Ronald Hertel.

Nelda Webb, LVN, has been named Director of Nurses at Haskell Nursing Center. A recent graduate of the Stamford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing,

she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Cox of Haskell.

**40 Years Ago**  
**June 21, 1973**

Boys State delegates and their sponsors from Haskell are Robert Colbert, Haskell County Bar Association; Keith Hannsz, Haskell National Bank; James McCoy, Haskell Lions Club; and James Melton, Haskell Rotary Club.

Cheerleaders at Haskell Junior High for the coming school year will be Sherrie Everett, Edith Jordon, Sarah Cox, Camin Kennedy, Connie Liles and Kelly Reeves.

The Faith Lutheran congregation will celebrate their fifth anniversary as one congregation, with a picnic and services at the Clancey Lehrmann pasture. The St. Paul Lutheran and Zion Lutheran joined to become Faith Lutheran.

**50 Years Ago**  
**June 20, 1963**

83 year old Mrs. J.T. Hester, took her first airplane ride, when her youngest daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Ed Parsons, flew her to Fort Worth. Hester was the first person to make a contribution to a cash fund to establish and develop an airstrip for Haskell.

A gregarious group of goin' gals, sisters Veta Furrh, Opal Adkins, Artie May Burkett and Clara Biard, have 113 combined years of public service. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weaver.

**100 Years Ago**  
**June 21, 1913**

First Baptist Church was the scene of the beautiful wedding of Margaret Pierson of Haskell and Gideon Waldrop of Waco.

The stork visited several Haskell homes this week. Among homes favored were Dr. L.F. Taylor, son; Alvy Couch, daughter; Ed Frierson, son; and John Minor, son.

### Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% 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. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Wild Horse Trading Post—freshly painted on west side and Six Flags Over Texas displayed—painted by Larry LeFevre. Think it's a truism that when people begin to fix up others begin to follow suit. That is what has motivated the stores on our square to remodel, paint, modernize...I believe Haskell now has the prettiest square (business) area of any town around us...and we're not through. The committee working on the beautification of the square has just begun. We noticed Boggs-Johnson furniture store is doing some work on the front of its property. Did you realize that Boggs-Johnson is the oldest continuing commercial business on the Haskell square? They have some really good furniture too. We recently purchased a lounging couch of sorts and their price was better and service impeccable. The west monument announcing Haskell is finished so we're announced on all four sides. Still need to do the lighting on the east and west monuments.

Wednesday we ran upon an accident at the bypass where you turn coming to Haskell. I don't know any particulars but it looked like a Strickland cement truck didn't negotiate the turn and wound up on its side. What was impressive was the city workers and then the TxDOT people directing traffic and keeping all passersby safe. Thanks guys!

The RV park at the park is almost empty. Guess the workers completed the transmission towers/lines. We saw four in a row pull out. Now's a good time to do the repairs we've been talking about like re-wiring and expanding the pad area.

I have to admit Father's Day just crept up on me; too many other pressing matters have kept my mind occupied. My kids always asking, "What would you like for (Father's Day, birthday, Christmas)?" and hearing my response of "World Peace" finally took me seriously and now I'm lucky if I get a card, but that's okay. Anyone my age would have to admit... We really don't need a thing—just a nice visit with the kids and to enjoy a rewarding relationship with each of them is gift enough. They've turned out well and have made us proud...what more can you wish for? We placed flowers at the cemetery for our dads and were delighted to see the desert willows all in bloom. The small showers we've gotten have improved the looks of the cemetery.

I had so much positive response about my mom on Mother's Day and the yellow suit...Here's a memory about my dad. The only things that really seemed important to Dady (and note the spelling—that's how he signed his name on all cards or letters to us) on Father's Day were for his boys to get up without having to be yelled at, get ready and go to church, come home and eat

a good hearty meal, don't bother him while he read the paper or his new book and then have a Sunday afternoon nap. To me it was not necessary to get a gift for Dady on 'his day' because he never made us feel like he was in need of anything—if he ever needed something, he normally just went out and bought it. Dady was always the one who could take care of anything, he was our provider and we always felt he not only enjoyed that role, but it was an honor for him to do such. Knowing how Dady felt about family, I'm sure that some of the most enjoyable Father's Day gifts he ever got was when we would just take or make the time to sit around the kitchen table with his cup of coffee and visit—tell stories, laugh and have a good time. Come to think of it, that would be a really nice Father's Day gift.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee is making some headway concerning the development of plans about how we would like our downtown area to look. They will be having an initial planning meeting this week with a company out of Abilene to start the sharing of ideas and dreams about our downtown area. It truly is an honor as your Mayor to have the opportunity to put committees such as this one together and then watch as the excitement and interest builds.

Spent Saturday afternoon cleaning out a storage area

next to our carport. It's amazing how things that were so important at one point in time can now be dispensed with. We made a fairly sizeable contribution of 'stuff' to the Pink Ladies. However, there were several items I insisted we keep knowing full well I will never use them. And in four or five years when we get a surge of energy and decide to clean that area again, I'm sure some of those items that I just 'had to keep' will find their way out.

This last little shower deposited 0.3 inches of rain in my rain gauge—it wasn't much but it sure beats a sandstorm. I had decided that one of the ways I could conserve water was to shower only weekly; I was told that was fine if I wanted to move out to the garage. So I will continue with my daily shower and also my prayers for rain, much more rain.

By the way, thanks for the kind words expressed last week in the Letter to the Editor section of the paper. It is nice to hear words of gratitude and appreciation for things the city administration is trying to accomplish. Everyone can use a pat on the back and some encouragement.

I did have some questions posed, but I haven't had time to chase down the answers for this week's column. I shall work on those this week between company, meetings and appointments.

Hope you all enjoyed a Happy Father's Day!

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

This article was taken from The Diabetes Vaccine Development Center web site.

"Type 1 Diabetes, formerly known as juvenile or early onset diabetes, is an autoimmune disease in which the body's own immune system destroys the cells that produce insulin. Located in the pancreas, these are known as beta cells. Although rarer than Type 2 Diabetes, Type 1 is more severe, and accounts for approximately 10-15 percent of cases worldwide. That means globally, there are about 20 million people living with it.

There is currently no cure or preventative measure for Type 1 Diabetes. Patients are dependent for the rest of their lives on regular injections of insulin to control their blood sugar levels. Combined with some conservative lifestyle choices, insulin lets people manage their diabetes, but the control of blood sugar is never perfect. Patients run the risk of going "high" or "low," both of which can have serious consequences, including death. As well as this acute danger, poorly controlled blood sugar levels can be damaging to a number of organs in the long term. Kidney problems (diabetic nephropathy), blindness (diabetic retinopathy), and nerve damage (diabetic neuropathy) are not uncommon. The main reason for these problems is damage to the small blood vessels. Larger vessels can be damaged too, leading to coronary artery disease (which causes angina or myocardial infarction; "heart attack"), stroke, and peripheral vascular disease. The International Diabetes Foundation estimates that diabetes will cause 3.8

million deaths worldwide in 2007. It is particularly hard for people in poorer countries, who often have to pay the full cost of the insulin they depend on to survive.

Research is ongoing to discover the exact cause of Type 1 Diabetes, which remains unknown. However, we have been given hope in the past several years by laboratory research and some small clinical studies. Evidence is emerging that it may be possible to prevent or delay the onset of Type 1 Diabetes. The key role of the Diabetes Vaccine Development Center is to translate this basic research into clinical outcomes."

"Hello Sweet Thang"; was the greeting I always got from Barbara when we met while out on the town. It was a greeting we shared as friends and as two people with a common bond; Type 1 Diabetes. I have known Barbara Kimbrough all of my life, and the challenges she faced on a daily basis were incredible. When Barbara got the disease some eighty years ago, there were only two kinds of life giving insulin, and no home blood sugar test kits. Eighty years ago, doctors regularly told families who had a child diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, that the child would die in 15 to 20 years. Uncontrollable urination is a symptom of uncontrolled Type 1 Diabetes. This causes the child to urinate in bed and on their clothes. Eighty years ago there were doctors who told the parents of such children to take the child home and beat them because the doctor missed the diabetic diagnosis. Eighty years ago, most parents would not let their children play with that weird sickly diabetic kid. People were scared of the kid who had

convulsive insulin reactions and urinated on themselves. If a diabetic gets a job application and there is a place on the application that asks medical questions, the second one will be are you a diabetic. A diabetic may as well get up and walk out. You ain't getting the job no matter how qualified you are. A diabetic cannot drive a truck or get a scuba license. There are thousands of other things a diabetic is not allowed to do, yet the government does not consider the disease debilitating. Barbara overcame all of these situations in some form or fashion. Now days, we have over twenty types of insulin, home blood sugar tests, and people are understanding the hardships that people with debilitating diseases are having. People like Barbara helped make this possible.

"Are You Having A Normal Day"? was the question that followed "Hello Sweet Thang." Doctors: a person with a debilitating disease will not have a normal life. Please get off it and move on. Sorry, venting.

Barbara donated her organs to Joslin Clinic with Harvard in Boston. Today the average diabetic has the disease about 35 to 40 years before complications set in. It is the complications (sort of described above) that usually kill the person. In short, having high blood sugar makes you feel like you have the flu. The higher your sugar, the worst the flu. It will result in a coma and death if not treated. Having low blood sugar makes you feel like you are drunk. The lower your sugar gets the worse your judgement and control of your movements gets. Untreated it will result in convulsions and possible death. Some diabetics have been able to break down

fat thus raising blood sugar. This is done involuntary and it shows what a body is capable of doing to survive. Joslin will take Barbara's organs and study them to learn how she lived with diabetes for so long, with no real complications. This could lead to a possible cure. If you are looking for a place to donate your hard earned money; Joslin Clinic would be a good bet. It's a write off.

I truly admired Barbara Kimbrough. We were not best pals, but we could sit and share life experiences, which we did, several times during our lifetimes. She faced many challenges and she helped me face mine. She told me one time, that when she gets to heaven she would spend the first week eating pie and pastry.

Enjoy your pie Barbara.  
Bill Lane

### Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the summer food service program. Meals will be provided at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday through July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No meals will be served Thurs., July 4. Anyone ages 6 months through 18 years of age is invited to eat free. Adults are also invited to eat for \$3.00 per plate.

### Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

### Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester homecoming will be held Sept. 27-28.

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**LITTLE GIANTS**—Haskell Youth Baseball T-Ball (ages 4 to 6) Little Giants team members include, front row, l-r, Rebekah Cunningham, Grace Robledo, Gaige Strickland, Noah Robledo, Jonathan Brown, Zackary Jones and Spencer Martin; back row coaches Hollie Robledo, Junior Robledo and Mathew Cunningham. Not pictured are Harry Boyd, Adrian Castorena and Ian Fuentes.



**ASTROS**—Haskell Youth Baseball T-Ball (ages 4 to 6) Astros team members include, front row, l-r, Paige Scheets, Reagan Adkins, Brandt Turner, Caden West, Haiven Ozuna, Blaze Johnson and Madysen Castorena; back row, coaches Bobby Scheets, Mike Adkins and Daniel Castorena. Not pictured is Audie Shaw.



**RANGERS**—Haskell Youth Baseball T-Ball (ages 4 to 6) Rangers team members include, front row, l-r, Jaxon White, Jameson Daniels, Colton Gober, Matthew Gober, Luke Peacock, Lucy Hatfield and Jaxson Torres; back row, coaches Jason Daniels, Ryan Peacock, James Gober and Kyle White. Not pictured are Braden Lampe and Ryan Cox.



**OUTLAWS**—Haskell Youth Baseball T-Ball (ages 4 to 6) Outlaw team members include, front row, l-r, Jade Rodriguez, Kaison Benton, Kaden Brown, Ruben Martinez, Ernie Martinez, Noah Butler, Haegen Pinkerton, C.J. Alexander and Max Garvin; back row, coaches Grady Benton and Heath Pinkerton. Not pictured is Jon Anthony Martinez.

## Haskell girls softball teams compete in Abilene

Four teams from the Haskell Girls Softball Association participated in the District 11 tournament in Abilene May 24-26.

second, 12U Haskell Heat placed first, and 10U Sweet Heat and Triple Threat tied for ninth and fifth places respectively.

for these teams were Double M Petro, Hanson Paint & Body, H&R Block, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet and Big Country Electric Cooperative.

14U WHABAM placed Tournament sponsors



**TRIPLE THREAT**—Triple Threat team members include, front row, l-r, Cobie Cardenas, Kailee Benton, Jolie Torres, Calie Everett and Tess Homeyer; back row, Emma Roewe, Abby Andress, Aliyah Sossaman, Ashley Castorena, Delaney Hanson and Brittany Casillas. Not pictured is Jasmine Boyd.



**HASKELL HEAT**—Haskell Heat team members include, front row, l-r, Landry Hanson, Kaelyn Bevel, Arelly Torres, Ryanna Rodriguez, Abree Ramos and Autumn Gibbs; back row, Grace Colley, Kourtney Gibson, Abby Blair, C'era Taylor, Lauren Alexander, Jordan Garvin, Kobie Walker and Allie Andress.



**SWEET HEAT**—Sweet Heat team members include, front row, l-r, Breannah Luce, Krislyn Tatum, Jazlyn Rodela and Ashley Castorena; and back row, Kacie Easterling, Kiannah Luce, Adaline Utley, Braelyn Bevel and Tori Hollingsworth.



**WHABAM**—WHABAM team members include, front row, l-r, Abby Homeyer, Lexi Jimenez, Krysta Winegeart, Ashlyn Bevel and Makinzie Garvin; back row, Greg Williams, Brooke Jones, Alye Stewart, Jaylea Seeliger, Chelsea Chavez, Madeline Williams and Amanda Garvin.

## HNB receives 5-Star award

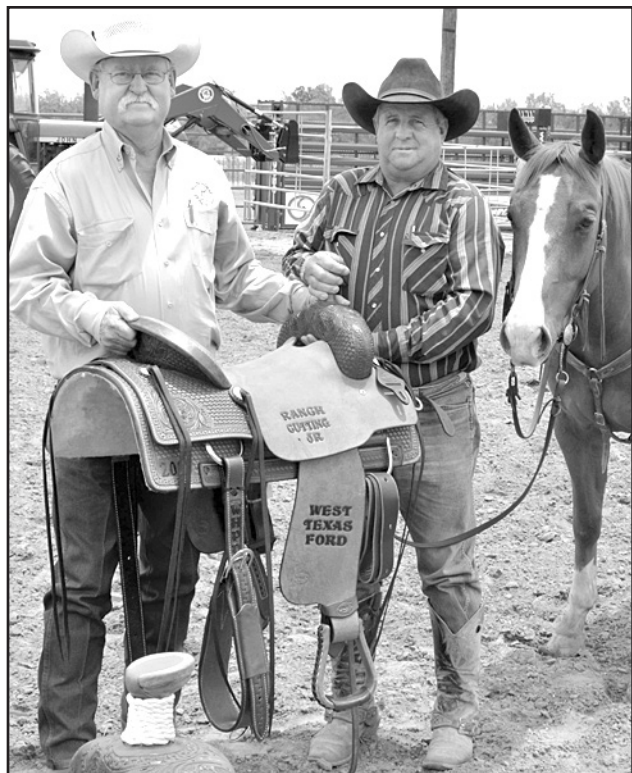
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the nation. Having earned and sustained the 5-Star rating for this length of time merits an even more elite distinction of being a "Sustained Superiority Bank." Only seven percent of the nation's banks have earned Bauer's top rating for so long and with such consistency.

"There has been much discussion lately about the need for banks to boost their capital levels," reports Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm. "That doesn't

worry Haskell National Bank; its capital ratios are already well above regulatory requirements. Under the direction of Robert A. Howard, CEO, Haskell National Bank excels in areas of asset quality, profitability and much more."

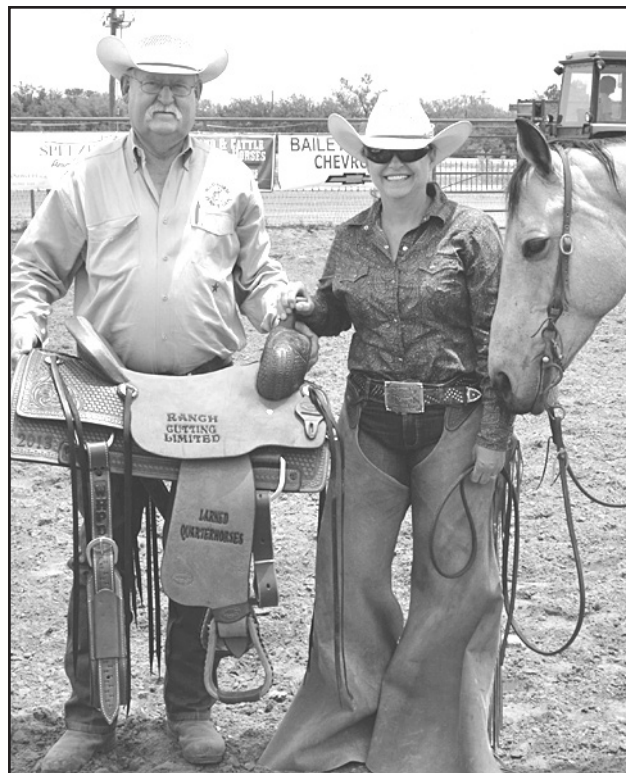
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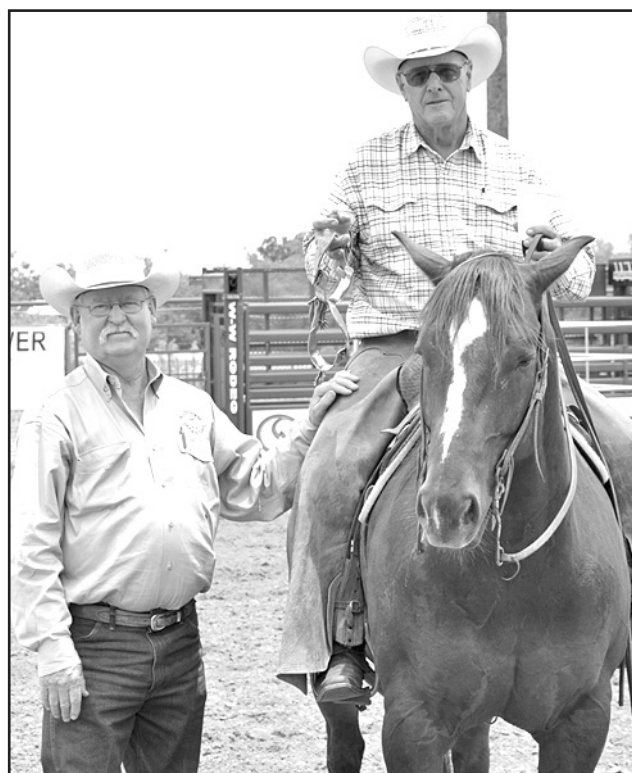
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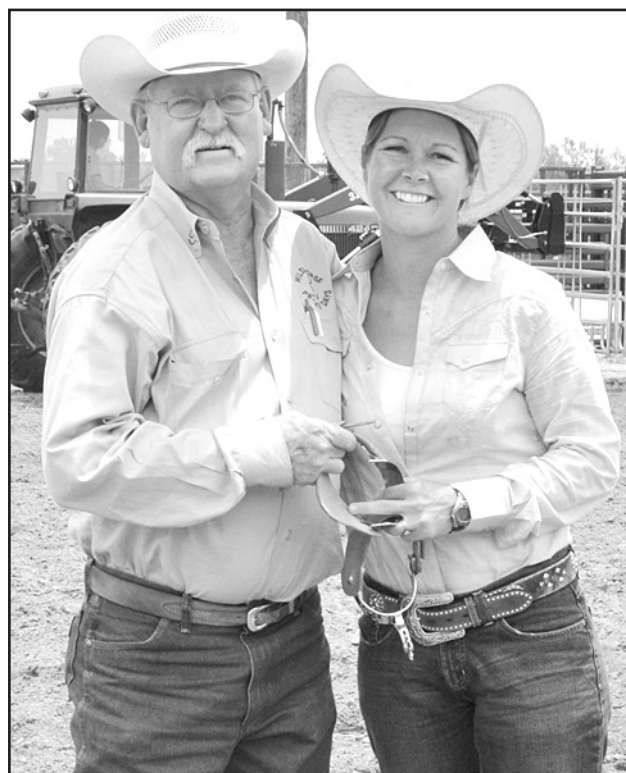
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## WHPD Ranch Cutting Horse Competition winners named

Fifty-five entered the Ranch Cutting Horse Association competition at the Wild Horse Prairie Days event.

Winners include:  
Junior Division (horses 5 years old and younger): Sam Dove riding Autumn Reyn, S-D Cattle Co., Valentine, first place; Bruce Ford riding Cats Wicked CE, Harrington Ranch, Snyder, second place.

Open Aged Division (horses any age): Jr. Livingston riding Smart Little Landon, Heart Ranch, Seymour, first place; Jim Rounsaville riding Hollywood Sandino, Rounsaville Cattle Co.,

Olney. Limited Division (Riders with limited RCHA earnings): Leslie Baxter riding Zoodle, Lowrance Ranch, Truscott; Amanda Hill riding Dualin Wise, Johnson Ranch, Masterson, second place.

Youth Division (Youth 14 and under): Hunter Seaton riding TS Red Gin, Seaton Ranch, Merkel, first place; Kimberly Caldwell riding Two Eyed Badger riding Sample Cattle Co., Lohn and Daylee Seaton riding Royal Doll Kadabracre, Seaton Ranch, Merkel, tied for 2/3 places.

## School testing requirements cause concern

by Caron Yates  
School administrators, teachers, students and parents are keenly aware of the testing requirements for Texas public schools. Those not directly involved, most likely don't know the high stakes attached to the multitude of tests students are required to pass from third grade through high school.

It can be argued that schools should be held accountable for the success, or lack thereof, of their efforts and use of taxpayers money. We certainly owe the best education possible to all our students. However, it may be time to re-evaluate whether we have pushed the "testing bar" so high, that it is no longer realistic for the majority of students.

Kristi Stewart, Haskell Elementary counselor and testing coordinator, offered the following information for consideration.

Another standardized test was instituted in the state of Texas in 2012. It is called the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness). It joins the ranks of previous tests such as TEAMS, TAAS, and TAKS. Each new test brings with it added rigor to the objectives tested. Every year in grades 3-high school, children are tested—one day for reading, one day for math, etc. Grades 3-8 are always tested on reading and math and usually another test such as writing, science, or social studies are added. High school tests are done by subject.

So, what does this mean? Our children have one day to show that they understand everything that was taught during the school year. When the tests scores are determined, then the children are either deemed acceptable or failures. This sounds harsh

but unfortunately this is what testing has turned into. Not only is it a test for our students, it is a test for our teachers because they also receive the label as acceptable or failure. There is nothing wrong with standardized testing. In fact there are many ways in which they are helpful to our educational process. They guide educators in knowing what concepts are understood or not understood. However, our educational process has turned into being only about the test. Educators don't have time for anything else. Every day is about preparing for the test. Teachers get blamed because they teach to the test, but do they really have any choice. Much of our student success is based on it. If teachers don't teach to the test and students fail, then what does that mean?

•It hurts the student's sense of self. As early as 3rd grade we are labeling our students in this process. They either pass or fail. Those that fail are required to stay for accelerated instruction; and yes, students know who has to stay and who does not.

•Teachers feel failure. Educators are obviously not in teaching for the money. Most are truly in the profession for the benefit of the students. When a student fails, they feel guilt. They begin the long process that lasts all summer and keeps them up at night asking, "What could I have done differently?" Just as many students are heart broken when they fail the tests and cry, so are many teachers.

•Students in the 5th and 8th grades face the possibility of retention. High School students face the possibility of not graduating. Students in the 5th and 8th grades have three opportunities to take the test. If they fail all three attempts, the school

is required to retain them in the current grade. High school students have more possibilities, but they also have more tests that have to be passed.

The Dallas Morning News stated that this year alone in the 5th and 8th grades a quarter of these students are in jeopardy of being retained. This means 150,000 students could be retained. What makes this even worse is that in order to pass the 5th grade test, students had to pass math with 54% correct and reading with 56.5% correct. 8th grade students had to pass math with 39% correct and reading with 54% correct. Everything else in school is based on a 70% passing rate. Why is the test lower? As parents and educators what does that mean? It looks as if the expectations on the test are too high or they would not have such low passing standards.

High School End of Course tests have not even been mentioned yet. High School students have several tests to pass in order to graduate. The Texas Education Agency first stated that high school students would have to take 12 End of Course exams and pass to be able to graduate, which tripled student test load. HB5 is changing that to 5, because it was just too much. Further, End of Course exams were going to be required to count as 15% of a student's grade. This could keep many students from graduating.

As an educator many personal stories continue to deepen my disgruntlement towards the testing laws in our state. This year in our own town of Haskell, we had 5th grade students cry all morning during the tests. They were afraid they were going to fail. We

had students that made themselves sick to the point of having to leave school with stomach problems. Further, just the other day when the scores came in from the 2nd attempt of 5th graders taking the tests, we had mothers crying because of what the testing was doing to their children and their children's confidence. One mother's words were, "My child does not take tests well; yet they are an A, B student and you are telling me that if they fail the 3rd time, they will have to be retained in the 5th grade?" Unfortunately that answer is yes. This makes all of us upset. Somehow this testing process needs some vast changes for the welfare of our students. School does not need to be about the tests. It needs to be about the students. Not every child is meant to be a brain surgeon, but every child has a unique path that they should be allowed to explore. This is not happening because the state has set one mold that every child must fit. If we want our educational system to change then we have to start by letting those who are in charge of the laws pertaining to education know. Following is the contact information for our representatives in Austin. Please call or write letters letting them know your thoughts.

Drew Springer, House Representative District 68, info@votedrewspringer.com, 512-463-0526.

Senator Robert Duncan District 28, 512-463-0128 or 1-800-322-9538.

Change comes when voters make their wishes known. You don't have to have a school age child to be concerned. Our children are our future, we must prepare them for that future, without destroying who they are in the process.



**BAND TRIP**—The Haskell High School Indian Band took a trip to South Padre Island June 3-6. They spent time at the Schlitterbahn water park and the South Padre Island beach. They also took in Star Trek 3D at the IMAX theater in San Antonio before heading back to Haskell.

## Wheat producers have another aphid control tool

Producers looking for aphid control in their wheat fields might have a new tool, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research study.

Dr. Jerry Michels, AgriLife Research entomologist in Amarillo, and Johnny Bible, research assistant, are conducting a study on control of small grain aphids with seed-applied thiamethoxam insecticide, or Cruiser, at the North Plains Research Field north of Dumas.

Michels and Bible have demonstrated the control for the past three years as part of the iWheat project.

iWheat is a multi-state project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Avoidance and Mitigation Program, also known as RAMP. The goal is to develop a region-wide pest management program for winter wheat that includes insects, plant diseases, weeds and agronomic practices.

The iWheat team includes members from AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Colorado State University, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Nebraska and USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

“The team laid the foundation for iWheat in 2010,” Michels said. “Some of our efforts have been hampered by the current

drought, and of course this year’s severe late freezes. But, we made the best of the opportunities we’ve had, and implementation of iWheat is underway.

“There are some additional features we want to incorporate into iWheat that need user input,” he said. “The most important features that will make iWheat shine are maps and predictive models. We need to accumulate data this year and in the years to come. The more data we have on pests, varieties, yield and other production components, the more accurate our predictive models will be, and in real time, you can access information on problems throughout the season.”

Michels said anyone can join iWheat by going to <http://my.iwheat.org> to register at no cost.

Once completed, the results of the seed-applied thiamethoxam insecticide study will be part of the iWheat database, he said.

“Because of drought and unusually high temperatures, the greenbugs, Russian wheat aphids and birdcherry oat aphids were found only in low densities in 2011-12,” Michels said.

“This year, however, cooler temperatures and a little more moisture resulted in a natural aphid infestation in our plots and a successful demonstration.”

The plot consisted of level borders planted to either Hatcher or TAM 110 wheat varieties, he said. The plots were sampled five times this spring, beginning in early April. Data consisted of aphids-per-tiller and percentage of infested tillers.

Ten late-season freezes occurring between April 4 and May 5 almost certainly affected aphid infestations and damaged the wheat, Michels said. However, on most sampling dates, there was a clear indication that the treated plots had lower aphid infestation than untreated plots.

“We had significant populations,” he said. “The untreated by April had up to 85 percent infestations by primarily greenbugs, although we did have some Russian wheat aphid and some birdcherry oat aphid. Where we were getting upwards of 80 percent infested tillers on untreated, we were down below 15-16 percent of the infested tillers in the treated plots in early April.”

With the exception of the April 18 and May 15 sampling dates, Hatcher wheat treated with thiamethoxam had significantly fewer infested tillers than the untreated counterpart. Treated TAM 110 wheat had significantly fewer infested tillers than the untreated plots on April 4, but was irregular after

that date, and there were no additional sampling dates with significant differences in tiller infestation.

Michels said the tiller samples followed the Glance N Go scouting system protocol to determine if an aphid infestation warranted an additional treatment. At one sampling date, April 4, the protocol indicated that a foliar insecticide application would be economically valuable.

This was based on a treatment cost of \$11.42 per acre and wheat priced at \$6.90 per bushel.

However, subsequent freezes seemed to have an impact on the aphids, he said. By the May 15 sample, there were few aphids or infested tillers because lady beetles and parasitic wasps had practically eliminated the aphid infestations.

“Our conclusion is that, although freezes caused problems, the treatment with Cruiser will last about seven months and give you pretty good aphid control,” Michels said. “If you use the Glance N Go method to look at infested tillers and make a management decision as to when you are going to apply a foliar application, our readings late in April were indicating those untreated plots were ready to be sprayed. We are really excited Cruiser is working.”

## Wheat diseases limit input effectiveness

When a farmer starts noticing he has disease in a wheat field, it doesn’t matter how much water or nitrogen is applied, it can be a waste, said Dr. Charlie Rush, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant pathologist in Amarillo.

“It’s a waste because the root system can’t take it up,” Rush said. “Anything you put on severely diseased wheat, you are wasting your time and resources and energy it just doesn’t pay off for the current crop.”

But that doesn’t mean site-specific management isn’t possible, especially on plants infected later in the season which are still capable of producing good grain and forage yields, he said.

Rush is leading a research team to study mite-vectoring virus diseases, which are the main pathogenic constraints to economically sustainable profitable wheat production, and transmitted by the wheat curl mite. The project is funded by the Ogallala Initiative and also by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agriculture and

Food Research Initiative.

Wheat plants infected with mite-vectoring diseases, such as wheat streak and triticum mosaic, not only have reduced grain and forage yields, but also greatly reduced root weight and water-use efficiency, he said. Their progressive nature makes it difficult for producers to know when additional crop inputs, such as fertilization and multiple spring irrigations, are economically feasible.

Rush said the study’s goal is to help producers develop some site-specific practices to make those critical economic decisions.

Wheat streak mosaic, one of the mite-vectoring diseases, develops in gradients across the field, starting on one edge and spreading across the field. Almost every plant eventually becomes infected.

Because this is known, Rush and his plant pathology crew are studying the hot spots and making transects across the field, starting where the disease started and going into the center of the field

where there is no disease yet. The study is being conducted at the AgriLife Research station near Bushland and in farmers’ fields.

Members of the team detect and quantify plant diseases using a variety of remote sensing devices. Most recently, a hand-held hyperspectral radiometer was used to quantify severity gradients in the field. By recording hyperspectral readings of disease symptom severity over time and associating each reading with GPS coordinates, it will be possible to determine how a specific reflectance reading, at a particular location and point in time, relates to grain and forage yields.

Knowing when specific crop inputs were made, in relation to disease severity at the time, will allow economic cost/benefit analysis and development of an economic threshold for irrigation of diseased wheat, Rush said.

“We take radiometer readings and also visual readings on how severe the disease is at that particular

point,” he said. “We are making those ratings each week at the same spot over the entire season. At the end of the season, our statistical guys will be able to say if you had a particular level of disease at a particular time of the season, then it is not going to pay off for you to put any more inputs into that wheat.”

“Or, if you have a disease level that is below a threshold, then we would say based on what we measured in the past, it would be economical for you to irrigate or apply that top-dress of nitrogen,” Rush said.

This year the study has been somewhat limited by the freeze damage and hail, but the wheat that is growing out of the damage is showing the same trends as the wheat prior to the freeze, he said.

“We are going to continue to do the study for three more years,” Rush said. “At the end, we believe we will be able to provide an economic threshold that will tell you when it is worth it to continue to irrigate or put nitrogen on if you have disease in a field.”

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Perry releases final decisions on bills

AUSTIN—June 16 was the deadline for the governor to veto or approve legislation passed in the regular session of the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Gov. Rick Perry beat the deadline by two days, releasing a list of vetoed and approved bills on June 14. Just a few among the 24 bills Perry prevented from becoming laws by strokes of his pen were:

HB 217—prohibiting school districts from selling beverages with added sweeteners, milk with more than one percent fat or juices less than 100 percent juice.

HB 950—providing uniformity between state and federal anti-discrimination laws so that employees and employers have consistent laws governing employment relations.

HB 2836—requiring all statewide standardized tests to be determined valid by an entity independent of the Texas Education Agency or the State Board of Education.

HB 3063—giving state-sponsored competitive advantage to some Texas communities over others in attracting aerospace industry businesses.

SB 15—adding to the management responsibilities of boards of regents of institutions of higher education and would expand the training requirements of individual regents.

SB 17—providing for a free-of-charge, state-provided school safety-training program for certain employees of a school district or charter school that does not have a peace officer or security personnel assigned full-time to the campus.

A few from the list of bills Perry put his signature of approval on include:

HB 8—revising statutes relating to protective orders issued for victims of human trafficking and the offense of human trafficking;

SB 21—requiring mandatory drug screening as a condition for the receipt of unemployment benefits;

HB 308—allowing public school students and staff to use traditional holiday greetings and display religious scenes and symbols on school property.

However, SB 1, the state’s general appropriations bill for fiscal years 2014-2015, suffered a number of line-item vetoes by the governor. One of those vetoes was of the budget for the state’s Austin-based Public Integrity Unit, a state agency tasked with investigating ethics complaints lodged against public officials.

In explaining his veto, Perry wrote, “Despite the otherwise good work the Public Integrity Unit’s employees, I cannot in good conscience support

continued State funding for an office with statewide jurisdiction at a time when the person charged with ultimate responsibility of that unit has lost the public’s confidence. This unit is in no other way held accountable to state taxpayers, except through the state budgetary process. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation.”

In April, Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, chief of the Public Integrity Unit, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. After serving a short jail sentence, she was released. Some lawmakers pressured Lehmberg to resign, but she chose to remain in office.

#### Redistricting bills move

The Texas Senate, in special session on June 13, approved the four major redistricting bills Gov. Perry originally called state lawmakers to pass in the current special session of the Legislature.

Senate bills 1, 3 and 4, as tentatively approved by the Senate, would preserve the federal court-drawn maps of the state’s U.S. Congressional districts and Texas House districts. Those three bills were passed on split votes with 16 Republicans voting aye and 11 Democrats voting nay. SB 2, relating to the redistricting maps of state Senate districts, was approved on a unanimous vote. All four bills move to the House, where that body’s select committee on redistricting will take up and consider its own set of bills relating to the districts as redrawn in 2012 by a San Antonio federal court. Differences in the House and Senate versions of the bills would have to be worked out in a conference committee.

#### Perry adds to session call

On June 10 Gov. Perry added items relating to the funding of transportation infrastructure projects to the special session call and June 11 he expanded the call to include two more items: legislation relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers and facilities; and legislation relating to establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

#### Revenue goes up again

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on June 12 reported that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.26 billion, up 7.9 percent compared to May 2012.

She attributed the increase to collections from the information services and construction sectors, and said, “restaurants also showed notable growth” and “oil and natural gas-related activity remains a major source of strength.”



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**—Lynn Dodson was the reader at the Haskell County Library Tues., June 11. Helpers were Emmalee Plemister and Angela Mackey. 32 children attended. Some children attending included (in no particular order) Paige Scheets, Lillian Penman, William Penman, Gaige Strickland, Everett Strickland, Ariel Corzine, Jacy Corzine, Grace Robledo, Noah Robledo, Reagan Daniels, Jameson Daniels, Owen Daniels, Jayden Carver, Jillian Herrera, Allyson Mackey, Carly Mackey, Cassidy Plemister, Calee Plemister, Chambray Plemister, Lyric Pittman, Jissel Rodriguez, Jacey Rodriguez, Jande Rodriguez, Colton Guber, Matthew Gober, Cowan Rogers, Kendall Thompson, Cort Rogers, Autumn Mlenak, K'lee Mlenak, Cayden Rogers, Allie Boone and Madison Saucedo. They made book marks for the day's craft.



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**—20 kids attended the Summer Reading Program at the Haskell Co. Library Thurs., June 13. Texas Highway Patrolman, L.P. Adams, was the reader for the day. Some of the children attending included, front row, l-r, Tatum Alexander, Everett Strickland, Abree Ramos, Ryan Tatum, Evan Enriquez, Paige Scheets, Jayden Carver and William Penman; back row, L.P. Adams, Madison Martinez, Carly Mackey, Allyson Mackey, Raegan Adkins, Cort Rogers and Allie Abila.

**Al-Anon**

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8223, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8 dated June 2, 1988). 25c

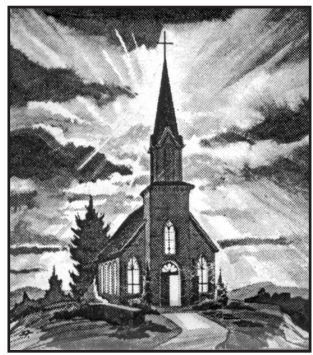
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Haskell County will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. June 24, 2013, at Weinert City Hall, 102 South Breustedt, Weinert, Texas 76388 regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture's CDBG Program. Citizens are encouraged to attend to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to County Judge David C. Davis, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, TX 79521. Persons with disabilities or others who may require auxiliary aids or services to participate in this hearing should contact the Water District Manager at 325-725-3585 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements. 25c

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**This Week's Devotional Message:**



**You're an important person in the eyes of God**

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And you find your identity harder to claim When you're known by a number instead of a name. So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way To the place where you still can be someone today. If you go to your church, you'll be happy to find In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

**ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

- HASKELL—  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
 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**  
 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**  
 Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor  
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell, 940-863-4405
- 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  
 Weinert
- ROCHESTER—  
**Church of Christ**  
 Mitchell Greer, minister  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.  
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
 Bishop Helsley, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
 Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
 Sagerton
- RULE—  
**First Baptist Church**  
 Scott Hensley, pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
 John Greeson, minister  
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
 811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
 Alfa y Omegas  
 Manuel Marin, pastor  
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
 500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
 Russell Stanley, interim pastor  
 Sunday 9 a.m.  
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Clovis Dever  
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 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.  
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# Harper writes about memories of Haskell

by Caron Yates

Life before television? For a large portion of the population, it is almost impossible to imagine such. However many from the "baby boomer" generation, have a vivid recollection of the day TV came to town.

Haskell native Steve Harper, has written a book called "When TV Came to Town." Although he does relate the story of watching his first television at Park Woodson's Appliance Store, or was it Barney Frazier's Appliance Store, the book is so much more.

Harper was born in Haskell in 1947 and graduated from Haskell High School in 1966. His parents, Joe and Martha Harper, were well-known in Haskell and very involved in civic and church activities.

After graduation he attended McMurry University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Pursuing a career as a minister, he attended Asbury Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master's of Divinity degree in 1973. He was the pastor in the Methodist churches in Roby and Borger, before continuing his education at Duke University, earning a PhD in 1981.

Harper spent forty-two years as a United Methodist clergyman and thirty-three years as a professor at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky. In 1998, he was asked to move to Florida to help begin the Florida campus of Asbury Seminary. He has recently retired, and he and his wife Jeannie continue to make their home there. They have a son, John and a daughter, Katrina, along with two grandchildren.

It's our memories that help keep us connected from one generation to the next, and remind us how we came to be the person we are. It seems each generation is fascinated with the idea of how life could be lived without the essentials they consider mandatory.

The book is a collection of fifty stories about Harper's "growing up years" in Haskell. You will recognize the names of people and places he has included, some that are still here and many that are not. Harper says that he began telling the stories to his children and grandchildren over twenty years ago. It seems the more he told, the more he remembered.

He has included memories of his first grade teacher, little league and youth baseball, junior high coaches, Fire Chief Satch Lusk, Bull Barnett, scouting, Woody's and doctors making house calls, to name just a few. His hope is that as you read his memories, you will recall your own similar stories.

He feels that growing up in a small town was a privilege, so many have not had. People know your name and they care about you personally. That is not always true in the city.

Harper says it has been wonderful to hear from people who have read the book, especially long lost friends and folks also from

Haskell. Interestingly enough however, he is hearing from readers who had no connection to Haskell, but had similar experiences growing up.

Harper has set up a Facebook page under the name "When TV Came to Town." He welcomes comments and shared memories. The book is available at The Drug Store in Haskell or from Amazon.com.

The book, dedicated to his parents and the fine folks who lived in Haskell in the 1950s and 1960s that made these stories possible, is Harper's thank you for giving him, and so many others, a great place to grow up.

## Sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.26 billion, up 7.9 percent compared to May 2012.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by collections from the information services and construction sectors," Combs said. "Restaurants also showed notable growth, while oil and natural gas-related activity remains a major source of strength."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$556.8 million, up 8.3 percent compared to June 2012.

Haskell County had a 30.84 percent increase for June 2013 of \$46,345.10 in comparison to \$35,420.24 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$278,302.08 reflect a 6.39 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$261,572.40.

The City of Haskell had a 31.44 percent increase for June 2013 of \$43,962.60 in comparison to \$33,446.49 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$260,546.81 reflect a 6.65 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$244,280.57.

The City of O'Brien had a 74.97 percent increase for June 2013 of \$209.22 in comparison to \$119.57 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$1,856.49 reflect a 30.14 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$1,426.48.

The City of Rochester had a 4.65 percent increase for June 2013 of \$348.47 in comparison to \$332.97 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$2,847.24 reflect a 2.24 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$2,912.76.

The City of Rule had a 6.08 percent increase for June 2013 of \$1,480.00 in

comparison to \$1,395.15 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$11,458.10 reflect a 0.78 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$11,548.57.

The City of Weinert had a 173.52 percent increase for June 2013 of \$344.81 in comparison to \$126.06 for June 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$1,593.44 reflect a 13.49 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$1,404.02.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group will hold the next meeting Tues., Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

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