

Football

HASKELL
7th-8th-JV vs Baird
Thurs., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.
at Baird
V Indians vs Baird
Fri., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
Jr. High Pirates vs Lueders
Thurs., Sept. 12, 5:00 p.m.
at Paint Creek
Pirates vs Lueders
Thurs., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek
RULE
Jr. High Bobcats vs TBA
Thurs., Sept. 12, 5 p.m.
There
Bobcats vs Knox City JV
Fri., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Band fund-raiser

Support your Haskell Indian Band by purchasing window decals \$5, spearhead caps \$15, snug bugs \$35 and rally rags \$2 from the Haskell Indian Band Boosters.

Pancake supper set Sept. 13

The Haskell Lions Club will host their annual pancake supper Fri., Sept. 13 at the Haskell High School cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Sept. 13 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to please attend if possible. Final plans for the "Taste of Country," to be held at the Haskell Civic Center Tues., Oct. 8, will be made.

Church in the park

First Baptist Church invites everyone to Church in the Park this Sun., Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion in the City Park. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served following the service. Join us for this special time together. Dress is casual and those attending are asked to bring your lawn chairs.

Tamales

The women of St. George Catholic Church in Haskell are making tamales Sept. 12 and 13 at the church hall. To place an order call Paula at 864-2545 or Eva Jimenez at 864-5446.

Jamaica

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will hold their annual Jamaica Sun., Sept. 15 at the church grounds. Games and lots of food will be available. A silent auction will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call Eva Jimenez at 864-5446 for more information.

Volleyball tourney

The fourth annual St. George Catholic Co-ed Volleyball Tournament will be held Sun., Sept. 15 at the church in Haskell. To enter a team, call Linda Abila at 940-658-1442 or 940-256-2609. Entry fee is \$100 per team and t-shirts will be awarded for first, second and third place teams.

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.

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"The People's Choice"

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Exes gather to celebrate E.B. Evans school reunion

by Caron Yates
With a theme of "Precious Memories of Central Ward and E.B. Evans Schools," about fifty former students met recently in Haskell for their first African American school reunion.

The idea and planning for the reunion began long before the event took place. Minnie Billington Itson and others from the schools began talking about the need to reconnect with their former schoolmates, hence

putting the wheels in motion for the reunion.

Itson and crew did a tremendous amount of research trying to locate former students of the two schools. Through internet searches and connections

with friends and families, they were able to get addresses for many of the former students. In addition, she scoured many years of the newspaper to find articles related to Central Ward and E.B. Evans Schools.

The collection of articles, pictures and other information was bound into a book for each of the participants to take home.

Speaker for the event was Rev. James Webbs, pastor of the New Fellowship Baptist Church in Abilene. He was born and raised in Haskell. Derrick and Patrick Franklin, sons of Itson, headed up the barbecue and disc jockey duties.

The Central Ward School began in 1930, as a part of the Haskell Independent School District. Miss Dovie Cain, a graduate of Prairie View State Teachers College, was the first teacher. She taught approximately fifty students, grades first through seventh, in the one room school.

In 1935, another room was added to Central Ward. 1942 saw a lunchroom added, and in 1951 rest rooms were built for the school.

There were a number of teachers and principals for the schools, which were in operation from 1930 to 1965. They were college educated, many with degrees from Prairie View A&M College.

By 1953, the board of education for the Haskell School District determined that the Central Ward school building was no longer acceptable, and began the process of securing funds to build another building.

Finally in 1959 the new three room school was complete. Mrs. Leona Walker taught first and second grades, Mrs. Ora Mae Ellis taught third, fourth and fifth grades, and Principal B.T.W. Brembry taught sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Students in grades ninth through twelfth were bused to Dunbar High School in Munday.

The new school, which replaced the Central Ward School, was named E.B. Evans School, in honor of Dr. E.B. Evans, a man dedicated to education and president of Prairie View A&M College at the time. It remained in service until 1965, when integration took place.

Principal Brembry did much to promote and improve the Central Ward and E.B. Evans schools. He was certainly an advocate for all students being educated.

It is often said that hindsight is 20-20. It is so much easier to see mistakes or injustices after the fact, than when they are occurring. While on many levels this was a very difficult time in our history, the common thread that seemed to weave together all schools, was the desire for all children to have an opportunity for an education. Principal Brembry reached out to the parents of his students, pressing upon them the importance of an education for their children, as well as the importance of parents being involved in that education. A theme that is still being echoed throughout our schools today.

Regardless of the circumstances, children seem to have an amazing ability to find the "good" in most situations. Those friendships made and the memories stored away, are what the recent reunion was all about.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION—Minnie Itson, left, presents a copy of her book "Precious Memories of Central Ward School and E.B. Evans School" to Haskell County Librarian Marilyn Griffith. The book offers a walk down memory lane for those who attended the Haskell County schools.



ATTEND REUNION—Some of those attending the First African American School Reunion held July 6 in Haskell were, front row, l-r, Cynthia Johnson, Joe Itson, Glendel Johnson, Ruby Collins and Lizzie Phillip; middle row, Jack Bradley, Hazel Bradley, Janet Craney, Marie Hammond, Robert McGinnies, Minnie Itson, Kenneth Johnson, Gabrella Thomas, Wanda J. Ransom; back row, Georgia Smith, Jesse Billington, Lola Billington, Doris McGinnies, Inell Kirk, Mary Johnson, Pamela Hanson and Rev. James Webbs. Not pictured are Doris McGinnies, Edward and Leatrice Clayton, Patricia Franklin, Major Lewis, Alvin Johnson, Jay and Melvin Johnson, Arie Swearingin, Sherry Whitaker, Ruby Platt Johnson, Olivia Van Zandt, Christine Williams, Dean Thomas, Robert Johnson, Bobbie Jones, Robert and Betty Johnson, Alice Collins, Derrick Franklin, Patrick Franklin and Roberta Thompson. Approximately 50 attended the reunion for the students of Central Ward School and E.B. Evans School.

Indians defeated by Seymour, to play Baird Friday in Haskell

The Haskell Indians were defeated by Seymour, 39-13 Friday night.

The Indians scored both the first and last touchdowns during the game.

Indian Dylan Hanson passed for a 13 yard touchdown to Brad Winterstein and ran six yards for another.

In his comments, Coach Grady Benton said, "Give credit to Seymour. They took advantage of the mistakes we made in all phases of

the game. After watching the film I felt much better about our progress with many individuals. We will start getting the results we want when we start doing the little things more consistently as a team.

Our JV beat Seymour 48-20 on Thursday. I am very impressed with how they handled adversity early in their game. I have been very impressed with the confidence they play with.

They are a group of kids that expect to win and are held accountable by each other to do just that. They aren't playing perfect by any means but overcoming their mistakes with great effort and confidence."

The Indians will play Baird Friday night at 7:30 at Indian Field.

Seventh, eighth and JV teams will play in Baird beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday.



DRIVING INDIAN—Haskell Indian Senior #20 Dakota Silvas on the drive during the recent matchup between the Haskell Indians and Seymour Panthers.

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Obituaries

Thula Rose Perry



THULA PERRY

Graveside funeral services for Thula Rose Perry, 91, of Stamford and formerly of Haskell, were held Fri., Sept. 6 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Kelly Piggott officiating. Services were under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Perry went to her long awaited home in heaven Tues., Sept. 3.

Born Jan. 5, 1922 in Hill County, she was the

daughter of Matt and Viola Keathley. She graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas. She married Howard Perry, Jr. Feb. 6, 1943 in Dallas. Howard and Thula established their home in Haskell, where they owned and operated Perry Motor Company until Howard's death in 1980. Thula continued her education at Western Texas College and graduated in 1985. She worked for the Texas State Department of Public Welfare for many years.

Granny devoted her life to her two sons, their wives, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a keen whit, was proud to be a long time member of the National Democratic Party, was a Presbyterian and was a regular at the Haskell Dairy Queen coffee group. Thula was a lifetime member of the TFWC Mesquite District

Haskell Progressive Study Club, and was honored as club woman of the year by the Mesquite District.

Survivors include two sons, William Howard 'Bill' Perry and wife Kay of Stamford and Tommy K. Perry and wife Monisa of Lubbock; three grandchildren, William Matthew Perry of Lubbock, Amanda Johnson and husband Brice of Abilene, and Kayla Starnes and husband Kevin of Hurst; three great grandchildren, Braxton Johnson, Kirby Starnes and Kennedy Starnes.

Memorial contributions are welcome and may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell, %Pam Steele, 1602 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521

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

PD. NOTICE

Martha Ann Sampson Spitzer



MARTHA SPITZER

Funeral services for Martha Ann Sampson Spitzer, 86, of Haskell were held Mon., Sept. 9 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Lloyd Riddles officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Spitzer passed away Fri., Sept. 6 at Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene.

Martha Ann Mayo was born June 15, 1927 in Ajo, Arizona, the daughter of Lennie Grace (Tierce) and

Grover Cleveland Mayo. She married James Sampson and together they had three beautiful daughters, Linda, Phyllis and Laura. James and Martha were the owners and operators of White Auto Store in Haskell for many years. James preceded her in death in 1991. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Lydia Sunday School class. She also enjoyed being associated with Brazos Art Club. Martha and her girls continuously felt blessed since the day Garrett Spitzer came into their lives. Martha was fortunate to have two husbands in her life that loved and cared for her and her family.

In addition to James, she was preceded in death by her parents, Grover and Lennie Mayo; her daughter, Linda Burson; one brother; two sisters; grandson, Scotty Burson; and granddaughter, Andrea Lynn Burson.

Martha will be missed by so many, but those close she

leaves behind are husband, Garrett Spitzer of Haskell; her two daughters, Phyllis Letz and husband Danny of Old Glory, Laura Andress and husband Charles of Haskell; stepdaughter, Kathleen Seals and husband Jimmy of Clyde; two stepsons, Kenny Spitzer of Old Glory, and Weldon Spitzer of Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Jimmy and Melissa Burson of Haskell, Patrick and Angela Burson of Clyde, Jeremy and Jodi Andress of Haskell, Joseph Andress of Haskell, Jennifer Andress of Marble Falls, Casey and Emory Letz of Stamford, Jana and Kevin Conner of Crowell and 16 great grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made in Martha's name to Treasures of Grace Prison Ministries, c/o First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Imogene Freshour



IMOGENE FRESHOUR

Graveside services for Imogene Freshour, 98, of Haskell were held Mon., Sept. 9 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Dave Harrison officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family

Funeral Homes. Mrs. Freshour passed away Thursday morning, Sept. 5 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

One of eight children, Imogene Rousseau was born in Cooke County Nov. 15, 1914, the daughter of Louise Q. (Pfaff) and Travis James Rousseau. In the 1920's, the Rousseau family moved to Haskell where many remain to this date. During WWII, Imogene aided the war effort by assembling bombers in Fort Worth. She was a retired supervisor with General Telephone out of Seymour and a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Travis and Louise Rousseau; four

brothers, Paul Rousseau, William Rousseau, Boyd Rousseau and Jack Rousseau; and one sister, Ruby Faye Pritchard.

Survivors include her son, James Don Freshour of Big Spring; three grandsons, David, Jerry, and Daniel Freshour; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Henderson of Haskell, and Mary Frances Henderson of Kaufman; three nieces, Martha Jarred, Janie Stone and Diane Pritchard; and four nephews, Billy Rousseau, Travis Rousseau, Frank Henderson, Jr. and Tony Pritchard.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Jimmie Keith Williams



JIM WILLIAMS

Graveside services for Jim K. Williams, 87, of Haskell were held Sat., Sept. 7 at Oakland Cemetery in Oakland, Oklahoma. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home of Haskell.

A visitation was held Fri., Sept. 6 at the funeral home in Haskell with Phillip Sims of the Church of Christ leading Jim's favorite hymns and prayer.

Jimmie Keith Williams was born Nov. 20, 1925 in Oakland, Oklahoma, the son of Velma (Cornelison) and Russell L. Williams. The family soon moved to Albany, Texas where Jim grew up. Jim worked in the retail lumber business, banking, and oil well drilling. He married Haskell resident, Gwen Anne Gilliam Feb. 14, 2004 in Questa, New Mexico and Jim moved to Haskell making this his home with Gwen for the last 10 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Velma Williams; brother, 1st Lt. Kenneth T. Williams; his first wife, Wanda Stephens Williams; and his second wife, Betty Lawrence Riley Williams.

Survivors include his large loving family, his wife Gwen of Haskell; one son, Tony K. Williams and his wife Marilou; ten daughters, Julia Russell and husband Bill, Linda Medlin, Linda Hise and husband Gary Don, Candy Riley, Ginger Bartee and husband Larry, Jan Riley, Kim Crawford and husband James Robert, Kay Smith and husband Darrell, Kathy Rea and Scott Cass, Kristen Grand and husband Chris; 30 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and one brother, Dr. Donald Roy Biles and wife Carol of Purcell, Oklahoma.

If desired, memorials may be given in Jim's name to Medina Children's Home, 21300 St. Hwy. 16, Medina, Texas 78055.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF WEINERT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.885445 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code) Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Weinert City Hall.

The second public hearing will be held on September 23, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Weinert City Hall.

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

- FOR: Angela Kirklin, Caron Yates, Mary Murphy, Leonard Mahan, Stanley Hager
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: Donald Griffis

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF WEINERT last year was \$37,725. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.532100 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$200.73.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CITY OF WEINERT this year is \$35,399. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.509800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$180.46.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.550000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$194.69.

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

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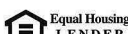
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Retired teachers to meet Sept. 18

The Haskell Chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will resume their monthly meetings, on Wed., Sept. 18 at the Pit & Grill in Haskell.

The Haskell Chapter would like to emphasize that this organization is meant for any retired school personnel in the county, including anyone who receives TRS benefits. Spouses of retired school personnel are also invited to join and be a part. This organization is the only voice retired school personnel have in the legislative process.

President Tommye Jo Clark announced the planned programs for the current year. They include: September, Joe Harold Cloud Photography; October, Thrift Shop and its Benefits to the Community; November, A Tribute to Veterans; March, Car Theft; April, Legislative Updates from Regional Officers; and May, Air Ambulance Service.

The group meets at 11:30 for lunch, followed by the business meeting and program at 12 noon. All retired school personnel are encouraged to join us.

Rule Eastern Star holds meeting

Rule Chapter #989 hosted a visit from Deputy Grand Matron Tamela Henington, District 2, Section 7, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, Thurs., Sept. 5 at the Masonic Lodge in Rule. Preceding the meeting, a pot luck supper and time of fellowship were held.

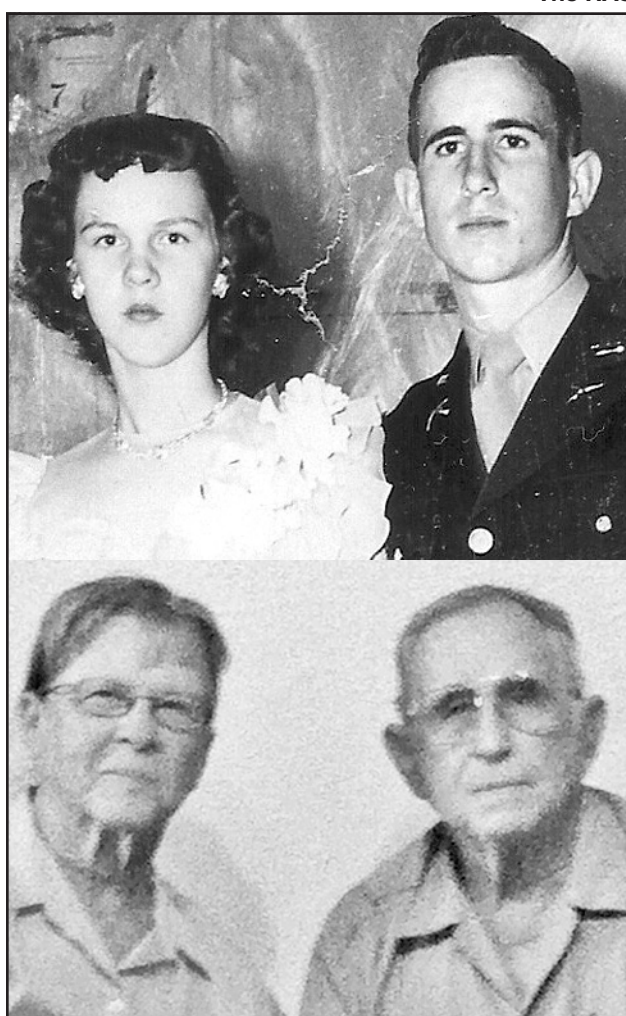
During the meeting greetings were brought from the Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger and Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith. Numerous guests

were present from Abilene, Rochester, Old Glory, Haskell and Rule.

Announcement was made of the Eastern Star School to be held in Abilene, at the Temple Sept. 27-28. Fun night will be observed on Friday night, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. The School of Instruction will be Sat., Sept. 28, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Humanitarian program will follow at 7 p.m. and Fraternal Visit at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES RAUGHTON

Raughtons celebrate 60th anniversary

James and Jean Raughton, known to many as Stick and Jeanie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sat., Aug. 31, with their most prized possession, their family.

The family gathered at the weekend home of Jodie and Summer Reel in Paint Creek. Those sharing in the celebration were the Raughton's children: Jean Ann "Rusty" Sutton and husband, Jimmy, of Abilene; Jim Raughton and wife, Sherrie, of Paint Creek; Janie Coulter and husband, Nelson, of Guthrie; grandchildren: Summer Reel and husband, Jodie, of Guthrie, McKenzie Chisum and husband, Kevin, of Guthrie; Mikayle Sutton of Abilene, and Becky Sutton, wife of Trevor Sutton, of Abilene; great grandchildren: Coulter and Griffith Reel of Guthrie, Daylee, Jace and Reid Chisum of Guthrie, and Kipley Sutton of Abilene. The only two family members unable to attend the celebration were grandsons, Trevor Sutton and Tyler Raughton.

James Merle Raughton and Dorothy Jean Overton were married Aug. 30, 1953. Both graduated from Paint Creek School in 1951 and were married two years later before heading to College Station. Since that time, they have made their home in Eola, Highland and Bronte before returning to Paint Creek in 1976.

Stick and Jeanie were in the education profession for over thirty years and now spend the majority of their time farming and ranching. Not only are they partners in life, they are partners in raising Black Angus Cattle. Rarely do you ever see one without the other.

Their kids and grandkids would like to thank their Mom and Dad, their Mammaw and Papa, for building the foundation of strong family values, a strong work ethic, and for showing love and support throughout the years. Their influence and hard work will leave behind a legacy that will last forever in the Raughton family.

4-H Clubs to head book drive

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Haskell County 4-Hers will be conducting a book drive over the next couple of weeks for the "Little Free Library" located in Rochester. The Haskell County Extension Office will be the location to drop off any new or used books. The office has a table set up to accept your books from Sept. 9-23.

The "Little Free Library" is the brainstorm of Carol Trueblood, a former Rochester School librarian. It was built and installed by Keith Fry, former Rochester math and science teacher. The library is dedicated to the memory of Rochester teachers, Maxine Hamilton and Violet Hamilton. Sandra Fry, former Rochester computer and yearbook teacher and Trueblood are busy collecting books and promoting the idea in their community.

Store of Haskell has been donating books and support since day one and Haskell Hospital Auxiliary has also been donating to the LFL. Many donations of books have been coming in from interested supporters and former Rochester students from all over Texas.

You can view their website and map at: <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/index/html>. The LFL has been placed near the bank museum and in front of a cafe which will open soon. In order to get to a public library, residents of Rochester now have to drive to Haskell.

Goals for the LFL are to always have an assortment of books for all ages and to get all the residents in Rochester and surrounding areas involved.

The LFL works on an honor system. Take a book, read it and return it or bring a book, take a book.

Got Books? Get Some, Give Some!

Henderson's Book

4-H Club news

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will hold their first meeting of the new 4-H year Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The group will have an election of new 4-H Club officers and have a book drive to help to build up

the Rochester Library, "The Little Free Library."

Old or new books are welcome. Also, the upcoming 4-H events and contests will be discussed.

Plans for the National 4-H Week in October, which the Haskell County 4-Hers will participate in, will be discussed.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Sanders family visits in Arizona

The children of Jack and Sallie Sanders, formerly of Weinert, visited Ethel Slade and her family in Eager, Arizona.

Those making the trip were Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell, Travis and Wilma Sanders of Coleman, Marie and B.D. Kirkland of Fort Worth, Walter and Sue Cox

of Dangerfield, and Andy and Marline Sanders of Cross Plains.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Court lets redistricting maps stand, for now

AUSTIN—A San Antonio federal court on Sept. 6 ordered that redistricting maps passed by the 2013 Texas Legislature will serve as interim plans and those plans would be used in upcoming elections, including 2014 elections.

Plaintiffs challenging the maps allege racial discrimination in the drawing of boundaries in certain districts.

In its order, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas San Antonio Division noted the litigation would continue “for as long as it takes to reach a legally correct decision on very important issues, but elections must go on.” And, the panel reasoned, that because “a full, fair and final review of all issues before this Court cannot be completed prior to the upcoming deadlines for the 2014 elections” the current set of maps being challenged will stand for the time being.

The complexity of these matters increased in June after the U.S. Supreme Court, in effect, ruled that certain sections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and preclearance in particular, may no longer apply unless plaintiffs prove racial discrimination still exists. Prior to the ruling, Texas had been a “covered” jurisdiction, meaning that because of its history of racial discrimination in voting practices the state was subject to federal preclearance of redistricting maps and other proposed changes to election laws.

The case resulting in the order is Shannon Perez; Harold Dutton, Jr.; Gregory Tamez; Sergio Salinas; Carmen Rodriguez; Rudolfo Ortiz; Nancy Hall and Dorothy DeBose, Plaintiffs, v. State of Texas; Rick Perry, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Texas; and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus and Secretary of State John Steen, in their official capacities, Defendants.

Jefferson to leave office

Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson on Sept. 3 announced he would leave the Texas Supreme Court effective Oct. 1. Reduction in number of cases carried over from one term to another, increases in use of technology to improve efficiency, increases in transparency and decreases in costs are listed among achievements during Jefferson's nine-year tenure as chief.

Furthermore, in 2007 under Jefferson's leadership, a rule was adopted to allow cameras in the courtroom “to bolster

the public's understanding of the court's work.” In 2012, the court mandated electronic filing of court documents to decrease the cost of litigation and increase courts' productivity.

And, as chief justice, Jefferson worked for increased funding for basic civil legal services and established the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.

Pertussis alert is issued

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 3 urged people to make sure they're vaccinated against pertussis, or whooping cough, which often starts with cold-like symptoms and a mild cough.

The number of people sick with pertussis this year is on track to reach the highest level in more than 50 years, the agency said. Doctors who suspect a pertussis infection are required to report it to their local health department within one working day and patients who have pertussis should not go back to work or school until they have completed five days of antibiotic treatment.

The agency is urging parents to check their children's shot records to be sure they are completely vaccinated against pertussis and should keep infants, especially those less than 6 months old, away from people with a cough. Adults should see about receiving a booster dose of the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine.”

Debt info site debuts

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 3 announced a new “Debt-at-a-Glance” resource that offers details on state and local debt.

The website tellthetruthtexas.org/debt lets users pick from the state's 20 largest cities and 20 largest counties to see debt totals and trends, plus details on tax rates, debt elections, authorized but unissued debt, certificates of obligation and links to a comprehensive annual financial report for each city or county.

Litter level decreases

Texas Department of Transportation on Sept. 3 released results of its 2013 Texas Litter Survey.

“Considering an additional 1.1 million drivers have taken to Texas roadways during the survey period of 2009 to 2013,” TxDOT said, “the 34-percent reduction in visible litter is even more impressive.”

According to the survey, the leading type of visible roadside litter was tire and rubber debris, followed by miscellaneous paper, plastic and beverage containers.

10 Years Ago
September 11, 2003

Jane Rowan has been named Haskell County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science. A native of New Mexico, she graduated from New Mexico State University.

Serving as officers of the Paint Creek Senior Class will be Jody Smith, president; Courtney Buerger, vice president; Amy Huggins, secretary; A.J. Shaw, reporter; Kasey Duniven, student council representative; and Bonnie Emert, treasurer.

Stewart Urich of Rochester, recently participated in the Gillespie County Fair in Fredericksburg, and received 1st place and Breed Champion with his heavy weight Hampshire Gilt. A fourth grader, he is the son of Ricky and Faye Urich.

20 Years Ago
September 16, 1993

Mayor Pat Henry has proclaimed Sept. 19, as “Ben Charlie Chapman

Day” in honor of his 90th birthday. He was recognized for his many contributions and service to the Haskell community.

Cheering for the Haskell Indians this season will be Natonia Anderson, Shelly Stewart, Jamie Englert, Micca Jordan, Heather Hobgood, Rebecca Unger and mascot Treci Burson.

The Rochester Steers remained unbeaten Friday night with a 48-30 win over Moran. Quarterback Mark Brown passed to Brandon Kelly for three touchdowns, and to Shannon King for another. Brown also ran for three more touchdowns. Felix Flores kicked the extra points.

30 Years Ago
September 15, 1983

Haskell High Indian twirlers for the 1983-84 school year will be Jill Jennings, Michele Stout, Lori Geilhausen, head twirler Hollie High, and drum majors Kim Lanier and Jana Overton.

Two Weinert youth won at the livestock show held during the Jones County Fair. Mondy Mayfield placed second and Ricky Perez placed third with their lambs in the heavyweight crossbred class. They are both members of the Weinert FFA chapter.

Haskell Booster Club president Bailey Toliver presided over the business meeting. After introducing senior athletes, Coach Blue Holt narrated the film of the Cisco-Haskell game.

40 Years Ago
September 13, 1973

Lanny Beauchamp of Pecos was appointed the new Haskell County Court Reporter, and took over his duties the same day he moved to Haskell. He completed school in Abilene.

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance met and elected officers. Rev. Anton “Sonny” Kern is the new president and Rev. J.C. Amburn will serve as secretary/treasurer.

Steve Alexander, 19 year old son of Mrs. Wanda

Alexander of Rule, continues to astound his co-workers as he works as an engine disassembler in Red River Army Depot's maintenance shop. Alexander, who has been blind since he was 18 months old, is extremely organized and is a skilled, determined and dedicated employee.

50 Years Ago
September 12, 1963

“A run of 690 cattle through the ring at the new Haskell Livestock Auction Co. this week, raised to almost 3,000 the number of head sold,” said owner Tommy Foster. Mrs. Charlie Redwine is secretary.

Leading the Rule Varsity Association this year will be David May, president; Carol Bogard, vice-president; Dolores Stryker, secretary/treasurer; and Paula Pinkard, reporter. Coach Jerry Estep is the faculty sponsor.

Gerald McCoy, science teacher at Haskell High School, was the guest speaker at the Haskell Young Homemakers' Sept. meeting. He discussed principles of first aid.

100 Years Ago
September 13, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlin of Throckmorton motored from that city to catch the 8:15 train here. This beats the times we people of the west used to make with horses.

Mr. J.F. Posey has opened a family grocery business on the north side in a building formerly occupied by W.H. Parsons.

The Farmers' State Bank has purchased the city bonds recently issued. This will enable the city to go ahead with the extension of water mains.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I've taken a bit of a scolding for the missing columns this summer. Guess it's better to be mad at than not thought of at all! Our traveling days should be over by now so there shouldn't be any more blank spots where Ask The Mayor should be. I'd like to remind you that the initial purpose of this column was to answer questions from the citizenry. There have been few questions asked so I've tried to wing it thinking, “what would the citizens want to know or maybe this would be entertaining to them.”

Wrapping up the travels: At the TMCN annual meeting last year, I won an auction that was a day at the Brady World Championship Goat Cook-Off—not only that, but a chance to be a judge. There were 206 entries and 40 judges. I was interested in how they handled this cook-off because I thought it might help us with our rib-eye cook-off planned for next year. We drove to Melvin, which is about 17 miles from Brady for a breakfast for the judges. There were five rookie judges including me. Each rookie judge was presented

with a goat's horn on a leather lanyard which was to be worn during the judging, with a warning not to drink your beer from it. It was hot and humid, but the goat was good. Teams come from all over to participate in this—one has come the last five years from Georgia. Some of the judges I'd known through agriculture sources the last 46 years and some through municipal work the past four years. The news anchor from Channel 12, Wayne McCormick, has judged for 19 years and made his way to meet me after hearing I was from Haskell. So this is where we were on Saturday before Labor Day.

Brady was where we elected to be instead of the All American Futurity Race in Ruidoso. We'd sold our table to an owner who qualified, but came in about fifth, Wagon Full of Gold. It's still a handsome purse even if one came in dead last #10 at \$52,000. We watched it via computer since no TV stations handled it. The City's land is all looking prim and pristine having been mowed and trimmed. Other lots are still

in need of serious weeding and cutting. Matthew Duran is now fully Public Works and Code Enforcement, and I think you'll see more progress in those areas having the Fire Department and Police Department put under City Administrator, Brandon Anderson.

There are a lot of dead trees in the city. We along with six other citizens went together and hired Thornton's from Abilene to take ours down and grind the stumps. However, there are trees that have been dead for so many years I doubt they have a root system at all. Wish the owners or friends of them would tie a chain around them and pull them down with a pick-up. I believe that's all it would take. They are such a stark reminder of “The Drought Wins”...I hate to see it!

Homecoming is upon us. Jan has asked that I remind all you retirees and those who elected to stay in Haskell to send their pictures into her at 706 N. Ave. L. for a display at homecoming encouraging others to retire here. School has started; football is here... all the good things of fall with we hope cooler temperatures.

At our last Betterment Committee meeting, we were all talking about what we hoped to accomplish and when. During this conversation when a specific date was mentioned to accomplish one of our goals, Jacky Sanders mentioned the fact that he and Sandra would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 21. This led to a little more in-depth conversation in which

I found out that Jacky is the seventh sibling in his family to reach this milestone. This is quite an accomplishment in this day and time. He said that his folks had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and that Sandra's parents lacked from November to February being married fifty years. Commitments like these are the exception rather than the rule now days. Anyway, congratulations to Jacky and Sandra and we wish them many more.

By the time you read this our next to the last meeting on the proposed 2014 budget will be history. Since the meeting was at 6 p.m. I'm hoping much of the public took advantage and attended the meeting. There were some ideas thrown out by advisors as to what we might do in the future to repair our infrastructure. If you have specific ideas or questions refer them to our City Administrator. We are lucky to have one so knowledgeable in these areas as in the water situation to guide us through the maze of the future.

I was asked by a citizen to list all the new businesses, and improvements our city has enjoyed these past almost four years. I'm not going to scoop the story, but you will be amazed when you start listing them. I think you'll be impressed.

Our Community Choir began their Christmas Cantata practice this past Sunday afternoon. It will be presented on Dec. 15 at the First Baptist Church. I know one “happy singer.”

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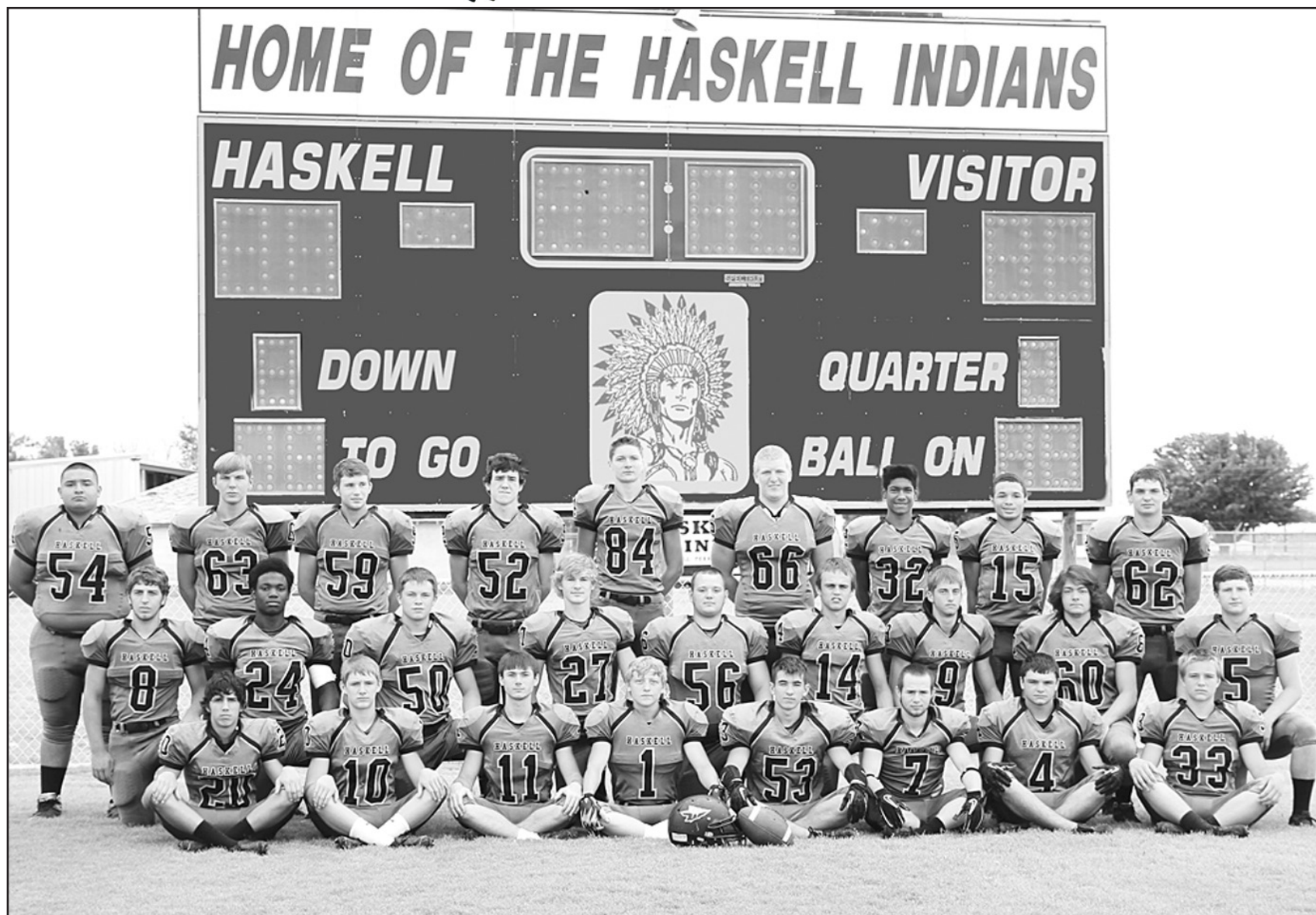
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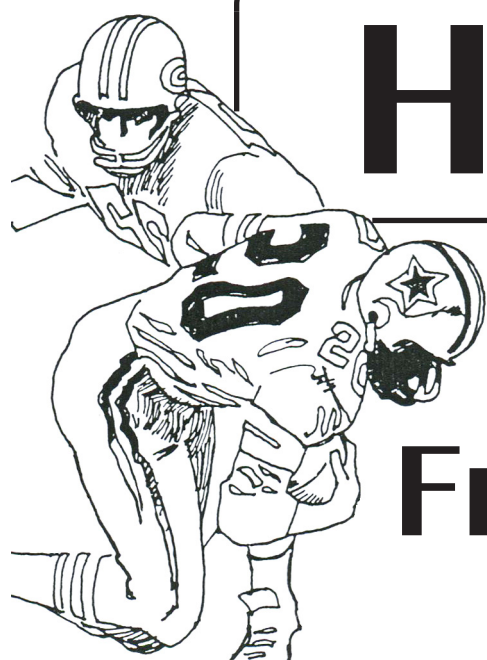
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2013 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, #20 Dakota Silvas, #10 Dylan Hanson, #11 Tyeler Holley, #1 J.T. Schmegner, #53 Ian Bailey, #7 Matt Martinez, #4 Brad Winterstein, #33 Garret Tatum; middle row, #8 Aaron Waggoner, #24 Tamiya Lowry, #50 Hayden Scott, #27 Ryan Pace, #56 Zach Tatum, #14 Kade

Colley, #9 Kyle Kimbrough, #60 Dakota Baumbach, #5 Pryce Stewart; back row, #54 Daniel Contreras, #63 Cody Strickland, #59 Riley Meinzer, #52 Reed Lee, #84 Henry Smith, #66 Max Weise, #32 Justice Dever, #15 Warren Flye, and #62 Aaron Urich.



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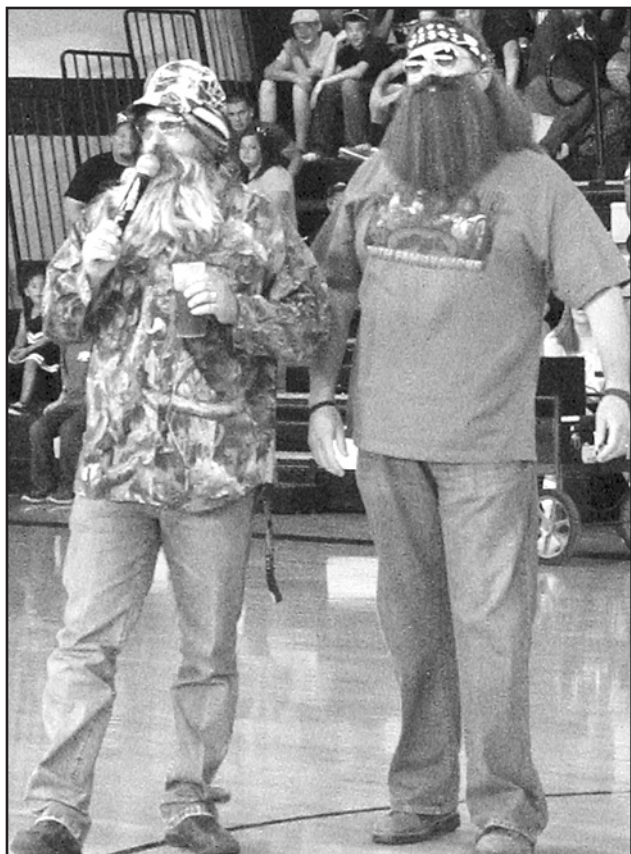
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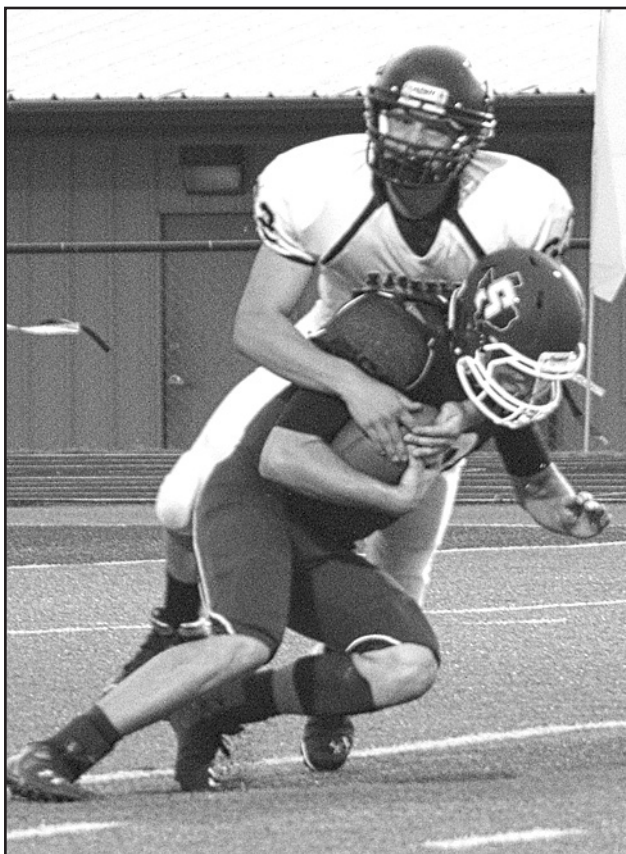
MAKES THE TACKLE—Haskell Indian #27 Ryan Pace tackles a Seymour Panther with #62 Aaron Urich close behind.



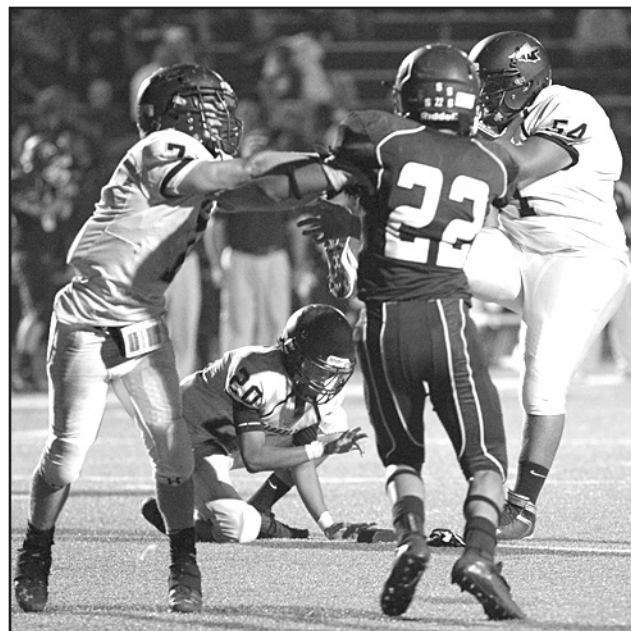
ATTENDING FLAG DUTIES—Haskell Indian flag runners during the Seymour game were, l-r, Colby Compton, Nate King and James Robeldo.



VISITS PEP RALLY—Special visitors from Duck Dynasty appeared during last week's Haskell Indian pep rally.



PANTHER DOWN—Haskell Senior #62 Aaron Urich shuts down a Seymour Panther last Friday night.



KICK—Haskell Indian Senior #54 Daniel Contreras kicks for the extra point while #7 Matthew Martinez blocks a Seymour Panther.

Insect updates

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Insects make their presence known throughout the area. If you are experiencing high populations of grasshoppers and they have not developed wings yet, Prevathon and Dimilin 2L are recommended for treatment, if the grasshoppers are adults.

The other fly of importance is the stable fly. A nasty biter that causes cows to bunch and go off of feed. They can be hard to control with chemicals but need to be maintained by cleaning up old hay bales in the field and removing the old hay. The stable fly larvae do not breed in fresh manure, like house and horn flies do. The stable fly prefers to breed in hay/straw/vegetation that is mixed with manure and urine. Cleaning up manure, feed, and hay on a regular basis and using biting fly traps are the most effective means of lowering a stable fly population. The economic threshold being just 200 flies per animal. When numbers begin to rise above this, weight gain can be significantly less in calves and heifers.

If you have been treating your animals and the horn fly numbers are still increasing, switch to another insecticide class and retreat. If you have not treated this year, find a product you are comfortable applying and treat your cows.

Caterpillar invasion

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

In the past couple of days I have received several contacts about caterpillars in town, fields, and pastures. They have been identified as hornworms and fall armyworms. The fall armyworms were coming across a fallowed wheat field. The large hornworm caterpillars are crawling all over the ground next to a field. The caterpillars have been feeding in some of the fields. They are large dark colored worms with two

In Texas we can't just wait for winter since it could be several months or not until next year when that arrives and horn flies will bite 30 times a day until then.

Pasture Flies
With the Texas heat falling just a bit and some rainfall throughout the state, the fly populations will start to increase as we head out of summer and into the fall. Most fly populations decrease during the peak of the summer because it is just too hot, for everything. But with temps being less than 100 degrees F, fly numbers will begin to rise again. The two most important pasture flies are horn flies and stable flies.

Horn flies have the most impact on beef cattle, with the (winged) are trickier to get controlled, but there are several products available that will kill them. Such as: Mustang Max, Prevathon, Karate Z, Warrior II, Lambda-Cy, Baythroid XL, Tombstone Helios, Sevin 4F, and Malathion. Some of these are fast acting and some have a very short effective period.

Grasshoppers ended up being an issue again this year, just like the last several years.

In parts of Texas, the numbers were high but not as bad as they were in 2011. In Central Texas, this was not true. Grasshoppers showed up early and continue to still be around.

These are the caterpillars of the white-lined sphinx moth and are known to feed on willow, apple, evening primrose, elm, grape, tomato, purslane, fuchsia, and probably other undescribed weeds and plants.

I would not expect the caterpillars to eat just any plant, but would be plant specific. As large as the caterpillars are, they should be pupating soon to begin developing into the moth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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Tips for purchasing insurance

Purchasing insurance coverage can be confusing for consumers. The following tips provide some helpful background to consider before making your next insurance decision.

Automobile Insurance

Automobile insurance is the most commonly purchased type of insurance. Individual states require a certain amount of coverage, and the lienholder on your car can require additional coverage. It is recommended that buyers learn the basics before they shop and consider the following ideas:

- Buyers should be aware of the different types of insurance discounts before purchasing a new policy. Automobile insurance discounts are given for good grades, multi-car policies, safe driving courses, anti-theft devices and good credit histories.

- Remember "diminishing returns" when considering comprehensive and collision coverage on

older vehicles or those that no longer hold a lien. Consider the amount of premiums to be paid compared to the amount of money that you may receive for a vehicle in the event of a loss. However, it's also important for the buyer to consider whether they have the funds to repair or replace the car in case of a collision.

- Driver exclusions or named driver policies are common components of insurance. The broader the coverage, the more drivers are covered in case of an accident. Once drivers are excluded either as a whole or by name, the scope of your policy becomes narrower and leads to uncovered claims, out-of-pocket expenses and possibly uncovered lawsuits.

Homeowner Insurance

Homeowner insurance is not just for those who own a home. Whether a buyer owns or rents a home, lives in an assisted living facility or has an "extended stay" with a relative, there are always belongings that need to

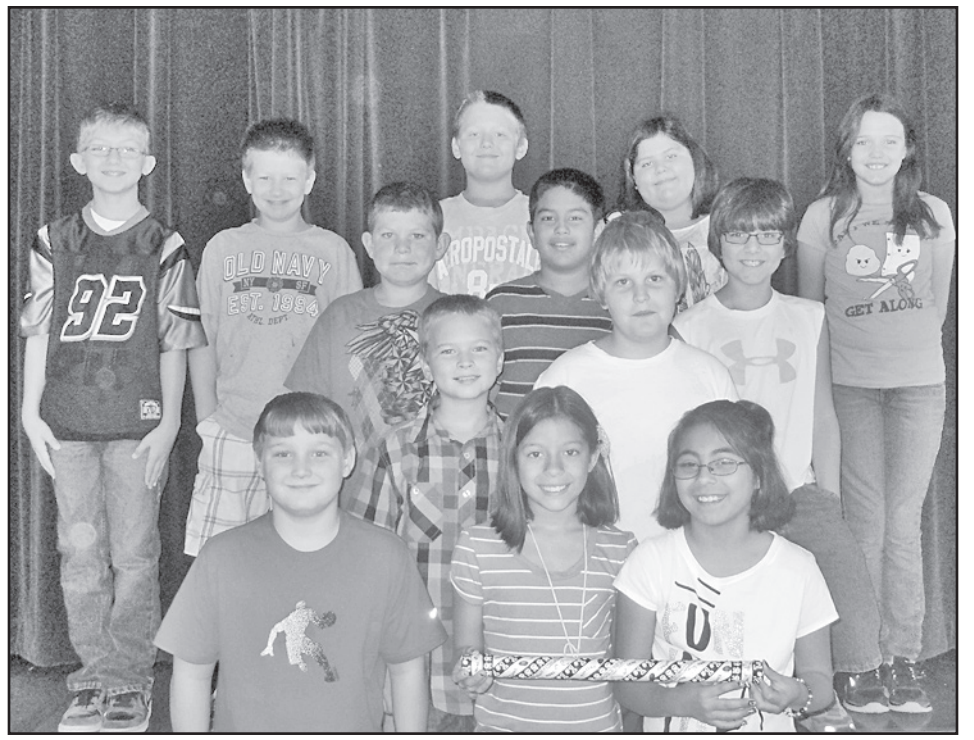
be insured. Each situation varies and so does the insurance coverage.

- Flood and windstorm coverage is not part of a standard homeowner's policy. Buyers should remember to consider the risk and be appropriately insured. Flood insurance does not cover wind damage and windstorm insurance does not cover flooding or storm surge damage. If you live along the coast, you should have both windstorm and flood insurance.

- Don't turn a home into a "business" without first confirming that the insurance will provide adequate coverage. That includes weekend rentals, home offices and day care services. Even the occasional "work from home" day may require a slight adjustment to a policy in order to provide the broadest coverage.

- Homes should not be left vacant or unoccupied for any length of time without consulting an insurance agent. Adjustments to a policy will be necessary to continue coverage.

There are numerous websites available to assist with the selection of an insurance company or agent as well as to answer general insurance policy questions. Whatever choices buyers make, they should develop a trusting relationship with their insurance agent so they can have peace of mind when purchasing coverage.



MOST SPIRITED CLASS—Jennifer White's fifth grade class at Paint Creek ISD was selected as the most spirited class during the Aug. 30 pep rally. Members of the class include, front row, l-r, Dakota Davis, Jasmine Boyd, Brianna Yanez; second row, Seth Payne and William Bogle; third row, Steven Crain, Alfredo Flores and Zak Elkins; back row, Ashton Grand, Dylan Souther, Tristen Payne, Danica Elias and Haylee Garcia.

Alzheimer's Walk to be held in Abilene Sept. 21

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Big Country residents to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's in Abilene. Rose Park Senior Center will be the site of the Walk Sept. 21 at 8 a.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer's is more than a walk. It is an experience for hundreds of participants in Abilene who will learn about Alzheimer's disease and how to get involved with this critical cause, from advocacy opportunities, the latest in Alzheimer's research and clinical trial enrollment to support programs and

services. Each walker will also join in a meaningful ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease will rapidly escalate, increasing well beyond today's more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. In addition to the two mile walk, participants will enjoy refreshments, a bounce house for the kids, entertainment by Harvey McFadden, Elvis Tribute Artist and a special tribute to those who

have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer's. Start or join a team today at alz.org/walk.

"There has never been a greater need for the citizens of the Big Country to join in the fight against Alzheimer's disease by participating in Walk to End Alzheimer's," said Libby Connally, Alzheimer's Association regional director. "Funds raised will provide care and support services to the 340,000 residents of Texas living with Alzheimer's, while also contributing to advancing critically-needed research."

For more information, contact Libby Connally at 325-672-2907 or lconnally@alz.org.

Beth Moore simulcast to be held in Munday

A living proof live simulcast with Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell will be held Sat., Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Munday.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Register by Sept. 9. To register or for more information call the church office at 940-422-4559.

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Haskell City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Aug. 12 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and councilmen Dan Hoover, Ernest Frye, Allen Morrow and Shane Whitt present.

The zoning board's recommendation on the zoning request from Steve Cothron to change Brown & Roberts, Block 14, Lot 8, 308 S. Ave. B East, from residential to commercial for the purpose of building a workshop for the construction of small portable buildings was approved.

The request from Sampson Oil to lease the oil and gas interest on property #6813 (.9 acres where the north water tower is located) owned by the City of Haskell was approved. Mayor Gannaway was granted the authority to sign the collaborating documents with added verbiage restricting any and all surface drilling.

A discussion on the merits of purchasing a building versus leasing a building to house the Chamber of Commerce and the DCOH was held.

The new organization chart for the City per the discussion the July 29 workshop meeting was approved as presented.

The airport farm lease and the landfill farm lease bids will be held toward the end of the year.

The bids for cleaning of the fence line on the north side of the golf course were rejected.

The cancellation of electric services to the American Legion building pending a transfer to the American Legion Organization was approved.

Kent Colley was appointed to the DCOH board of directors, replacing Bill Thomas.

Water leaks and water meter complaints were discussed.

A second budget workshop was approved to be held on Thurs., Aug. 22.

Pam Norton addressed the council regarding mosquito spraying.

In the Administrator's Report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•A meeting held in Munday on July 31 was well attended and very timely. The NCTMWA hosted the meeting and after it was over the member cities and NCTMWA met with our engineer and all of the players that were there for the meeting to address our water needs. The plan is for the four member cities to assist North Central in securing either grant or low interest loan funds to help develop a well field in close proximity to existing water infrastructure to secure a viable water source of groundwater if conditions continue.

•The regularly scheduled City Council meeting Sept. 9 will be moved to 6:00 in the evening so that we can hold a public hearing as required by TDA to seek and apply for grant funds for the above mentioned project.

•The City is in the process of adopting "Loca" the drug dog out to her last handler, which was Sergeant Jeff Caparoon. Thanks to Jeff and his family for accepting this offer and we hope that "Loca" enjoys her new family.

•Thanks to County Commissioner Bill Hester and his staff for cleaning up, hauling material and leveling the lot to the north of Haskell County Insurance & Realty as well as Trey Burson for donating the well water to be used in the water truck while packing the material. This lot is open to the public for parking. Drivers should enter and exit through the entrance on the east side of the lot.

•Enclosed in the councilmen's packet is a letter from two businesses located on the north east side of the square. They have parking issues as well and would like the city to assist them in finding an alternative.

•We also received a letter from a citizen on a grown up property and this residence has been contacted and will be worked with through the code enforcement department. As a note the city will be enforcing the ordinance on grown up properties. The ordinance says if the majority of the lot has weeds or rubbish over 1 foot tall it is out of

compliance.

•I am happy to welcome Molly Salazar to the team as she will be taking Julie Solano's place as Administrative Assistant. Also thanks to Julie for her hard work and good luck on your future endeavors.

•Also enclosed in the packet is information on a bond election and what it would take to have one. Anderson will also be working with the engineer in getting the Council more information on a water line replacement project and the costs involved.

•We also received a letter from the Haskell County Sheriff, Winston Stephens notifying the City that the Sheriff's Department would no longer be able to answer non-emergency calls the two days a week that they have been while the City Police Department is short handed. They will still respond to emergency calls and essential needs.

A special meeting of the Haskell City Council was held Thurs., Aug. 22 for a budget workshop.

The final draft of the proposed budget was presented to the council for review and discussion.

The Council adjourned to an executive session to deliberate the evaluation of the City Administrator.

The council chose to decline a new contract offered by the City Administrator, showing an updated salary figure with a salary cap.

Mayor John Gannaway stated that per the employee contract agreement, City Administrator Brandon Anderson's contract automatically renewed for another two year term after review of the evaluations submitted by the City Council rated him as meeting job standards.

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Aug. 26 with Mayor Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and councilmen Dan Hoover, Shane Whitt, Allen Morrow and Ernest Frye in attendance. The council approved the zoning board's recommendation for a request by Maureen Dunivan for a Specific Use Permit at 500 N. Ave. N, Cottage Lawn Addition, Block 3, Lot 9, 10, 11, for the purpose of a single wide mobile home.

The Council discussed plans for the fence line at the golf course.

The council chose to move the "Citizens Comment Section" before the administrative report to after the administrative report, as well as changing the guidelines to allow discussion

on any topic including items on the current agenda without having to list it.

The council approved the motion to appoint Officer Scott Kennedy as the designated leader of the Haskell Police Department on an interim basis as the City looks for a chief.

Wes Strickland from Strickland Bridge requested to address the council but was not present.

The council discussed the status of the spraying for mosquitoes and mowing of vacant lots in town. City Administrator Brandon Anderson advised the council that he had hired Thomas Rodriquez on as part time to spray for mosquitoes five nights a week and that Claude Payne will be doing some mowing of vacant lots. As soon as the new hoses for the one arm mower are received the creek will be mowed.

Mayor John Gannaway appointed Bud Walker to replace Terrisa Candelaria on the Civic Center Board as she has accepted the position of Civic Center manager.

Pam Norton addressed the council regarding the Citizen Comment Form.

The City Administrator reported:

•In the councilmen's packet is a letter from an attorney for a local absentee homeowner who has mentioned the city in it and is addressing a property that we had been working with to get in compliance with city ordinance.

•The Sept. 9 City Council meeting will be moved to 6:00 p.m. to allow us to hold a public meeting required to apply for the emergency funds through TDA for the grant we are applying for to be used for the alternate water source with North Central.

•At the next two city council meetings there will be public hearings to discuss the proposed 2013-2014 budget and the proposed tax rate of .5256/\$100 valuation.

•Also at the next meeting, Ken Martin with Jacob and Martin Engineers will be coming to discuss with the council all of the options through grants, loans and bonds available for the city to address water infrastructure issues.

•Anderson has informed the Council of Governments that the city would like more information on community safe rooms and any and all assistance that may be offered to help put one in.

•The City would like to thank Wes Strickland at Strickland Bridge for his donation of about \$700 in material that was donated to the city.

•City Offices will be closed Mon., Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday.



RECEIVES AWARD—Dr. Dustin Yates was presented the "New Investigator Travel Award" by Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska of North Dakota State University at the 2013 Perinatal Biology Symposium held in Aspen, Colorado.

Yates receives research award

Dustin Yates, a 2000 graduate of Haskell High School, was recently awarded the "New Investigator Travel Award," as a result of his current research.

Dr. Yates received the award at the 2013 Perinatal Biology Symposium, held in Aspen, Colorado. The focus of the symposium related to "Fetal Adaptation to Maternal and Placental Dysfunction."

As a research scientist, Yates is studying the adverse effects of stress on the fetus, in relation to lifelong muscle development. He is working to find ways to overcome these effects.

Funded by a USDA grant, the research has implications for agricultural purposes. In

addition the lab is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Foundation does much work in developing third world countries, and feels this research can have positive results in their mission.

Yates is currently with the School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Science at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has accepted a position as a research scientist/professor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska and will be moving in March.

Yates is the son of Joe and Caron Yates of Weinert. He is the grandson of Lindo Guess and the late Sarah Guess and Alice Yates and the late Toby Yates, all of Weinert.

Ranch gathering to be held today in Haskell

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering Thurs., Sept. 12, at the Haskell Civic Center in Haskell. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner. The event is free and open to the public.

The civic center is located at 425 S. 2nd St.

TSCRA Special Ranger Scott Williamson will update ranchers on cattle thefts in the area and how they can better protect themselves

from thieves. A legislative update will also be given to update ranchers and landowners on important issues.

RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tscra.org.

The gathering is sponsored by Novartis Animal Health, Capital Farm Credit, Haskell National Bank, Central Texas Farm Credit and Livestock Nutrition Center. Attendees that sign up as a TSCRA member at the gathering will receive a free metal gate sign courtesy of Bayer Animal Health.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Tues., Aug. 27. Commissioner Kenny Thompson was absent.

Sheriff Winston Stephens reported that the Sheriff's office will get a K-9 dog in September. The part lab and part German shepherd will come with a cost of \$2,000 including schooling. Funds will be taken out of

the Seizure Fund.

The hourly wage of Roxanne Chavez was raised to \$8.00 an hour.

No burn ban is in effect. The list of election judges and alternates for a one year term beginning Aug. 1, 2013 was accepted.

The Sheriff's and Constable's fees were not changed for 2014.

The issue of county insurance was resolved.

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Calendar

Homecoming

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

Rochester homecoming

Rochester homecoming will be held Oct. 11-12.

PC addresses needed

Addresses of Paint Creek High School graduates, faculty, employees or administration are sought by the Paint Creek homecoming committee members. Please send your information to Homecoming Chairman, Phyllis Coleman at philly5030@yahoo.com. Paint Creek High School's homecoming will be held Sept. 28.

Indian tickets

Football reserved seats for the Haskell Indians are on sale at the Haskell High School Office.

AWANA to meet

The AWANA Club (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st St., Haskell on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children must be age 5 by Sept. 1 through sixth grade. For more information call 940-864-5557.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., Oct. 5. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd St., by calling 864-2477 or email haskellcc@srcaccess.net.

Warpath run/walk

The Warpath Run/Walk 5K, hosted by the Haskell Lions Club, will be held Sat., Sept. 28 beginning at 8 a.m. The event starts and finishes at the Haskell County Courthouse. For more information, email

haskellionsclub@yahoo.com or on the events page on Facebook.

Christmas Cantata

Rehearsals for the Community Christmas Cantata in Haskell are held Sundays at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to come take part in preparing for the Cantata to be presented on Sun., Dec. 15.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Sept. 21 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Sept. 17 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light meal will be served. For more information, contact Venita Teal at 325-669-0886 or Kathy Hocke at 325-721-3131.

Taste of Country

The Noah Project-North will host the "Taste of Country" Tues., Oct. 8 at the Haskell Civic Center. The proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to help victims of family violence in our five county area which includes Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Tickets may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member or at the Haskell

Noah Project office. Tickets are \$12.50 each in advance and \$15.00 at the door. The fun and food will begin at 5:00 p.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call 940-864-2551. Bring the family and help support the Noah Project-North.

Deadlines

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

Al-Anon

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

Vet office open

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

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage 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.

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.

Pertussis prompts Texas health alert

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging people to make sure they're vaccinated against pertussis after projections show the number of people sick with the deadly disease this year is on track to reach the highest level in more than 50 years.

"This is extremely concerning. If cases continue to be diagnosed at the current rate, we will see the most Texas cases since the 1950s," said Dr. Lisa Cornelius, DSHS infectious diseases medical officer. "Pertussis is highly infectious and can cause serious complications, especially in babies, so people should take it seriously."

DSHS issued a health alert today advising doctors on diagnosing and treating pertussis. The state health department also strongly encourages people to make sure their children's and their own vaccinations are up to date. While infants remain the most at risk, people of all ages can still get pertussis.

DSHS has reported nearly 2,000 pertussis cases so far this year, and the annual total likely will surpass the recent high of 3,358 cases in 2009. There have also been two pertussis-related deaths in Texas this year, both of infants too young to be vaccinated.

To better protect babies, DSHS recommends pregnant women get a dose of pertussis vaccine during every pregnancy, preferably between 27 and 36 weeks of pregnancy. This helps protect the baby before he or she can start the vaccination series at 2 months old and helps

keep the mother from getting sick and infecting the baby. Fathers, siblings, extended family members, medical providers and others who will be around newborns should also be vaccinated. Many babies get whooping cough from adults or older brothers or sisters who don't even know they have the disease. While symptoms are usually milder in teens and adults, pertussis can be life threatening for babies because of the risk of apnea, an interruption in breathing.

Pertussis is a bacterial infection that often starts with cold-like symptoms and a mild cough. After a week or two, severe coughing can begin and last for several weeks. Coughing fits may be followed by vomiting or a "whooping" sound, the reason the disease is also called "whooping cough." Pertussis spreads easily through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. People with pertussis are most contagious while they have cold-like symptoms and during the first two weeks after coughing starts.

Anyone with an unexplained, prolonged cough or who has had close

contact with a person with pertussis should contact their health care provider. Early diagnosis and treatment may reduce the severity of symptoms and shorten the contagious period. Doctors who suspect a pertussis infection are required to report it to their local health department within one working day. Patients who have pertussis should not go back to work or school until they've completed five days of antibiotic treatment.

Parents are urged to check their children's shot records to be sure they are completely vaccinated against pertussis and should keep infants, especially those less than 6 months old, away from people with a cough. Adults should talk to their medical provider about receiving a booster dose of the Tdap vaccine.

Six-man scores

The Paint Creek Pirates were defeated by Trent 48-0.

The Rule Bobcats were defeated 48-0 by Lueders-Avoca.

Help support the Wall of Honor Project by donating your aluminum cans!

Drop off containers are located:
 •behind Haskell Home Health, 417 S. 1st St.;
 •at Mike Harrell's office, 606 N. 1st St.;
 •behind 405 N. Ave. H,
 and at the Haskell Country Club.

Campaign leads to reduction in roadside trash in Texas

Besides being one of the state's most popular slogans, Don't mess with Texas® also is proving to be effective as an anti-littering message. Established by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1986, Don't mess with Texas® has helped reduce visible litter by 34 percent on TxDOT-maintained roadways between 2009 and 2013, according to TxDOT's 2013 Texas Litter Survey.

"We are extremely pleased that Texas drivers are heeding the Don't mess with Texas message and properly disposing of their litter as opposed to tossing it out of their vehicles," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Roadside trash is unsightly, entirely unnecessary and—in the case of cigarette butts—can be deadly and dangerous. A decrease in roadside litter is certainly welcome news and speaks well of Texas drivers and the effectiveness of the Don't mess with Texas campaign."

Considering an additional 1.1 million drivers have taken to Texas roadways during the survey period of 2009-2013, the 34-percent reduction in visible litter is even more impressive. According to the survey, the leading type of visible roadside litter was tire and rubber debris, followed by miscellaneous paper, plastic and beverage containers.

The survey also revealed cigarette butts continue to

comprise the largest portion of total litter at 31 percent. That translates to 500 million cigarette butts being tossed onto Texas roadways each year, creating the potential for devastating wildfires due to the state's recurring drought conditions.

In 2013, researchers project nearly 1.5 billion items will be littered onto Texas roadways. Nearly two-thirds of litter is considered "micro litter," or items less than 2 inches in size.

In 2012, TxDOT spent \$47 million on litter pick-up. Research shows that cities, counties, institutions and businesses likely spend even more dealing with litter.

Texas is home to more than 25 million people, and an estimated 1,000 people move into the state every day, many of whom may not realize that littering is against state law. Through iconic Texas celebrities and painted

trashcans, TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas® campaign continues to teach drivers how to do their part to keep our state clean. Properly inflating and maintaining tires can prevent roadside blowouts and their resulting debris. Throwing trash into trashcans or vehicle litterbags, and keeping cigarette butts in car ashtrays, are simple steps that can have significant impacts on the cleanliness of Texas roads.

Drivers also should know that littering can be costly. Litterers can be fined up to \$500 for the first offense, and repeat offenders can face fines up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

For more information, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org. And remember, Don't mess with Texas®!

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 2013 on September 18, 2013 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: Mike Cox, Lavita Burgess, Dale Carroll, Erlinda Mayfield
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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) | 0.04350/\$100 | 0.090000/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.04650/\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) | | +106.89% |
| Average appraised value | \$39,014 | \$38,135 |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | \$1,517 | \$1,024 |
| Average taxable value | \$37,497 | \$37,111 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$16.31 | \$33.40 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) | | \$17.09 +104.78% |

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.

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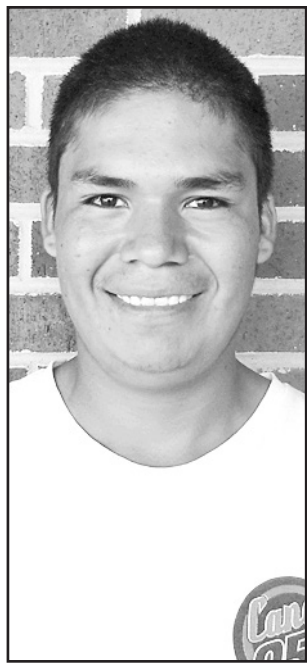
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HUNTER HOLLINGSWORTH



ANSELMO IPINA

Students visit Rotary Club

Hunter Hollingsworth is a senior at Paint Creek ISD and the son of Jeff and Tara Hollingsworth. He participates in football, track and golf. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as treasurer for Paint Creek FFA. After high school, Hollingsworth plans on attending TSTC in Waco to obtain a degree in computer science.

Anselmo Ipina is a senior at Paint Creek ISD and the son of Leonides Ipina and Emilia Aleman. He has two brothers and six sisters. After high school, he plans to work on a farm or in the city.

Haskell School Menu

| Sept. 16-20 | Lunch |
|---|--|
| Breakfast 1% white milk, fat-free flavored milk and juice is available at every meal. | 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milk is available at every meal. |
| Monday: Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety and Texas toast | Monday: Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles |
| Tuesday: Cheddar omelet wrap or animal crackers and string cheese | Tuesday: Crispy tacos, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon applesauce |
| Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and Texas toast | Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas |
| Thursday: Waffles and sausage or animal crackers and string cheese | Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadstick |
| Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon or cereal variety and Texas toast | Friday: Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit |

ECC Menu

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|---|--|
| Mon., Sept. 16 Creamy mushroom steak with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, carrot cake, tea or coffee | brownie, tea or coffee |
| Wed., Sept. 18 Taco and trimmings, pickles, onions, jello, | Fri., Sept. 20 BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, garlic bread, lemon cream cake, tea or coffee |
| Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch. | |

Student in the News

Stewart Urich, 2012 graduate of Haskell High School, was one of 25 students to graduate from the Ranch and Feedlot Operations Program at Clarendon College this past May.

RFO allows students who are interested in a ranch or agriculture career to gain knowledge and technical skills needed in coping with today's complex agricultural challenges. The face of ranching and feedlot operations is changing with advances in technology, and while today's producers can still be found working horseback, they are realizing the need for up-to-date production and marketing technology.

The students participate in hands-on training at successful ranches, businesses, operations, etc., at various locations throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. At times, current successful producers share their expertise with the students in the classroom. The courses in this program are designed to present to the student technical and management skills used by efficient producers and successful managers in the industry today.

Students in the program must have a background in agriculture due to the coursework and pace of the program. Courses include Beef Cattle Production, Ranch and Feedlot Jobs, Animal Health, Soil and Water Conservation, Range Management, Agriculture Records Management, Animal Reproduction, Equine Science II, Principles of Feeds and Feeding, Livestock and Meat Production, and Livestock Business Management.



STEWART URICH

The RFO curriculum is a combination of the latest technology, research and information. His instructors were Laban W. Tubbs and Jason C. Green.

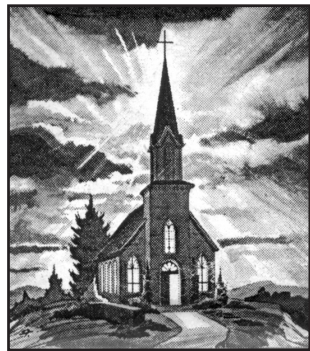
Urich is returning to Clarendon College this semester to complete his Associate in Applied Science Degree in Ranch and Feedlot Business, and plans to transfer to Tarleton University to complete his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture.

He is the son of Ricky and Faye Urich, and grandson of Sharon Mullino, all of Rochester; and the grandson of Ann Lindsey and Gerry Clem of Jayton.

Urich has also qualified for the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association Finals to be held in Odessa Sept. 5-8. He will be competing in the Ranch Bronc Competition at the Ector County Coliseum, where his mother exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show 25 years ago. He will ride each night with the best average winning overall. To qualify, he had to finish in the Top Ten Ranch Bronc Riders across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Faith leads us out of the maze of superstition



Whenever we are scheduled for a Friday the 13th, the thought of it recalls all the traditional fears, bugaboos and omens of bad luck such as black cats, broken mirrors, etc., as well as their good-luck antidotes in the form of horseshoes, four leaf clovers, etc., many of little-know origin, that have persisted throughout the ages. However, as people turned away from

superstition and toward faith in God, the truth about their destiny began to emerge: that their good fortune did not depend on any charms or circumstances, but on God's love and guidance. You too can learn the truth about superstitions such as Friday the 13th at the church of your choice, and Sunday the 15th would be a very good time to start.

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.m., 10:45 a.m., 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.m., 10:45 a.m., 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**
Philip 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.
Weinert
 - 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**
Clovie Dever
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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, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule, 940-997-2296
- 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.
O'Brien

Paint Creek School Menu

| Sept. 16-20 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Lunch |
|--|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Breakfast Milk and juice are served daily. | Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, rolls, strawberries and bananas | Spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, peaches | Chicken casserole, beans, salad, chips, applesauce | Burritos, broccoli bits, salad, oranges | Hot dogs, fries, cucumbers, fruit | Milk is served daily. |

Lyme disease

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
Lyme disease is more prevalent than many realize and if untreated, infection spreads to joints, the heart, and the nervous system.

It has been detected in cattle as well but there are currently no current set of symptoms, diagnosis or treatments. Cattle may develop fever, stiffness and swollen joints, lameness, and decreased milk production. Others exhibit weight loss, laminitis and abortion, a rash can occur but hard to see each year.

Most cases are concentrated in the Northeast and upper Midwest, with 96% of cases in 13 states. The causative

agent, a bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is transmitted by the bite of the blacklegged tick, *Ixodes scapularis*.

Symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash called erythema migrans. A recent report from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that the number of diagnosed cases of Lyme disease in the United States is about 10 times more than the number of cases reported to the CDC through routine surveillance.

Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne illness at 30,000 per year to the CDC but they believe that more like 300,000 cases are diagnosed.

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE: Sat. Sept. 14. 8:00. Perry Patton Center, Munday. Hamburgers at 11:30. Benefits Wichita Brazos Musuem. 36-37c

CARPOR SALE: Too numerous to list. 504 N. 11th St. Thursday and Friday. 37c

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Miscellaneous

FALL/WINTER HOURS for Hamlin Animal Nutrition, LLC dba: Pied Piper Mills. Now open on Saturdays. Sept. 1, 2013 to May 1, 2014. 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. 36-39c

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Separate sealed bids for construction of WWTP POND LINER RECONSTRUCTION will be received by the City of Rochester, Texas until 10:00 A.M., September 27, 2013 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of the reconstruction of the liners at the City of Rochester WWTP ponds. The project includes approximately 1218 CY of Cut and Fill pertaining to the reshaping of the existing berms, removal of approximately 3254 CY of Sludge as well as the lining of approximately 60,000 sf of ponds with HDPE liners. The project also includes 4" PVC by pass piping as well as a 2" perforated PVC leak detection system with associated valves and fittings.

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Copies of the Contract Documents and half size (11 X 17) plans may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$40.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the CITY OF ROCHESTER negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and

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CITY OF ROCHESTER, TEXAS
By: Marvin Stegemoeiler, Mayor
Date: September 12, 2013
37-38c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Records Archive Fees and Records Management and Preservation Fees to be increased from \$5.00 not to exceed \$10.00 as authorized by HB 1513 that Amends GC, §51.305(b)

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September 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom at 1 Ave. D, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Haskell, Texas.

Penny Anderson,
Haskell County
District Clerk 37-38c

REAL ESTATE SEALED BID SALE

Rike Real Estate LLC has been appointed by the sellers as the listing agent of three (3) farms by sealed bid sale, **surface estate only**. Farm one consists of 160 acres (+ or -) and is located 3.0 miles NW of downtown Haskell on FM Rd 2163. Farm two consists of 93.5 acres (+or-) and is located 1.9 miles NW of downtown Haskell on FM Rd 2163, then .9 miles W. on CR 104. Farm three consists of 682 acres (+ or -) and is located 10.2 miles S. of downtown Haskell on U.S. Highway 277. The headquarters gate is on the W. side of the highway. The three farms will be bid on by sealed bid and sold separately. Each party to the transaction will pay the normal buyer-seller closing costs. The farms will be sold based on the number of acres in the deed records of Haskell County, Texas. If a survey is required by the selected bidder(s), the survey costs will be at buyer's expense. **THE SELLERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. BIDDING WILL BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013 AND END FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2013, AT 5 P.M. CONTACT RIKE REAL ESTATE LLC, 415 S. FIRST STREET, HASKELL, TX 79521, TELEPHONE NUMBER 940-864-2411, FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR A SEALED BID PACKET.**

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:
Who doesn't know someone that has had to call 911 for one reason or another? Maybe you wake up and you cannot breathe. Maybe you smell smoke in your house and your eyes sting making it impossible to find your way out of your house. Maybe you wake up to find that your field is on fire threatening the way that you provide for your family

and yourself.
We all can think of some reason that we have called 911 or could have to call 911. In some places making that call might mean that you are greeted by irritated emergency responders, clumsily clogging through your home or business, trying to figure out why you are unreasonably calling for emergency assistance. Those who live in Haskell will rarely

have this complaint.
My name is Juddson Smith and I am an EMT-B working for Haskell County Ambulance Service. I started working here in July and have been brought on as a full-time employee. I could not be happier serving this wonderful county and the people that dwell here. Today though I do not write to persuade you of the excellence of the EMS responders, what I want to bring attention to are the volunteers of the fire department.

I have been around many different fire departments, East Texas to West Texas to North Texas. Most of these individuals that I have encountered are paid full-time employees and do a very fine job. Here in Haskell though you have a different breed of fire fighter. Not only do they accomplish their tasks as firemen and first responders but they do it with compassion, devotion, eagerness and selflessness that can only be described as true service. They fight your fires, carry you out of smoke filled homes, reassure you as you wait for medical treatment and become your friend in a time when you truly need one. They go above and beyond and they do it because they care. They

do it with no guarantee of reward.

I have seen and heard people react in many different ways to emergency responders being sent to their homes. When law enforcement is sent sometimes you get positive reaction from the homeowner, sometimes you get a negative reaction. When EMS is sent you have the same 50/50 chance of positive or negative reactions. I have never witnessed a negative reaction from the victim when seeing a fireman greet them at their door; the firemen might have different story to tell but in my limited pool of illustrations, none are negative.

This is not meant to be a cry to the citizens of Haskell so that you will begin patting the volunteer fire fighters on the back. It is not expected that this article will end up on the bulletin board of the fire station or in the scrapbook of one of our more artistic firemen. The goal here is to simply say thank you. Thank you for your service that goes above and beyond. Thank you for compassion when it counts and thank you for your selflessness. Thank you to all of the emergency responders and law enforcement of Haskell County. To our citizens we

ask that you always keep thoughts and prayers as we do the same.
Sincerely,
Juddson Smith, EMT-B



Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Aug. 30 through Sept. 5:

David Glen Jones, motion to forfeit bond secure execution of documents by deception elderly third degree felony.

Rodney Dewayne Monse, fraud insufficient funds check, Jones Co. warrant.

Irma Linda Jones, motion to forfeit bond secure execution of documents by deception elderly third degree felony.

Eddie Dean Martine, assault family violence.

Apollo Rivera Velazquez, no drivers license, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joseph Andrew Steigman, motion to revoke possession

of a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine under 1 gram.

Demarias Treshad Delce, parole violation, possession of methylenedioxy methamphetamine.

Alberto Adan Vasquez, defective tail light, possession of drug paraphernalia, Class C.

Linda Ann Casarez, violation of protective order, Class A.

James Earl Flye, driving while license invalid, speeding, Class C.

Apollo Rivera Velaquez, driving while license invalid, Class C.

Yancy Amon Otts, assault bodily injury, Class A misdemeanor.

Twenty-six calls were made to 911.

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