

Football

HASKELL
7-8-JV Indians vs Electra
 Thurs., Oct. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
Indians vs Electra
 Fri., Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
 at Electra
PAINT CREEK
JH Pirates vs Moran
 Thurs., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
Pirates vs Moran
 Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
 at Moran
RULE
JH Bobcats vs
Vernon-Northside
Thurs., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.
 at Rule
Bobcats vs
Vernon-Northside
Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
 at Vernon

Calendar

Noah Project
to meet Oct. 10
 The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Oct. 10 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to finalize the plans for the 'Taste of Country' to be held Tues., Oct. 14 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Hunter's ed
 A Texas Hunter Education Certification Course will be taught at Rochester VTC Sat., Oct. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please bring your Social Security number and a sack lunch. The cost is \$15. For more information email Monty Moeller at mmoeller@haskell.esc14.net or call 940-841-1695.

Art Association
 The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Oct. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. Guest artist, Ruth Jackson, will teach all participants to create an acrylic landscape.

Retired teachers
 The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Food distribution
 The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 18 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., Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Hour of prayer
 The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C, Haskell will hold an hour of prayer from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Come by the church to pray for our city, state, country and other needs. Contact pastor Earnest Flanders, Jr. at 863-4405 for information.

Mexican food
 Sat., Oct 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the square in Haskell, homemade Mexican plates will be served to benefit the Shaw family. Cost is \$8.

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"The People's Choice"

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4-H'ers celebrate National 4-H Week Oct. 5-11

by Jason Westbrook
 CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
 Oct. 5-11 is National 4-H Week, and Haskell County 4-H'ers are celebrating and would like for the county of Haskell to help them celebrate.

To start off the 4-H Week event, some of the youth from two of the Haskell 4-H

Clubs met after school at the Haskell County Courthouse Thurs., Oct. 2 with County Judge David Davis. The 4-H'ers had a group picture made with the County Judge to honor the upcoming event.

Sun., Oct. 5, is the start of 4-H Week, as it is called 4-H Sunday. The Haskell Jr. and Haskell

Sr. 4-H Clubs passed out 4-H pencils and enrollment forms Oct. 6-10 at the local schools.

On Wed., Oct. 8, the 4-H'ers wore their 4-H t-shirts. Oct. 9, the 4-H'ers will have a table set up in the foyer before going into the Haskell Jr. High Football game with give-a-ways.

In Haskell County, more

than 65 4-H members and 20 volunteers are involved in 4-H.

The fundamental 4-H ideal of practical, "learn by doing" experiences encourage youth to experiment, innovate and think independently. 4-H programs are offered through school-based, after-school

and camp settings and within community clubs.

You can join the 4-H community today. To learn how to become a 4-H member or volunteer leader in Haskell County, contact Jason Westbrook, County Extension Agent-Ag, or DaLinda Black, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, or by calling 940-864-2658 or 864-2546 or e-mail the office at haskell@ag.tamu.edu.

4-H is a community of more than six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of National 4-H Headquarters (USDA). The 4-H programs are implemented by the 106 Land Grant Universities and the Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country.



4-H WEEK-Haskell County 4-H'ers met with Haskell County Judge, David Davis to begin the National 4-H Week celebration, Oct. 5-11. Those attending the meeting were, front row, l-r, Colton Hopkins, Chambray Phemister, Reagan Daniels, Brody Letz and Cassidy Phemister; second row, Sarah Stout, Carter Crosson, Zaebrion Mays, Shalee Dunnam, Zoe Shiplett, Madilyn Moore, Brianna Stokes, Madison Saucedo and Victoria Blake; third row, Rayven Kelley, Kara Bunch, Hannah Stout, Lori Beth Rodgers, Krysta Bunch, Alyssa Kelley and Bailey Hawkins.

Haskell Indians to begin district play at Electra

by Caron Yates
 The Haskell Indians now have two scrimmages and five pre-season games under their belts, as they prepare to start district play this week against Electra.

Up to this point, Head Coach Grady Benton says, "I am very excited about how my team is doing the things it takes to be successful. Obviously the reason we compete is to win, but the winning is not what excites me as their head coach. We have become a team that holds each other accountable, and takes what we are doing personally. We are playing fast and physical."

The Indians are going

into district play with a 3-2 record. They have defeated Ranger, Baird and Olney and had a close, hard fought loss to the Stamford Bulldogs. They also lost the season opener to Grape Creek, which was ended early due to lightning in the area.

After the University Interscholastic League released new district alignments last February, the Indians found themselves once again competing for the district title against rivals from the distant past. With the new classifications, Haskell is now competing as 2A, Division II in District 7. District games coming

up are Electra, Oct. 10; Seymour, Oct. 17; Hamlin, Oct. 24; Petroliia, Oct. 31; and Munday, Nov. 7.

The Indians have some experienced juniors and seniors, leading the team. They also have some very promising younger players stepping into key roles. Coach Benton states, "We have had some great individual performances, but none of those are possible

without the contribution of every individual on the team. Each player has an understanding that their best is needed to get the best results for the team."

As they continue preparing for district play, Coach Benton plans to continue doing what they have done up to this point, that is be individually accountable, take it personally and play fast

and physical. He continues, "The reward is greater at the end of district, but how we must go about getting that reward must not change."

The team and coaches certainly feel the support when fans are in attendance to cheer them on. Your next opportunity to back the Indians will be Friday night at Electra, beginning at 7 p.m. All Haskell Indian fans are encouraged to be there.

Store Front project accepting applications

The Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) and Haskell Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) now are accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Store Front Development Program (SFDP).

The SFDP, which is in its second year, is open to all of Haskell's commercial building owners within the Haskell city limits. Approved recipients are eligible to receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds for agreed to façade improvements on their building. Items approved for SFDP funding grants include paint, signage, lighting, windows, doors, awnings and contract labor.

"The ten projects that already have been completed

through last year's Store Front Development Program have changed the appearance of Haskell's downtown square. The DCOH board of directors sees tremendous value with continuing this program for a second year and hopes building owners will take advantage of the \$25,000 in grant funds that will be available for these types of improvements," said Mary Drury, Executive Director of the DCOH.

To participate in the SFDP, building owners must first submit an application detailing the improvements they intend for their building's façade. Each application will be reviewed by the Haskell DRC and must be within the scope of the approved color palate and

best practices outlined by the committee. The committee will meet twice to review applications and make final decisions on which projects will be funded through the program.

The members of the DRC are Martha Jarred, Henderson Book; Tom Long, Boggs & Johnson Furniture Store; Martha Randolph, Tidbits & Treasures, Mary Rike, Rike Real Estate; Conrad Roewe, Sport-About; and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, Personality Slipper Shoppe.

To find out more about the 2014-2015 SFDP or to pick up an application, please contact the DCOH office at 940-864-3424. Applications to participate in the program are due by Oct. 31, 2014.

PC FFA to host Haunted Trails

If you like haunted houses, then Paint Creek Haunted Trails will be right up your alley. The Paint Creek FFA chapter is having a Haunted Trails fund-raiser two Saturday nights only, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Paint Creek ISD Agriculture Farm.

Signs to the farm will

begin in front of Paint Creek School and parking will be along the ag farm road.

Tickets will be sold at the front gate of the ag farm and concessions will be available to support the Paint Creek Class of 2015. Admission is \$5, and \$3 for children 10 years of age and under.

If you think you are too old for trick-or-treating,

looking for a thrill on a Saturday night, or if you simply want to support the Paint Creek FFA chapter, join us for a night full of screams, goosebumps, food and fun.

For additional information, contact Alexis Wright, the Paint Creek FFA Advisor, at 940-864-2868 and/or awright@paintcreek.esc14.net.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Obituaries

Floyd Dale Baker



FLOYD BAKER

Floyd Dale Baker, 64, of Haskell passed away Mon., Sept. 29, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. A visitation was held Friday evening, Oct. 3, at Smith Family Funeral Home

in Haskell with Rev. Brian Burgess offering up prayer. The only son born to Rev. Lee Roy and Mary Baker, Floyd was born Sept. 12, 1950, in Dumas. He attended high school in Knox City. Floyd married Penny Meinzer Dec. 26, 1968, in Knox City. While living in Amarillo, Floyd and Penny owned and operated The Wooden Nickel Restaurant for 8 years. After moving to Odessa, they owned and operated The Water Place and Advanced Cellular Phone Store for seven years. Floyd and Penny moved to Haskell in 2002 where Floyd owned and operated Smitty's Auto Supply until his death. He is preceded in death by his parents and a nephew.

Floyd will be missed by so many in the community, but most importantly his wife of 46 years, Penny of Haskell; Bea and Maggie, his beloved dogs; brother-in-law, Tyke Meinzer and wife Gena of Haskell; two sisters, Marian Nix of Shallowater and Elaine Evers and husband Charles of Breckenridge; numerous nieces and nephews; and his sister-in-law, Judy Logsdon and family of Cisco.

The family encourages contributions in Floyd's name to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation, 155 E. 55th St., Suite 6H, New York, NY 10022.

Online condolences may be shared with Penny and family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

James 'Jim' L. Beauchamp



JIM BEAUCHAMP

Graveside services for James 'Jim' L. Beauchamp, 82, of Rochester were held Wed., Oct. 1 at Rochester Cemetery directed by Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Beauchamp entered into eternity with his Savior with his family by his side Mon., Sept. 29.

Born Dec. 19, 1931 in Hereford, he was the son of P.G. and Bertie McNeil Beauchamp. He was the third

of five children.

Jim attended school in various communities in Texas and Oklahoma. He played football, basketball, baseball and track in O'Brien. In 1950, Jim joined the navy and served on the USS Dixie in the Korean Conflict. While on leave, Jim married the love of his life, Junita Clark, in 1951. After serving his country from 1950-1954, Jim returned to Haskell County with his bride to begin a long career in farming. Jim attended Rochester First Baptist Church.

Jim instilled the importance of an education to his family by serving on the Rochester School Board from 1966 to 1978. He raised two daughters while encouraging both to achieve graduate degrees in education.

He was preceded in death by his parents, P.G. and Bertie; one brother P.G.

Jr.; and a grandson, Charlie Hopkins.

Survivors include his wife, Junita; daughters, Debbie Hines and husband Randy of Stephenville and Jamie Davis and husband Chris of Rochester; sisters, Ada Pope and Joyce Hester, both of Haskell; his brother Larry Beauchamp and wife Frankie of Lawn; granddaughters, Landra Sheffield and husband Danny of Glen Rose, Angela Ritter and husband Jared of Rochester, Kayla Hopkins of Shallowater, and Marcie Stoddard of Dallas; four great grandchildren, Emma and Noah Sheffield, Mackenzie Hopkins and Andri Ritter; numerous nephews and nieces; and his adopted granddaughter, Amanda Garvin of Rochester.

The family requests donations to the American Cancer Society and Rochester Cemetery Association. PD. NOTICE

Stewart Watson 'S.W.' Adams, Jr.

Graveside services for Stewart Watson 'S.W.' Adams, Jr., 70, longtime resident of Haskell will be held at 1 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 9 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. David White officiating. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell. A family visitation is planned at noon the day of the services at the funeral home located at 304 N. 2nd Street.

Mr. Adams passed away Fri., Oct. 3, at the Vernon Nursing Rehab in Vernon.

The youngest of ten children, "S.W." was born Jan. 20, 1944, in Haskell, the son of Manny Ann (McGregor) and Stewart Watson Adams, Sr. "S.W." spent his life farming and caring for his parents. He enjoyed playing the guitar

and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manny and Stewart Adams, Sr.; a sister, Golda Mae (Bouldin) Isbell; and five brothers, Olan Junior Bouldin, Merrill Dean Bouldin, Dellie Jo Bouldin, J.L. Bouldin and Bobby Orrin Bouldin.

Survivors include his sister, Joyce Virginia Hise of Graham; two brothers, Carl Nathan Bouldin and wife Arlene of Bridgeport, and Mount Ollan Bouldin of Paradise; sister-in-law, Francis Bouldin of Weatherford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Haskell Lodge #241

Haskell Lodge #241 met in a regular session with president Jerry Don Klose presiding.

Two regular members were unable to attend due to health matters.

A memorial was held for Milbert E. Opitz, a member from Sept. 4, 1938 to May 16, 2014; Doris Brueggeman, a member from Oct. 8, 1961 to May 25, 2014; Don Griffis, a member from May 3, 1981 to August 21, 2014; and Evelyn Moeller, a member from June 4, 1944 until September 2, 2014. The meeting just wasn't the same without these faithful members. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these treasured members who shall long be remembered.

One person in attendance with an October birthday, was Phyllis Klose.

One new junior member, Ely Mattox of Mustang, Oklahoma, was welcomed. We look forward to attaining our goal for 2014.

Phyllis Klose shared her experience of deer west of Throckmorton. It seems her

vehicle and the deer collided and although she is OK, the deer were killed. Her grandson collided with a deer the same week, between Seymour and Archer City when coming home from Lubbock. The deer and hog population are plentiful and are on the move, so take care.

Jerry Don and Phyllis Klose were in Bryan this week to observe their granddaughter perform at the half-time of the Bryan High School game. She is a member of The Shy Annes dance group.

These girls go to practice each morning at 6:30 a.m. in order to perfect their routine. The girls performed as a group and also performed with their dads as partners.

The door prize was awarded Phyllis Klose.

The meeting was adjourned and after a meal and good conversation, everyone left looking forward to the next meeting when we will have presentation of 70-year membership pins.

The meeting is scheduled Nov. 2, at Camacho and Charlie's.

Dine with a Doctor Friday, October 24

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. Fri., Oct. 24 at the Haskell County Hospital Education room for free lunch, provided by Big Country AHEC. Dr. Samuel D. Brinkman, Ph.D will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Brinkman is a Neuropsychologist that specializes in Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. He is currently in private practice in Abilene and serves as an adjunct faculty member at Abilene Christian University and Hardin-Simmons University. He served in Vietnam in U.S. Army Intelligence, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Houston. He serves on various boards including the North Central Texas Chapter Alzheimer's



SAMUEL D. BRINKMAN, PH.D Association, Serenity Foundation and Kenley School. Dr. Brinkman has spent more than 30 years in the evaluation and treatment of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.

This is open and free to the public. Please RSVP by Fri., Oct. 17 Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell County 940-864-2658.

Rosie The Riveter to visit Study Club Thurs., Oct. 16

The Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church with a special guest speaker, "Rosie The Riveter."

Rosie represents the women who stepped forward during World War II and provided the planes, tanks, ammunition and other work needed to help win the war. Rosie encountered prejudice and harassment, but became a symbol for all the women who worked in the war effort. Lou Bursleson of Floydada, a retired history teacher, will represent "Rosie."

Following the program, members will adjourn to the fellowship hall and kitchen to prepare items for the annual chicken tetrazzini supper to be held Friday night, Oct. 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Haskell High School Cafeteria. Tickets are available from any Progressive Study

Club member or may be purchased at the door.

Members are reminded to bring cutting boards and knives.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will have quarterly meetings in 2014. The next meeting will be the first Monday of December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Cantata rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Community Wide Christmas Cantata will be held on Sundays at 4 p.m. at the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

TeamKID

TeamKID will meet at the First Baptist Church in Haskell on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The program is for children ages 4 years pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

Gifted students sought by PCISD

Paint Creek ISD offers a Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program in addition to regular education programming for grades K-12. The G/T program is designed to meet the needs of students demonstrating exceptional skills in academic and creative areas.

To nominate a child for this screening, come by the

office at Paint Creek School Mon., Oct. 6 to Fri., Oct. 17 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a G/T nomination packet.

Nominations will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. Fri., Oct. 17. For further information, contact Valiene Bullinger or Cynthia Cumby during school hours at 940-864-2868.

Rule homecoming royalty named

During Rule's Homecoming Sept. 26-27, the Homecoming Queen was presented at half-time.

Receiving the honor was Kaysen Barnett, freshman, daughter of Kenny and Shelia Barnett. She was escorted by her father, Kenny Barnett.

Other nominees were, Alysia Hollabaugh, sophomore, daughter of James and Sharon Hollabaugh, escorted by her father; Sara Leonard, junior, daughter of Jessica Hollingsworth, escorted by her mother; and Laurie Curiel, daughter of Marie Smiley, escorted by Howard Smiley.

Serving as crown and flower bearers were Natalie

Murray, kindergarten student, daughter of Jeffery and Nora Murray and Leland Short, first grade student, son of Crystal Holland.

AWANA

AWANA children's activities at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will meet every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (on school days, not holidays), AWANA is a ministry for children 5 years old (by Sept. 1) through sixth grade. Activities include Bible stories, scripture memory, games and snacks. No pre-registration required. For more information, go to <http://www.cornerstonehaskell.org/> or call 940-864-5557.

SANTA ROSA
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NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH

October is National Cooperative Month. Join the celebration! Register to win an Apple TV Box when you subscribe to new or additional SRTC telephone, television or Internet service at the SRTC Office Celebrations! All entries will be entered into the grand prize drawing at the end of the month for a new 48" HD television.

<p>HASKELL CELEBRATION OCTOBER 7TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM 113 N Ave. D Haskell, TX 79521</p>	<p>SEYMOUR CELEBRATION OCTOBER 14TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM 310 W California Seymour, TX 76380</p>	<p>VERNON CELEBRATION OCTOBER 21ST 11:00AM - 1:00PM 7110 US Hwy 287 E Vernon, TX 76384</p>
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Stop Germs: Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, throw used tissues in the trash, wash your hands often with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand cleansers, try to avoid contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and if you get sick with the flu stay at home from work or school.

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

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Bayers Showcase to be held Oct. 18

A large crowd is expected in Benjamin Sat., Oct. 18, for the "Adolph Bayers Showcase." It will be a one day only show, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bayers worked for decades out of a small farm shop in Gilliland. He used a basic anvil, tongs and other blacksmith equipment. Although he was urged to move to a bigger place, he never wanted to leave the house his father built or the friends he made all over Texas who brought their orders to him. He was content living in Gilliland with his wife, Fannie Lois (Barker) and daughter Frances.

The glass cases at the Wichita Brazos Museum will display a wide variety of examples of the bit and spur work plus other items made by Bayers.

Bayers' daughter, Frances Hamm, will speak at 10:00 and at 2:00. Refreshments will be served at the museum and a barbecue sandwich lunch will be served at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

The annual Veterans Day celebration will be held Nov. 11 at 11:00 a.m.

at the memorial site, with a hamburger meal following at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

For more information call 940-459-2229.

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 anytime or email Haskell_vaso@yahoo.com.

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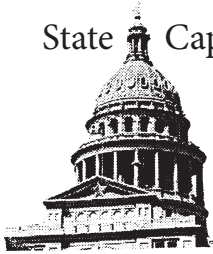
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Frntrunning candidates appear in debate forums

AUSTIN—Texans interested in who their next governor and lieutenant governor will be witnessed major party candidates for those offices engage in live, one-hour broadcast debates last week.

Fellow state Sens. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Dan Patrick, R-Houston, opponents in the race for lieutenant governor, faced off in Austin on Sept. 29. Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, and Republican Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott competed on stage in Dallas on Sept. 30, each striving to succeed longtime Gov. Rick Perry as the state's chief executive.

All four candidates held to traditional party lines on such bellwether topics as health care, transportation, education and border security.

Republicans Patrick and Abbott identified themselves as anti-abortion and pro-border security while Democrats Van de Putte and Davis spoke in support of legislative solutions to expand women's access to health services, foster a less fear-based treatment of border issues and bolster a public education system weakened by \$5.4 billion funding cut last session. On the topic of taxation, Patrick floated his idea that the adoption of a one- or two-penny state sales tax increase would reduce local property taxes by a corresponding amount.

Election Day is Nov. 4, with early voting set for the week of Oct. 24-31.

Ebola case is confirmed

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state's public health laboratory in Austin on Sept. 30 confirmed Dallas hospital patient Thomas Eric Duncan tested positive for the disease, Ebola.

Duncan, who traveled from West Africa to Dallas on a commercial airline flight, was admitted into isolation on Sept. 29 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Early symptoms of Ebola include sudden fever, fatigue and headache. Symptoms may appear anywhere from two to 21 days after exposure. Spread through direct contact with blood, secretions or other bodily fluids or exposure to contaminated objects such as needles, Ebola is said not to be contagious until symptoms appear.

Officials urged health care providers to ask patients who have fever about recent travel to Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Nigeria. According to the Associated Press, the disease Ebola is capitalized because it is named after the Ebola River in the African nation of Zaire.

Court upholds abortion law

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court

of Appeals last week ruled a Texas law regulating abortion procedures, providers and facilities does not violate the Constitutional rights of women.

House Bill 2, passed during the second called session of the Texas Legislature in July 2013, contains two provisions that were at stake in the case, Whole Women's Health, and others v. David Lakey, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and others.

The plaintiffs had sought declaratory relief and permanent injunctions against the enforcement of (1) the requirement that any physician performing an abortion must have active admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the location where the abortion is performed; and (2) that all abortion clinics existing on or after Sept. 1, 2014, comply with the same minimum standards required of ambulatory surgical centers.

Fund moves to top spot

Education Commissioner Michael Williams and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson announced Sept. 30 that the Permanent School Fund reached a record high value in 2014 that made it the largest educational endowment in the United States.

On June 30, the fund surpassed Harvard University's \$36.4 billion endowment.

Created by the state in 1854 with an initial \$2 million investment, the Permanent School Fund stood at \$37.7 billion in market value as of June 30.

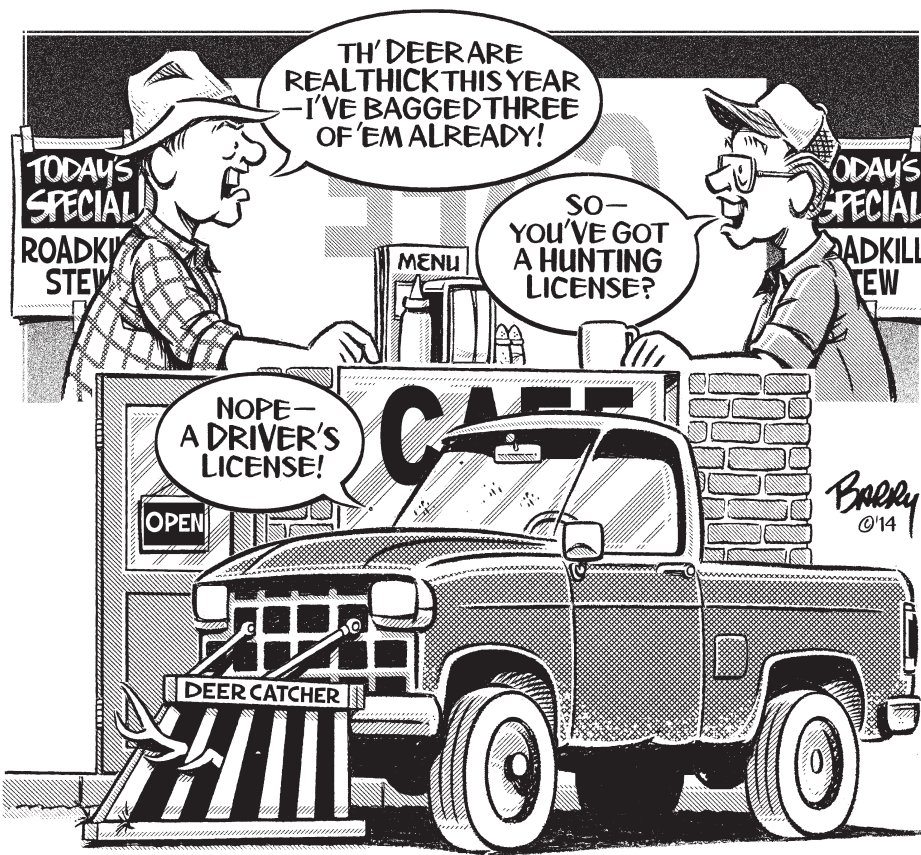
Some \$30.6 billion of the fund is managed by the State Board of Education and \$7.1 billion by the School Land Board. Day-to-day oversight of the fund is handled by staff at the Texas Education Agency and the General Land Office.

Williams and Patterson attributed the robustness of the fund to effective financial management and increased oil and gas operations on Permanent School Fund lands.

Drought conditions remain

Gov. Perry's office on Oct. 3 announced the renewal of the emergency disaster proclamation the governor originally signed in July 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

This month, the proclamation applies to 113 of the state's 254 counties. The proclamation directs that "all necessary measures, both public and private" as authorized by state law "be implemented to meet that threat" and "all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster."



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

October 7, 2004
The Haskell FFA Ag Issues team has qualified to compete at the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Team members are Sydney Roberson, Kerri Newton, Jaclyn Drinnon, Lindsay Pannell, Brittany Campbell, Stephanie Grand and Alexis Reed. Ag Science teacher Justin Cox is their advisor.

The Kenneth Buerger family of Avoca was named Haskell County 2003-04 4-H Family of the Year. Family members are Kenneth, Gina, Cheyenne, Katrina and Courtney Buerger.

Some of the volunteer 4-H leaders recognized at the 4-H awards program were Leiza Morales, 18 years; Abby Salinas, 16 years; Renee Dudensing, 14 years; Debra Bartley, Dale Bullinger, Joey Kimbrough and Sharazan Riggins, 13 years; Patrick Pace and Leland Terry, 12 years.

20 Years Ago

October 13, 1994
Haskell will host about one hundred Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from throughout District 13, for the annual fall convention. City council member Ruby Turner will give the welcome, while Abe Turner, commander of Rogers-Cox Post 221, will introduce the speaker.

Haskell High School twirlers Brandi Briles, Jessica

Bridwell, Tenille Mathis, Shelly Palacios, Kimberly Skiles, Shannon Jordan and Vanessa Miller, qualified for state competition by receiving a I rating at the UIL District Twirling Contest.

30 Years Ago

October 11, 1984
Board chairman R.C. Couch Jr. and general contractor Ervin Frierson, scooped the first two shovels of dirt during the official ground breaking ceremony for the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Jerry Snelling of Haskell has been named photo editor for The Western Texas, the student newspaper at Western Texas College.

New officers installed for the Haskell Kiwanis Club are Marshall Brown, president; Gene Long, vice president; James Davis, secretary; and Abe Turner, treasurer.

40 Years Ago

October 10, 1974
Rod Townsend led the Rochester Steers to a 20-12 Homecoming victory by scoring two touchdowns. Jerry Don Hudgens scored the other Steer touchdown.

Clarence Dukatnik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Dukatnik of Paint Creek, has enlisted in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, studying Automotive Mechanics.

Robert Herren, chairman of the Board, Haskell National Bank, was recently elected

to the Board of Directors of the newly organized Independent Bankers Association of Texas.

50 Years Ago

October 8, 1964
Haskell Chamber of Commerce President Abe Turner appointed a steering committee to assemble data as the first step toward establishment of a junior college to serve this territory. Members are Rev. Douglas Finch, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Haskell; Mrs. Luther Burkett, Haskell ISD supervisor of instruction; Douglas Myers, superintendent of Weinert School; and Phil Simmons, Rochester School superintendent.

Five generations, including all six of her children, were present to help Mrs. R.M. (Aunt Becky) Atchison celebrate her 91st birthday. 150 people from 18 Texas communities were on hand for the occasion.

100 Years Ago

October 9, 1914
Miss Lucy Roberts of the Rule Mercantile Company went to market the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. D.L. Cummins have returned from Tennessee, where they have been visiting this summer.

Annie Neal of Van Alstyne, who has been visiting Mrs. Charles Bledsoe, has returned to her home.

Dance

A monthly country dance will be held at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell the third Thurs., Oct. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring "Cottonwood Cowboys." Admission is \$5. No alcohol is permitted. Those attending are to bring a potluck dish. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

Dance

A monthly country dance will be held at the American Legion, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell the third Sat., Oct. 18 from 8 to 12 p.m. featuring "Cottonwood Cowboys." Admission is \$10. BYOB. A concession stand will be available. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

Halloween in park

The fourth annual Halloween in the Park, sponsored by the City of Haskell Public Works, will be held Sat., Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Park. For booth information, contact Linda St. John at 864-2333 or Rhonda Howard at 940-256-2068.

Study Club

In a change of meeting time, the Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall and kitchen of the Trinity Lutheran Church for a very special guest from Floydada, none other than "Rosie, the Riveter, herself. Program books will be distributed at this time. Following the program, members will help to prepare items for the annual spaghetti supper which will be the following night, Fri., Oct. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 and are available from any Progressive Club member.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., Oct. 21 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 Tammy Crowe at 325-518-3464.

Al-Anon

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

Key dates for 2014 Farm Bill programs listed

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing key dates for farm owners and producers to keep in mind regarding the new 2014 Farm Bill established programs, Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The new programs, designed to help producers better manage risk, usher in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

"The ARC and PLC programs are a significant reform in the farm safety net," said Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini. "FSA wants to keep producers well informed on all steps in the process. We will continue our outreach efforts and maintain resources online to help them understand the new programs before they come in to make decisions for their operations."

Dates associated with ARC and PLC that farm owners and producers need to know:

- Sept. 29, 2014 to Feb. 27, 2015: Land owners

may visit their local Farm Service Agency office to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres.

- Nov. 17, 2014 to March 31, 2015: Producers make a one-time election of either ARC or PLC for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

- Mid-April 2015 through summer 2015: Producers sign contracts for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

- October 2015: Payments for 2014 crop year, if needed. USDA leaders will visit with producers across the country to share information and answer questions on the ARC and PLC programs.

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computer or mobile device at any time. USDA provided \$3 million to the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M (co-leads for the National Association of Agricultural and Food Policy), along with the University of Illinois (lead for the National Coalition for Producer Education) to develop these online tools.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful

reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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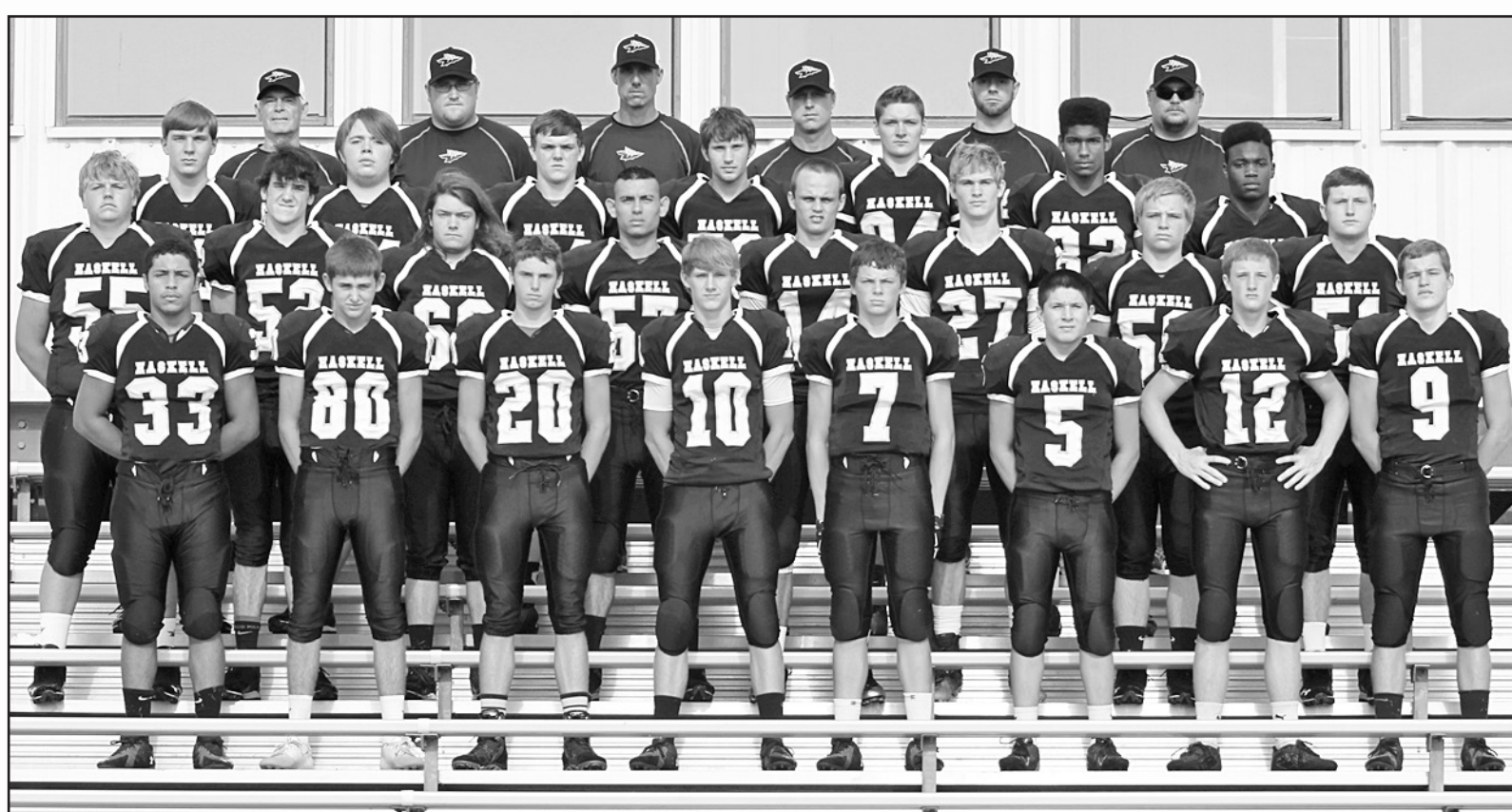
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2014 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, Devon Barrios, Kellen Parks, Sam Fouts, Dylan Hanson, Alec Roewe, Marc Guzman, Kadin Seeliger and Hayden Hudson; second row, Chase Gibson, Reed Lee, Dakota Baumbach, Ace Valverde, Kade Colley, Ryan Pace, Garrett Tatum and Pryce Stewart; third row,

Cody Strickland, Colton Wright, Lane Burson, Riley Meinzer, Henry Smith, Justice Dever and Tamiya Lowry. Not pictured is Brad Winterstien. Coaches are Chet Forehand, Jeremy Kirk, AD Grady Benton, DC Matt Garvin, Tate Thompson and OC Dusten Mackey.

Fri., Oct. 10 • 7:00 P.M. at Electra

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CROSS COUNTRY—Angelo Pena heads out at Anson for a medal.



WARPATH 5K—Haskell Cross Country teams participate in the Haskell Warpath 5K held Sat., Sept. 20.

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CROSS COUNTRY—Evan Wheatley at the Anson Cross Country meet.



CROSS COUNTRY—Ashlyn Bevel heads to the finish line at the Anson Cross Country meet.



CROSS COUNTRY—Julia and Laura Fuentes round the curve on the last stretch of the race at Coleman.

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CROSS COUNTRY—Sean Weiser heads to the finish line.

Tax benefits for education

The price of higher education can be expensive for students and parents. The IRS offers these tips about education tax benefits that can help offset some college costs.

Tax credits, deductions and savings plans can help taxpayers with their expenses for higher education. A tax credit reduces the amount of income tax you may have to pay, and a deduction reduces the amount of your income that is subject to tax, thus generally reducing the amount of tax you may have to pay.

"Often, tax credits are more valuable, because they reduce the amount of tax owed," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Deductions reduce the income on which tax is figured."

American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC): This credit can be up to \$2,500 per eligible student. The AOTC is available for the first four years of post secondary education. Forty percent of the credit is refundable. That means that you may be able to receive up to \$1,000 of the credit as a refund, even if you don't owe any taxes. Qualified expenses include tuition and fees, course related books, supplies and equipment. A recent law extended the AOTC through the end of Dec. 2017.

Lifetime Learning Credit

(LLC): With the LLC, you may be able to claim up to \$2,000 for qualified education expenses on your federal tax return. There is no limit on the number of years you can claim this credit for an eligible student.

You can claim only one type of education credit per student on your federal tax return each year. If you pay college expenses for more than one student in the same year, you can claim credits on a per-student, per-year basis. For example, you can claim the AOTC for one student and the LLC for the other student.

"Use the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant tool on IRS.gov to help determine if you're eligible for these credits," Sanford added. "The tool is a tax law resource that takes you through a series of questions and provides you

with responses."

Student loan interest deduction: Other than home mortgage interest, you generally can't deduct the interest you pay. However, you may be able to deduct interest you pay on a qualified student loan. The deduction can reduce your taxable income by up to \$2,500. You don't need to itemize deductions to claim it.

These education benefits are subject to income limitations and may be reduced or eliminated depending on your income.

For more information, visit the Tax Benefits for Education Information Center at IRS.gov. Also, check Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education. The booklet's also available at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

4-H broiler orders due Fri., Oct. 10

by Jason Westbrook
 CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

It is now time to place broiler orders and be getting your pens ready. This information is for the Haskell County 4-H and FFA members, if you are planning to show broilers at the Haskell

County Jr. Livestock Show.

The deadline to order is Fri., Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Orders may be called in to the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546. If you have any further questions, call the office.

Haskell Memorial Hospital

welcomes

Dr. Ruth Ebangit



Dr. Ebangit will join our medical staff and community in August 2014.

Dr. Ebangit completed her residency in June at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and is board certified in Family Medicine. She has a special interest in women's health and general family care.

Dr. Ebangit will be accepting new patients starting August 11th and appointments can be made by calling the Hospital Clinic at 864-8513.

Member Appreciation Day Open House



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Also, each office will hold its own drawing for one each of \$300, \$200 and \$100 energy credits. You don't want to miss your chance to win! Energy Efficiency Kits will be given away on a first come, first serve basis.

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Weinert celebrates Homecoming

The halls of Weinert High School were once again filled with people as Homecoming 2014 was held in Weinert on Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

Over one hundred and seventy ex-students, teachers, administrators, coaches and visitors could be found at the old school laughing, hugging, talking, and even shedding a tear for those who are no longer here. The theme for the homecoming, hosted by the Classes of 1970-71, was Weinert's Got Talent Through the Decades. While decades of the 30's through the 80's were represented, the decades of the 50's and 60's had the most exes in attendance. The oldest class represented was 1938.

Activities began Friday night as many gathered at the school for a stew and cornbread supper, furnished by Bill and Sheila Dutton Hester, along with the Dutton family. The meal was followed by bingo in the gym, directed by Larry Brueggeman. Class parties and float preparation was next on the agenda.

Registration, organized by Dorethy Freeby Harrison, began at 8 a.m. Saturday, with a delicious breakfast

provided by Weinert Gin and Brenda Sanders. A silent auction, with donations from many Weinert Exes, as well as area businesses, kept visitors passing through the old library to be sure they had the highest bid on their favorite items.

A parade began at 10 a.m., led by "Parade Boss" Mary Yates Murphy. Winning entries were: Business-1st-1932 Model A Ford-Murphy Motor Cars, 2nd-1960 Metropolitan Convertible-Mary Murphy Photography; Classes-1st-To the Moon and Back-Classes of '70 & '71, 2nd-50 Years Later and We're Still Rocking-Classes of '64 & '65; Family-1st-Just Married 1949-Etta Jean (Oman) and Clarence Searcey, 2nd-Horseback Hill Family-Ray and Shawnee Hill; Organization-1st-Weinert Fire Department, 2nd-Haskell Fire Department; Youth-1st-Weinert or Bust-Skyler Rhoads, 2nd-W Golf Cart-Garret Dutton; Automobiles-1st-1950 Lincoln-Elmer Adams, 2nd Rat Rod-Jacky and Sandra Sanders. The judges' choice was the 1932 Model A Ford

entered by Murphy Motor Cars.

The program, held in the gym, began with Kenneth Sanders, pausing for a moment of silence in remembrance for those in the community and surrounding area we have lost recently. He then gave the invocation. Welcome to all was presented by Tommy Miller, with the response by Cristi Guess Little. Talent representing the '50's decade was Wilburn Hill, who sang and played several entertaining hits from that era. Lynn Gray was on tap for the '60's with some fancy guitar playing. The '70's decade was represented by Judy Gray Hicks, who truly rocked the walls with her singing talent. A special treat was J.D. Zahn, 88 years old, who recounted some of his experiences on the front lines at the Battle of the Bulge, in honor of all veterans.

Honored as 50 year graduates of Weinert High School were the Classes of 1964-65. Sam Adams, special coach and dear friend to these classes, recalled memories and accomplishments of the members of these classes. Caron Guess Yates was

honored as Citizen of the Year.

After a catered meal, a time of gospel music, performed by exes and visitors, was enjoyed by the crowd.

The homecoming concluded with a full house at the community church service, held at the Weinert Baptist Church. Pastor Dan Bullock, welcomed everyone, followed by special music from Lindo Guess, Shanna Murphy White, Lynn Gray, Doris Walker, Mary Nell Raynes Coltharp and Judy Gray Hicks. Delores Stewart introduced the speaker, Jim Hackney, who shared his memories of growing up in Weinert, as well as his "Top 10" list of what he considers the most important things in life. He has been a Church of Christ pastor for over fifty years.

The crowd then moved to the new church fellowship hall, where a short dedication ceremony was held. It was followed by an abundant potluck lunch, with lots of visiting.

As the homecoming drew to a close, many good-byes and promises to "see you in two years" filled the air.



**CLASSES DIVISION
First Place
To the Moon and Back
Classes of 70-71**



**CLASSES DIVISION
Second Place
50 Years Later We're Still Rockin'
Classes of 64-65**



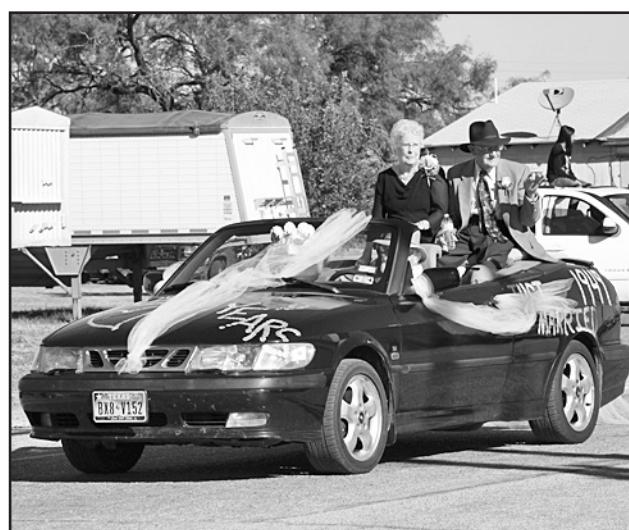
**JUDGE'S CHOICE and BUSINESS DIVISION
First Place
Murphy Motor Cars, 1932 Model A Ford**



**HASKELL
INDIAN
BAND**



**BUSINESS DIVISION
Second Place
Mary Murphy Photography
1960 Metropolitan Convertible**



**FAMILY DIVISION
First Place
Just Married 1949
Etta Jean (Oman) and Clarence Searcey**



**FAMILY DIVISION
Second Place
Horseback Hill Family
Ray and Shawnee Hill**



**ORGANIZATION DIVISION
First Place
Weinert Fire Department**



**ORGANIZATION DIVISION
Second Place
Haskell Fire Department**



**YOUTH DIVISION
First Place
Skyler Rhoads, Weinert or Bust**



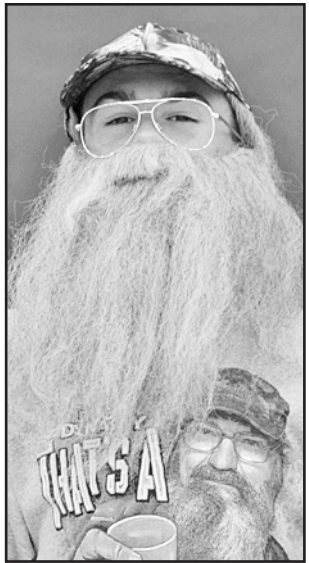
**YOUTH DIVISION
Second Place
Garret Dutton, W golf cart**



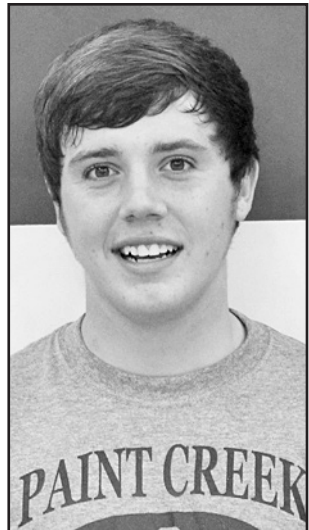
**AUTOMOBILE DIVISION
First Place
Elmer Adams, 1950 Lincoln**



**AUTOMOBILE DIVISION
Second Place
Jacky and Sandra Sanders, Rat Rod**



SPiRiT AWARd—Paint Creek High School sophomore, Corey Mengwasser, won the spirit award during the Duck Dynasty spirit day competition.



PIRATe OF THE GAMe—Paint Creek High School junior, Ethan Harper, was chosen as Pirate of the Game for his outstanding play during the game against Knox City JV.

Guide to child care in Texas

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
What kind of child care is available?

In Texas, child care can be broken down into the following types of operations:

•Licensed Child-Care Centers: Licensed Child-Care Centers provide care for seven or more children under 14 years old for less than 24 hours per day at a location other than the permit holder's home. All types of licensed facilities have published standards they are required to follow and are routinely monitored and inspected. The application process requires that the licensed operation provider receive orientation and background checks are conducted. A license is issued after licensing staff completes on-site inspection(s) to ensure minimum standards are met. Licensed facilities are inspected at least once every 12 months and to investigate reports alleging violations of standards or child abuse/neglect. Licensed facilities include day care and 24 hour residential care.

•Licensed Child Care Homes: Licensed Child Care Homes provide care for less than 24 hours per day for 7-12 children under 14 years old in the permit holder's own home. All types of licensed facilities have published standards they are required to follow and are routinely monitored and inspected. The application process requires that the licensed operation provider receive orientation and background checks are conducted. A license is issued after licensing staff completes on-site inspection(s) to ensure minimum standards are met. Licensed facilities are inspected at least once every 12 months and to investigate reports alleging violations of standards or child abuse/neglect. Licensed facilities include day care and 24 hour residential care.

•Registered Child Care Homes: Registered Child Care Homes provide care in the caregiver's home for up to six children under age 14; they may also take in up to six more school-age children. The number of

children allowed in a home is determined by the ages of the children. No more than 12 children can be in care at any time, including children of the caregiver. The application process requires that a registered child care home provider complete an orientation class and receive clearances on background checks. A registration certificate is issued after licensing staff completes an on-site inspection to ensure minimum standards are met. Registered homes are inspected every 1-2 years and to investigate reports alleging violations of standards or child abuse/neglect.

•Listed Family Home: People who must list with the division are those who are compensated to provide regular child care (at least four hours per day, three or more days a week, for three or more consecutive weeks or four hours a day for 40 or more days in a 12 month period) in their own homes for 1-3 unrelated children. After receipt of an application and licensing background check clearances, an Issuance Letter is issued. The listed family home caregiver must be at least 18 years old. However, there are no minimum standards, orientation or training requirements for

listed homes. They are not inspected unless a report is received alleging child abuse/neglect, an immediate risk of danger to the health or safety of a child, and/or if providing child care subject to regulation.

•24 Hour Residential Care:

General Residential Operations provide 24-hour care for 13 or more children under 18 years old and may offer programmatic services such as transitional living or emergency care or may offer treatment services such as for emotional disorders or primary medical needs. Residential Treatment Centers are a subset of General Residential Operations that serve only children needing treatment services for emotional disorders.

Child Placing Agencies are persons or organizations other than a child's natural parent or guardian who plan for placement of a child or place a child in a child care operation, foster home or adoptive home.

Foster Family Homes provide 24-hour care for 6 or fewer children under 18 years old.

Foster Group Homes provide 24-hour care for 7 to 12 children under 18 years old.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 5:

Steve Alex Lopez, Jr., criminal trespass, evading arrest and resisting search or transport.

Matthew Large, possession of methamphetamine less than a gram in a drug free zone.

Ryan Parker, possession of methamphetamine less than a gram.

Robert Bruce Renfroe, possession of

methamphetamine less than a gram in a drug free zone, possession of a stolen firearm.

Michael Zachrey Haley, motion to revoke theft.

Billy Joe Villa, assault choking family violence, also escape.

Tony Lavon Hill, motion to revoke driving while intoxicated Taylor Co. warrant, also driving while license invalid with no insurance and possession of dangerous drug.

Thirty-two calls were made to 911.

Prescribed Burn Association to meet Oct. 18 in Aspermont

The Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association will be holding a meeting of prospective members from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sat., Oct. 18 in Aspermont at the Stonewall County Activity Center (directly west of the courthouse).

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association activities since our last meeting in 2013, to explain how becoming a member of the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association will facilitate the application of fire to the landscapes you manage, to collect dues (\$25.00) for 2015 membership (which will also cover the remainder of 2014), and to orient

members on the proper use of our new equipment (required before use of this equipment by members would be authorized).

Since the 2013 meeting, the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association has appointed officers and advisors, secured donations (private, anonymous) and grants (National Wild Turkey Federation-Texas State Chapter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act) to purchase some top-of-the-line equipment to be used by members, filed for and received Texas non-profit status, joined the Prescribed Burn Alliance of Texas, and begun the process to become a Federally-recognized 501c3 non-profit organization.

Recent timely rains have triggered green-up across the Southern Rolling Plains and have increased the chances that many of you will want to take advantage of this fuel for prescribed fire during the 2014-2015 dormant season.

Please join us at this meeting and see how the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association can help.

For planning purposes, please RSVP with Derrick Holdstock, Secretary of the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association, at 806-983-0897, or by e-mail at Derrick.Holdstock@tpwd.texas.gov.

Flu vaccine available for 2014 flu season

Flu vaccine has been arriving in doctor's offices, clinics and pharmacies across Texas, and the Texas Department of State Health Services encourages everyone 6 months old and older to get vaccinated now. Oct. 1 was Texas Influenza Awareness Day and the traditional start to the flu season.

While DSHS encourages vaccination for everyone at least 6 months old, it is especially important for certain high-risk groups. People 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and those with chronic health conditions are at higher risk for serious complications and even death if they get the flu and should minimize that risk by getting vaccinated. Twenty Texas children died as a result of the flu during the 2013-2014 flu season.

People need to be vaccinated each year because researchers determine which flu viruses are most likely to spread in that year and formulate the vaccine to protect against them. Getting vaccinated now will provide protection throughout the flu season.

"There are more options than ever to help protect you against the flu," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. David Lakey. "Whether you choose

a standard shot that protects against three or four strains of the flu, the intradermal shot with a smaller needle, the nasal spray version, or a high-dose vaccine that can boost immunity for people 65 and older, the most important thing is that everyone 6 months old and older get vaccinated."

All flu vaccines this season are made to protect against the strains A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2) and B/Massachusetts/2/2012. For the second year, some vaccines also include protection against a fourth strain, B/Brisbane/60/2008. About half of the 150 million or more doses produced this season are expected to be four-strain varieties.

In addition to getting vaccinated, people should help stop the spread of the flu and other illnesses by covering all coughs and sneezes, washing their hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces and staying home when sick.

People can contact their health care provider, local health department or dial 2-1-1 to find out where to get a flu shot. Flu information and tips for protecting against the flu are at texasflu.org.

Calendar

Water conservation in City of Haskell

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.

Bayers showcase

The "Adolph Bayers Showcase" will be presented by the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, Sat., Oct. 18. The doors will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for this one day show. Guest speaker, Frances Hamm, daughter of Adolph Bayers, will be speaking at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Local and family collections of this master spur and bit maker from Knox County will be on display for everyone to enjoy. For more information call 940-459-2229, Tuesday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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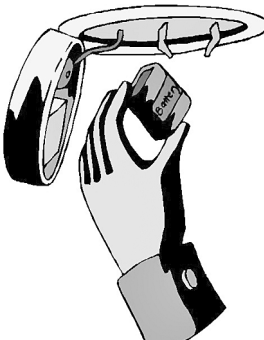
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October 5-11




Almost all fires can be prevented by taking certain precautions to make your home safe. Here are some fire prevention tips:

Cooking

- Stay close by and pay attention when cooking. Unattended cooking is one of the most common causes of fires.
- Keep combustibles—such as curtains or drapes, clothing, packaged foods and trash—away from stoves.
- Clean grease from the stove and flue.



Heating

- Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.
- Take special care with fireplaces. Use a screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation.
- Keep combustible items away from all heating units.

Appliances

- Don't overload dryers and be sure to remove lint regularly.
- Check your appliances at least once a year to see that they are clean and functioning properly and that insulation has not broken or cracked.
- Buy appliances having Underwriters Laboratories or other nationally recognized testing laboratory approval.

Electrical Distribution

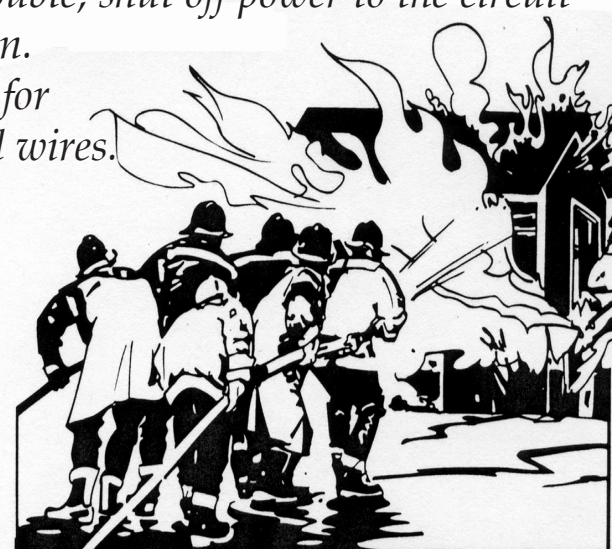
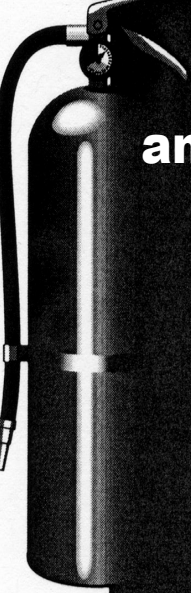
- If there is any sign of electrical trouble, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by an electrician.
- Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed wires.

Safety

- Keep matches and cigarette lighters away from children.

Wildfire control

- Control vegetation within 30 feet of your home.
- Keep trees and brush away from power lines.
- Space trees at least 25-30 feet apart.
- Install spark arrester on chimney.
- Keep roof and gutters clean.
- In rural areas, know where existing water sources can be found, such as ponds, that can be used as a source of water for fire trucks.
- Stack firewood away from home.

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Tuesday: Breakfast burrito or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Biscuit and gravy, scrambled eggs or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal variety and toast
Friday: Sunrise sandwich or cereal variety and toast
Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, crunchy broccoli

salad, apple-pineapple d'lite
Tuesday: Beefy queso nachos, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet
Wednesday: Ultimate taco salad, Spanish rice, salsa, tomato and cucumber cup, baby carrots with ranch Mandarin oranges
Thursday: Chicken nuggets with gravy, garden salad, mashed potatoes, breadstick, fresh grapes, chocolate chip cookie
Friday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin

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Rule School Menu

Oct. 13-17 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Pancakes, bacon
Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs
Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast or cereal
Friday: Breakfast burrito
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple pineapple delight
Tuesday: Beefy queso nachos, refried beans, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup
Wednesday: Beef n bean burrito, salsa, mexicali corn, veggie cup, fruit gelatin
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, breadstick, garden salad, grapes, cookie
Friday: Pizza choice, tomato/cucumber cup, baby carrots, Mandarin oranges



KELLIE JENKINS



BRANDON LUEVANO

Students visit Rotary Club

Kellie Jenkins is the daughter of Wendy Taylor and Scott Jenkins.

At Paint Creek High School, she plays basketball, performs in One Act Play and is a member of FFA.

She plans on pursuing a career in nursing.

Brandon Luevano is the son of Nina and Tony Yanez. At Paint Creek High School, he participates in football, cross country, track and yearbook.

He plans to join the National Guard and pursue a degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University.

Angel's Perch to be shown in Abilene Thurs., Oct. 30

The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will screen *Angel's Perch*, a new independent feature film that examines the delicate relationship between past and present, memory and loss, as depicted by a family struggling with Alzheimer's disease. The film screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion about the movie Thurs., Oct. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Board Room at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center located at 4601 Hartford in Abilene.

The inspiration for *Angel's Perch*, which was produced in partnership with the West Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, came from the writer's own roots in West Virginia and his family's experiences with Alzheimer's disease. "Everyone has an emotional home—the place that defines your happiest memories. For me, that place is a small town in the mountains of West Virginia," says J.T. Arbogast. "In 2004, my grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and over the next few years I watched as she slowly lost her memories. It's a story that is not dissimilar from the millions of people who have watched this disease slowly take away a loved one and felt powerless to stop it. We struggle to find an answer to the question, 'What can I do?' For us, the answer came in the form of making a film."

The screening of *Angel's Perch* will be followed by a discussion moderated by Howard Gruetzner, M.Ed, LPC. Gruetzner is

Family Care and Education Specialist for the Waco Regional Office of the Alzheimer's Association and author of the widely-read *Alzheimer's: A Caregiver's Guide and Sourcebook*.

Angel's Perch is the story of Jack, a successful young architect living in Pittsburgh, who must make the trip to his tiny hometown of Cass, West Virginia, to move his grandmother into an assisted-care facility after she is found wandering outside her home. But what was intended to be a two day, under-the-radar trip becomes more complicated when Jack is unable to move her into an assisted living facility nearby. Torn between the career opportunity of a lifetime, caring for his last living relative and running from his own painful memories, Jack is forced to choose between standing still or facing the pain of his past, so that he can finally move forward in his life.

The film stars Joyce Van Patten (The Danny Kaye Show, The Bad News Bears, The Good Guys, Grown Ups), J.T. Arbogast (30 Rock, When in Rome), Ally Walker (Sons of Anarchy, The Profiler, The Protector), Ashley Jones (True Blood, The Bold and the Beautiful), Ellen Crawford (ER, The Man from Earth), and a supporting cast of talented local West Virginia actors.

There is no charge to attend the screening of *Angel's Perch*, but reservations are encouraged. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 800-272-3900.

Paint Creek School Menu

Oct. 13-17 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich
Wednesday: Biscuits, eggs
Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast
Friday: Breakfast burritos
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza sticks, baked beans, salad, pineapples
Tuesday: Taco salad, rice, beans, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, fries, salad, jello with fruit
Thursday: Meaty pasta bake, green beans, salad, breadsticks, grapes
Friday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad, pears

ECC Menu

Mon., Oct. 13
Meatballs with tomato gravy, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, Coke cake, tea or coffee
Wed., Oct. 15
Chicken fried steak, white gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, roll, dump cake, tea or coffee
Fri., Oct. 17
BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, garlic toast, strawberry cake, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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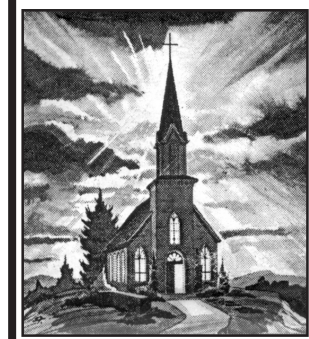
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This Week's Devotional Message:



You live your faith when you share with others
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- HASKELL—**
- East Side Baptist Church**
Terry Bunch, pastor
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600 N. 1st East, Haskell
 - Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
 - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
 - First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Weston Pendergrass, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
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
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 - New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; 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.m., 10:55 a.m., 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., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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**
Troy Culpepper, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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**
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—
 - First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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**
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule
 - Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
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.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—
 - Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—O'BRIEN—
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New USDA programs to help farmers manage risk

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack has unveiled highly anticipated new programs to help farmers better manage risk, ushering in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

Vilsack also announced that new tools are now available to help provide farmers the information they need to choose the new safety net program that is right for their business.

"The 2014 Farm Bill represented some of the largest farm policy reforms in decades. One of the Farm Bill's most significant reforms is finally taking effect," said Vilsack. "Farming is one of the riskiest businesses in the world. These new programs help ensure that risk can be effectively managed so that families

don't lose farms that have been passed down through generations because of events beyond their control. But unlike the old direct payment program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, these new initiatives are based on market forces and include county- and individual-coverage options. These reforms provide a much more rational approach to helping farmers manage risk."

The new programs, Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety net programs in the 2014 Farm Bill, legislation that ended direct payments. Both programs offer farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and/or revenues. Producers will have through early spring

of 2015 to select which program works best for their businesses.

To help farmers choose between ARC and PLC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios. The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. USDA provided \$3 million to the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M (co-leads for the National Association of Agricultural and Food Policy), along with the University of Illinois (lead for the National Coalition for Producer Education) to develop the new programs. "We're committed to

giving farmers as much information as we can so they can make an informed decision between these programs," said Vilsack. "These resources will help farm owners and producers boil the information down, understand what their options are, and ultimately make the best decision on which choice is right for them. We are very grateful to our partners for their phenomenal work in developing these new tools within a very short time frame."

Starting Mon., Sept. 29, 2014, farm owners may begin visiting their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices if they want to update their yield history and/or reallocate base acres, the first step before choosing which new program best serves their risk management needs. Letters sent this summer enabled farm

owners and producers to analyze their crop planting history in order to decide whether to keep their base acres or reallocate them according to recent plantings.

The next step in USDA's safety net implementation is scheduled for this winter when all producers on a farm begin making their election, which will remain in effect for 2014-2018 crop years between the options offered by ARC and PLC.

This announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including

providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
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Tues., Sept. 30 60°/94°
Wed., Oct. 1 72°/99°
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New Bermuda grass pest info

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
I have had some calls that we have found this Bermuda grass pest in Haskell County. This article ran last year and due to the presence of this pest in Haskell County I am sending this article out again. If you have any questions related to the Bermuda grass stem maggot, please give me a call at 940-864-2658, Jason Westbrook Haskell County CEA.

The presence of a new Bermuda grass pest has been confirmed in Van Zandt County and producers are advised to be on the lookout, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Unlike other insects that attack plants from the outside, the Bermuda grass stem maggot damages them from inside, according to Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton.

"Basically, they consume material inside the stem, unlike armyworms or grasshoppers, where the damage is external," she said.

Corriher-Olson did her graduate work in Georgia, where the pest has had a presence since 2010, and she is familiar with the damage it does. The Van Zandt field is the first confirmed instance of the pest in Texas.

She said the pest is native to southern Asia, common from Japan to Pakistan. Somehow it made its way to the U.S., where it was found in three Georgia counties. Bermuda grass stem larvae are yellow and less than an eighth inch long. "It's relatively new to the U.S., and very little is known about its life cycle yet," Corriher-Olson said. "It is not yet known how damaging this insect will be in Texas," said Dr. Allen Knutson, the AgriLife Extension entomologist at Dallas who confirmed the identity of larva found in a Van Zandt County field of irrigated Bermuda grass this summer.

What is known is infestation begins when the adult fly lays its eggs on a Bermuda grass stem

near a node, Knutson said. The larvae, which grow to be about an eighth-inch long, look like a pale yellow maggot. They burrow into the Bermuda grass shoot to feed. This feeding causes the top two to three leaves to wither and die. Cutting open the stem just below these dead leaves will reveal the maggot and the brownish feeding site on the stem.

The adult flies may go unnoticed; they are small with dark eyes, Knutson said. The early stages of an infestation may go unnoticed too, Corriher-Olson added. "People are not going to realize they have the pest until they see the damage," she said.

"It looks similar to what you might see from a light frost. Stem tops are whitish or lighter in color than unaffected plants. Only the top parts of the shoots are damaged. The lower leaves on the shoot remain green. The leaves above the feeding site wither and die."

To further complicate identification, the larva may have already developed into flies and left the plant before their damage is apparent, Corriher-Olson said. And there may be several generations each summer. The fly's life cycle is usually about three weeks, but it can be as short as 12 days.

Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, College Station, noted unconfirmed reports of the Bermuda grass stem maggot have been coming to his office since last year. "We had a call from a producer in Waller County during 2012, which was the first one I know of," he said. "Additionally, we have had a report of what appears to be stem maggot damage in Comanche County this year." The amount of yield reduction seems to depend upon growing conditions, Corriher-Olson noted.

Damage done by the infestation begins when the adult fly lays its eggs on stem nodes. The damage looks similar to what one might see from a light frost, according to Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension Service forage specialist, Overton. "Typically, damage is more likely to be found in a hay meadow, not in a grazed field, because the flies won't have time to complete their life cycle," she said.

Management strategies depend upon how near the hay crop is to harvest when the damage is identified, Corriher-Olson said.

"If damage is found within one week of harvest, the recommendation from Georgia is to harvest as soon as possible," she said. "The longer they wait, the more likely the damage will spread, and there will be further reduction in yields." If the pest and its damage are confirmed one to three weeks after the previous harvest, the recommendation is to cut the damaged areas, bale the damaged grass, and remove it from the fields, Corriher-Olson said.

"The only threat posed by leaving the hay in the field is that it'll compete with any attempts of the plant to regrow, therefore decreasing the yield of the next cutting. Leaving the hay in the field does not increase infestation," she said. "It's unlikely that the damaged areas will contribute significantly to yields during the next harvest."

The pest can also be controlled with foliar applications of several inexpensive insecticides, Knutson said. Current recommendations are to treat after a cutting if damage levels are high. However, economic thresholds for treatment in Texas have not yet been established, he said. All three AgriLife Extension specialists recommend producers who suspect they have an infestation contact the AgriLife Extension agent in their county to confirm they have the pest before treating or using other control measures.

Contact information for all offices may be found at <http://counties.agrilife.org/> or by contacting Corriher-Olson at 903-834-6191, vacorriher@ag.tamu.edu.

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