

Football

HASKELL
Indians vs Eastland
Scrimmage Sat., Aug. 15
JV 10 a.m.; Varsity to follow
at Eastland

Calendar

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., Aug. 14 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. All members are asked to attend to elect new officers and approve the budget for the next fiscal year. Noah Project is in need of community donations to meet the budget for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2009. Send your tax deductible donations to Noah Project-North, P.O. Box 52, Haskell, Texas 79521 or bring them to the office on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. Noah Project-North provides services in the counties of Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. For more information, call 940-864-2551.

Freshmen orientation

All Haskell High School ninth grade students and parents are invited to Freshman Orientation Thurs., Aug. 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Any high school students new to the district and their parents are also invited to attend.

Back to school bash

East Side Baptist Church will host a back to school splash party Aug. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. All children entering Pre-K through sixth grade are invited to come and enjoy an exciting afternoon filled with games, singing, food and worship. Children need to arrive in play clothes and bring along their swimsuits and towel. Supper will be provided. Call the church office if you need a ride at 864-2738. For further questions, contact Jacklyn Wheatley at 864-3126.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 15 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., Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Revival

First Baptist Church of Haskell will hold a fall revival Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. Jon Randles will be the evangelist and the Keller family will present the music.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

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Indians scrimmage in Eastland Saturday

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Rutkowski wins 4-H State Horse Show title

by **Caron Yates**
Ashton Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gale Rutkowski of Haskell, recently won Reserve Timed Event Champion at the State 4-H Horse Show held in Abilene.

Rutkowski, a recent Haskell High School graduate, has been riding and competing since an early age. Beginning with local and area Playday events, she has mastered barrel racing, pole bending and stake racing. She

has also competed in junior rodeos, high school rodeos and even rode her way into some amateur rodeos such as Texas Cowboy Reunion and Seymour Old Settlers Reunion.

Included in the many

trophies and awards she has won, are winning the junior barrels race at Seymour, being named All Around Cowgirl and placing third in barrel racing at the long running TCR rodeo, where the competition is some of

the toughest to be found.

Rutkowski has competed in the district 4-H horse show the past six years, being named the District 4-H All Around Horseman three of those years.

Although she has been very active in school with cheerleading, softball, basketball, track, FFA and studies, she has found time for hours of practice on her horse and usually spent at least one weekend a month in competition. She has been even busier during the summer, devoting most weekends to WTBR (barrel racing) contests.

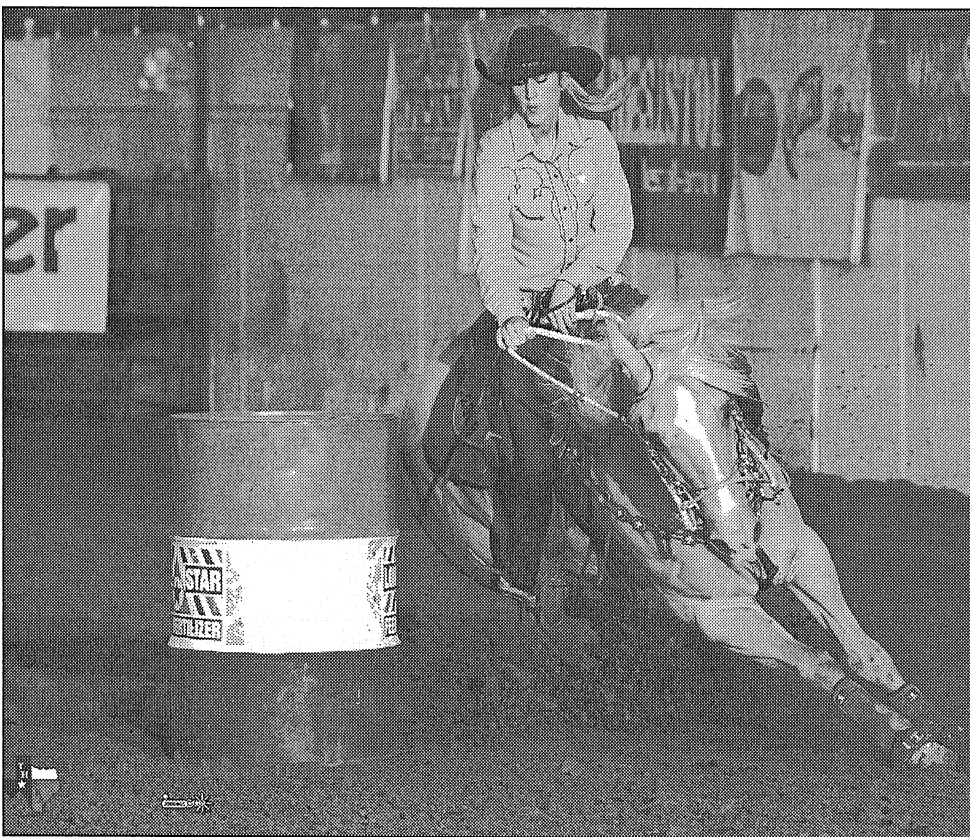
At this year's state show, there were approximately one hundred and eighty horsemen. Competitors must place in the top twenty in the preliminary round to advance to the finals. In the timed events, competitors receive points for their finish in each round. Accumulated points determine the champion. This year, Rutkowski won second in barrel racing, fourth in poles and eighth in stake racing to help her win the 2009 Reserve Champion title. In 2008, she was the All Around Timed Events Champion at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Rutkowski comes from a family of rodeo competitors. Her mom was a barrel racer and member of the Texas A&M University rodeo team. She was also Miss Rodeo Texas in 1976.

Two of her uncles, Keith Chapman who graduated from Haskell High in 1967, and Terry Chapman, a 1970 HHS graduate, were also both members of the Texas A&M rodeo team. Terry competed in the PRCA National Finals in saddle bronc riding and was a PRCA Texas Circuit Saddle Bronc Champion. Keith, who also competed in the saddle bronc event, was twice the Senior Pro Rodeo World Champion, four time Reserve World Champion and three time National Finals Rodeo Champion.

In addition to earning the Reserve Champion title, Rutkowski was a recipient of the Wrangler Academic Award.

She plans to attend Weatherford College on a rodeo scholarship where she will compete on the college level in barrel racing, goat tying and break-a-way, which is a new event for her.



4-H STATE RESERVE CHAMPION—Ashton Rutkowski rounds a barrel during competition at the State 4-H Horse Show held in Abilene.

Rutkowski took second in barrel racing, fourth in poles and eighth in stake racing to earn the 2009 Reserve Champion title.

Registration set for school campuses

Haskell Elementary

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 18 and Thurs., Aug. 20. Registration on Tues., Aug. 18 will be at 5:30 p.m. for students in the third and fourth grades and at 6:30 p.m. for students in the fifth grade.

Registration on Thurs., Aug. 20, will be at 5:30 p.m. for students in Head Start, PPCD (Early Childhood) and Kindergarten; Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. students in first and second grades will register. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 24. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Rochester Jr. High

Haskell CISD, Rochester Junior High will register students Tues., Aug. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. All sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to come to the junior high cafeteria in Rochester to fill out registration packets, tour the campus, meet staff members, and ask any questions about

the junior high.

Sixth grade students and parents are asked to come from 5 to 6 p.m. and seventh and eighth grade students and parents from 6 to 7 p.m., but if this is not convenient, you are welcome to come anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. A brief meeting will be held in the auditorium at 5:45 p.m. for sixth grade students and parents to explain some of the procedures and schedules at the junior high campus and to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend registration, registration packets may be picked up at the junior high office in Rochester or at the administration office in Haskell. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, call the Rochester Junior High office at 940-743-3260 or Reida Penman at 940-742-3476.

Rule ISD

Rule ISD will hold registration on Wed., Aug. 19 and Thurs. Aug. 20, in the school library. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through eighth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

Registering on Wed., Aug. 19 will be seniors at 1 p.m.; juniors at 2 p.m.; sophomores at 3 p.m.; and freshman at 4 p.m.

The registration schedule for Thurs., Aug. 20 includes Pre-K through fifth grade from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.; eighth grade at 1 p.m.; seventh grade at 2 p.m.; and sixth grade at 3 p.m.

Parents of students who

are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill.

- A copy of the child's Social Security Card.

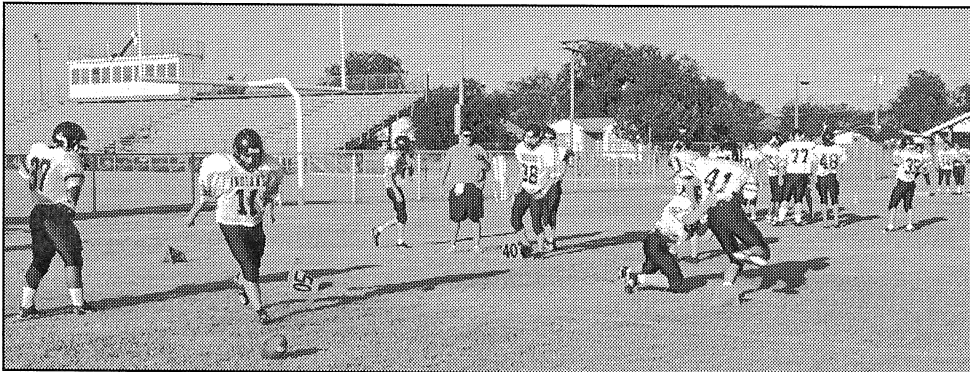
- Current immunization records.

- Any records from the child's previous school district.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the Teacher Night" for all students and their parents on Thurs., Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

This event is for families who will have students in Early Childhood through twelfth grades during the 2009-10 school year.



ARE YOU READY?—The Haskell Indians are practicing for the start of the 2009 football season with two-a-days underway. Coach Kent Colley said 39 athletes turned out for workouts in preparation for the upcoming season. The Indians will be in action Sat., Aug. 15 against Eastland at Eastland beginning with a JV scrimmage at 10 a.m. followed by a varsity scrimmage.

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

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS

NOTICE

The City of Rule will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on September 3, 2009 at City of Rule City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is **0.4987** per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Rule by 7.99%.

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ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 17

Lunch—Enchiladas,
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garden salad, chips, salsa,
apricot cobbler, tea or
coffee

Wed., Aug. 19

Lunch—Kraut and
sausage, onions, pickles,
mac and cheese, pinto
beans, garlic toast, Coke
cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 21

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna
and pimento sandwiches,
onion slice, chips, pickles,
jello, cookie, tea or
coffee

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

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Obituaries

Royce L. Williams



ROYCE L. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Royce
L. Williams, 81, long time
resident of Haskell were held
Fri., Aug. 7 at First Baptist
Church in Haskell. Burial
was in Willow Cemetery in
Haskell under the direction of
Holden-McCauley Funeral
Home of Haskell.

Mr. Williams passed away
Aug. 4 at an Abilene medical
center.

Born Jan. 10, 1928 in
Stamford, he was the son of
Roy Lee and Cassie Hager
Williams. He graduated
from Stamford High School

and proudly served his
country with the 8th Army
Headquarters in Tokyo,
Japan. He was active in the
reserves until the end of the
Korean War. He married
Bobbie Herd May 30, 1958
in Haskell.

He worked as a loan officer
at Rolling Plains Production
Credit Association for over
20 years and later served
as president of Central
Texas Production Credit
Association in Austin and
Georgetown. He began a
long tenure with Haskell
National Bank in 1971 and
retired as Chief Executive
Officer in 1995. He was an
active member of the Board
of Directors until the time of
his death. He was active in
civic affairs in Haskell which
include serving as Mayor of
Haskell for four years from
1978-82; serving as president
of Haskell Chamber of
Commerce; serving three
terms on the Haskell Country
Club board; serving two
terms on the Haskell Housing

Authority; and serving two
terms as director of North
Central Texas Municipal
Water Authority. He was
a member of First Baptist
Church in Haskell.

Williams was honored
to receive the Citizen of the
Year award from the Haskell
Chamber of Commerce in
1981.

Survivors include his
loving wife, Bobbie of 51
years; one son, Paul and
wife Rhonda of Abilene; six
grandchildren, Taylor, Jacob,
Ashley, Jeremiah, Jonathan
and Sarah Katherine; one
brother, Bob and wife, Joy
of Dallas; two nephews and
one niece.

Memorials may be
made to First Baptist
Church, 301 North Avenue
E, Haskell, Texas 79521;
Hendrick Hospice, 1682
Hickory Street, Abilene,
Texas 79601; or American
Diabetes Association, 1701
North Beauregard Street,
Alexandria, Virginia 22311.
PD. NOTICE

Clara Bell 'Bill' Crowley

Funeral services for Clara Belle 'Bill' McQuien and later Walton. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter,
McCook officiating. Burial was at Terrace
Cemetery under the personal care of Dee
and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral
Home of Post.

Mrs. Crowley died Sun., Aug. 9 at Golden
Plains Care Center.

Born Nov. 9, 1921 in Crawford, she
was the daughter of William Sanders and
Hattie Anderson Wright. She and her family
lived in Crawford, Oregon, Washington and
California. They returned to Texas and later
to Post. She married Murrie Crowley Nov.
29, 1937 in Post. He preceded her in death
Jan. 16, 1981. Later years, she worked for
the McQuien family taking care of Mrs.

Patricia Crowley May 3, 2002; daughter-
in-law, Kathy Crowley Dec. 3, 2003; and a
step great grandson, Andrew Engstrom July
4, 2007 who was serving in Iraq at the time
of his death.

Survivors include her son, Lonnie
Crowley of Haskell; five grandchildren; 19
great grandchildren; and three great great
grandchildren; long time special friend,
Walton McQuien of Post; and several nieces
and nephews.

Pallbearers were Steve Crain, Robert
Crain, Michael Crain, Shannon Crowley,
Mark Crowley and Daniel Crowley.
PD. NOTICE

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The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 31, 2009, in Haskell CISD Board Room, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.00/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	0.00% increase or 5.00% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase or 0.00% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00% increase or 5.00% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 289,406,416.00	\$ 319,035,040.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 20,440,640.00	\$ 1,862,490.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 117,795,546.00	\$ 150,501,168.00
Total taxable value*** of new property***	\$ 312,860.00	\$ 947,004.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0.00
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17	\$2,802.00	\$7,877.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.25	\$ 0.00*	\$1.25	\$3,333.00	\$7,200.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17	\$2,956.00	\$8,208.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 37,416.00	\$ 37,662.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,103.00	\$ 24,345.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 282.01	\$ 284.84
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 2.83

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,671,353.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Haskell County 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 7.9 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 August 21, 2009 at Commissioners' Court Room.

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2009 at Commissioners' Court Room.

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

FOR: Judge David Davis, Commissioner Johnny Scoggins,
Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield,
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Commissioner Bobby Smith
AGAINST: 0
PRESENT and not voting: 0
ABSENT: 0

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Haskell County last year was \$33,919 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.7548 (preceded year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$255.95 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Haskell County this year is \$34,166 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.7101 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$242.61 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.7668 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$261.98 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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



SHERI LYNN WELKER - NATHAN COLE CALLAWAY

Couple to marry

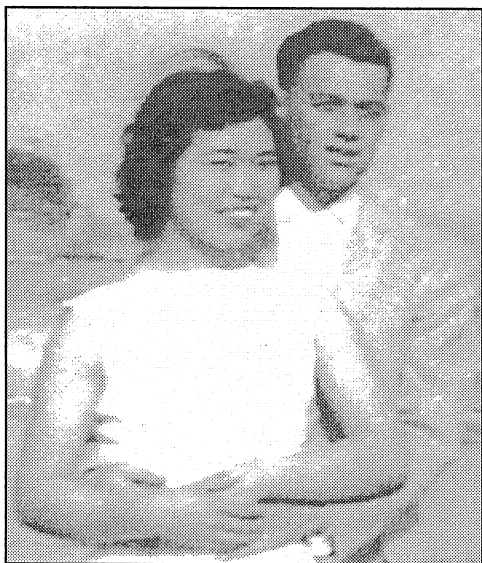
Mr. and Mrs. Merle Welker of Skedee, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sheri Lynn, to Nathan Cole Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Callaway of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Pawnee High School in Pawnee, Oklahoma, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in

Chickasha. She works on her family's ranch in Skedee.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Haskell High School and Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He works for the Farm Service Agency in Alva, Oklahoma.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Marland Mansion in Ponca City, Oklahoma.



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF MORRIS

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Clifton and Kazuko Morris of Haskell will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 16.

The couple married Aug. 16, 1959 in Tokyo, Japan.

Cliff was born in Clyde on April 18, 1936 and served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He is self-employed at Cliff's Garage and has been a mechanic for 39 years. He served the Haskell Jaycees for several years. Active as a semi-pro baseball and girls softball coach, he coached teams to the state level. He was a coach for Little Dribblers teams.

Kazuko was born in Tokyo, Japan on June 2,

1937. She is employed at The Hair Shop and has been a cosmetologist for 35 years. In Japan, she enjoyed roller skating. She is a homemaker, enjoying sewing and cooking. She is active at the Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene where many of her Japanese friends attend.

They have two daughters, Debra Bartley and Tina Lamb, both of Haskell; three grandchildren, Brittany Williams and Cannon Edwards, both of Haskell, and Chambray Bartley of Abilene; and two great grandchildren, Creed and Clyne Williams.

EEA Club visits Burgess home in Jud

The EEA Club met June 10 with nine members and three guests present. Members traveled to the Scott Burgess home, ".308 Ranch," at Jud. Members listened to Burgess explain the design of the house and also viewed a power point production of the house from start to finish. Both sources of information contributed to members having a complete visual picture of how the house was built and the theory behind the techniques used. The program served as a completion to the State Program: "Designing Your Own Outdoor Living Spaces...From A Dream to Reality."

Dolores Medford attended the state convention in Corpus Christi and gained information for the program, From A Dream to Reality. .308 Ranch filled all of the criteria for a program on this topic. Residents of Haskell County and the surrounding area are fortunate to have an environmentally friendly home in the area. Much can be learned from its design, especially for those interested in promoting a Green-Eco Friendly World. The club appreciated Medford for locating and arranging the tour.

Burgess explained to members how he had researched the area temperature, wind and day length to incorporate energy saving techniques into the design of the house. Through his research, Burgess learned how to take what was in nature and incorporate it into the house. By doing this, the natural environment surrounding the house could be used to assist in heating and cooling. Burgess drastically



VISIT .308 RANCH—Members of the EEA Club took in the view from the west deck of the environmentally friendly home of the .308 Ranch belonging to Scott Burgess in Jud recently. Club members, l-r, are Jeri Burke, Alice Yates, Pat Jenkins, Lena Tidwell, Sue McGee, Kathryn Schonestedt, homeowner Scott Burgess, Joetta Burnett and Dolores Medford. Not pictured is Alice Ballard.

reduced electric usage by techniques he implemented in the construction of the house.

The construction of the house began in June 2007, and was moved into by Thanksgiving 2008. The house has a 70' by 40' roof and is approximately 2,400 square feet. With walls constructed of poly steel, insulated concrete forms and filled with cement, the house is well insulated and extremely sturdy. Spray foam insulation was used to further insulate the house. The doors and windows are PVC plastic; the back deck is made of synthetic lumber referred to as "trax" and natural wood is used instead of processed wood. Natural slate and walnut are

used in the European style kitchen. The master bath is also European designed with an open concept. There are many other features of the house that one would have to see for themselves in order to understand the planning and study Burgess incorporated into the design of his house. The view from the deck faces west and is breathtakingly beautiful. Members were

most appreciative to Burgess for his time and explanations.

Refreshments were served upon returning to the Extension Office by Coleta Whitfield and Jeri Burke.

The next EEA meeting will be Thurs., Aug. 13. TEEA meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Meetings are held at the County Extension Office.

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LaVern Mayfield's children will host her 90th birthday party Saturday, August 15 from 2:00-5:00 P.M. at the Bevers House 311 North Avenue F in Haskell. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the party. Please allow your attendance to be your only gift.

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Education system knows what to do in advance of swine flu season

AUSTIN—Texas school officials have plans to carry out if the H1N1 “swine flu” influenza virus hits schools this fall.

Here’s a brief version of a set of federal/state guidelines schools are to follow if flu conditions are about the same as they were last spring:

1. Stay home when sick
2. Separate ill students and staff
3. Wash hands frequently with soap and water and cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow, if no tissue is available)
4. Routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often
5. Treat high-risk students and staff early
6. Consider selective school dismissal to better protect high-risk students

And here is a brief set of guidelines to be used if the conditions of increased severity emerge.

1. Active screening: Check students and staff for fever and other symptoms when they get to school in the morning, separate those who are ill, and send them home as soon as possible; monitor throughout the day
2. High-risk students and staff members stay home
3. Students with ill household members stay home
4. Increase distance between people at schools, such as moving desks farther apart or canceling classes that bring together children from different classrooms.
5. Extend the period for ill persons to stay home: if influenza severity increases, people with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 7 days, even if they have no more symptoms; if people are still sick, they should stay home until 24 hours after they have no symptoms
6. School dismissals if conditions warrant

2009: Most drownings on record
So far in 2009, 84 children have drowned in Texas, according to the count by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

“If you can’t see a child, you can’t save a child,” said Sasha Rasco, the state agency’s assistant commissioner for child care licensing.

“Children should never be left unsupervised for any length of time in or around water, because the results can be devastating.”

An average of 70 children drowned each year since the agency began the count in 2005. In 2008, 82 children

drowned in Texas, previously the highest annual total.

- Federal statistics show:
- Children under one year old most often drown in bathtubs, buckets or toilets.
 - Children from one to four years old drown most often in residential swimming pools.
 - Most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

New stickers sport cowboy look

New Texas motor vehicle inspection stickers debuted Aug. 1, and they have a western look.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said images of cowboys will appear on different types of inspection stickers.

“We wanted to present a new certificate design that was immediately identifiable as being Texan,” said JoJo Heselmeier, director of vehicle services for the DPS.

Texas issues 10 different inspection certificate designs, dependent upon factors such as the age of the vehicle, whether it is designated as a commercial vehicle and whether emissions testing is required.

TxDOT uses social networking

On Aug. 3, the Texas Department of Transportation announced it is using Twitter, Facebook and YouTube to communicate with the public.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said, “It has already proved to be helpful in communicating important emergency information, traffic updates and lane closures and we intend to continue using this technology in the future.”

Perry-Hutchison debates planned

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in late July said she plans to resign in October or November to run for governor.

Last week her exploratory committee said she will participate in live debates with Gov. Rick Perry. Perry’s people said the governor has committed to two debates to be televised before the March 2 Republican primary.

The Dallas Morning News and four television stations, all owned by A.H. Belo Corp., will host and air the debates.

O’Neill decides not to run again

Texas Supreme Court Associate Justice Harriet O’Neill on Aug. 6 announced she does not intend to seek reelection when her term expires in 2010.

O’Neill was elected to her first six-year term in 1998. She is second in seniority on the present court.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 19, 1999

Experts Gary and Cheryl Toler of Duncanville, worked three days to remove, clean, reassemble and tune each of the 401 pipes of the seventy-year-old pipe organ at the First United Methodist Church.

Maggie Teague joined the membership of the junior American Angus Association.

Neat Bevel celebrated her 87th birthday.

20 Years Ago August 17, 1989

Andrea Bridwell and Joni Martindale were the 1989-90 Haskell Jr. High twirlers.

The First Baptist Church in Weinert welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Donny Harbers and family.

Haskell Jr. High cheerleaders were Sherry Muehler, Heather Stewart, Micca Jordan, Natonia Anderson, Heather Hobgood and Nicole Lefevre.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gavlik and children of Tulsa, Oklahoma, treated their mother, Oleta Bowers of Haskell to a trip to the Virgin Islands.

Perry Wright reopened the restaurant formerly known as Markey’s Place. It will be known as Wright’s.

The fourth Kretschmer reunion was held at the Haskell lodge in the Irby

Community. Mr. and Mrs. Botch Burson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago August 16, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cox celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jimmy Owens was honored with a party by courthouse personnel after submitting his resignation as County Auditor and accepting the position as manager of Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1.

40 Years Ago August 21, 1969

Paula Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Brueggeman, spoke to members of the Haskell Lions Club.

John H. Prince, house utility attendant at Haskell, retired after twenty-one and a half years with the General Telephone Company.

Woody’s Restaurant, owned and operated by Woody Frazier, was broken into and a small amount of cash was stolen from a pinball and cigarette machine.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wooten and grandmother, Mrs. W.C. Collins, were David and Lindy Collins of Memphis.

50 Years Ago August 13, 1959

Haskell gained three new residents according to the

Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Stafford, B. Walker, Olen King and Mrs. Bruce King.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders and W.A. Dotson of Corpus Christi visited in the home of Mamie Alley. Mrs. Alley is the mother of Mrs. Danders and grandmother of W.A. Dotson.

David M. Middleton received a bachelor’s science degree in education, and Emma Jo Cogburn of Rule, a bachelor of business administration degree in business education from North Texas State College in Denton.

100 Years Ago August 14, 1909

Will Boone and daughter Margaret of Wichita Falls visited in the home of his brother, J.S. Boone and family.

The light plant installed two new boilers and an engine of 150 horsepower.

W.A. Marsh sold his interest in the firm of Marsh-Williams Feed Store and has bought an interest in the North Side Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Grissom left for Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and other points.

A.H. Alexander visited the Grussendorf community the early part of the week and reports crop prospects good in that section.

USDA sign-up underway for new CSP

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) started continuous sign-up for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) on Aug. 10 with the first sign-up period cutoff scheduled for Sept. 30. CSP is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations.

“This program will help the Nation’s agricultural and forestry producers reach greater levels of conservation performance, which will help protect our land and water,” Merrigan said. “The conservation benefits derived from maintaining and enhancing the natural resources will improve the quality of soil and water, assist in addressing global climate change, and encourage environmentally responsible energy production.”

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) authorizes CSP. Congress renamed and revamped the former Conservation Security Program completely to improve its availability and appeal to agricultural

and forestry producers. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers CSP. Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, prairie, improved pastureland, rangeland, non-industrial private forestland—a new land use for the program—and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Eligible applicants may include individual landowners, legal entities, and Indian tribes. The program will be offered to producers in all 50 states, District of Columbia and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups. Agricultural and forestry producers must submit applications by Sept. 30 to be considered for funding in the first ranking period. Congress capped the annual acreage enrollment at 12,769,000 acres for each fiscal year nationwide.

To apply for the newly revamped CSP, potential participants will be encouraged to use a self-screening checklist first to determine whether the new program is suitable for them or their operation. It will be available on NRCS Web sites and at NRCS field offices. After self-screening, the producer’s current and proposed conservation

practices are entered in the conservation measurement tool (CMT). This tool estimates the level of environmental performance to be achieved by a producer implementing and maintaining conservation activity. The conservation performance estimated by the CMT will be used to rank applications. States will determine their own priority resource concerns, one of the criteria that will be used to rank applications. States will establish ranking pools to rank applications with similar resource concerns.

NRCS field staff also will conduct on-site field verifications of applicants’ information obtained from the CMT. Once the potential participant has been field verified and approved for funding, he or she must develop a conservation stewardship plan.

For information about CSP, including eligibility requirements, producers can visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp or visit their local NRCS field office.

USDA is finalizing the program’s policies and procedures. The CSP interim final rule, published in the Federal Register, is open for public comment through Sept. 28.

Let’s Talk Plants

By Brandon Carr
Soil Conservation
James E. ‘Bud’ Smith
Plant Material Center,
Knox City

Who doesn’t enjoy the taste of fresh, homegrown vegetables? Have you been wondering what it takes to grow your own produce? When should I plant? What should I plant? How long will it take for the vegetables to mature?

These are questions to consider before you plant any garden. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared Aug. 23-29 as National Community Gardening Week. This is a chance to get out and learn how to produce your own gardens. For many that have already mastered this art, you have the chance to educate others. Community gardens can provide positive benefits in many different ways. They give individuals the opportunity to get outside, maybe get some needed exercise. They give neighbors the chance to visit and work together as a team. They provide fresh food for our families. And finally, they allow us to teach our children and grandchildren how to live off the land.

While many may think that because the summer is winding down, there is no time left for a garden this year. Actually, August is a great time to plant a vegetable garden.

Fall gardens have to be planned carefully to ensure that the plants being grown have time to produce before frost and freezes. Certain plants have the ability to withstand frosts and freezes, while others may be severely hurt or killed. The fall time of the year provides a chance to grow cool, short season vegetables. Green leafy plants such as turnips, spinach and cabbage have the ability to withstand cold spells with little damage. Lettuce, beets and carrots can handle some freezing weather, but may be hurt by long spells of freezing temperatures. Beans, peas, cucumbers and squash show heavy damage from frosts and freezing temperatures.

We are planning to plant our own garden here at the plant materials center around the middle of August. Our “People’s Garden” will give aspiring gardeners the opportunity to come and see things growing in the field. You can ask questions or just look at the different things we have growing. Our garden will consist of: lettuce, beets, cucumbers, peas, okra, sweet corn, squash, turnip greens, spinach, mustard, radish, carrots and collards.

Again, we invite you to come and see us anytime. The NRCS Field Office staff can assist you in planning all the conservation needs on your land. Or, give us a call at the plant materials center (940-658-3922), we would be happy to visit with you about our plant material releases and research projects. We also welcome groups large or small to come out and take a tour. Let us know when you want to come and we will have someone available to show you around. We are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you.

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MULLINS COUSIN REUNION—Attending the Mullins Cousins Reunion held Aug. 2 in Haskell were, seated, first cousins, Maple Thomas, Mildred Offutt, Wallace Pack, Wanda Faye Campbell, Marie Brown, Eldon Amonett, Willard Mullins, Marjorie Reynolds, Barbara Clarkson; standing, Lois McDonald, Gaylon Amonett, Robbie Curry, Dale Linton; front row, Kay Smith, Lynsi Atchley, Zachary Hearn, Steve Collins, Cindy Collins; second row: Jennifer Smith, Maple Thomas, Lois McDonald, Mildred Offutt, Wallace Pack, Wanda Faye Campbell, Marie Brown, Eldon

Amonett, Willard Mullins, Marjorie Reynolds, Barbara Clarkson, Norma Dale Linton, Kyera Smith; third row, Marie Atchley, Jim Atchley, Judy Anderson, Melissa Anderson, Ross Anderson, Carolyn Griffith, J.B. Griffith, Sue Holcombe, Gwen Williams, Jim Williams, Donna Morrison, Jennifer Linton, Gaylon Amonett, Robbie Curry, Matt Smith; fourth row, Valarie Anderson, Donnie Smith, Sharon Smith, Jim White, Gayle White, Clifton Morrison, Deborah Cole, Dalton Linton, John Linton, Shirley Offutt; and Frank Clarkson, not pictured, photographer.

BCEC hosts competition

Big Country Electric Cooperative, together with Texas Co-op Power magazine, invites high school students who live in households served by an electric cooperative to compete in the "Co-op Teens Power Texas" video competition that will award \$4,000 in cash prizes. The mission: create a one-to-three-minute educational video showing Texans how to save electricity in their everyday lives. Students may work alone or in a group, just be sure to share the credit.

The grand-prize winner will receive \$1,500. If the winner's school sponsors them in the competition, the school will receive \$1,000. Six runners-up will receive \$250 each.

For complete rules, entry forms and deadline information, go to www.texascooppower.com and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas link.

Mullins family holds cousins reunion

The grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, early Haskell settlers, held the annual Mullins Cousins Reunion Sun., Aug. 2, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Over fifty Mullins relatives and guests attended. Registering guests were Norma Dale Linton and Marie Brown. Giving the dinner prayer was Ross Anderson. Traveling the longest distances to attend were Marie Brown, Farmington, New Mexico and Gwen and Jim Williams, Red River, New Mexico.

Oldest grandchild attending was Maple Thomas, Olney.

The family group having the most attendees was Nettie Mullins Smith's descendants.

Marie Mullins Brown distributed copies of stories about Grandmother Bettie Mullins who came to Haskell in 1916.

Great-granddaughter Shirley Brown Olbert, Bloomfield, New Mexico, researched written materials and interviewed cousins to obtain stories about the life of Bettie Mullins in order to author the booklet. Bettie

brought the family money to Haskell with it sewn into her petticoats for safekeeping. Will Mullins moved his cattle to the Haskell area by train through Abilene. Will and Bettie bought farmland in the north part of Haskell County.

Additional stories fill the six-page document. Copies of a database of current personal information of Mullins relatives were distributed by Barbara Mullins Clarkson.

Gaylon Amonett, the family auctioneer, conducted the entertaining auction of family-donated items. Frank Clarkson and Zachary Hearn assisted to add to the fun. Robbie Curry recorded bidding data. Gayle Davis White, Rochester, donated the item that brought the highest price—a framed patriotic pastel painting that she created.

Granddaughter Norma Dale and husband Dalton Linton were honored for their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their daughter Cindy Linton Collins presented a slideshow of the Linton's fifty years of marriage. A surprise Golden Anniversary cake was also presented.

Grandson Royce Mullins of Lubbock, who died in February 2009, was remembered by the group. Currently, there are 19 living first cousins, grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins. Each family took a turn at the microphone to share 2008-09 stories

of family members. Frank Clarkson organized group picture-taking to record the reunion.

A barbecue dinner was catered with additional desserts and side dishes brought by guests. Frank and Barbara Clarkson will chair the reunion for 2010.

Attending the reunion were Eldon Amonett, Denver City; Ross and Judy Anderson, Valarie Anderson, Melissa Anderson, Zachary Hearn, J.B. and Carolyn Griffin, Utah, and Jesse Hawley, Brenda and Kenneth Sanders, Donnie and Sharon Smith, Matt and Kyera Smith, Jennifer Smith, Abilene.

Gaylon Amonett, Frank and Barbara Clarkson, Deborah Cole, Marjorie Reynolds, Robbie Curry, Lubbock; Jim and Marie Atchey, Lynsi Atchley, Throckmorton; Marie Brown, Farmington, New Mexico; Jim and Gwen Williams, Red River, New Mexico.

Arvil Lee and Wanda Fay Campbell, Ralls; Cindy and Steve Collins, Fort Worth; Lois McDonald, Eastland; Sue Holcombe, Maple Thomas, Olney; Dale and Dalton Linton, John and Jennifer Linton, Midland.

Donna and Clifton Morrison, Anson; Willard Mullins, Kay Smith, Charlie Smith, Haskell; Jimmy and Gayle White, Rochester; Mildred Offutt, Shirley Offutt, Wichita Falls; and Wallace Pack, San Angelo.

Wild hogs cause ag damage

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Hogs will feed on almost any agricultural crop they find, especially crops adjacent to riparian areas. They eat seeds, seedlings, mature crops, hay, turf and gardens. Their rooting and trampling also damages crops. The financial losses to agricultural producers can be staggering.

Feral swine compete with livestock by rooting up and eating vegetation intended for livestock feed. Rooting creates troughs or mounds that can damage farm equipment and injure livestock. Rooting can also affect the plant composition of a pasture by promoting the growth of undesirable plants where hogs have destroyed desirable forage grasses. Once pastures are degraded

in this way, landowners must spend considerable money and time restoring them to pre-swine conditions.

Swine wallowing can severely muddy ponds and streams and cause algae blooms, oxygen depletion, bank erosion and soured water. This is particularly true when drought conditions concentrate large numbers of hogs around a few water sources.

Feral hogs consume supplemental food and damage feeders and food plots intended for livestock and wildlife. When hogs frequent these sites other animals often avoid them.

Fence damage—torn netting, holes, and weakened wires and posts—can allow livestock to wander, give access to predators, and result in costly repairs.

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Library ends summer reading program

The Summer Reading Program at the Haskell County Library has ended for the summer. A closing party was held Aug. 4. Children made hats, read the story "The Lonestar Alphabet," sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas," received prizes and certificates, and enjoyed refreshments.

It's not too late for any child to bring in their reading logs to receive a prize.

Storytime at the library will continue every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The last movie day was held Mon., Aug. 3. Movies at the library will resume next summer.

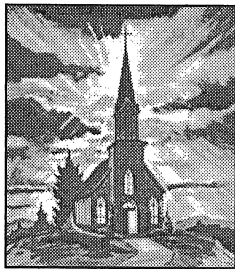
The ESL (English Second Language) class will not meet for the month of August, but will reorganize again in mid-September.

Paula Rennegarbe said, "It has been a busy summer at the library. I want to thank all the parents for their help with bringing the children and helping with projects. Children watch as we model what to do."



SUMMER READING PROGRAM—The Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Haskell County Library and Texas State Library and Archives Commission, came to a close last week. Children were guests at a party on Aug. 4 where they made hats, read the story "The Lonestar Alphabet," sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas," and received prizes and certificates. It is not too late for children who participated in the program to turn in their reading logs and receive a prize. Children present were, front row, l-r, Madilyn Moore, Colt Moore, Faith Jordan, Eli Peacock and Luke Peacock; back row, Addisyn Bates, Blessing Jordan, Paula Rennegarbe—leader, Brayden Brzozowski, John Anderson and Jaclyn Snelling.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Summer brings us closer to God's creation

The sun has reached the zenith in the sky,
And casts no noonday shadow from up high;
But warms with gentle breezes through the air
A world of life that's teeming everywhere.
The grass and trees attain their deepest green.
While lazy streams reflect the summer scene:

A season meant for living out of doors;
And time to take a holiday from chores,
But never from your faith; for on vacation,
You'll learn first hand the beauty of Creation.
So, in the church to which your faith has bound you,
Give thanks to God, who made this world around you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**
Ronnie Gibson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
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**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
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**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, 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
Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 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**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
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**
Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Glenn A. Merchant, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 2009, in Cause No. 4,397, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Loraine Johnson.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 1 Avenue D, Post Office Box 206, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Dated the 7th day of August, 2009.

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Public Notices

In addition, Senate Bill 9, which was passed recently, requires that all substitutes be fingerprinted. The total cost for the fingerprinting service is \$50.20. Substitutes must pay for this service, but will be reimbursed after being employed with the district.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute employee—classroom, cafeteria, maintenance, etc.—please call or come by the administration office to obtain an application and instructions. You may also go to the Haskell CISD website at www.haskell.esc14.net to obtain an online application for support and service personnel. When your application is completed and returned to the administration office, you will be given further instruction.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE OF J.L. TOLIVER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J.L. Toliver, Deceased, were issued on August 3, 2009 in Cause Number 4399, pending the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to Patricia Toliver Seidel, as the Independent Executor of the Will and Estate of J.L. Toliver, Deceased.

The mailing address for the Independent Executor is c/o Robert N. Virden, Robert N. Virden, P.C., 3419 Westminister Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205-1837.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 4th day of August 2009.
Robert N. Virden, P.C.
By: Robert N. Virden
SBN 20592000
Attorney for Patricia Toliver Seidel, Independent Executor for the Will and Estate of J.L. Toliver, Deceased, 3419 Westminister Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205-1387. 33p

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking applications for the position of sixth grade, self-contained classroom teacher. Applications for the position may be picked up at the HCISD Administration Office at 605 North Avenue E during regular school business hours or by logging on to the school's website at www.haskell.esc14.net and clicking on Employment Opportunities. For more information please contact Junior High Principal, Reida Penman at 940-743-3260. If you need to fax your application, the principal's office fax number is 940-743-3237. Haskell CISD is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants for all positions are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. The Haskell

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We would like to thank Haskell EMS, Sheriff's Dept. and everyone who came to help when we lost our home. It was very devastating to go through something like that, but with all your help, gifts, food, and prayers we have relocated and have been overwhelmed with all the help from friends and family. Without you this would not have been possible. Our many thanks and blessings to all.
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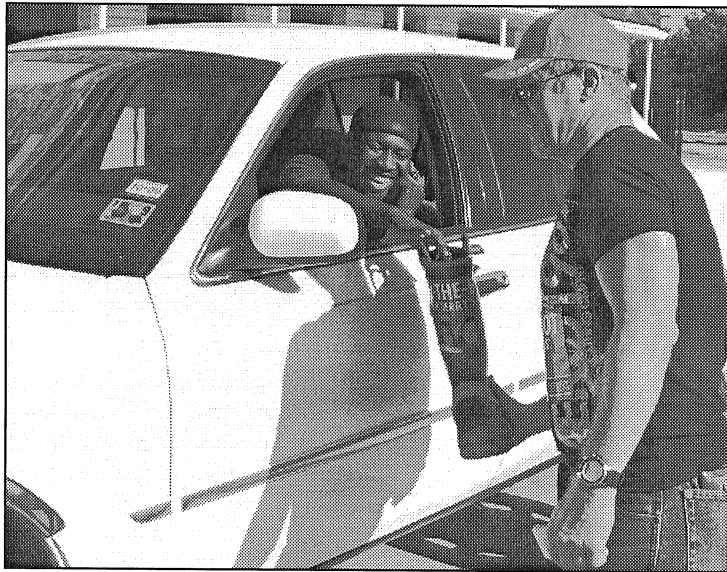
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FILL-THE-BOOT—Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members manned the corners of Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 380 Saturday morning to help gather donations for the annual Fill-The Boot campaign for Muscular Dystrophy and Jerry's Kids. Haskell fireman Mike Alsbrook holds his boot for Kenneth Billington to drop in his contribution. Approximately \$680 was collected. Firemen will send the funds to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in time for the Labor Day Telethon.

Thomas family holds reunion

The annual Thomas family reunion was held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., Aug. 1. Descendants of the late Clifford Adell Thomas Sr. and Annie Mae Josselet Thomas gathered for a day of renewing family ties and reviewing family memories. There were old movies, transferred to DVDs, which covered many years of previous reunions and other family gatherings. They brought many reminders of past shared experiences both happy and bittersweet.

The late John and Ethel Thomas were represented by Clyde and Ann Thomas of Pasadena, Geoff and Julie Horn of Navasota, Christene and Don DuBois of Magnolia, Delin, Austin and

Taylor Konicki of Spring, and Gary, Reda and Micah Thomas of Haskell.

Berta Mae Thomas Carroll was accompanied by daughters Jean Taylor and Sandra Blair, Vivian and Mark Bland came as well as Travis Pollard, all of Forney, and son Jerry Bass of Weatherford.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas of Haskell, Mary Ann and Jerry Wheatley of Cleburne, Dale and Cheryl Wheatley and Colton of Dallas and Lynn and Robin Wheatley, Luke, Jude and Asher of Plano.

Marie Thomas Cole of Plano was present along with daughter Gaylen Chanslor of Farmers Branch.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas came with Suzanne and Mike Wollard of Bryan, Tanner Wollard of College Station and Cody Wollard of Shore Acres. Debbie and Ricky Scheffel, Todd and Kaylee came from Lubbock.

In all forty-three family members attended plus several guests.

Guests were Alma Terrell and Mary Kammenga, both of Haskell, and Manual Gonzales of Forney. Bailey Toliver came by to visit with former classmates. Also present was 'Au Pair' Sukanya (Sube) Laptanyarat, a college student of Bangkok, Thailand who is here for one to two years to study American culture and English skills through a special program sponsored by the U.S. State Department. She lives with her host family in Plano.

All present enjoyed a BBQ dinner, fried chicken and a plentiful assortment of desserts brought by various family members. After lunch, Lewis Thomas, ably assisted by Debbie and Kaylee Scheffel, auctioned off Thomas memorabilia along with special handmade items and crafts. Later, and after much visiting, a supper of left-overs was served, and the family dispersed looking forward to Reunion 2010.

Homecoming events planned

Haskell Homecoming will be here soon. This year's homecoming is slated for Fri. and Sat., Sept. 25-26.

Along with the traditional pep rally, football game, and recognition program, the homecoming committee would like to provide a fund-raising opportunity for your organization, and at the same time, offer entertainment to community members and homecoming guests.

On Sat., Sept. 26, an array of activities for all ages will

be set up at the fairgrounds. To get things kicked off, the Haskell Lions Club will host a 5K Run and Walk. Local organizations are asked to rent booth space at this event to provide fun, games, food and drinks. Ideas will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, so prepare your fund-raising ideas now. To secure your space at the event, contact Jimmy Burson, homecoming president, at 940-256-1394 or 940-864-8161.

Calendar

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Women of prayer

Women of Prayer meets each third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Church of God, 714 N. First St. East. No children, please.

Bible study

A Bible study entitled

"Deeper Still" will be held Sept. 13-Oct. 18 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the First Baptist Church Education Building in the regular classroom. A nursery will be provided by calling the church office each week at 864-2581. Registration may be made by calling the church office.

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rhansoncm@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

Homecoming

Haskell homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26. Updated information is needed on former students. If you can provide updated information concerning addresses, email addresses or phone numbers, send the information to 1702 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email baylessgrant@gmail.com or call 940-864-2176.

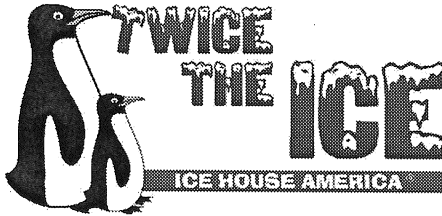
Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Benefit concert

A concert to benefit the Old Glory and Sagerton Volunteer Fire Departments will be held Mon., Sept. 7 beginning at 4 p.m. at River Front Properties, 2 miles north of Sagerton. Tickets are a \$10 donation. More information is available at www.RiverFrontPropertiesTX.com.

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PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$14,079	\$20,036	\$1,174	\$1,670	\$587	\$835	\$542	\$771	\$271	\$388
2	\$18,941	\$26,955	\$1,579	\$2,247	\$790	\$1,124	\$729	\$1,037	\$385	\$519
3	\$23,803	\$33,874	\$1,984	\$2,823	\$992	\$1,412	\$916	\$1,303	\$458	\$652
4	\$28,665	\$40,793	\$2,389	\$3,400	\$1,195	\$1,700	\$1,103	\$1,569	\$552	\$785
5	\$33,527	\$47,712	\$2,794	\$3,976	\$1,397	\$1,988	\$1,290	\$1,836	\$645	\$918
6	\$38,389	\$54,631	\$3,200	\$4,553	\$1,600	\$2,277	\$1,477	\$2,102	\$739	\$1,051
7	\$43,251	\$61,550	\$3,605	\$5,130	\$1,803	\$2,565	\$1,664	\$2,368	\$832	\$1,164
8	\$48,113	\$68,469	\$4,010	\$5,706	\$2,005	\$2,853	\$1,851	\$2,634	\$926	\$1,317
9	\$52,975	\$75,388	\$4,416	\$6,283	\$2,208	\$3,142	\$2,038	\$2,901	\$1,020	\$1,451
10	\$57,837	\$82,307	\$4,822	\$6,860	\$2,411	\$3,431	\$2,225	\$3,168	\$1,114	\$1,585
11	\$62,699	\$89,226	\$5,228	\$7,437	\$2,614	\$3,720	\$2,412	\$3,435	\$1,208	\$1,719
12	\$67,561	\$96,145	\$5,634	\$8,014	\$2,817	\$4,008	\$2,599	\$3,702	\$1,302	\$1,853
For each additional family member			\$408	\$577	\$203	\$289	\$187	\$267	\$84	\$134
net			\$1,862	\$6,919						

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None," "No Number," or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provision of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The District PEIMS Coordinator will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Superintendent, Haskell CISD, P.O. Box 937, 605 North Avenue E St., Haskell, TX 79521, 940-864-2602.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

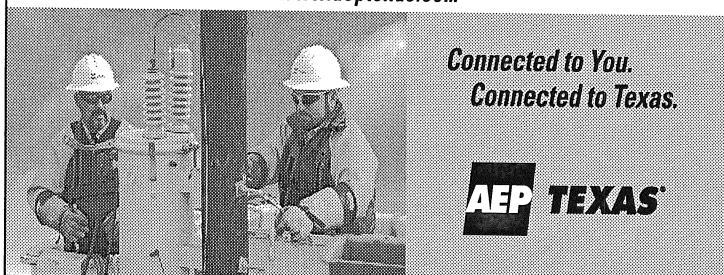
- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. Many REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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