

Calendar

PC School picnic

Paint Creek ISD faculty and administration will host a back to school picnic for parents and students Tues., Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the football field. Each family is asked to bring either a bag of chips, cookies or six pack of soft drinks. School starts Wed., Aug. 13 at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

FBC youth night

First Baptist Church Youth will present Wednesday night water war and swimming at the park Wed., Aug. 6. Swimming will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring water balloons and water guns for a night of fun. Those entering grades 7 through 12 are invited.

CEU meeting

The Texas Cooperative Extension Haskell County Office will host a five hour CEU program Wed., Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, contact Brandon Anderson, CEA-Ag Haskell County at 940-864-2658.

Stenholm visit

Congressman Charlie Stenholm will host a public meeting Mon., Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 6:15 at the Haskell County Courthouse. Stenholm will update constituents on issues pending in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at KP's restaurant in Haskell Fri., Aug. 8 at noon. Election of officers will be held.

Free flea market

The Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship will hold a flea market giveaway Sat., Aug. 16 from 8 to noon at 1303 N. Ave. I in Haskell. All items are free.

Paint Creek registration

Paint Creek ISD will hold pre-registration for all students Fri., Aug. 8. Elementary students may register any time from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 6-8 grade students will register from 10 to 11:30 a.m. 9-12 grade students will register from 1 to 2:30 p.m. All students not currently living in the school district and would like to transfer to Paint Creek ISD must have their parents come by and fill out transfer and registration forms during registration.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 10-11. Address changes, including new 911 addresses, may be mailed to Dorothy Hartsfield, 415 S. 1st or 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or by email to hsharts@cs.com.

Office to close

The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Thurs., Aug. 7.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Lamb, goat validation

Those in FFA or 4-H who are planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project must register for a Texas validation ear tag. Orders for the tags are being taken at the Haskell Co. Extension Office until Aug. 18. Tags will be received in October, followed by a date set for validation. Drop by the office at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell to order tags for your project. For more information, call Brandon Anderson, Co. Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

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Local State Trooper making music

By Mary Kaigler

"Life's good. Life's great," sings Lance Adams on the title song of his newly released, independently produced CD. One of his ten original songs on the CD, it was inspired by and written about his family's life in

Haskell after the Highway Patrol Trooper and his wife, Katrina, and daughter, Kaysi, moved here where they can all be together in one place.

It's been a good year all around for them, he said. Katrina Adams is employed with Holden-McCauley

Funeral Home, and A-student Kaysi will be a sophomore at Haskell High School. The family attends the First United Methodist Church.

Although song writing and music have long been among his many hobbies, the road on which the

Highway Patrol Trooper has traveled to the point of having his music published and produced has taken a variety of turns.

Born in Andrews, his family lived in Lubbock, Midland, Fort Worth, Waxahachie, and finally, in Breckenridge, where he grew up. In high school there he taught himself to play the drums. He started writing song lyrics while attending McMurry University. After earning a degree in Geology, he worked for a while as a hydro-geologist.

For about ten years, he played drums with an Austin band, playing '50s and '60s rock and roll music. Learning to fly, he became a flying instructor and also flew freight charter flights for Federal Express and UPS, sometimes even to the Caribbean. Before going into the Highway Patrol, he worked two years as a pilot for American Eagle Airlines out of Dallas, a job which required him to be away from his family more than he wanted to be. Always wanting to be a Trooper, he said that he likes his job and being at home more with his family. Eventually, he would like to fly for the Highway Patrol.

Along the road to his musical career, a number of fortuitous events occurred that helped to pave the way. Although he wrote songs, he didn't know how to play the guitar very well. While working as a flying instructor, a man he was teaching wanted to go on a trip, and they ended up in Nashville, where the man bought him a Martin guitar. Adams said it was such a nice one he felt obliged to really learn to play it. "From that time on, writing was a lot easier," he said.

With some financial backing from a friend in Austin, about last March, Adams started his own publishing company, co-producing with Joe Bielinski of Abilene, the completely independent CD featuring his own songs. Finally putting it all together, with Bielinski getting the musicians together, Adams said he has learned why record companies have so many people working for them. "I just wish I had a few working for me. It would have been a lot easier," he said of the many aspects involved in the process.

Adams likes his music's mixture of traditional, country, some of the older George Strait sound, and sometimes with a little bit of Creedence Clearwater Revival. "But this one's pretty much straight country."

"I didn't get to spend \$75,000 like George Strait does when he records a CD, but I'm real happy with it," he said of the CD that sings of such things as Love at First Sight, Foolish Hearts Don't Deserve to Cry, My Little Girl, and Why Did You Say I Do? "For the budget and level of music it is, I think it's as good a quality as anything on the Texas and regional music market. If we can just sell enough here and keep plugging away, maybe we can do another one."

More than anything else, Adams said his main goal in music is to be a song writer. "I hope that a major artist will pick up one of my songs. I would rather have that than to travel all over the world as an entertainer. I don't really strive to do that, but I'd love to write hit songs. I'm just glad to be with my family here in Haskell. I like my job and Haskell's been a good place for us. It has good schools, the people have been supportive of us, and we appreciate that."

As an independent producer supported by the sale of his CD, with no agent or big marketing producer, Adams does his own promotional work. Recently going up against some stiff competition, he won an Abilene music station's "Texas Shoot Out" contest for first-time artists, with his "Don't Let the Door Hit Ya," a novelty song with a good dance beat. He said Haskell people helped to make it happen by calling in to the station.

Adams' CD may be ordered through his one page web site at www.lanceadams.net, which links directly to the distributor, Texas Music Express.

If he hasn't done it already, with his current CD "Like's Good. Life's Great," maybe living in Haskell while protecting our safety on the highways will further inspire Highway Patrol Trooper Lance Adams to write that one special song that will fly straight to the top of the charts.



SINGING TROOPER—Texas Highway Patrol Trooper, Lance Adams of Haskell, has recently released an independently produced CD, "Life's Good, Life's Great," featuring ten of his original songs. The title song was written after he and his family settled into their home in Haskell about a year ago.

Civic Center status subject of open meeting

By Mary Kaigler

From its beginning as a dream in the hearts of visionary citizens, of a spacious community center to accommodate all kinds of gatherings and events, through persistence and support by many generous gifts and donations, the Haskell Memorial Civic Center finally came to be the community's largest, most versatile public building. It is a credit to the community, a monument to community spirit and an important aspect of our community image.

In an effort to help with better understanding on the part of the public about a proposed change in the legal status of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center, an open community meeting has been set for 5:30 p.m., Tues., Aug. 19 at the Civic Center.

Civic Center Board of Directors President, Franciene Johnson, said the City of Haskell has agreed to consider the board's offer to take control of the Center. This will require legal action in the form of an amendment of dissolution of the present corporation, which has operated as a nonprofit organization under the 501 (c) (3) section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, since 1982, when it adopted the provisions of Articles of Amendment to the original Articles of Incorporation.

Under the City's ownership, the name and function of Memorial Civic Center, Inc. will remain the same, with operations remaining basically the same, but with a board of directors named by the City, continued on page 8



CHECKING THE EQUIPMENT—Haskell Volunteer Firemen were busy during the fire meeting Monday night, checking out trax vehicles used to fight grass fires. Although a burn ban is not in effect in the county, Haskell Fire Chief Bill Steele said county residents need to be vigilant about fire prevention. From the left are firemen Chester Lamb, Jessie Billington, Mark Crosson and Louis Enriquez.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 670 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Aug. 4, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 64 sellers and 33 buyers were present.

Packers \$1 to \$3 lower, stockers \$1 to \$2 higher, feeders \$1 to \$3 higher, pairs \$10 to \$30 lower and springers \$10 to \$50 lower.

Cows: fat, .35-.45; cutters, .40-.46; canners, .29-.36.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.55; feeders, .70-.79; utility, .44-.49.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.55; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.22; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .86-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .83-.95; 700-800 lbs., .80-.90; 800-up lbs., .72-.85.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .84-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .78-.90; 600-up lbs., .68-.88.

Bred heifers medium frame, 525-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small, 450-675.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-950; aged or small, 550-725.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, cripples \$5-\$25 less than figures quoted!

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Obituaries

Jack G. Davis

Funeral services for Jack G. Davis, 76, lifelong resident of Rule were held Sat., Aug. 2 at Rule Church of Christ with Travis Boyd officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis died Thurs., July 31 in Hamlin.

Born Jan. 14, 1927 in Rule, he was the son of Ed and Cora Myers Davis. He married Patsy Norman Dec. 24, 1944 in Stamford. He was a farmer and member of the

Rule Church of Christ. He proudly served our country as a Corporal in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Davis of Rule; two sons, Glenn Davis and Tommy Davis, and wife, Beverly, all of Rule; daughter, Delle Watkins and husband Bill of Fort Worth; and grandson, Eric Watkins of Austin.

PD. NOTICE

Weather conditions ripe for banner grub season

It's August and the lawn's looking good. All that hard work mowing, watering, weeding and fertilizing is paying off at last. Nothing can stop you from having the perfect lawn now, right? Well, don't be too sure.

White grubs show up every year in nearly all Texas lawns. And while they often don't do any visible damage, given the right conditions they can transform any beautiful lawn into a sorry patch of grass and weeds.

"Timely rains this summer, combined with last year's high grub numbers, could mean a banner grub season," said Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension urban entomologist at Texas A&M-Dallas. "Anyone with grub damage last year should consider applying a grub-killing insecticide now."

According to Merchant, white grubs are the immature stage of the June beetle. They feed on and destroy root systems of warm-season grasses. Damage to lawns appears as irregular spots of dead grass in late summer.

Although not all lawns will show visible grub damage, Merchant cautions that lawns damaged last year will probably be infested again this year.

"It takes five to 10 white grubs per square foot of turf to cause visible damage," said Merchant. "But I don't know too many people who want to dig up their lawn to see if there are enough grubs to treat."

Two insecticides are available to prevent white grub damage—imidacloprid and halofenozide. Both products provide good control of grubs if applied early, before damage occurs, he said.

"Halofenozide is what's called an insect growth regulator," said Merchant. "It disrupts the grubs' molting process and is very safe and specific for white grubs. But to work effectively it must be applied during the early growth stages of the grub—those stages that are just now hatching in the soil."

Timing of applications is not as critical with these products as with the older insecticides. Both halofenozide and imidacloprid last a

relatively long time in the soil, so early application is an option. But if you wait too long they may not do the job.

Watering after application is another key to good grub control.

"Whether you apply your grub control as a liquid or using a granular product, you should water at least 1/2 inch immediately after treatment to get the insecticide down to the root zone where grubs feed," said Merchant.

August garden checklist

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

•Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of the year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of 1/3 to 1/2 pound per 100 square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

•Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.

•Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning now will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

•Time to divide spring-flowering perennials such as iris, Shasta or ox-eye daisy, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopse, and ajuga.

•A late-summer pruning of rose bushes can be beneficial. Prune out

dead canes and any weak, brushy type growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply a complete fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

•It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should reward you with color during late September, October and November.

•Continue pruning fall blooming perennials through August. Chrysanthemums, Mexican Bush Sage, Copper Canyon daisies, autumn asters and cigar plant cuphea (Cuphea macroptera) all benefit from light pruning (remove top growth of 4-6") at this time.

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 21, 2003, in the Central Administration Office at 605 N. Ave. E in Haskell, TX.

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.

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	\$1.50	\$0.00 *	\$1.50	\$2,193	\$6,099
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.53	\$0.00 *	\$1.53	\$2,248	\$6,044
Proposed Rate	\$1.50	\$0.00 *	\$1.50	\$2,184	\$6,036

*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	\$34,289	\$35,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$19,289	\$20,500
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$289.34	\$307.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$18.16

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 \$1.6229. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6229.

Fund Balances	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,699,045
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

2003 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 962,851.12	\$ 290,979.76	\$ 237,773.21
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 962,851.12	\$ 290,979.76	\$ 237,773.21
Last year's tax base	\$ 203,654,686	\$ 201,055,116	\$ 212,830,354
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4727/\$100	\$ 0.1447/\$100	\$ 0.1117/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 960,327.22	\$ 290,111.51	\$ 237,554.72
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 199,340,785	\$ 196,850,930	\$ 208,279,021
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.4817/\$100	\$ 0.1473/\$100	\$ 0.1140/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7430/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$ 0.7653/\$100		
THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care)	\$ 960,327.22	\$ 290,111.51	\$ 237,554.72
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 199,340,785	\$ 196,850,930	\$ 208,279,021
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4817/\$100	\$ 0.1473/\$100	\$ 0.1140/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5202/\$100	\$ 0.1590/\$100	\$ 0.1231/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5202/\$100	\$ 0.1590/\$100	\$ 0.1231/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8023/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If Haskell County adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7430 for \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by \$3,414.15.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$ 171,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 375,600.00
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 330,388.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at
HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT,
604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Deputy Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 08/01/03

Summer heat doesn't stop when school starts

In many areas, including this part of West Texas, summer heat doesn't stop when school starts. Protection from the damaging rays of the sun goes on all year.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and Dr. Carol Rice and Janet Pollard, health specialists of the Texas Cooperative Extension, suggest the following preventatives to help beat the heat:

In many areas, summer heat doesn't stop when school starts. Protection from the damaging rays of the sun goes on all year. The Extension experts and the American Academy of Pediatrics suggest:

•Cover up. Wearing a hat, sunglasses and tightly-woven cotton clothing is a good way to protect skin from the sun.

•Stay in the shade when possible; avoid exposure to the sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when damaging rays are at their peak.

•Babies younger than 6 months should be kept out of direct sunlight.

•When taking babies outside, dress them in lightweight clothing that covers their arms and legs, and a

hat with a brim.
•Even when the sky is overcast, when spending time outdoors wear sunscreen with at least a 15 sun protection factor (SPF).

•Apply sunscreen before dressing and at least a half-hour before going outside. Reapply sunscreen every one or two hours for ordinary activities, or every 30 minutes if swimming or sweating heavily.

If, in spite of all preventative efforts, someone gets sunburned, Rice and Pollard suggested these steps: First, cool burned skin with cool water, not ice. Then apply a non-greasy lotion, such as aloe vera lotion, but not ointments, salves or butter which can hold the heat in and make the burn worse.

If blisters form, don't break them. If blisters break on their own, use antibacterial ointment on the open areas. Take an over-the-counter pain reliever if necessary. And seek medical attention if the burned skin is blistered and weepy or if a child younger than 1 year is sunburned or has fever, blisters and/or pain.

Help your child prevent injuries

Figures from the National Safe Kids Campaign show an estimated 3 million children will be accidentally injured this summer, says Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist.

Some general tips to help prevent these injuries are:

•Buckle up everyone riding in a vehicle. Children should always ride in age- and weight-appropriate child restraint seats.

•Children should always wear properly fitted safety gear—helmets, etc.—when riding bicycles, scooters, skates or skateboards, or when playing team sports.

•Children should learn and follow the rules of the road, and know how to obey traffic laws.

•Children younger than 10 should not be allowed to cross the street by themselves.

•At dusk and after dark, outside play time means wearing reflective materials and carrying a flashlight.

•Supervise all playground play, and don't let children play on unsafe play surfaces such as mulch, gravel, sand or rubber.

For more information on these and other health topics, visit the Web at <http://fes.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Health and Safety.

Anderson, Meredith attend HSU Threshold program

Haskell residents Ryan Anderson and Nathan Meredith recently participated in Hardin-Simmons University's Threshold Program.

The annual two-week program for gifted and talented children and youth was held July 14-25.

The program has a history of over 20 years and provides gifted children and youth entering kindergarten through the tenth grade exciting opportunities for creativity and learning, according to Mary Christopher, assistant professor in

gifted and talented education in the Irvin School of Education who heads the program.

HSU's Threshold program is unique because few universities in the United States provide classes that enrich and challenge students beginning at such a young age.

Teachers for the program have a wealth of experience in gifted education and most hold masters' degree in education with major emphasis in gifted education.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Those helping Christlyn Tatum celebrate her first birthday on Fri., July 25 in her home were parents, Christopher and Melissa; brothers, Zackary, Garret and Taylor; grandmothers Margaret Tatum and Linda Chapman; and great grandparents, Jack and Joy Chapman and Joyce Hawkins.

On Sunday afternoon, Joyce Hawkins went with Isabelle Castillo and daughter to Lewisville where Joyce visited her son and wife, Bobby and Darlene Hawkins. Isabelle visited with her granddaughter Alexia. They returned home on Wednesday.

On Friday, Charles and Gean Blair were in Megargel helping grandson Cody move to Woodson. Cody will be teaching and coaching in Woodson this school year.

Darlene and Daniel Conn accompanied David and Deniese Conn and girls to Lake Texhoma to Denise's family reunion held Friday through Sunday. Others from Haskell who attended were Casey and Dian

Reed and children, and Dale and Doris Carroll and son, Doug, all of Weinert. Approximately 75 attended.

Visiting with Joyce Hawkins on Friday were her brother and wife, Dolan and Karon Vaughn of Panhandle.

Jessie Scheets of Abilene visited with his mom, Minnie Scheets and brother, Bobby, on Sunday.

Polly Harrison of Odessa spent a few days visiting with Bernice Hilliard.

Kenneth Hilliard visited with his mom, Bernice Hilliard last Wed. through Fri.

Hyrum and Jean Richards have returned home after an extended stay in Casper, Wyoming, where they visited Dan and Mary Richards and daughters, and Scott Henshaw, Conner and Lauren. Brady Henshaw and children, Savannah Jean and Phillip Scott joined them in Casper. Hyrum and Jean went to Billings, Montana for a short visit with John and Carol Holland.

Thomas family meets for reunion

A family reunion of the descendants of C. A. and Annie Mae (Josset) Thomas was held at the Haskell Civic Center, Sat., Aug. 2.

Thirty-four family members and two guests were in attendance.

A noon meal was catered barbecue with all the trimmings, followed by special desserts prepared by family members.

The afternoon was spent in fellowship and reminiscing. A

highlight was the annual auction, featuring many unique homemade items.

Ninety-one-year old John Thomas of Haskell was the oldest descendent attending, and the youngest was his great grandson, Taylor Konicki of Spring.

Those attending were from Dallas, Forney, Spring, Magnolia, Pasadena, Lubbock, Bryan, Plano, De Soto and Quinlan.

Births

Cole and Amanda Larned of Frisco have announced the arrival of their son, Creed Colbert Larned, born June 4, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 20 inches.

Grandparents are Sammy and Gerre Larned of Haskell, Cyndi and Brad Wick of Pitkin, Colorado, and Frank and Susan Jay of Plano.

Paternal great grandparents include the late Dr. R. E. Colbert and Golda Colbert, Alice Larned, and W. D. and Ruth Larned, all of Haskell.

Maternal great grandparents include the late Louis Horvath and

Kathryn Horvath of Racine, Wisconsin, the late Jesse Jay and Mildred Jay of Richardson, and Don and Betty Wick of Oakley, Kansas.

April and Ty James of Montgomery are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Taylor Martin James, born June 23. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

He is the grandson of Abe and Ruby Turner of Haskell and Jan James and the late John James of Sulphur Springs.

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ECC plans variety show Aug. 16

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will hold a fund raising variety show Sat., Aug. 16 at the Haskell Civic Center. The variety show will include funny antics, musical entertainment by Gene Leonard, formerly of Mattson, special guests from Boggy River, Tenn. and other talented entertainers.

A concession stand will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. before the show with brisket sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, cobbblers, chips and drinks. Cost of the meal is not included in the show tickets.

The variety show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the variety show only are \$6 for adults; \$4 for teens, 13 years through high school; and free for children 12 and under.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.
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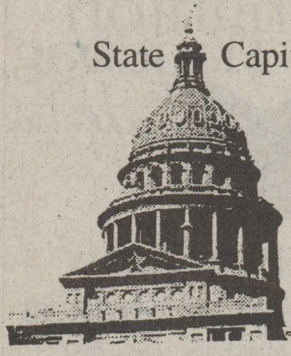
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Economic development agency tries to lure Boeing, car maker to Texas

AUSTIN—Once Texas lawmakers finally settle on a congressional redistricting map the makeup of the state's representation in Washington will be set for a decade.

But while the battle over that process gets most of the public attention, behind the scenes another effort is under way on something that could have a much greater and longer-lasting impact on the state.

The Texas Economic Development department, soon to be folded into the governor's office after the lay-off of nearly two-thirds of its work force, has two task forces quietly working to bring two huge new manufacturing industries to the Lone Star State.

One work group is out to lure Boeing, which is seeking a location outside Washington state for a plant to build the next generation of jet aircraft.

The new plant's "raw material" will be empty fuselages that can only be shipped by sea. Because of that, the state is trying to sell its port cities as good locations.

If Boeing, like Toyota, decides to come to Texas, it will have a huge economic benefit on wherever the airplane manufacturer chooses to land. It could turn a city such as Corpus Christi into a semi-tropical Seattle. Or do away with the state's highest unemployment rate, which is 14.2 percent in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission. Or make Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, even bigger.

Also under way, with even more secrecy, is a campaign to woo another large vehicle manufacturer to Texas.

All of this is fascinating news to anyone familiar with the story of Texas, which for much of its history depended economically on the exportation of natural resources—cotton, cattle and eventually oil. But now, Texas is second only to California in the number of manufacturing jobs. And that's not counting the new positions that will come with the San Antonio Toyota plant when it begins operation.

The last incursion...

The 11 Senate Democrats who invaded New Mexico in late July to stall or kill redistricting are not the first Texans to saddle up in Austin and head for the high country in the Land of Enchantment.

But by all accounts they are having a much better time in Albuquerque than their predecessors did on their politically- and economically-motivated trip, an incident now known as the Texan Santa Fe Expedition.

That happened in 1841, when Republic of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar decided to establish a robust trade link between Austin, the new capital, and Santa Fe, a very old capital. The way he intended to do that was to take control of New Mexico, which he and other Texans considered to be a part of the republic, but which New Mexicans and the government of Mexico did not.

Instead of using rhetoric in the public prints, legislation or treaties to get what he wanted, Lamar resorted to arms. Or at least the show of arms.

With an escort of five infantry companies and one artillery company, a party of Texas traders in 21 wagons loaded with \$200,000 in goods left from Williamson County on June 19, 1841 for Santa Fe.

Unfortunately for commerce between Austin and Santa Fe, the Texans were captured by Mexican cavalry before they reached their destination and were marched to prison in Mexico City. The prisoners were not freed until April 1842.

Speaking of history...

The Texas State Historical Association, which has been around since 1897, had been facing draconian budget cuts as a result of reduced state funding for the University of Texas.

But according to association director Ron Tyler, the money problem has been resolved with the loss of only one staff position. That job will be absorbed by a retirement, he said.

Meanwhile, the association continues work on an innovative project historians and family genealogy researchers will enjoy: The digitalization of back issues of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. So far, 19 of the journal's 106 volumes are available online (and are searchable) for free.

Tyler said plans are to get the first 100 volumes online, but continue to charge for the more recent issues.

View the volumes on the Texas State Historical Association Web site at www.tsha.utexas.edu.

Secretary of State resigns

Secretary of State Gwyn Shea stepped down from office Aug. 4. She was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in January 2002. No news has surfaced yet on a replacement.

REMEMBER LAST WINTER?—WHEN WE THOUGHT TH' HAZY, LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER WOULD NEVER ARRIVE...



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 5, 1993

Four students from Haskell were participants in Hardin-Simmons University's 13th annual Threshold Program for gifted and talented students. They were: Melissa Buerger, Jessica Rieger and Jennifer Smith, fourth graders; and Paige Hagadone, fifth grader.

Melissa Phemister was among seven McMurry University cheerleaders who attended the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens.

Three Haskell County 4-H members won blue ribbons in the Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H record judging in Vernon. They were Brittany Bartley in swine and Brandy Gardner and Stefanie Isbell in food and nutrition.

20 Years Ago August 4, 1983

Marsha Whittemore, director of the Haskell Experience Citizens Center, presented Tom Watson with a certificate signed by the Governor recognizing volunteer work.

Michelle Scoggins, Jennifer Shaver and Kim Jones took honors in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show.

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced that Brian Robert Burgess and Charles Langan Gibson were selected for inclusion in the 1993 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

The Garden Club of Haskell announced the Garden of the Month belonged to Mrs. C. B. Rhea.

30 Years Ago August 2, 1973

The Haskell Indian Teenage Baseball team, led by manager Frank Jircik, downed Clyde's team twice in regional play-offs to earn their right to go into State Championship.

The Haskell Singing School, sponsored by Haskell Church of Christ, was a success for the eighth consecutive year. Bob Connel, minister, reported 117 students enrolled for the school from eight different states.

The winners of the Big Five Ladies Golf Association who played at Knox City were first flight, low gross Ruby Medford, second flight, low gross Margie Hitt and third flight, low gross Mary Kennedy.

40 Years Ago August 1, 1963

Paul Brown, one of five of the athletically accomplished Fred Brown family here, received from Loid Renfro, of Renfro's Grocery and Market, a certificate for a scholarship to the Southwestern Baseball Clinic.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Russell of Rochester placed high in Farm Bureau contests in Gaines County. W. H. Patterson was declared "Little Mr. Farm Bureau of Gaines County" and Sharon Sanderson was runner-up in the Queen's contest.

Haskell was well represented in the annual district 4-H Dress Revue with Marsha Shaver, of Rochester, in the senior division and Kathy Hager, of Mattson, junior selectee, modeling garments.

Yvonne LeFevre, a member of Girl Scout Troop 462 here, attended the fifth and final session of camping at Camp Boothe Oaks.

50 Years Ago August 6, 1953

Joan Smith, a graduate of St.

Joesph School of Nursing in Fort Worth, joined the staff of the Haskell County Hospital as night supervisor.

Dr. E. O. McClellan, optometrist formerly of Munday, announced the opening of his office in the Post Office Building of Haskell.

Parks Woodson and Eulice Booe of Woodson Radio & Electric attended a daily Television Service School at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene.

100 Years Ago August 8, 1903

Major Smith passed through town returning to Stamford after a visit with his parents in the east part of the county. He expected to meet his brother, Solon Smith of Missouri, at Stamford.

It is reported that the Frisco is planning to put a corps of surveyors to work locating a route for extension of the road from Vernon to a connection with the Central at Stamford.

In the baseball game at Pinkerton between Rule and Pinkerton, the Rule boys won by a score of 48 to 6. The Pinkerton boys have challenged the victors for another game at Rule and the West Siders have promised to "take it out of 'em again."

Mrs. Williams entertained the young folks with a lawn party at the Christian Church parsonage.

Weathers Whys: Drought

Q: What technically defines a drought?

A: A drought is unusually dry weather with no rain for an extended period. The exact definition tends to vary depending on where you live, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University.

"If you lived in Florida and got only 30 inches of rain a year, that may be considered a drought if previous years have been below normal," says Odins. "But in many Western U.S. states, 30 inches of rain would be almost double the amount of annual rain. Droughts can last months or even years. Climatologists measure such things as the normal rate of rain during a particular time and the

amount of water in the soil and even in lakes and rivers. By studying this type of data, they can determine if a drought is mild, severe or extreme."

Q: What are some of the longest droughts?

A: In the U.S., everyone tends to remember the "Dust Bowl" days of the early 1930s, says Odins. "This was definitely a natural disaster that lasted years and affected much of the Great Plains of the U.S., covering an estimated 50 million acres. It came in waves that stretched from 1934, 1936-37 and again from 1939-40. The blowing sand and dust was so dense it was called a "black blizzard." The longest worldwide drought was a rainless period of fourteen consecutive years, from October 1903 to January 1918, at Arica, Chile. In the U.S., the longest dry spell was 767 days, Oct. 3, 1912 to Nov. 8, 1914, at Bagdad, Calif. Recently, the drought of 1987-89 in the U.S. was one of the most severe, costing an estimated \$39 billion in lost crops and damage, with 5.1 million acres of forest burned, including large fires in Yellowstone National Park. Some strange things tend to happen with wildlife during droughts. In 1999, a drought hit the Eastern U.S. and bears, searching for water and food, were seen just 10 miles from downtown Baltimore and inside several small towns in New Jersey."

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

All of us as caring adults have an obligation to equip young people with information they need to make informed decisions about their future.

Part of the preparation for adulthood involves helping youth and the next generation of Texas parents understand the responsibilities and rewards of raising their own families. That is why the Child Support Division of my office recently unveiled a new Parenting and Paternity Awareness Program called P.A.P.A. that promotes responsible parenting and teaches teenagers skills for building strong, stable families. P.A.P.A. is a prevention and preparation tool for non-parenting teens, and a parenting education tool for teens with children.

Targeting students in grades 6-12, P.A.P.A. not only deals with the legal rights and financial obligations that come with parenthood, but educates young people about the realities of parenting. The program gives those who already are parents solid information about child support. The objective is to make students aware that parenthood is a commitment that will last at least 18 years.

P.A.P.A. teaches teens about the rights and responsibilities of parenthood. They also learn about the realities of parenting. P.A.P.A. stresses that young people need to have attained a certain level of maturity and independence before they become parents. The curriculum encourages young people to evaluate their own readiness for parenthood and plan ahead to make realistic decisions based on a solid understanding of the legal and practical consequences of becoming a parent.

Not meant to preach or lecture young people, P.A.P.A.'s 10 interactive sessions engage students in a variety of learning experiences centered around their ideas and expectations for parenthood. In addition to the teacher's guidebook and student workbook, P.A.P.A. includes a new companion video that features interviews with teen parents about the realities of their lives.

Parents in the video tell their own stories in their own words about the challenges of raising children while still in their teens. In the concluding segment, they voluntarily deliver their own message: being a parent is great, but when you're just a kid yourself, it's tough. Every one of them says: "You have all the time in the world. Finish school. Think it through. Wait until you are ready."

P.A.P.A. is designed for the school setting but is easily adaptable to Head Start and other community-based programs that serve young people.

I encourage educators across the state to consider delivering this curriculum when school resumes in the fall. By making P.A.P.A. available in classrooms, students will come to realize that parenting is not just another casual event in their lives. We all benefit when teenagers have the information they need to make informed decisions about their future.

Contact the Attorney General's Child Support Division at 512-460-6124 to obtain general information about P.A.P.A., or to schedule training that is required to deliver the curriculum.

Correction

This birth announcement printed in the July 21 edition of The Haskell Free Press should have read:

Patty and Robin Raynes of Rule announce the birth of their son, Robert Williams (Rowdy) Raynes IV, born May 22 weighing 7.2 oz. He was 20" long.

He was welcomed home by Tiffany, JJ, Rebecca and Rachele. Grandparents are Crystella Raynes and Betty and Bobby Raynes, all of Weinert; and Bonnie Holmes of Rule.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Don't Mess With Texas

"Don't Mess with Texas" is the Texas Department of Transportation's litter prevention slogan developed in 1986. Today, according to <http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org>, more than 96% of Texans know the slogan, which has become world famous.

It costs approximately \$37 million to clean up roadside litter in Texas each year. Ninety percent of this cost is paid for with tax dollars.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and <http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/>.

Summer heat brings fear of West Nile Virus risks

As the summer heats up, so do fears from mosquito-borne West Nile Virus risks and so does the hype about magic-bullet type mosquito controls.

In reality, there are no magic bullets, but although draining stagnant pools or treating them with a pesticide remains the most effective means of controlling mosquito populations, there are biological controls that will help lower insect populations, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, wildlife and fisheries specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

These biological controls range from fish to fowl, and from bacterial to what some people might consider creepy-bats, Higginbotham said.

First, to control mosquitoes biologically, it helps to review a little about the insect's life cycle. All species of mosquitoes must deposit their eggs in standing water sources. Momma mosquitoes prefer small stagnant pools because this offers the most protection from things that eat mosquito developing larva. Marshes are a favorite hatchery, but mosquitoes will also deposit eggs in buckets, water-filled tires, stump holes, birdbaths, water-filled buckets, ornamental pools and even farm ponds. Usually farm ponds are too deep and have too many larva eating fish, but such is not always the case.

The larval stage is aquatic and feeds on subsurface micro-organisms. Mosquito larva when first hatched are about one-sixteenth inch long. When mature, they measure as much as a quarter inch long. They

don't have gills and must move to the surface to breathe. To do so, they don't so much swim but wiggle. Hence, among those on familiar terms with insects, such as Dr. James Robinson, Extension entomologist, the larva are known as "wigglers."

The simplest way to take care of the "wigglers" in birdbaths and the like is simply to wash them out. Like a fish out of water, the larva will soon die.

For pools and ponds too large to be dumped, one simple option is the mosquito dunk that utilizes a bacteria that is only lethal to insect larva. The dunks, shaped like small donuts, use a bacterially derived pesticide called Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). Bti disrupts the life cycle of insects that lay their eggs in standing or running water.

It is non-toxic to humans, amphibians, fish, crustaceans, adult insects, flatworms and mollusks. Neither is it toxic to insect predators of the mosquitoes, such as dragonflies. The dunks are inexpensive, can be simply dropped into the breeding pools and generally last for several weeks to months. The dunks will usually survive if the pool dries out and is then refilled with rain or drainage water, according to Robinson.

In farm ponds, fathead minnows, bluegill and many other species of sunfish will readily eat wigglers. Gambusia, or mosquitofish as they are called, particularly like wigglers. In ornamental backyard ponds, goldfish or koi carp will control the wigglers as well. Amphibians such

as frogs and salamanders present in ponds may also help.

Fish farms will have sunfish species and fathead minnows for sale, but mosquitofish may not be as easily available. Ornamental pond dealers can help with sources for goldfish and koi, according to Higginbotham.

"Texas has close to a million farm ponds, but we do not know to what extent they contribute to mosquito production versus pools or containers holding stagnant water," he said. "The stagnant water sources such as birdbaths left unattended, old tires and cans are probably more of a problem since they don't already contain fish—and it's doubtful that stocking fish into stagnant water will result in very good survival. In other words, stagnant water should be eliminated instead of stocked with fish."

Another way to control for flying insects is to establish air superiority. For mosquitoes, ruling the skies means encouraging allies such as bats.

Primarily because of their association with rabies, bats have gotten a bad rap, Higginbotham said. In truth, bats are mammals and many mammals can contract rabies. However, even the less than half of one percent of bats carry the disease.

On the plus side, a single little brown bat can catch 1,200 mosquitoes in just one hour. Although mosquito populations may number as much as a million in wetland areas, a large population of bats can take a big chunk out of mosquito counts. For example, the 20

million Mexican free-tail bats from Bracken Cave, Texas, eat approximately 200 tons of insects nightly.

No one wants 20 million bats in their backyards, but a small population can help keep the number of mosquito bites down. Bats normally bite only in self-defense and pose little threat to people who do not handle them. Of course, noted Higginbotham, children should be warned not to pick up a sick or dead bat, but this warning should apply to all wildlife including birds, not just bats.

Purple martins have also been attributed to eating thousands of mosquitoes, but this is a myth started years ago by a birdhouse manufacturer. Purple martins do eat flying insects, but mosquitoes constitute only a small percentage of their diet.

As for biological controls in general, Higginbotham and Robinson agree they aren't the sole solution to mosquito control. The best bet remains to use biological control measures in conjunction with draining stagnant water sources, and using environmentally safe insecticides such as Bti when necessary.

Additional information on bats can be found at the Bat Conservation International webpage at <http://www.batcon.org/>, Higginbotham said.

New wound sealant is collagen-based

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Scientists at Texas A&M recently developed a collagen-based wound sealant. It could be an alternative for human and animal wound care treatment. Poured or injected into the wound, the material helps speed closure by about 50 percent.

Wounds treated with the sealant healed in three days. Untreated wounds took about six days to heal. Collagen has been considered a good material for wound treatment because it is inexpensive, easily prepared, and can be readily shaped to fit the wound site.

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City Council report

At the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council, Mon., July 28, a property bid was accepted from Santa Rosa Telephone Company for the purchase of the Matthews property; lots across the street west of Dollar General.

Upon request of Police Chief Tom Bassett, approval was given for hiring of two part-time temporary police officers, to replace one regular

police officer who has gone into the U. S. Reserves.

City Administrator, Sam Watson, reported that property has been purchased by the City for a link-up from North 14th Street to the Highway Bypass. Watson also reported that the property tax value in the City has increased over one million dollars this year.

In a joint meeting with the Haskell County Commissioners' Court, Tues., July 29, for discussion concerning the modification and extension of the management agreement with Emerald Correctional Management for the Rolling Plains Regional County Jail and Detention Center, the City agreed to extend the contract.

Law enforcement report

During the month of July, the following arrests and offenses were reported by Haskell County law enforcement offices.

- 5- DWI
- 1- Felony DWI
- 3- Public intoxication
- 5- Theft by check
- 3- Probation violations

- 1- Parole violator
- 1- Jail time
- 1- Failure to stop and report accident
- 1- Possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces
- 1- Theft over \$50.00, under \$500., 1 arrest, 1 offense
- 3- Burglary of vehicle

- 3- Criminal trespass
- 1- Assault family violence
- 1- Evading arrest
- 1- Criminal mischief-1 offence
- 10- Traffic warrants
- 1- Theft under \$50., 1 offense
- 1- Harassment- 1 offense.
- 284 call were made to 911 in July.

Summer brings hot auto thefts

Summer's temperatures isn't the only hot thing in Texas. Auto theft peaks during the state's sizzling summer months, while thieves choose the pickup truck as their hottest make to steal.

The top five stolen vehicles in Texas are the GM pickup, Ford pickup, Honda Accord, GM

Suburban and Toyota Camry.

In 2001, 102,838 motor vehicles were stolen in Texas, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety Uniform Crime Report figures.

The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation warn Texans they need to actively protect

themselves against vehicle theft even if they drive an old vehicle instead of a shiny new one. The average stolen vehicle is five years old and is targeted for its used parts.

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Calorie counting confuses dieters

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Many people are confused by calorie counting and the numerous fad diets today.
 Extension nutritionist Jenna Anding says when it comes to weight-loss, relax before you jump

into the latest diet craze. Cutting just 100 calories a day will put you on the road to better health.

Reducing portion sizes helps because the greater amount of food on your plate, the greater amount of food you will eat. Skipping breakfast is not a good idea because that will leave you craving a mid-morning snack.

Anding says losing weight and getting in shape doesn't have to be that hard. It could be as simple as eating out less often or ordering a Diet Coke instead of a Coke.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 11
 Lunch-Meatballs/brown gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, tomato wedges, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 13
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lou Gilly, nutrition education program
 Lunch-Salmon patties, creamy

parslied potatoes, cheese macaroni pea salad, blackeyed peas, yeast rolls, lemon refrigerated dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 15
 Lunch-Mesquite broiled chicken, Texas potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, pork and beans, sliced onions, yeast rolls, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

West Texas Fair entries due Aug. 8

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 The fall show season is fast approaching. 4-H members who have an animal project should know that entries for the West Texas Fair are due in the Haskell County Extension Office, Fri., Aug. 8.

Show dates are as follows: Jr. Heifer Show, Sept. 5 -7; Market Lamb Show, Sept. 6; Jr. Steer Show, Sept. 11-13; and Swine Show, Sept. 13.

State Fair entries will be due in the office Aug. 18.

For more information on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows please call Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag. at (940) 864-2658.

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Safety important for river and lake swimmers

Lake or river waters can provide an enjoyable way to cool down under the hot Texas sun. But those same waters may contain many health hazards, including concentrations of a common ameba that can cause an extremely rare, but deadly, form of meningitis.

As temperatures rise and water levels drop, higher concentrations of the ameba that causes primary amebic meningoencephalitis, known as PAM, develop, said Neil Pascoe, a Texas Department of Health (TDH) epidemiologist. Although the infection is extremely rare, with only one to three cases detected in Texas each year, death usually occurs within a week. One case of PAM was reported in Texas last year, three in 2001.

The organisms that cause PAM exist in almost all untreated surface water and thrive in water that is stagnant or slow moving and when water temperature is above 80 degrees. Swimming pools that are properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine are safe, as is salt water.

The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organisms is forcefully inhaled into nasal passages, usually from diving, jumping or water skiing. The amebae then make their way into the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms of PAM include severe headache, high

fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and coma. The infection is not spread from person to person.

TDH offers these recommendations to reduce the likelihood of PAM or other water-borne infections:

*Never swim in stagnant or polluted water. Take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

*Hold your nose or use nose plugs when jumping or diving into water.

*Avoid swallowing water from rivers, lakes, streams or stock ponds.

*Use earplugs, swim goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections.

*Swim in properly maintained pools when possible.

*Keep wading pools clean and change the water daily.

*Wash open skin cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

To help keep potential sources of infection out of recreational water, shower before swimming and take young children to the restroom frequently. Children who are not toilet trained should wear a swimsuit or rubber pants over diapers designed to prevent leaks. Check diapers frequently.

More common dangers associated with activities around lakes and rivers include injuries from diving into water that hides rocks and debris, diving into shallow water, not using safety equipment and leaving children unattended.

Heat may be serious opponent for athletes

Heat may be high school athletes' most serious opponent as the football season kicks into high gear this month. But with a few simple precautions, heat-related injuries can be prevented, says Dr. Craig Crandall, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Hydration is the most important variable," says Crandall, a researcher at the Institute for Exercise and Environment Medicine, a collaboration between UT Southwestern and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

"Typically, if the individual is exercising for a couple of hours or less, water alone is sufficient if they have normal amounts of salt in their diet," says Crandall. "A sports drink should be used during short duration of exercise if the individual chooses a low-salt diet."

Crandall advises that athletes drink beyond satisfaction rather than drinking until satisfied, which does not adequately replace fluids lost during workouts.

Football players, he says, should also become acclimated to the heat by walking or running without pads and helmets, which are physical barriers to sweating.

This Week's Devotional Message:



THE FINEST WAY TO SPEND THIS DAY IS TO HELP SOMEONE

Now, what kindness did you display By the things you accomplished today? Did you do a good deed To help someone in need, Which that person can never repay?

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Then you'll learn what these lessons convey By attending your service, to pray. Let the Lord be your guide, For He'll walk by your side, And His wisdom will show you the way.

-Gloria Nowak

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- East Side Baptist Church**
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 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
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 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
 Allen Brooks, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
 Father Michael Melcher
 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
 Brett Anderson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
 Steve Beatty, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
 Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
 Kevin Hall, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gazebo or Pavillion
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 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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WEINERT

- First Baptist Church**
 Chris Powell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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- ROCHESTER**
- Church of Christ**
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
 Jackie Brem, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
 Rev. Clarence Walker
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

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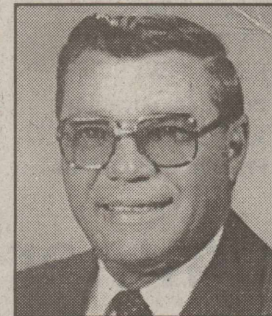
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
 Melissa Bemis, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
 Josh Stowe, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule

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 500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
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 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
 Kyle Gullledge, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
 O'Brien

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Haskell County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

David C. Davis
Haskell County Judge 31-32c

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Paint Creek ISD offers career and technology education program in Computers, Home Economics and Agriculture. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness and class space available.

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For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Max Calk, at Paint Creek ISD, Phone 940-864-2471.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
Notice of opportunity to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502, on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services within Kent, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Jones and Fisher Counties. Financial assistance to continue this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation. Service will be for the general public and fares will be charged for this service. Written comments or a written request for a Public Hearing are being accepted at Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; ATTN: Debra Rector. 32-33c

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FSA committee seeks nominees for election

The election of a County Committee person will be conducted in December, 2003, for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2. The LAA-2 area includes towns of Haskell, Rule, Sagerton and Stamford areas going to approximately 2 miles north of Rule to 3 miles north of Haskell for the North line to 3 miles east of Haskell to 1/2 miles west of Paint Creek School.

In an effort to assure that producers are adequately and timely informed about election procedures, outreach activities have begun. The Committee is actively seeking minority, female and producers from under-represented groups for nomination.

Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate (s) of their choice by petition. Blank petitions (FSA-669A) may be obtained at the Haskell County FSA Office and nominations will be received through Sept. 5.

Person nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if he/she lives in the LAA and is an eligible voter. A copy of the eligible voter's list may be requested at the local office. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These

positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary and positions on boards or executive committees.

The duties of the County FSA Committee member include: informing producers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs, keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions, recommending needed changes in farm programs, participating in county meetings as necessary and performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the Haskell County FSA Office, 607 N. 1st St. East, Ste. B or by calling 940-864-2617.

Haskell Elementary School to register

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Tues., Aug. 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the elementary library (located on the west side of the campus on S. Ave. H). This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past but did not finish the 2002-2003 school year at Haskell Elementary.

Parents should bring their driver's license and their child's birth

certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Mon., Aug. 18 and Tues., Aug. 19. The schedule is: Mon., Aug. 18 at 5:30 for students in Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten. 1st and 2nd grades will register at 6:30. On Tues., Aug. 19, 3rd and 4th grades will register at 5:30 and 5th and 6th grades will register at 6:30. 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 Wed., Aug. 20. Classes will begin at 8:00. Kindergarten through 6th grades will dismiss at 3:15. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 the first three weeks of school (Aug. 20-Sept. 12).

Screening for Early Childhood will be held the first week of September.

Rule School sets dates for pre-registration

Rule Independent School District will hold pre-registration for students who will be in junior high and high school during the upcoming school year Aug. 13-15. Pre-registration will be held in the library.

Students in kindergarten through 5th grade will register for classes on the first instructional day, Aug. 18.

Listed below is the junior high/high school pre-registration schedule:

Wed., Aug. 13: Seniors, 1-2 p.m.; Juniors, 2-3 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 14: Sophomores, 1-2 p.m.; Freshmen, 2-3 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 15: 8th grade, 1-2 p.m.; 7th grade, 2-3 p.m.; and 6th grade, 3-4 p.m.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend pre-registration with their children.

Students enrolling at Rule ISD for the first time will need to bring their social security cards, copy of a birth

certificate, proof of residency in the Rule Independent School District in the form of a utility bill, and any documents they might have from the last school district attended. Parents/legal guardians of new students are required to attend pre-registration with their children.

If you have questions about pre-registration for junior high and high school students contact the Rule ISD principal's office at 997-2246.

Drug arrests made in Lake Stamford area

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton has reported that on Sat., Aug. 2, the Sheriff's Office, with the help of Haskell Police Department, the Parks and Wild Life Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the narcotic unit from Abilene, a search warrant was executed in the Lake Stamford area, on information obtained that a cabin was being used

in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

One subject was arrested for possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, and possession of methamphetamine weighing under one ounce.

Sheriff Halliburton said that if anyone has any information about any illegal activities in Haskell

County, they are urged to contact any law enforcement officer and let them know. The caller will not be identified. The information does not have to pertain to drugs. He said some theft problems and burglaries are still going on in Haskell County. "With your help we can make Haskell County a safer place to raise our children and be proud of our county," he said.

Breakfast planned for hunters

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the free Dove Hunters Breakfast for all hunters on opening day of the hunting season, Mon., Sept. 1.

The meal will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 a.m. on the north side of the Haskell County Courthouse, next to the gazebo.

This annual event is given by the local Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of the many dove hunters who come to the community and spend money with community merchants. Last year's breakfast was attended by about one hundred-fifty hunters, coming from a wide area.

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Civic Center

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accountable to report to the City and under oversight of the City.

Johnson said the motivation for making the change is the increasing cost of insurance and the need for personal liability insurance coverage for the operational staff and board members. Costs of operation have been and are defrayed through contributions, which will continue to be tax deductible, rentals and special fund raisers. However, these cannot meet the high cost of insurance. Under the umbrella of the City's Texas Municipal League status, coverage will be available. Liability insurance can only be attained if the center's total holdings and assets are under the City's control.

As of June 30, total assets of the Haskell Memorial Civic Center stood at \$351,077.42 which includes the building equity of \$331,187.93, cash of \$7,694.20, and CD of \$12,195.29. Transfer of these holdings to the City will be pursuant to the proposed amendment of dissolution of the current corporation being filed with the Secretary of State of Texas.

Members serving on the current Civic Center Board of Directors are: Franciene Johnson, president; Mary Rike, vice president; Delight Jones, secretary; Carolyn Everett, treasurer; Chan Guess, asst. treasurer; Randy Bowers; Brandon Anderson; Rob McKnight and Julia Harrell. Serving as representatives of local organizations are: Elbert Johnson, Kiwanis; Bill Markunas, Rotary; Sammy Larned, Chamber of Commerce; Loutina White, Young Homemakers; Betty Berry, Art Club; Frances Lane, Progressive Study Club; Frances Bowen, Garden Club.

All community members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Aug. 19, for an explanatory discussion of the proposed change.

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NOTICE OF 2003 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of Rochester, and Haskell Memorial Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of Rochester	Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 24,928.13	\$ 732,072.65
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 24,928.13	\$ 732,072.65
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,439,327	\$ 204,007,574
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.7248/\$100	\$ 0.3588/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:		
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 24,926.87	\$ 731,412.62
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,535,950	\$ 199,560,911
(after subtracting value of new property)		
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.7049/\$100	\$ 0.3665/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 0.7260/\$100	\$ 0.3775/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 24,926.87	\$ 731,412.62
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,535,950	\$ 199,560,911
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.7049/\$100	\$ 0.3665/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.7612/\$100	\$ 0.3958/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.7612/\$100	\$ 0.3958/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7049 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2002 taxes by \$4.01.

If the Haskell County Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3665 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2002 taxes by \$681.91.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed
City of Rochester - General	\$ 1,012.10
Hask. Mem. Hosp. Dist.	\$ 0.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE
SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations.

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at
HASKELL CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 08/01/03

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