

Football games

HASKELL
JV vs Hawley
 Thurs., Aug 25, 5 p.m.
 at Hawley
Indians vs Hawley
 Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.
 at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Guthrie
 Thurs., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m.
 at Aspermont

RULE
JV Blue/White vs Lorenzo
 Thurs., Aug. 25, 6 p.m.
 at Jayton
Bobcats vs Calvert
 Sat., Aug. 27, 6 p.m.
 at Hico

Calendar

ECC variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present a variety show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Sandwiches will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Showtime will begin at 7:30 p.m. Scheduled to appear are The Foggy Mountain Boys, Oh Brother Where Art Thou?, The One and Only, Jeff Foxworthy, Siderbill and Crackerjack, Clowns Slappy, Miss Priss and JJ, Rerun, the Famous Clown, Dolly Parton, Ray Stevens, Elvis Presley and other 'celebrities. Cost of the show is \$5 or \$10 for the show and meal.

Spirit shirts

Haskell spirit shirts are available at a cost of \$10 from any varsity cheerleader or in Kendra Bevel's room at the high school from 8 to 9 a.m.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 8 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 5 for Labor Day.

Hamburger supper

A hamburger supper will be held Fri., Sept. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the Haskell-Stamford football game, in the Haskell High School cafeteria hosted by the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at Haskell National Bank and Sport-About. Proceeds will be used for repairs and updates to the Civic Center.

Tournament postponed

The 4th annual kids fishing tournament set Sat., Sept. 3 at The Anchor has been postponed due to the flooding at Lake Stamford. Sponsors, M & M Auto Plus and friends, are hoping to reschedule the event as soon as conditions permit.

Football tickets

Season tickets for Haskell Indian football are now on sale in the front office of Haskell High School.

Six-man games

The Rule Bobcats and Aspermont Hornets will be participating in the Six-Man Super Saturday games in Hico Sat., Aug. 27. All day admission is \$10 per person, cost per game is \$5 per person. A barbeque meal will be served all the day in the cafeteria at a cost of \$7 per person. A schedule of games is Cherokee vs Aspermont, 11 a.m.; Strawn vs Aquilla, 1:30 p.m.; Gordon vs Zephyr, 3:30 p.m. and Rule vs Calvert, 6:30 p.m.

Pep rally set Fri. on square

A kickoff pep rally for the Haskell Indians will be held Fri., Aug. 26 on the northside of the Courthouse by the gazebo at 3:45 p.m.

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Aid to flood victims being established

The Haskell County areas hardest hit by the aftermath of recent rains and flood waters went into their second week of a massive cleaning up and drying out operation Monday.

Offering assistance in various ways, many individuals and groups have worked to aid the victims.

The Red Cross Service Center, set up last week at First Baptist Church

in Haskell to give shelter and to register victims for needed help, was set to close this week after seven days at the location. However, flood victims from Rule and the lake will

still receive help from the Red Cross as long as is needed, said Big Country Region public information officer, Anita Foster. Anyone who has disaster-caused needs can call the

Red Cross toll free, 877-915-4357.

Beginning last Saturday, the Southern Baptist Convention's Victim Relief Fund Ministries prepared mobile meals for the Red Cross. Mobile meals were prepared for families at Paint Creek Baptist Church.

A noon meal served Monday at the First Baptist Church for flood victims and workers was furnished by the First United Methodist Church of Haskell. At the Haskell Church of Christ, donations of new linens, (towels, sheets, blankets), are being collected for flood victims.

Helping with the clean up of cabins and houses on the lake, the Victim Relief Fund Ministries, set up at Paint Creek, was asking Monday for volunteers to help move furniture, etc.

Haskell County Judge, David Davis, said Monday that Haskell County is accepting only monetary donations to the flood relief effort. The county has no place to store donation of goods or the man power to run such a facility. Monetary donations to the relief effort can be made to a special account at the First National Bank. They will be dispersed for food and whatever is needed for the workers helping with the effort. He said that anyone wanting to donate time to come and help with the clean up can call 864-2738 at East Side Baptist Church, or 864-2581 at Haskell First Baptist Church. Both sites are set up to take the calls.

Judge Davis said that work is being done to coordinate all aspects of the ongoing relief efforts, and that the specifics will be announced.

Monday, the Rolling Plains Correctional Facility reported that it is now accepting donations for the flood victims of Rule and Lake Stamford. Items being accepted, but not limited to, are furniture, paper goods, household items, miscellaneous items and money. All items will be picked up if needed. All items will be stored until homes have been restored. Call 940-864-5694 with any donations.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reported Monday that law enforcement patrols were set up around the lake area to prevent looting during the relocation and cleanup activities. He also warned again of the dangers of pollutants in the water due to run off of various chemicals stored in homes and buildings, and from vehicles and septic tanks in the area.



A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW—An overhead shot of Jeffcoat's Camp taken from the Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter making a survey of flood damage to the Lake Stamford area, shows some of

the wide extent of property left underwater after the recent heavy rains which devastated homes and business, and sent dozens of residents fleeing and seeking shelter.

Red Cross closes service center

After operating for seven days, the American Red Cross will close the Service Center located at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Flood victims from Haskell, Jones and Fisher counties, however, will still receive help from the Red Cross.

"We've been very active in the flood zones since the rain started,"

said Aaron Vannoy, regional director, American Red Cross Big Country Region. "Just because the Service Center is closing doesn't mean our help is over and that's what we want to stress to flood victims."

Since the flooding began, the American Red Cross has been working around the clock to run a safe

shelter, distribute meals and cleaning supplies, provide mental health counseling, nursing services and so much more. "When disaster strikes, we promise the people of our community that the Red Cross will help," said Vannoy. "Making sure they have food, clothing and shelter is the first step in honoring that promise. As time goes on, we will change how we help people, moving from the immediate emergency phase to addressing longer-term needs for families."

Families who have not met with a Red Cross caseworker, or who have questions about their ongoing recovery are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross at toll free

at 877-915-HELP.

All American Red Cross Disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help the victims of this and other disasters, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the Big Country Region, 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas 79601 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Indians to open at home Friday

Another start of a new football season awaits the Haskell Indians as they host the Hawley Bearcats at Indian Field on Friday night, with 7:30 set for the kick off.

The Indians finished with 12 wins and 2 losses during the 2004 football campaign, which included a 5-0 undefeated District 9-A championship. They will be challenged again to have as fine a season as last year.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Indians have the combo duo of Mr. Outside, Josh Barbee, and Mr. Inside, Cameron Short. Both of these players will also see action on the Haskell defensive unit. The line of the Indians will be young, but several players have some varsity experience from last season of play.

One of the key positions for the Indians will be the replacement of QB Brandon McClatchey, a starter on both sides of the ball. Even though losing seven quality players via graduation, the Indians will again be picked for the conference title.

Other 9-A teams that will be in

that mix, and that look impressive, are the Albany Lions and the Yellowhammers of Rotan. Munday, Knox City and Hamlin will also be improved.

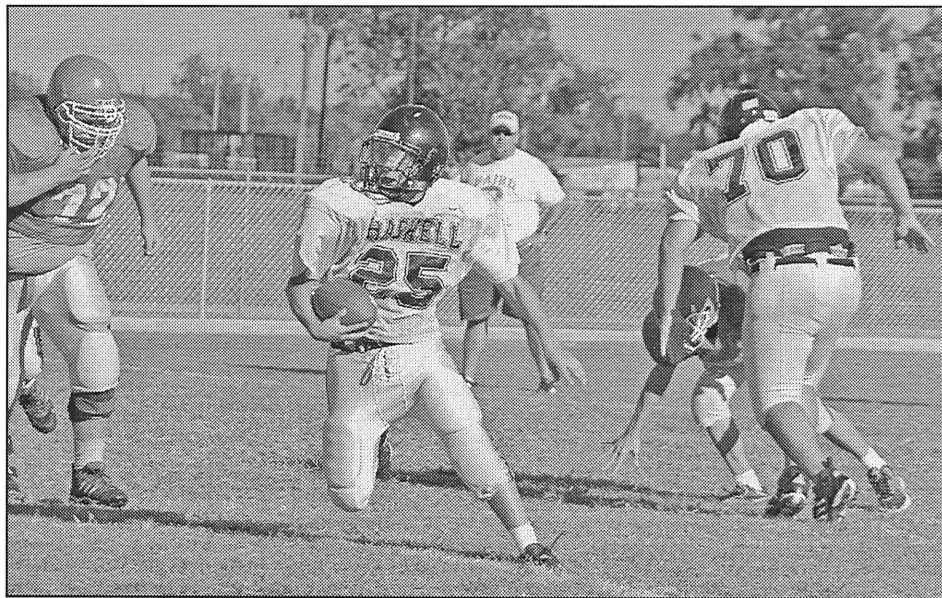
Indian's Head Coach, Brad Brunson has spent the last several years getting his system in play, and last season was just the reward of that system and hard work. The Indians have a good work habit, and will continue to utilize the system to their advantage.

Experience of varsity play will be a weakness early in the year for Haskell, but a hard work ethic and attitude will be the strength which the Indians will have to draw from in order to be as successful as last season.

The Indians, their coaches and all of the Indian fans are anxious for the games to begin.

Friday night at 7:30 on Indian Field, Haskell will kick off against Hawley in the 2005 season opener.

Thursday at Hawley, the JV Indians will take on the Bearcat JV. Kickoff time is at 5:00 p.m.



FOOTBALL IN THE OFFING—Quarterback Greg Guzman carries the ball as the Haskell Indians met the Baird Bears in a warm weather scrimmage last week to give the athletes and fans a taste of things to come in football 2005.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Obituaries

Carl Eugene Kruger

Graveside services for Carl Eugene Kruger, 78, of Haskell were held Sat., Aug. 20 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Bill Jones officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Kruger died Tues., Aug. 16 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Sept. 17, 1926 in Hamilton County, he was the son of Carl Otto and Pearly Massingale Kruger. He married Margaret Garlock Jan. 2, 1946 in Dalhart. He served his country during World War II. He was in the roofing business for 30 years mostly in Snyder. He retired to Haskell in 1994 enjoying hunting, fishing and watching

his grandchildren grow up. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Doirs; and one brother, Glenn.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Kruger; one daughter, Shirley Kruger Gilvary and husband Sean of Williamsburg, Virginia; two sons, Jesse Kruger of Haskell and David Kruger and wife, Angela of Graham; one brother, Durwood Kruger of Hermleigh; four grandchildren, Cole Kruger, Cade Kruger and Caitlin Kruger, all of Graham and Jessica Kruger of Wellington. PD. NOTICE

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Pecan production looks good for this year

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

The state's pecan crop is good despite harsh weather. Harvest numbers are expected to go up to about 70 million pounds. That's 30 million pounds higher than last year. This is because pecan trees are biennial. That means that they produce more nuts one year, and less the next. The crop was larger in April, but hot, dry weather caused the trees to lose nuts. Good soil moisture during August will help improve quality.

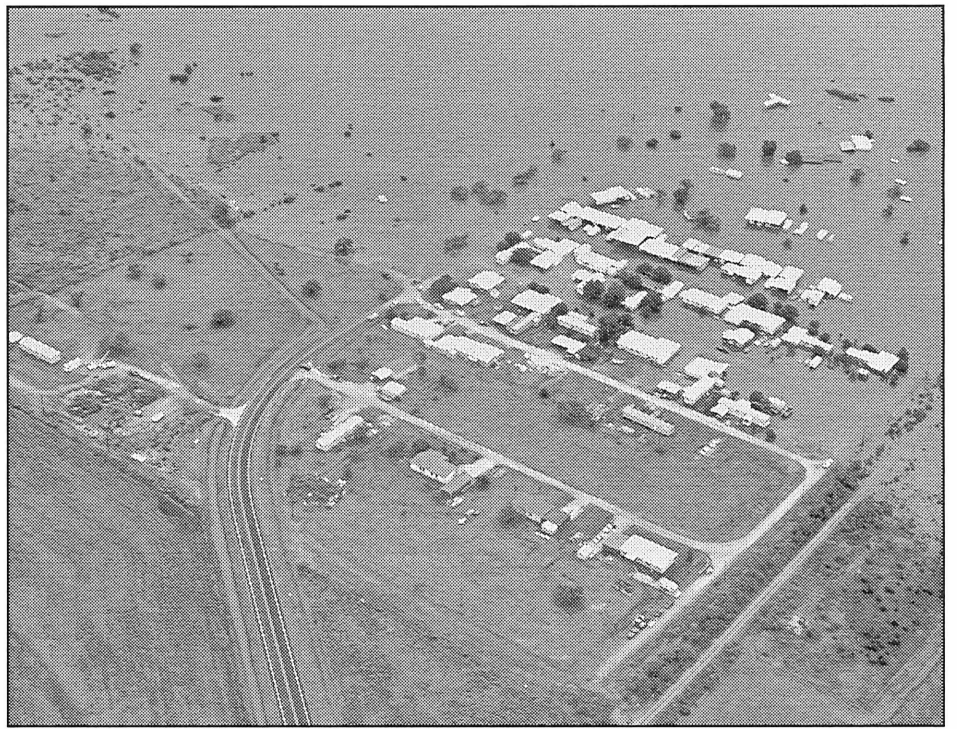
Pecan harvest begins in September. Prices are expected to be good.

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AN ANCHOR FLOATS—The roof of The Anchor store on Lake Stamford, at the upper top right, can be seen above the water, along with the drifting floating dock, in this scene taken from the DPS helicopter which made a survey of the area after the recent flood. Cabins and buildings and roadways also stand in the water which continued to rise as swollen creeks fed into the lake.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Think Twice Before You Co-Sign for a Loan

At some point in your life, you may be asked by a friend or relative to cosign a loan. This often happens when the would-be borrower is very young and does not have a credit history. It may also happen when the borrower has a bad credit rating or does not have enough income or assets to demonstrate to the lender that he or she will be able to pay off the loan.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles may be tempted to help younger family members in this way. If all goes well, it is a great way to help a young person get a start in life. But it can turn out badly. In fact, according to the Federal Trade Commission, as many as three out of four co-signers are asked to repay the loan because the primary borrower has gone into default.

It is important not to lose sight of the fact that when you are asked to co-sign, this means the borrower does not meet the standards set by the lender. Lenders are in the business of evaluating risk. It is not surprising that the borrowers they consider too risky so often turn out to be just that: bad risks.

If you co-sign a loan, federal law requires the creditor to provide you with a notice explaining that you must guarantee the debt. This means that if the borrower does not pay the debt, you will have to do so.

Unfortunately, co-signers are often not aware of the extent of their responsibility. You may expect that the primary borrower is going to be the one who actually makes the payments. What you must realize is that if the borrower does not make the payments, you are fully liable for the debt, just as if you had been the one who took out the loan.

This means you will have to pay all the money that is owed, including late fees and interest. If the loan is in default and the creditor sues to collect, you could even be responsible for attorney fees.

Furthermore, if the loan is in default, the creditor can turn it over to a collection agency, and that debt collector can pursue you by all legal means to collect the debt. It won't do any good to explain that it was your nephew who took out the loan, and you were "just" the co-signer. Legally, it doesn't make any difference.

If you are going to co-sign a loan, be sure you can afford to pay off the

debt if you have to. If any of your assets are used to secure the loan, be aware that if you cannot pay what is owed, you could lose those assets.

Consider also that, even if the debt never goes into default, your ability to obtain credit may be adversely affected by co-signing. Lenders will consider a co-signed loan as part of your total debt load, and this affects your ability to borrow.

If you decide to co-sign, you should be sure to stay in frequent contact with the borrower to ensure that he or she is making payments on the loan. You may also want to ask the lender to notify you if the borrower misses a payment. This will allow you to start making payments for the borrower before the loan goes into default.

You should keep all important documents, such as the loan contract and the Truth-in-Lending Disclosure Statement. You may have to obtain copies of these papers from the borrower, as the lender may not be required to give you these papers. In the end, the decision to co-sign will ultimately be yours. You will have to ask yourself, "Do I trust the borrower enough to co-sign?" Only you will know the answer to that question.

Haskell National Bank receives award

Haskell National Bank, has been awarded BauerFinancial's 5-star Superior rating for the 53rd consecutive quarter. BauerFinancial, the nation's leading independent bank rating firm, recognized Haskell National Bank's past an present superior strength and performance through this prestigious award, based on an analysis of current financial data as supplied by federal regulators, supplemented by historical data. Having earned this highest 5-star rating consistently for at least the last ten years, Haskell National Bank has also earned the right to be called an Exceptional Performance Bank.

"Community banks like Haskell National Bank do not need to be

reminded by the administration that we live in an ownership society," comments Karen Dorway, president of the research firm.

"They are the cornerstone of that ownership. Without community bankers, like Robert A. Howard, CEO of Haskell National Bank,

reaching out and lending to the families and small business in their area, most people would not have access to that ownership. Haskell National Bank and other community banks like it are an integral part of the foundation that makes America great."

Cowboy camp planned in Clyde

A "Cowboy Camp" meeting will be held in Clyde, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, hosted by the Cowboy Heritage Church of Clyde.

Continuing the tradition of the past, when cowboys would periodically travel great distances for worship services, this meeting is planned to again be a time for rekindling old friendships, developing new friendships, enjoying good food, and connecting with the Lord.

Representing the Rodeo Ministry at the Cowboy Heritage Church,

Marc Norton of Eula said all are invited to come and join in the excitement and fun.

"There is plenty of room, so bring the recreation vehicles, campers, tents or bedrolls and stay a few days. The church has an arena, and horses are welcome; please have their Coggins papers available," he said.

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Tips to dry a flooded home

As residents of Haskell, Jones and Fisher counties sort through their belongings and repair their homes following the recent flooding, the American Red Cross recommends the following steps to dry out a flood damaged home and what to discard.

Floodwaters affect a home in three ways:

The water damages materials. Wallboard will disintegrate if it stays wet too long; wood can swell, warp or rot; electrical parts can short out, malfunction and cause fire or shock.

Mud, silt and unknown contaminants in the water not only get everything dirty, they are also unhealthy.

Dampness promotes the growth of mildew, a mold or fungus that can grow on everything.

The following steps work on all three of these problems. It is very important to do these steps in order:

Lower the humidity
 •Open up the house. If weather permits and if the humidity outside is lower than it is inside, open all the doors and windows to exchange the moist indoor air for the drier outside air.

•Open closet and cabinet doors. Remove drawers to let air circulate. If drawers have swelled due to water damage, do no force them open. Instead, open the back of the cabinet so air can get into it. Drawers will be easier to remove once they are dry.

•Use fans. Fans help move the air and dry out the house. Do not use central air conditioning or the furnace blower if the ducts were under water. They will blow out dirty air that might contain contaminants from the sediment left in the ductwork. Clean or hose out the ducts first.

•Use desiccants. Desiccants (materials that absorb moisture) are very useful in drying closets or other closed areas where air cannot move through. Some examples would be chemical dehumidifier packs used for drying boats or damp closets, clay cat

litter and calcium chloride pellets used to melt ice in the winter.

Call a Contractor

There are contractors who specialize in drying out flooded buildings. They have large fans and dehumidifiers that can dry out a house in a few days. Be careful about contractors who inflate prices after a disaster and about out-of-town contractors who request payment in advance.

Most importantly, be patient. Drying out your house could take several weeks. Until your home is reasonably dry, damage caused by mildew and decay will continue. The musty odor will stay forever if the house is not dried out well.

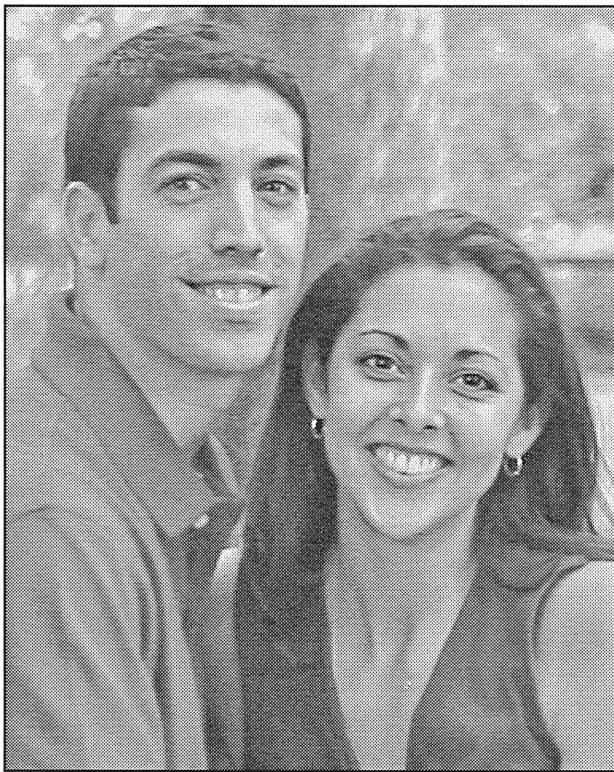
The following items usually need to be discarded if soaked by floodwaters: Mattresses and pillows, foam rubber, large carpets and carpet padding, upholstered couches and chairs, books and paper products.

These items should always be thrown out if soaked by floodwaters: Food, cosmetics, medicines and medical supplies, stuffed animals and baby toys.

These tips are from the American Red Cross book "Repairing Your Flooded Home." To obtain a full-version of the book, call toll free 877-915-HELP.

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DREW LIVENGOOD - SHAWNA FAIRCLOTH

Faircloth, Livengood to wed in December

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Faircloth of Eula announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shawna Alyssa Faircloth, to Drew Kiley Livengood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Livengood of Stamford.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. VanderLinden of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Faircloth of Baird. A 1997 graduate of Eula High School in Eula, she received a BA in History at Howard Payne University in Brownwood in 2001. She taught and coached basketball at Haskell High School for two years, then led the

youth ministry of Common Ground in Stamford. She is studying and serving at Youth With a Mission in Tyler.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Fern Livengood and of the late Homer Livengood and Willie and Doris Boedeker, all of Stamford. A 1999 graduate of Stamford High School and a 2003 graduate of LeTourneau University in Longview, he holds a BS in computer science engineering. Residing in Greenville, he works as an electrical engineer for L-3 Communications.

A wedding is planned Dec. 31 at the First Baptist Church in Eula.

Rowan wins roping title

Kiel Rowan of O'Brien placed first among 55 entries at the United States Calf Roping Association (USCRA) roping held in Clovis, N.M. Aug. 13-14.

Rowan's win qualifies him for a "Show Down" position in the

USCRA finals to be held in Stephenville. The USCRA finals is the largest calf roping in the world.

Rowan is the sixteen year old son of Keith and Jane Rowan and is a sophomore at Rule High School.

Check with your regular financial institution for help with loan needs

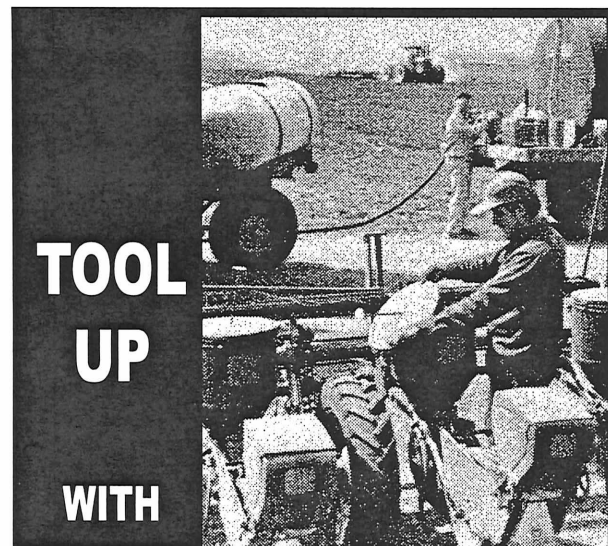
by Jane Rowan
 CEA/FCS, Haskell County

On-line lending companies are becoming more popular, however that doesn't mean they're safe. It also doesn't mean that they're easier to work with.

When applying for a loan, Extension specialists recommend staying with the financial institution that you already have a relationship

with. Many traditional financial institutions have on-line resources. Sticking with the same institution may even give the buyer a bargaining tool when making a major purchase.

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ECC Variety Show set Sat., Aug. 27

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present their 4th annual Variety Show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Food will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone with a talent; silly, cute or serious, is invited and welcomed to join the fun of the "Celebrity Show" fund-raiser, which will feature "take-off" interpretations of the "Foggy Mountain Boys," "Oh, Brother, How Art Thou?" and the famous "Jeff Foxworthy," along with Sider Bill & Cracker Jack, clowns Slappy, Miss Priss, and J J. Also, the famous "Rerun" will be on hand, along with "Dolly Parton" and other "celebrity" appearances by "Ray Stevens" and the one and only "Elvis Presley."

Show planners report they have received some great items for door prizes as well as cash donations from

local merchants. Anyone who has not been contacted, but would like to donate something, is asked to call 854-3875. The items will be picked up.

Also needed are volunteer workers to help set up tables and chairs, serve food and clean up the kitchen.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Gary Hawkins of Haskell spent three days last week visiting with his sister and family, Darlene Conn in Aspermont. They came to Haskell with him on Friday and spent Friday night with the David Conns.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Legislature adjourns with mission unaccomplished

AUSTIN—Attempts to upgrade the funding of public education and simultaneously bring tax relief failed yet again, as month-long special session II of the 79th Texas Legislature ended.

After House and Senate gavels signaled adjournment sine die on Aug. 19, in the minds of some the only thing missing around the Capitol was a sound resembling the release of air from a birthday balloon. Others thought no legislation is better than bad legislation.

During the regular session that ended May 30 and the following special sessions, House and Senate majorities, in effect, conceded they could not act without hurting people who sent them to Austin in the first place.

Lawmakers could have knocked down property tax levies, but not without closing franchise tax loopholes, not without raising cigarette and alcohol taxes, and not without hurting their friends in the oil business, among others. Some lawmakers even suggested legalizing Las Vegas-style video lottery terminals to generate revenue. But that was a no-go.

No—not even mounting pressure from a governor who is seeking reelection that would put him in that high office for an unprecedented 10 years—could make House members wrench loose their dug-in rowels.

Maybe not individually, but collectively, lawmakers saw that doing nothing turned out to be the best way for them to go, especially in light of a lawsuit by poorer school districts heard by Travis County District Judge John Dietz.

In August 2004, Dietz ruled that current state laws violate the Texas Constitution by taking away school districts' meaningful discretion in setting local property tax rates and through unfair funding formulas making the cost of funding an adequate education beyond the means of poorer school districts. On Nov. 30, 2004, Dietz gave the Legislature until Oct. 1, 2005, to address his legal conclusions.

The state appealed Dietz's ruling and oral arguments were heard by the Texas Supreme Court on July 6. A ruling on the state's appeal could come any day.

House Speaker Tom Craddick resisted the passage of slap-dash fixes to these enormous problems. He has been content to wait for the Texas Supreme Court to hand down what he hopes will be a template for the Legislature to use to satisfy the state constitution.

It is anyone's guess how such a template might look in regards to caps on Robin Hood contributions by wealthy school districts, increases in teacher pay and benefits, and dollars spent per pupil on actual classroom instruction that has nothing to do with the time-consuming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam.

Suppose the Supreme Court rules. The governor may be moved to call another special session if so directed by the court. Lawmakers could find themselves back in Austin fairly soon.

Executive authority to the rescue
Gov. Rick Perry swatted the Legislature for its failure. On Aug. 20, he trumpeted his intention to pay for new textbooks and grant teachers a modest raise.

"Even though the Legislature did not act, I will," Perry said. Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, joint chairs of the Legislative Budget Board, have said they approve Perry's stop-gap funding plan.

AG comments on Vioxx verdict
An Angleton jury on Aug. 19 awarded a \$250 million verdict to plaintiff Carol Ernst in a case against drug maker Merck. The jury said the death of Robert Ernst, the plaintiff's husband, came about as a direct result of his taking the pain medication Vioxx.

Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The verdict also shows why Texas deserves to get its money back from Merck; the company purposely peddled a drug on the open market that it knew could harm people."

"Merck compounded this problem by giving false information to the state's Medicaid program about the drug's safety."

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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Fort Worth. I have been married 43 years and have five children.

I attended school at Birdwell High School in Fort Worth and Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

No one knows that I that I have never learned to swim. Also, no one knows that I once got George Bush's autograph.

My favorite TV show is "Seinfeld." It's on at the end of the day, rest time! I know nearly all of the episodes by heart.

My favorite type of music is classical, sacred. My favorite song is "Angels Among Us."

I like to play Spider Solitaire, do handwork, enjoy friends and family, and work all the word puzzles in the newspaper.

My favorite reading material is a good story.

My favorite meal is Mexican food.

My favorite place in Texas is probably Galveston. We've had lots of fun family/friend vacations there. But home is best.

I'm still looking for my favorite vacation spot in the world.

My best quality is I love most people and all critters.

My worst quality is procrastination.

I hate it when people smack their food, or cause conflict.

The person from history I'd most like to talk with is Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is that people care about each other. Coming from a city, it took me a while to learn that people here are interested in you. It's a great thing.

Watch next week for my identity.

UPDATE NOTICE

Last week's Mystery Reader will be revealed in next week's edition, in a double header Update, along with this week's Mystery Reader.

In the meantime, consider this. Is it just me, are have you also noticed lately that a lot us are growing older, getting "long in the tooth," and leaning a little more toward Mother Earth?

For some, (I won't name them for fear of incriminating myself) it is hard to come to terms with it in the gracious way we always admired in others and thought we would emulate when we finally got there.

But, it gets here quicker than we ever imagined, and suddenly, it's not 'out there' somewhere in the future. For us, the future is now! The surprise is that it's great just to be in the 'here and now.'

Despite the fact that everything still hanging on our frame is doing just that, hanging, and the mirror doesn't reflect the way we'd like to think of ourselves as looking, we find that life is still a gift. As we unwrap the package of it day by day with enthusiasm for what it may reveal, this later phase of life can offer us the opportunity for reaching a new plateau of deeper self-understanding and spiritual awareness than we have thought possible. We learn as we go that our 'life' doesn't end after middle age.

One of the best things we can find and keep for ourselves is a good sense of humor. Taking ourselves less serious, enjoying the irony and often hilarious truth of 'how it is' with us, we can actually make the most and the best of "the last of life, for which the first was given."

The following e-mail received last

week makes an amusing case in point of how the vagaries of age can sometimes even become a 'perk' for the not-so-young.

An elderly couple was celebrating their 60th anniversary.

The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood.

Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered and found the old desk they had shared, where Andy had carved "I Love You, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet.

Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money. Fifty-thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two FBI men canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, knock on the door.

"Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of the armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turn to Andy and begin to question him. One says, "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday..."

The first FBI guy turns to his partner and says, "We're outta here."

Brown rust not soybean rust

by Wesley Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Asian soybean rust has not reached the state, but some producers have been concerned about other diseases resembling it. Brown spot, bacterial blight, bacterial pustule, frogeye leaf spot, and downy mildew

all resemble Asian soybean rust.

However, experts say there is only one kind of soybean rust, and it isn't in the state yet. The only way to correctly identify a disease is to send a sample to a diagnostic laboratory.

More information on soybean rust can be found at www.sbrusa.net.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

August 24, 1995

Maxine and Darold Roberson of Haskell returned from a United Methodist Volunteer in Missions trip to Russia where they helped in the remodeling of an orphanage where they visited.

Bill Butler of Haskell grew a nine pound cantelope in his garden.

The family of Edith Lankford had a surprise 90th birthday party for her during a family reunion.

Elbert Johnson of the Haskell Kiwanis Club presented Dr. Frank Cadenhead with the "lay person of the year" award in recognition of his many years of ministry and medical missions around the world.

20 Years Ago

August 22, 1985

The Haskell County Farm Bureau Queen Denise Burris and Diana Jarred competed in the district level talent contest at the Texas Electric Building in Wichita Falls.

Haskell's Davis Chapman and Dawn Langhofer participated in the fifth annual "Shake Hands With Your Future" at Texas Tech University.

Jill Jennings of Haskell took top honors with her 4-H Food and Nutrition Record Book during state judging at College Station.

30 Years Ago

August 28, 1975

At the first annual Rule Jubilee first place winners were Debbie Norwood and Lisa Baird, Dennis Cloud and Rod Petty, in the three legged race; Zachary Wilcox, in the sack race; and Mike Fouts, in the watermelon eating contest.

Glenda Gayle Chapman of Haskell entered the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant.

Midshipman Jim B. Mickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mickler of Haskell, received a Parachutist Badge marking his successful completion of the airborne course at the Army Infantry School.

40 Years Ago

August 26, 1965

Juanita Gonzales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzales of Haskell, was contestant in the G.I. Forum queen contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jacobs, owners of Elsie's Hi-Lander, showed their appreciation with a trip to Six Flags to Elaine Marr, Carol Meeke, Toni Green, Darlene New, Doris Gordon, Pat Hillard, James Wolf, Linda Tidrow, Gene Gibbs and Mary Warren for their hard work.

Michael Eugene Overton of Haskell served as a cadet captain in the famed Corps of Cadets of Texas A&M University.

50 Years Ago

August 25, 1955

Carl H. Fischer, who lives south of Haskell, and two of his nephews, Carl and Jerry Kainer of Sagerton enjoyed a fishing trip and outing in Canada, near the border of Minnesota.

Weather Whys

Extreme Heat

Q: You often hear the term "extreme heat." What is it?

A: There is hot weather and then there is extreme heat, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"In general, temperatures that stay at least 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature and last for several days are considered extreme heat," McRoberts explains.

"Many people often die because of extreme heat conditions. According to the Center for Disease Control, extreme heat killed over 8,000 people from 1979-99. That's more deaths than hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning and floods combined."

Q: Who is at greatest risk for extreme heat?

A: The elderly and very young people are most at risk, along with persons who have chronic diseases, McRoberts adds.

"But anyone can be a heat victim if he or she participates in strenuous outdoor activity during extreme heat. People who suffer from heat-related illnesses cannot cool down properly. When the humidity is especially high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Obesity, heart disease, too much alcohol, poor circulation and other factors can add to the problem and interfere with the body's natural ability to cool down."

Alzheimer's patients need safe, forgiving environment

If you are living with a person with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, you can make life better for them by making your home safer. Dr. Peggy Higgins of the Alzheimer's Disease Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center says the key is to "simplify, simplify, simplify."

Falls are one of the main culprits of injury, says Dr. Higgins, assistant professor of health care services. Remove clutter, add adequate lighting and night lights, and have the patient wear shoes, not slippers, with a good grip. Remove throw or scatter rugs.

Alzheimer's disease gradually takes away a person's ability to reason or to sense danger, so you need to be diligent in keeping your home safe and forgiving. Child-proofing tools are handy throughout the house—for instance, to lock up knives and cleaning solutions in the kitchen, and to keep medication secured in bathroom cabinets.

Mrs. E. F. Rainey and Loretta Nell of Weinert completed the first half of their beauty course at Jack's School of Beauty in Wichita Falls.

Haskell teachers Arnolia Foote, Mary House Martin and Geraldine E. Spain received degrees at Hardin-Simmons University.

100 Years Ago

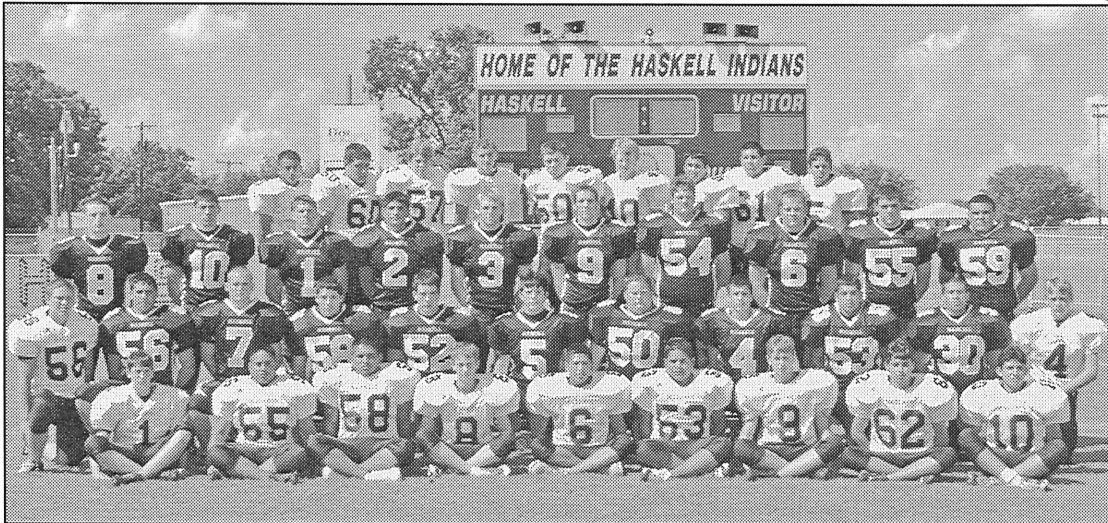
August 26, 1905

L. W. Post accepted a position as traveling salesman for Waples-Platter Grocery Company of Fort Worth.

George Comegys and wife and Courtney Hunt of Merkel came over in an automobile on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hunt. The auto was the first to visit our town and a number of youngsters were delighted by taking short rides.

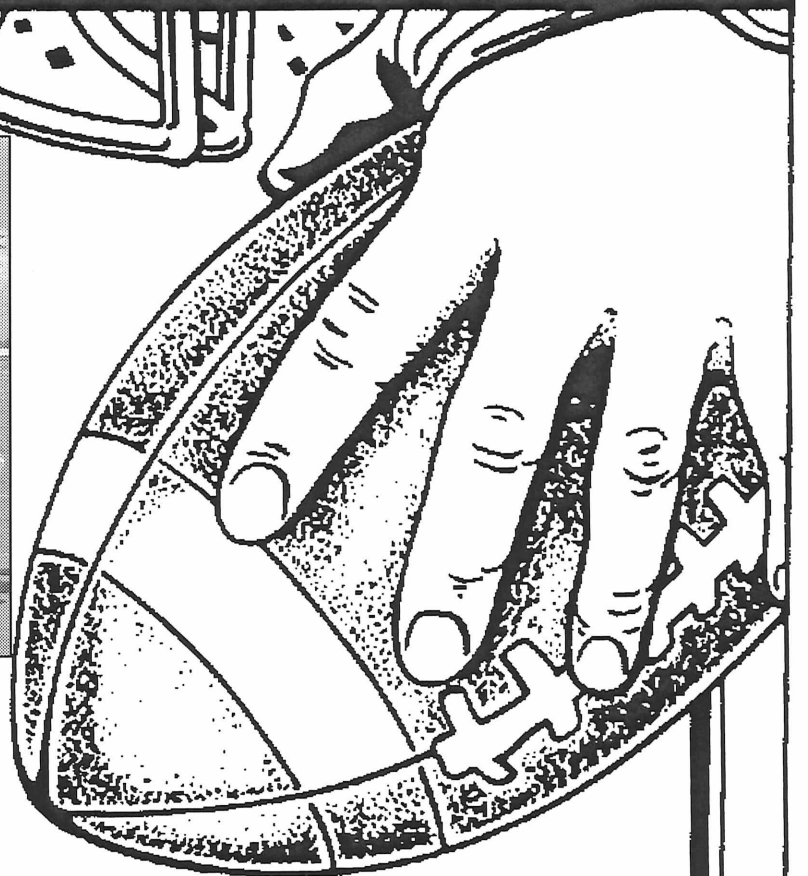
Ab Stephens and James Partridge and sons Emmett and Roscoe came through Haskell with lumber with which to build a school house in the Gillespie neighborhood. The building is to be 24x36 feet and two stories.

HASKELL INDIANS vs HAWLEY BEARCATS



2005 HASKELL INDIANS: front row left to right, Weston Rutkowski, D.J. Rodriguez, Adam Pena, Steven Fillmon, Chris Graciano, Gerardo Torres, Brandon Wilson, Justin Meier, Magdiel Gonzales. Second row, Randall Pace, Scott Agraz, Joseph Landreth, Moses Munoz, Josh Kimmel, Greg Guzman, Riley Tatum, Anthony Hernandez, Vicente Solano, Josh Rodriguez, Travis Adams. Third row, Justin Rodriguez, Derek Agraz, Matt Brown, Vicente Castillo, Josh Barbee, Jeremy Sorrells, Doug Carroll, Cameron Short, Gary Frierson, Billy Lusk. Back row, Larry Arebalos, Justin Amaro, Douglas Moore, Aaron Rodriguez, Clyde Frierson, Blake Foley, Brett Seigfried, Ruben Robledo and Chris Jones.

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FRI., AUG. 26, 7:30 P.M. at HASKELL

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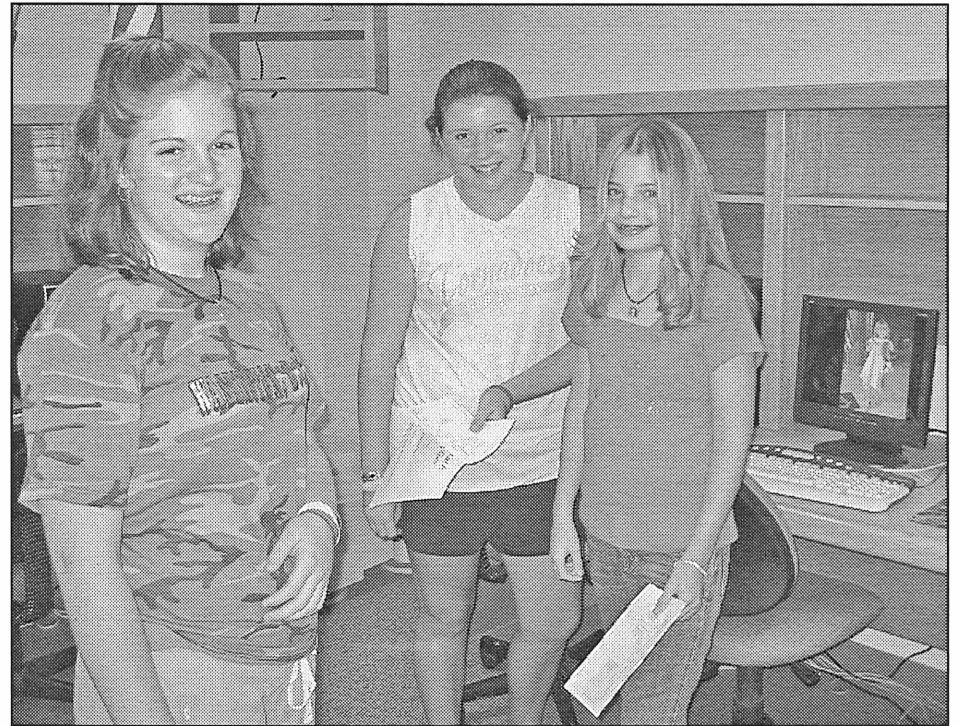
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TRACTOR PEDAL PULLER—John Anderson, son of Jamie Anderson of Haskell and Andy Anderson of Moody, competes in the 2005 Texas Pedal Pullers Association State Championship Pedal Pull in Henrietta, Sat., Aug. 13, in which he took third place, qualifying him to compete in the National Competition to be held in September in Mitchell, South Dakota. He is the grandson of Jim Bob and Jerry Bowers of Haskell, and Donna Anderson of Lake Dallas, and great grandson of Oleta Bowers of Haskell.



REGISTERING FOR JUNIOR HIGH—On hand recently to register for the initial school term the Rochester Jr. High School were, l-r, Sara Weise, Kelsie Adams and Meagan Kimbrough.

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 537 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 20, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 45 sellers and 34 buyers were present.

Market steady to \$2 higher on calves. Packer cows steady. Baco cows and pairs 25-50 higher.

Cows: fat, .45-.48.50; cutters, .50-.55; canners, .35-.47.

Bulls: bologna, .68-.75; feeders, .85-96; utility, .64-.70.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.45-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.45-1.52; 400-500 lbs., 1.18-1.32; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.22; 600-700 lbs., 1.08-1.15; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.08; 800-up lbs., .90-.99.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.43; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.27; 400-500 lbs.,

1.08-1.20; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.10; 600-up lbs., .95-1.08. Package 737 and 103.85.

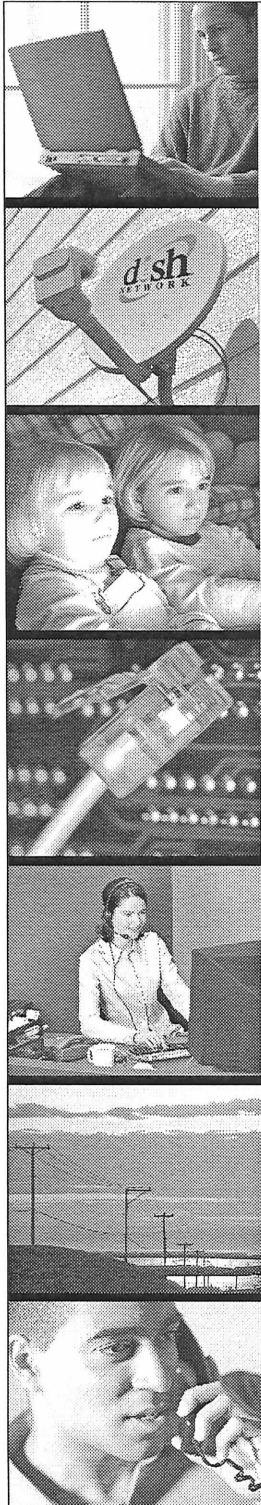
Bred heifers medium frame, 800-1010.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 900-1085; aged or small, 550-800.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1025-1435; aged or small, 800-975.



REGISTRATION AT NEW CAMPUS—Ross Wittenborn and his parents, James and Melyn Wittenborn of Haskell, join others in registering for the new school year at Rochester Jr. High School.



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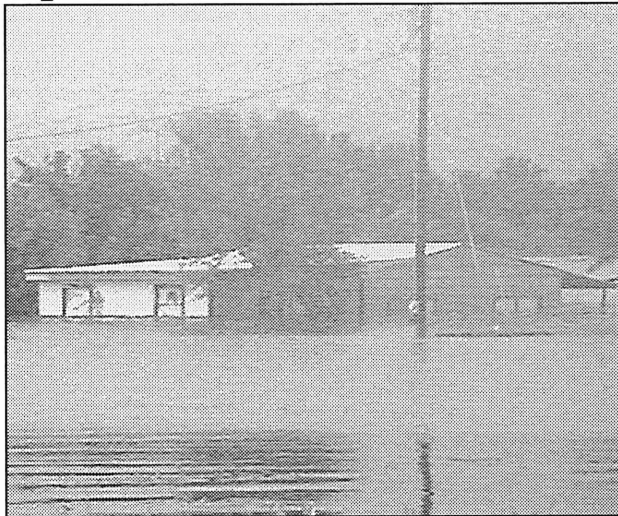
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Countywide flood pictures from week of Aug. 14



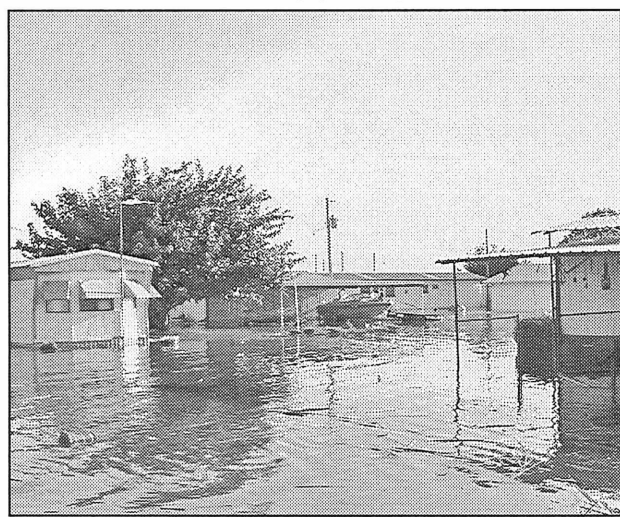
DAM, SPILLWAY (top right) AND EMERGENCY SPILLWAY (top center) on Lake Stamford



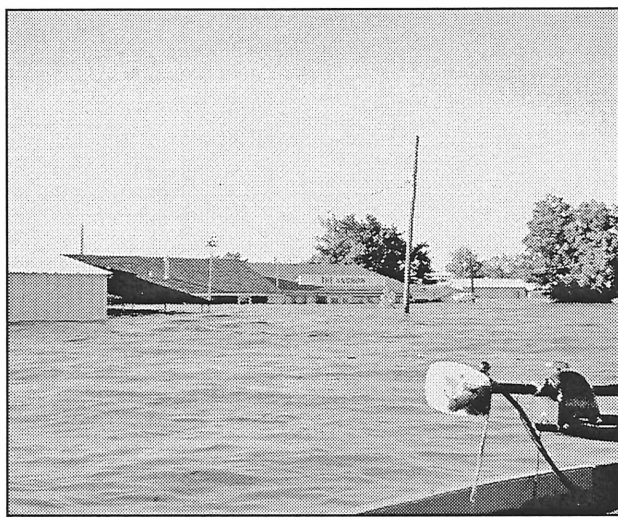
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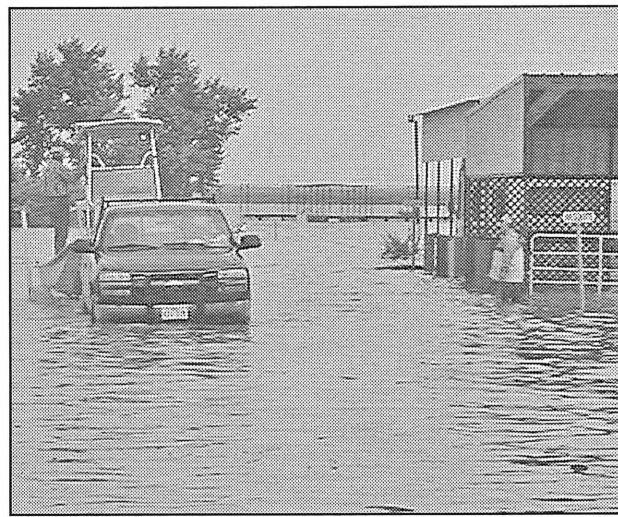
**TWAIN MICKLER'S CABIN (center) AT VEDA'S CAMP
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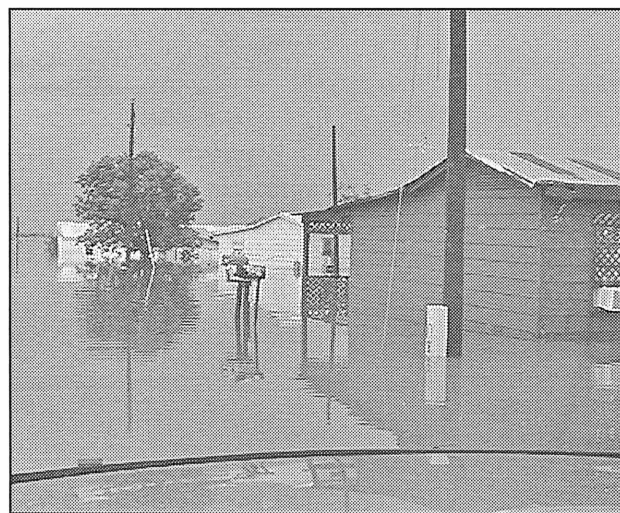
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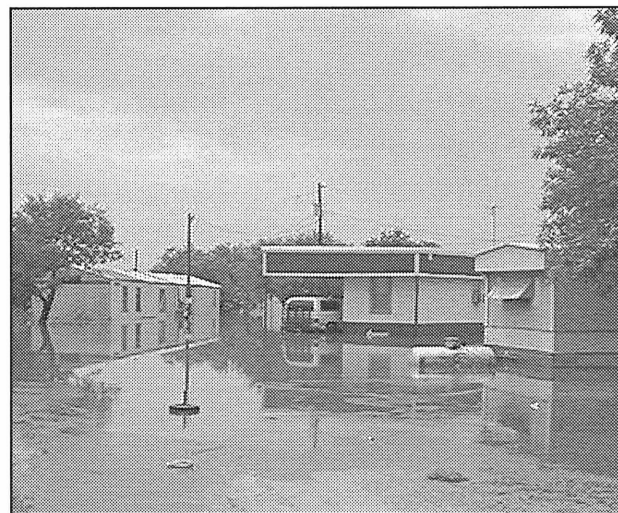
**Game Warden Steve Barbour and Winston Stephens launch boat
The Anchor, Lake Stamford**



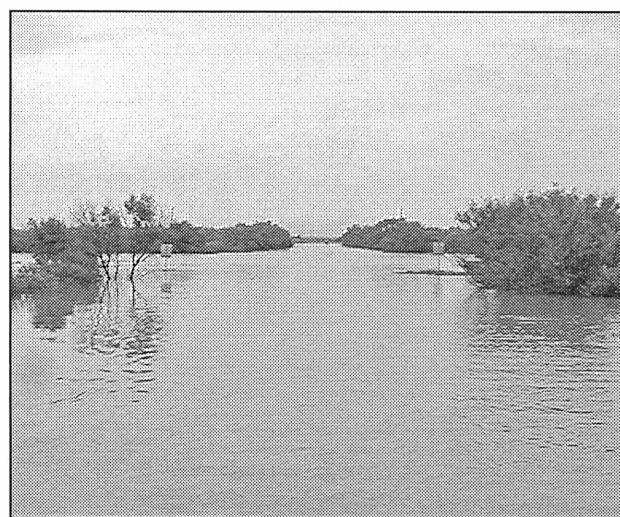
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Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

- Monday:** Breakfast bagel
- Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick
- Wednesday:** Cereal, graham crackers
- Thursday:** Sausage biscuit
- Friday:** Pig in a blanket

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

- Monday:** Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, hot roll, mandarin orange salad
- Tuesday:** Beef and spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, bread stick, fresh melon
- Wednesday:** Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, chips, apple wedges
- Thursday:** Enchiladas, chips, salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple chunks
- Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, ice cream



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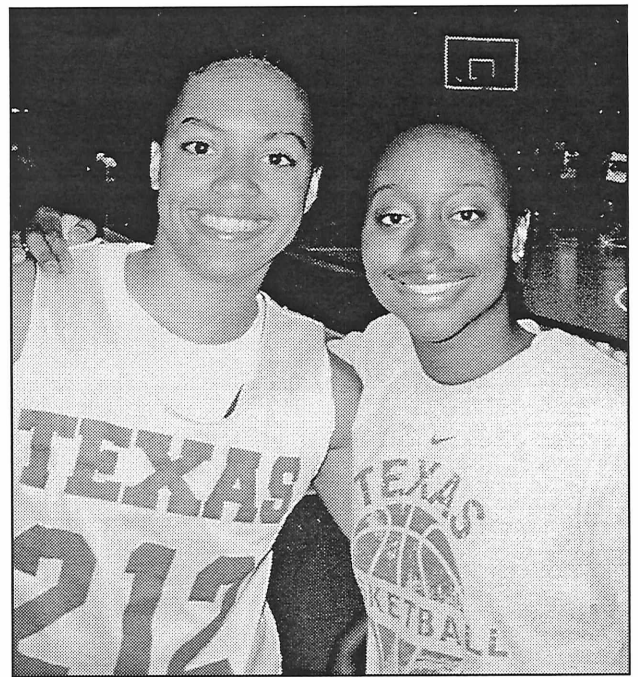
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AT BASKETBALL CAMP—Eighth grader Kenisha Harris of Rule, left, is joined by instructor Tamra Cobbins, right, at the basketball camp held this summer for advanced varsity players.

Kenisha Harris attends Conrad's basketball camp

Kenisha Harris, an eighth grade student at Rule Jr. High School, recently attended Jodi Conrad's basketball camp for advanced varsity athletes.

At the camp, which was highly competitive and lots of fun, Harris said she made lots of friends, especially Tamra Cobbins, point guard for the University of Texas Lady Longhorns. She also got to meet and talk with the whole coaching staff, including Coach Conrad.

Several McDonald's All-Americans attended the camp, where the competition was awesome, said Harris, who plans to attend for the next four years. Realizing how much hard work it will take, she hopes to play for the Lady Longhorns some day.

Harris' scrimmage team made it to the championship game, but lost in the final game. However, she is already looking forward to trying again next year.

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP IS 20 DEGREES COOLER INSIDE

Has the midsummer heat been getting you down? Not to mention the humidity factor, which can only add to the oppressiveness of the soaring temperatures. Of course, being a sensible person, you dress right, live right and do what you can to offset the discomforts of the season. You spend as much time as your lifestyle will allow in air conditioned places, and maybe at the ol' swimmin' hole.

However, there is one more place you might add to your itinerary in search of a pleasant environment—your house of worship. More than just a haven of refuge from the heat, it's a place for all seasons. However, in summer the only warmth you will feel there is the comforting assurance that God's love is with you all the 'round, no matter what it says on the thermometer.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
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**
Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 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**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 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

Greg Gasaway, 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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

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First Baptist Church
J. C. Baker, 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

Fred Garvin, interim pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
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.
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Sagerton

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Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
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Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Wed., Aug. 31

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Tom E. Turner to change the following described property: Block 3, Lot 9-10, Addition Pitman, Address 1401 N. 2nd from single family residential zoning district to commercial zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for storage facility.

The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Fri., Sept. 9, 2005 at 12:00 noon in the City Hall Council Chambers. 34c

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Mountain climber speaks to Rotary Club

by Mary Kaigler

Living on the flat plains of West Texas, members of the Haskell Rotary Club may have never before had a world-class mountain climber speak at their noon meeting. Yet, on Thurs., Aug. 18, they had the privilege, when Clay Clarke, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, related his adventure of climbing the highest mountain in the world earlier this summer.

An attorney with the New Mexico Environment Department, 35 year old Clarke grew up in the Aspermont area, the only child of a bronc rider. With three generations of his family ranching in that area, he grew up on the family ranch herding cows on a dirt bike, and climbing the nearby mesas.

However, life on the range was not the life for him, he said, adding with a smile, "I did my 18 years of indentured servitude on the ranch."

After graduating from Aspermont High School, he earned an undergraduate degree in honors studies with an emphasis on philosophy at Texas Tech University.

Wanting to see as much of the world as possible before going to law school, he traveled North Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Asia, paying his way by working at odd jobs as he went. Along the way, he climbed mountains, volcanoes, ice and rocks.

At age 22, he was a serious

mountaineer, with Mount Everest already in his dreams, and he began collecting the equipment he would someday need to tackle the Himalayas.

Back home again, he attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington to finish his law degree.

By 1998 he was working as an attorney with the New Mexico Environment Dept., and was climbing the 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado. After work on winter weekdays, he would climb to Lake Peak in the Santa Fe National Forest to camp out and snowboard back down.

It was a dream of his to climb Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen, which scientists said was practically a death wish. To gain experience in high-altitude climbing, Clarke climbed mountains in South America. Before attempting Everest, he summited two 26,000 peaks in the Himalayas without using supplemental oxygen.

For him, Clarke said that scaling the mountain on its own terms is important. "It's just something that to me was one of the last great athletic achievements."

Avalanches, deep crevasses, sudden weather shifts, altitude sickness and frostbite are just a few of the challenges climbers face. A false move, miscalculation or plain bad luck can make any climb the last one, Clarke says. "Overcoming fear

on the mountain is perhaps as important as technical skills for a successful climb," he said, adding that he is certainly scared a lot.

Early in April, Clarke and his unguided group of six other climbers and two sherpas arrived at base camp, which was at 17,000 feet. From there they progressed up the mountain, setting up additional camps as they went, finally reaching the peak at about 29,035 feet. When one member of the team died following a fall, it was a reality check, reminding them that this isn't a game or an amusement park.

On May 5, an avalanche wiped out the base camp, and several people were injured.

Two weeks later, Clarke and a partner set up Camp Two and waited for better weather.

On June 4, with the wind blowing hard, and the chill factor at 10 to 15 degrees below zero, they left for the summit at 10:00 p.m. Clarke was the only one climbing without supplemental oxygen. When his partner turned back, Clarke finally relented and put on the regulator and oxygen bottle. Looking back, Clarke figures the two hours he saved by using his oxygen may have been the difference in his reaching the south summit, with the true summit still about 1,000 feet away.

Finally, he and the sherpas climbed through a plume of snow blowing along the south face, and

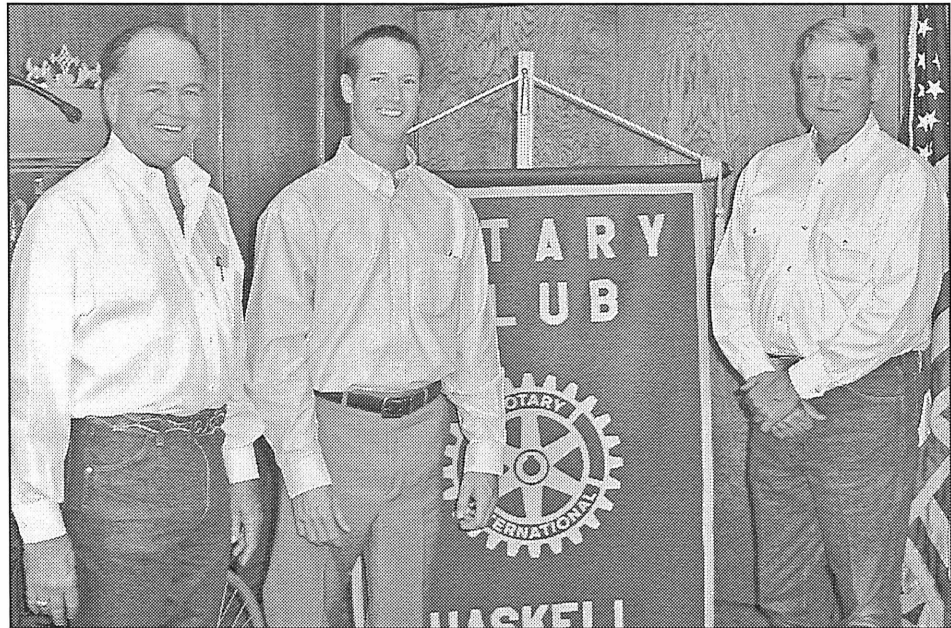
were at the top. It had taken them almost 12 hours to go the final 2,035 feet.

Selling his house in Santa Fe to pay for his Everest climb, which can cost as much as \$25,000, including \$10,000 for a climbing permit, Clark plans to leave in September to study for an advanced degree in international environmental law at the Universite Catholique de Luvain in Belgium.

Planning to climb more mountains in Europe, perhaps K2 in the Himalayas, the young man from flat West Texas, who spent two and a half months in the Himalayas trying to fulfill his dream of summiting Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen, said, "I don't think I'll ever run out of mountains to climb."

Plainview, McConnell, Bunker Hill homecoming

The Plainview, McConnell and Bunker Hill communities will hold their homecoming Sat., Oct. 1 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning with registration at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Alvin Ulmer, Rt. 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, Texas 79548 or call 940-997-2577.



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