

Football games

HASKELL

Indians vs Cisco
(Scrimmage)
Fri., Aug. 25, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Blackwell/Benjamin
(Scrimmage)
Fri., Aug. 25, 5:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

RULE
Bobcats vs ACHS
(Scrimmage)
Fri., Aug. 24, 6 p.m.
at Abilene

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 7 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Bible study

First Baptist Church will hold a six weeks Beth Moore Bible study on Daniel: Lives of Integrity beginning Tues., Sept. 5 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Register by calling 864-2581. A nursery will be provided by making arrangements with the office.

Cub Scout sign up

Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold a pack meeting/sign up pizza party Tues., Aug. 29 beginning at 7 p.m. at the City Park. Boys in grades 1-5 are eligible to become Cub Scouts. Parents must attend the meeting with their son. For more information, call Kay Smith at 864-2240.

Band Boosters

All parents of Haskell Indian Band members, grades 6-12, need to attend a meeting Tues., Aug. 29 from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Band Hall in Haskell.

Jamaica queen

A garage sale and burrito sale will be held Sat., Aug. 26 beginning at 8 a.m. at 305 S. Ave. F in Haskell. Proceeds will benefit St. George Catholic Church Jamaica queen candidate Kristen Martinez.

Hamburger meal

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will serve hamburgers Fri., Aug. 25 at Indian Field. Proceeds benefit Haskell Indian and Maiden athletics.

Special service

Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell will hold an old-fashioned fund-raising program Sun., Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. Speaking will be Rev. William Jackson of Greater Zion Baptist Church in Sweetwater; and George Bluford and Amos Wayne, both of Mount Rose Baptist Church in Sweetwater. For more information call 940-864-5473.

Bake sale

A bake sale will be held Sat., Sept. 9 at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell. For more information, call 940-864-5473.

Women's program

Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell will hold their annual Women's Day program Sun., Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. Theme for the program is Exodus 33: 12-13, 'Not One Step Without God.' Guest Speaker is Rev. C. Wade of West Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Goree. The day's events will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed by Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

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Go Indians!

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"The People's Choice"

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4-H'ers attend Leader College in Wichita Falls

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

4-H leaders and youth from Haskell County participated in a

4-H Leader College held Sat., Aug. 5 on the campus of Midwestern State

University in Wichita Falls. 4-H volunteer leaders are an essential part

of the 4-H youth program and the college provided training for volunteer leaders representing the twenty-four counties that make up the Rolling Plains District.

The college featured sessions including "The Keys to Effective Club Management," "The Wether Goat Program," "Culinary Arts-Making Foods Fun Again," "All You Ever Needed To Know About The Rabbit Project," and "The New 4-H Swine Skill-a-Thon. Well-known wildlife photographer, Wyman Meinzer, presented a session "The Wild Side of Photography" sharing tips for enhancing photographs of various wildlife and landscape subjects.

Youth participants enjoyed a session, "Life is a Banquet" presented by Trent McKnight that focused on leadership. With an extensive background in leadership and public speaking through both 4-H and FFA, McKnight provided insight and personal experience to young leaders hoping to make a difference in their counties.

Participating in the leader college were Jenny Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Renee Dudensing, Brooke Bullinger, Valiene Bullinger, Kate Rowan and County Extension Agents Wes Utley and Jane Rowan.



ATTEND LEADER COLLEGE—4-H Leader College was held Aug. 5 on the Midwestern State University campus in Wichita Falls. Attending were, l-r, Valiene Bullinger, Renee Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Kate Rowan, Brooke Bullinger, Molly Dudensing and

Reid Guess. Guess, former 4-H member at Jayton and a former District 3 and Texas 4-H Council member, is now a chef at Austin's Roaring Fork restaurant and credits 4-H and the 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project with his career choice.

Sales tax receipts remain steady for cities in the county

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.2 percent compared to July 2005.

"Texas' sales tax revenues continue to grow," Strayhorn said. "With just one month remaining in the 2006 fiscal year, I'm looking forward to ending August with three

years-36 consecutive months-of sales tax growth."

Strayhorn sent \$508.4 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.1 percent compared to August 2005. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 14.9 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$349.6 million to Texas cities, up 10 percent compared to last August. Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are surpassing 2005 by 14.3 percent. Sales tax payments of \$29.3 million went to Texas counties, 10.3 percent higher than last August. So far in calendar year 2006, county sales tax allocations are up 16.2 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$14.6 million in sales tax revenue went to 110 special purpose taxing districts, 9.9 percent more than in August 2005.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Haskell County had a 5.37 percent increase for August 2006 of \$41,269.39 in comparison to \$39,162.93 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$258,872.14 reflect a 2.92 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$266,675.67.

The City of Haskell had a 6.36 percent increase for August 2006 of \$37,244.37 in comparison to \$35,014.62 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$237,385.06 reflect a 4.15 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$247,666.95.

The City of O'Brien had a 20.60 percent increase for August 2006 of \$102.37 in comparison to \$84.88 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$594.85 reflect a 37.53 percent increase over 2005 payments to date

of \$432.50.

The City of Rochester had a 24.98 percent decrease for August 2006 of \$956.60 in comparison to \$1,275.19 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$4,864.68 reflect a 7.65 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$5,268.10.

The City of Rule had a 6.17 percent increase for August 2006 of \$2,467.83 in comparison to \$2,324.21 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$13,428.79 reflect a 15.58 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$11,618.32.

The City of Weirter had a 7.36 percent increase for August 2006 of \$498.22 in comparison to \$464.03 for August 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$2,598.76 reflect a 53.79 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$1,689.80.

Farmers, firemen suffer from milestone drought

Texas has been hot and dry for months, and a recent drought assessment by Texas Forest Service confirms what most farmers, ranchers and firefighters have already seen.

Thanks to persistent hot, dry weather, the average Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for the state has now climbed into the top three percent of the historical average drought readings, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

"This situation does not bode well for agricultural interests or firefighters in the state," declared Spencer. "In recent history, there have been only two other years that the average state KBDI index reached this same level: 1998 and 2000. In both of these years, Texas experienced severe summer fire sieges."

Wildfire responses in the state since June support the growing concern among firefighters. From June 1 through Aug. 20, Texas Forest Service fire personnel battled 578 wildfires that burned an estimated 101,774 acres across the state. Fire departments using the Texas Forest Service on-line fire reporting system to record their fire responses reported 2,884 fires that burned an estimated 70,587 acres over this same period.

The average drought index value for the state has continued to climb, even though recent rains have lowered the KBDI drought index for counties in the Texas Panhandle and Trans-Pecos regions. The continued

climb of the drought index shows how extremely dry the rest of the state is getting, said Spencer.

Information about fuel (vegetation) dryness across the state is available on the Internet at <http://webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/rawsd/dryness.png>. KBDI drought averages for counties can be accessed at http://webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/kbdi_daily/kbdicounty.png. A 30-day precipitation deficit map available at http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/precip_def_map.jpg also helps visually portray why and where drought conditions are most severe in the state.

As hot and dry as it is, it doesn't take much of a spark to start a wildfire, and it doesn't take much wind to increase the risk of home losses and the danger to firefighters and residents alike, said Gary Laco, wildfire prevention chief for Texas Forest Service.

"It is absolutely imperative that everyone—and I do mean everyone—take every possible precaution to prevent wildfires from occurring," Laco stated.

The fire prevention chief urged strict compliance with outdoor burning bans and proper disposal of smoking materials. He also said that use of welding and grinding equipment around dry vegetation should be avoided if possible and closely monitored for accidental fire starts. Even driving through tall, dry grass and weeds should be avoided, as hot catalytic converters could ignite wildfires.

Council sets budget sessions

The Haskell City Council met in regular meeting, Tues., Aug. 14, at 7:00 a.m.

Attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Councilmen Jimmy Roberts, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator, Brandon Anderson, and City Secretary, Louetta Wallace. Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilman W.L. Wolf were absent.

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Councilman Roberts.

On a motion by Smith, the council approved the resolution authorizing the signature of Bob Smith, Wallace Emerson, Ken Lane and Brandon Anderson for the Texas Capital Grant TCF Contract No. 725032, Resolution No. 81406.

The TxDOT State Infrastructure bank loan was discussed and will be kept under consideration.

Dates for the budget and tax rate work session were set for 6:00 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 24 and 6:00 p.m., Wed., Aug. 30.

Councilmen Roberts and Smith were appointed to serve on the committee with Mayor Lane to work with City Attorney Shane Hadaway on conditions for a contract with Kent

Oil Co.

Options and locations for relocating the city barn were discussed. No action was taken.

In his report, City Administrator Anderson informed the council that Echelon Industries would be coming in to put a test strip of overlay and sealant at the airport.

In an update of the prison, Anderson stated that the prison is as full as possible, and that the prison board is working hard and discussing pertinent topics concerning the prison.

He said Keith McGraw and his crew will be in sometime in the next

two weeks to dig the cell at the landfill. The job is expected to take 4 days.

The sewer plant was discussed as to possible ways to make the operation at the plant more efficient.

It was announced that the consultant and architect would be in town later that day to give a program at the Experienced Citizens Center for anyone interested in the assisted living center.

On a motion by Councilman Meredith, the council approved the paying of all outstanding bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 a.m.

Identity theft is seminar's topic

An identity theft seminar will be held Thurs., Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Citibank, 518 S. Second in Haskell.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. These seminars are designed to educate consumers and small business

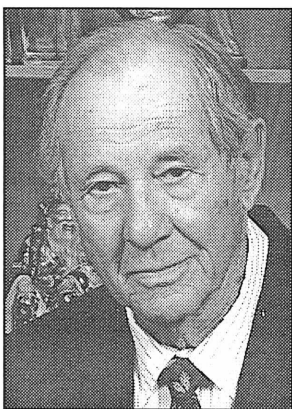
owners about the financial risks involved with identity theft, signs of identity theft, ways to protect yourself and what to do if you suspect you are a victim of identity theft.

The free seminar is sponsored by Citibank Texas.

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OBITUARIES

Buford Cox



BUFORD COX

Funeral services for Buford Cox, 101, of Haskell were held Mon., Aug. 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Burial

was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Cox died Fri., Aug. 18 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

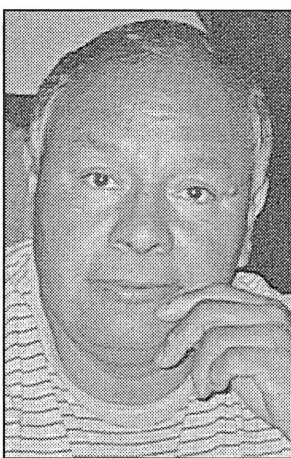
Born Nov. 29, 1904 in Aquilla, Hill County, he was the son of the late John William Cox I and Minnie Ann Smith. He graduated from Rotan High School in 1921. After high school he traveled throughout Texas and Oklahoma playing semi-pro baseball for several farm teams. He was stationed at Lubbock during World War II where he served in the Army Air Corp. Following World War II, he bought the Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in Haskell. He married Geraldine Hunt in Roscoe April 17, 1937. She preceded him in death July 31, 1995. He later sold the car dealership in order to devote more time to farming and ranching.

He was well-known in the area for his herd of registered Hereford cattle. He was a member of the American Legion, and a former deacon at First Baptist Church where he was a member of the Business Men's Bible Class. His big loves included God and his church, his family, and baseball. He was an avid Texas Rangers fan and suffered along with them every season.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Elis 'Hoss' Cox; and three sisters, Ruth Lee Trimmer, Ella Mae Adcock and Doris Vandiver.

Survivors include his son, Bill Cox and wife, Susan of Haskell; grandchildren, Mitchell Cox of Houston and Morgan Cox of Lubbock; sister, Louise Rushing of Anton; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. PD. NOTICE

Daniel Guadalcazar



DANIEL GUADALCAZAR

Rosary was held for Daniel Guadalcazar, 57, of Haskell Mon.,

Aug. 21 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Funeral services were held Tues., Aug. 22 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Vasquez officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Guadalcazar died Sat., Aug. 19 at his residence.

Born June 15, 1949 in Bartlett, he was the son of the late Jesse Guadalcazar and Angie Vasquez Guadalcazar. He married Lupe Lopez Elias in Stamford July 22, 1967. After high school, he served in the Army 1969-71. He and wife, Lupe owned and side by side operated Guadalcazar Roofing for 32 years. He was a member of Paint Creek Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, attending flea markets and spending time with his grandkids. He

had lived in Haskell since 1988. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lupe of Haskell; children, Daniela Llewellyn and husband Kenny, Ovilda Contreras and husband Jose, Eric Guadalcazar and wife Michelle, Amanda Sotelo and husband Joe, and their chosen daughter Michelle Carnes and husband Dale; six grandchildren, Isaiah Llewellyn, J'Lynn Llewellyn, Daniel Contreras, Natalie Contreras, Aiden Guadalcazar, Victor Vasquez IV, Heaven Rojas, Kylee Carnes and Ethan Carnes; three brothers, David Guadalcazar, Jesse Guadalcazar and Ricky Guadalcazar; two sisters, Mary Torres and Ruth Enriquez; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends. PD. NOTICE

Claudia Faye Hewitt Reid



CLAUDIA REID

Funeral services for Claudia Faye Hewitt Reid, 89, of Rochester were held Sat., Aug. 19 at Rochester First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery.

Mrs. Reid died Wed., Aug. 16 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born July 19, 1917 near Hope, Arkansas in Pike County, she was the daughter of Lilly Elnora Harrison Hewitt and James Walton Hewitt. She had four brothers and four sisters. The family moved to Texas in 1942, settling in the Foster Community east of Rochester. She married William Manford Reid Sept. 30, 1933 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell. They made their home in Rochester. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She filled her life meeting the needs of those around her. She was a member of the Rochester First Baptist Church where she was a longtime Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the Women's Literary Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Manford Reid; her parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include her five children, Sharon Sue Reid Mullino of Rochester, James Leonard Reid and wife, Marsha of Rochester, Lilly Diane Reid Wall and husband, Andy of Tyler, Barbara Kay Reid Weekly and husband, Glenn of Waco, and Nick Reid of San Diego, California; ten grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren; her sister, Adelle Hewitt Herring of O'Brien; a number of nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to Rochester First Baptist Church, Rochester Cemetery Association or the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department. PD. NOTICE

Joseph E. Kolasa



JOSEPH E. KOLASA

Mass of Christian burial for Joseph E. Kolasa, 83, of Maplewood, Minnesota was held Sat., Aug. 19 at The Church of St. Jerome in Minnesota. Private interment was held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery under the direction of Mueller-Bies Funeral Home, Roseville.

Mr. Kolasa died Tues., Aug. 15.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Jo.

Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Joan Gardiner Kolasa; children, Robert and Lois Kolasa, Dennis and Sandy Kolasa, Joseph and Lynda Kolasa, John and Vicki Kolasa, Thomas and Ginger Kolasa, Karen and Clinton Wilson and Mary and Amy Kolasa; 19 grandchildren; siblings, Frank Kolasa Sr., Corinne Kolasa and Bernice Hilliard of Haskell; and many other family and friends. PD. NOTICE

Kathleen Nan Jones McBeath

Funeral services for Kathleen Nan Jones McBeath, 90, of Rule were held Fri., Aug. 18 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. McBeath died Tues., Aug. 15 after a lengthy illness.

Born July 30, 1916 in Rule, she was the daughter of Lennis William and Martha Olivia Speer Jones. She graduated from Rule High School and North Texas State Teachers College in Denton. She married

Charles O. McBeath Oct. 1, 1939 in Rule. They moved to Amarillo where he worked for Waples-Platter. During World War II, she taught homemaking in Hawley, Rule and Joplin, Missouri. She later moved to Massachusetts and lived with her brother and his wife while Charles served overseas in the European Theater.

After the war, they returned to Texas and settled in Amarillo where she was a homemaker and did volunteer work at the local hospital. When Charles retired from Affiliated Foods in 1980, they moved to Midland where they lived until his death May 1, 1999. In December

1999, she returned to her hometown of Rule.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mabel Overton.

Survivors include her brother Lennis W. 'Doc' Jones and wife, Joy of Rule; nephews, William 'Bill' Overton of Abilene, Wallar Overton and wife, Steffi of Paint Creek, Mike Overton and wife, Linda of McKinney, Bill Jones and wife, Jolanda of Rule; and nieces Judy New and husband, Jimmy of Sagerton and Nan Doyal of Rule.

Her family extends a special thanks to Marcey Martinez, her caretaker, for six years of love and care. PD. NOTICE

Charlotte N. Smith

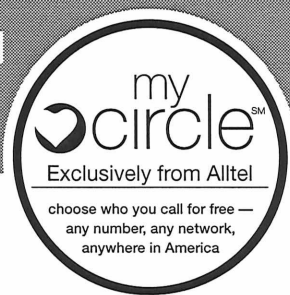
Graveside services for Charlotte N. Smith, 83, of Marietta, Georgia were held Fri., Aug. 18 at Mountain View Park Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia under the direction of Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home of Marietta.

Survivors include her husband, Sam H. Smith of Marietta; daughter, Samee Charlotte Ellerbee of Augusta, Georgia; son, Clay A. Smith of Marietta, Georgia; sister, Jewell Crowley of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three granddaughters, Allie, Lauren and Sarah Smith.

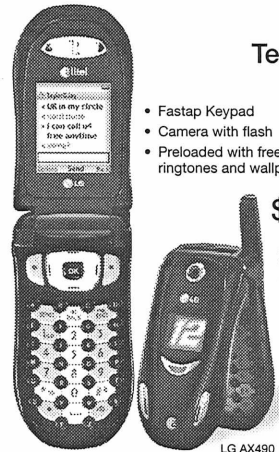
Mrs. Smith died Tues., Aug. 15.

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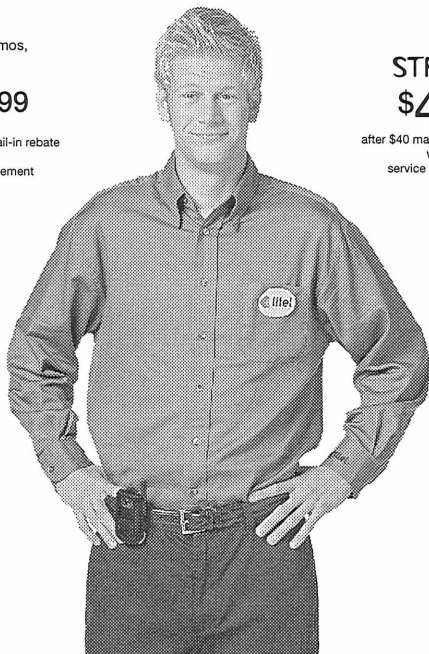


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Octoberfest '06 set Oct. 23-27 for seniors at 4-H Center

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Folks 50 will be experiencing fall and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas" at the 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Octoberfest '06 is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of Oct. 23-27.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn seasonal crafts, gardening, candle making, ball room dancing, wood crafting, and many other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to your stay on our lighted

boathouse. Or enjoy the beautiful fall foliage on our nature trail and take in some birding activities. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment is also a part of the program. Fun and educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun.

"Octoberfest '06-Fall Frolics" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

If you are 50 or older then "Octoberfest '06-Fall Frolics" is for you. Call the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2546 or the 4-H Conference Center at 1-325-784-5482 for more information.

Haskell-Knox SSA offers screenings

Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement in cooperation with Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD and Rule ISD will hold screenings in Munday and Knox City for children ages 3-5 years of age whose parents have concerns of the developmental level(s) where their child functions. Screenings will be held Aug. 23-24. Children must be a resident of the school districts listed to be screened.

Keeping children in the most natural instructional settings possible while focusing on supports for areas of delays will be the focus in the spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Parents who have concerns with mental, learning, speech, motor and/or emotional skills in children who are 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten should call Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement at 658-3587 for an appointment.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record on the day of the appointment.

For children turning 3 years old later in the 2006-07 school years with developmental concerns, contact your local school's principal's office of Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement at 940-658-3587 for more information about Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities. (PPCD).

Hawkins-Vaughn families hold annual reunion

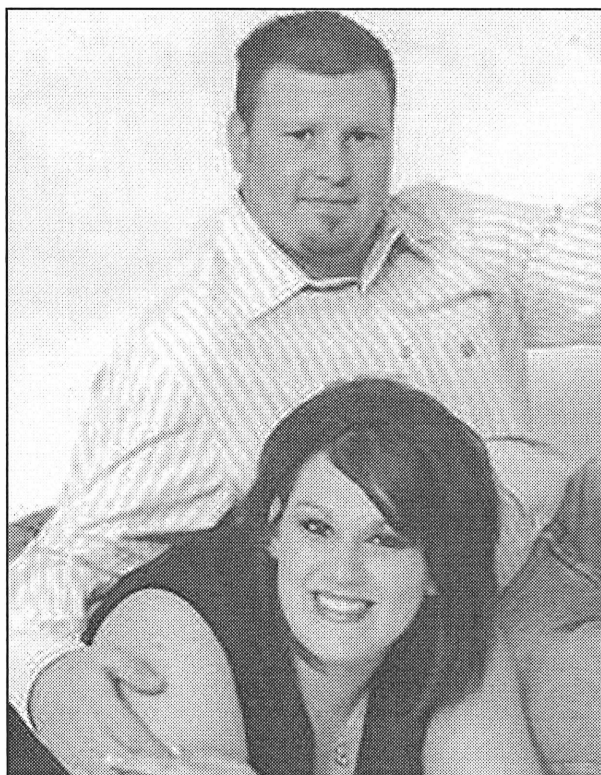
The Hawkin and Vaughn families met Aug. 11-13 for their twenty-fifth annual reunion at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with sixty-six family members and eight visitors in attendance.

Games of dominoes, forty-two, picture taking and visiting were

enjoyed.

An auction to help defray reunion expenses was a success.

Towns represented were Norman, Dimmitt, Wichita Falls, Lewisville, Jarrell, Abilene, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Eastland, Aspermont, San Angelo, Haskell and Lincoln, Arkansas.



BRITNEE DAWN MEYER - DUSTY WAYNE HASTEY

Meyer, Hasteley to marry Sept. 22

Brittnee Dawn Meyer and Dusty Wayne Hasteley have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage Sept. 22 in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Patti Meyer of Dumas. A long-time Dumas resident, she graduated from Dumas High School in 2003 and is a senior at West Texas

A&M University in Canyon, majoring in musical theatre.

The prospective groom is the son of Sammy Hasteley of Sweetwater and Lizette Hasteley of Lake Alan Henry. A 2001 graduate of Rochester High School, he is an electrician employed with Acme Electric in Lubbock.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards have returned from an extended visit to Canada. On Aug. 2, David and Darlene Burson took them to the Abilene Airport where they flew to Dallas then to Calgary. They visited many friends and relatives there and in Red Deer and Cardston. On Aug. 15, they flew back to Abilene and were met by the Bursons.

Lois Redwine has returned home from visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Coe and Suzy McElmurry in Monett, Missouri. On her way up, Flint, Lisa and Austin Nanny and Christina Myers took her to Oklahoma City and the McElmurrys met them there. On Aug. 12, the McElmurrys brought her all the way home and spent the night in Haskell.

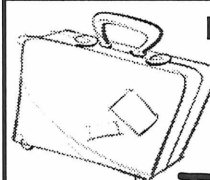
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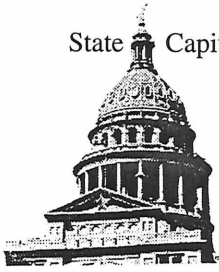


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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Texans rack up record energy usage Aug. 17

AUSTIN—Mercury, the liquid metal and not the planet closest to the sun, has been topping 105 degrees over much of the state in recent days.

Fortunate folks don't seem too worried about the heat as long as they can flick a switch and cool air comes-a-flowing.

And flick their switches they did on Aug. 17. Enough Texans ran their air conditioners to set an energy-use record during one of the hottest hours of the day: 4 to 5 p.m.

During that short period, Texans used 63,056 megawatts of power, eclipsing a record set one month earlier, the Electric Regulatory Council of Texas reported.

Kinky unveils Texas energy plan

Continuing on the subject of energy, Kinky Friedman on Aug. 16 made public his energy-generation goal for Texas.

The independent gubernatorial candidate said he "aims to reverse the state's current position as a net importer of energy by expanding existing development of renewable energies while systematically improving conventional power generation in Texas."

Friedman said "Texas has the resources to be self-sufficient. We have enormous solar, wind and biofuel capabilities. What we lack is leadership."

Public education ratings improve

The Texas Education Agency reports 87 percent of Texas school districts made what is termed "adequate yearly progress" under an evaluation system created by President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act.

The "AYP" formula calls for measurable annual achievement objectives for all students, racial and ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency.

That's an improvement. Last year, 78 percent of the state's nearly 8,000 campuses made adequate yearly progress.

"While this is a strong performance," said Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley, "the No Child Left Behind Act requires all campuses and districts to meet

increasing adequate yearly progress targets through 2014, so we must continue to improve performance levels."

Child support collections are up

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced that child support his office collected topped \$2 billion with 15 days remaining in the state fiscal year that ends Aug. 31. This year's collections exceed last year's by \$140 million. Abbott's staff is on target to collect more than \$7 billion since he took office in December 2002.

State's bonds earn high rating

Texas sells tax revenue anticipation notes every year to meet its financial obligations from Sept. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, until tax revenues hit the coffers.

Wall Street has a high level of confidence in those notes.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced the state received the highest ratings for its short-term notes from bond rating firms Standard & Poor, Moody's Investor Service and Fitch Inc.

High bond ratings mean lower interest rates, and lower interest rates mean decreased debt service costs.

"The money from the sale of these notes helps the schoolchildren of Texas by funding school districts at the beginning of the school year," Strayhorn said.

Park funding ideas to be heard

The Texas State Parks Advisory Committee on Aug. 24 will present recommendations for state park funding to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The parks system has been underfunded and allowed to languish over the past few years.

And, speaking of parks and wildlife, hunting and fishing licenses for 2006-07 went on sale Aug. 15.

Perry: equal treatment for Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced FEMA granted his request that Texas receive equal treatment for costs of debris removal and damage to public infrastructure resulting from Hurricane Rita.

Texas will get the same amount of monetary relief Louisiana received for the disaster. The funds can be used to reimburse for damages to roads, bridges, water treatment facilities, publicly owned utilities and public buildings.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 22, 1996

Stefanie Isbell, daughter of Roy and Becky Wilson of Haskell and Tony Isbell of Midland, was nominated as an All American Mascot.

Members of the Haskell High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads attended a National Cheerleaders Association camp. Participating in the week long clinic were junior varsity members Kira Poteet, Kristi Escobedo, Brittany Bartley, Jodi Thigpen and Bridgett Silvas; and varsity members J.J. Comedy, Misti Henson, Kelli Moeller, Dacia Phemister and Melanie Alvarez.

Two trip shooters dominated the singles event at Haskell. Roger Blackard of Snyder and W.E. Wooten of Haskell, breaking a perfect 100 straight. Wooten prevailed in the shoot-off over Blackard.

20 Years Ago August 21, 1986

Paint Creek School's new superintendent is Jerry Morgan. Bill Wilson Motor Co. of Haskell was awarded a bronze with silver award in the division's "Great Performers" program.

Margie Arellano won first place in the Universal Martial Arts Tournament in San Antonio.

30 Years Ago August 26, 1976

Arvil J. McFadden of Haskell received his certificate from Texas State Technical Institute in air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics program.

Lewis Maloy Jones of Haskell

received his MHA degree in Hospital Administration at summer graduation ceremonies at Baylor University in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Reeves in Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. Gaylon Head of Breckenridge visited her mother, Mrs. Dick Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Stocks and Philip and Mrs. A.E. Stocks visited in Grandfalls with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Stocks.

40 Years Ago August 25, 1966

The president of the United States of America, Lyndon B. Johnson, awarded a certificate of appreciation to David H. Persons of Haskell. This award was in grateful service to the Nation as an uncompensated member of the Selective Service System.

Mrs. Veta Furrh and Mrs. Opal Adkins of the Personality Shoppe; Mrs. Hardin Coffield and Donna Sue Gordon, of Coffield's Department Store; Mrs. R.A. Lane and Mrs. Viars Felker, of Lane Felker; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheatley and Robin of the C&B Store; Mrs. S. Hassen and Raja of Hassen's and Mrs. Elma Guest of Elma Guest Ready to Wear, are in Dallas attending the holiday market.

Mrs. Maggie Larned, John Larned and family have returned from a vacation where they visited the families of Jack Davis, Wendil Jarman and Don Larned.

50 Years Ago August 23, 1956

C.R. Moritz, Stamford, created interest in a sport never expected in West Texas, long distance swimming.

Moritz swam the length of Lake Stamford beginning at the bridge and finishing at the dam, a distance of approximately 6 miles. His time was 3 hours and 25 minutes.

Friends and neighbors gathered to work the land and crops of Jess Josselet, Haskell farmer who has been in ill health for some time. The group brought tractors and other equipment and the large number turning out soon had the Josselet place in top shape.

Here from California, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Neathery of Lomita, California, arrived and will be here for several weeks looking after business interests. Commenting on the rain which fell early Sunday, they said they believed the moisture followed them, as they drove in rain during most of their trip.

100 Years Ago August 18, 1906

J.S. Post has sold his residence to Mrs. M.L. Perry.

The Wichita Valley Railroad has not yet put on a regular passenger train service to Haskell, but is running a combination passenger and baggage coach in a mixed train which arrives here about noon and returns north about one o'clock. A large number of passengers most of them prospectors, come in on each train.

J.A. Bailey shipped a car of cattle to Forth Worth. Arthur Cummings accompanied the shipment.

Chas. McGregor has sold his farm in the northeast part of the county.

Lois McConnell, Vera and Fay Neathery, Dollie Wheeler and perhaps others, went to Anson for the barbecue and reunion.

Drought management course set Aug. 29

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a multi-county beef cattle meeting focusing on drought-related management at 9:45 a.m. Aug. 29 in the Extension Homemakers Building at 801 23rd St. in Anson.

"Our program, 'Commonsense Drought Strategies' is meant to help producers through the very tough times we are now experiencing," said Todd Vineyard, Extension agent in Jones County. "Feed prices are extremely high and supplies are short. To help producers get the most from their feed dollar, we'll take a close look at the actual protein and energy needs of various classes of cattle and also discuss what really should be sold."

"High cattle prices have sent many producers to the local auction barns to buy cheaper herd bull replacements. That could be a mistake, if not tested for venereal diseases such as Trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle, is on the rise again, largely because of this practice. The disease can decimate a calf crop, and is very difficult to eradicate from an infected herd. We will have experts here to discuss the disease and to offer tips on how to avoid it. We'll also look at the how to buy a good herd bull."

The program's topics will be: "Cow Nutritive Requirements," "Cattle Market Outlook," "Alternative Feed Supplements and How to Use Them," "Managing Bloat in Small Grain Pastures," "Trichomoniasis," and "Herd Bull Buying."

The program is being conducted by the Extension offices in Jones, Fisher, Haskell and Nolan counties.

Individual registration by noon Aug. 28 is free or it will be \$10 at the door.

To register and for more information, call the Extension office in Jones County at 325-823-2432.

Student in the News

Christopher Eugene Hobbs received a Bachelor of Science degree during summer commencement exercises at Angelo State University held in San Angelo Aug. 12.

Blend may be best bet when selecting wheat seed

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

When buying seed, wheat producers may want to choose a mix of varieties for planting their fall crop, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"Keep in mind that variety performance will vary from year to year," said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo. "For this reason, it is a good idea to plant more than one variety. We are beginning to look at planting three varieties in a blend."

The past two years have been extremely different, Bean said, with the 2004-05 crop having excellent moisture throughout most of the wheat season, resulting in good yields in spite of an unprecedented outbreak of stripe rust.

The 2005-06 growing season was just the opposite, he said.

"We started out with a dry fall and it only got drier as the season progressed," Bean said. "As a result, many dryland fields were a complete failure, including some of our

dryland wheat variety trials."

The past season had its share of greenbug and Russian wheat aphid infestations and one of the worst outbreaks of wheat streak mosaic and the High Plains disease, he said.

Varieties that have consistently performed well over the years under a wide range of conditions include Dumas, TAM 111 and Jagalene, regardless of whether it is irrigated or dryland, Bean said. Cutter and TAM 110 have also topped the dryland varieties list. "Unlike last year, where TAM 111 was clearly the best variety, no one variety dominated the trials this year," he said.

However, in the irrigated trials several varieties consistently ranked in the top 20 percent across locations, including AP502 CL, Texas experimental entries 3232 and 1117, Duster, Hatcher, TAM 112, TAM 111, and Keota, Bean said.

AP502 CL is a Clearfield wheat, which means Beyond herbicide can be used in it for control of grasses, he said. The variety is similar to TAM

110, with greenbug tolerance, and does seem to occasionally have a higher yield.

The Texas experimental 3232 is expected to be released in 2007 and has good leaf rust and moderate stripe rust tolerance, Bean said. It has been targeted for planting in the Blackland area, but has performed well in the Panhandle the last couple of years.

Texas Experimental 1117 is a later maturing variety that has been targeted more for grazing rather than grain production, he said. However, based on its grain yield the last two years, "We may want to reconsider it for its grain yield."

TAM 112 is greenbug tolerant and generally yields more than TAM 110 by a couple of bushels, Bean said. It should be planted as a dryland or limited-irrigation wheat.

Hatcher was released by Colorado State in 2005, and Duster is an experimental variety from Oklahoma State, he said.

"We have very little data on these two varieties in Texas, but they are ones we will want to follow closely next year," Bean said. Keota is a 2005

Westbred Company release with stripe and leaf rust resistance. It also has some possible tolerance to wheat streak mosaic virus, he said.

Although TAM 111 did not have the outstanding year in experimental trials it had in 2005, it still ranked in the top 20 percent in three out of seven locations this year, Bean said.

Only three dryland trials were harvested this year, he said. In these trials, TAM 112 was the top yielding variety at all three locations. TAM 111 also yielded in the top 20 percent at all three locations.

Other varieties in the irrigated trials that yielded well were Hatcher and Duster, Bean said. Jagalene and Cutter also yielded in the top 20 percent at the Bushland and Claude locations and over the years have been consistently high yielding varieties in dryland trials.

For a brief discussion of each variety, go to: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/agronomy/publications>. Previous years' wheat variety test results can also be viewed at this site, Bean said.

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'Haskell' sideoats grama is state grass of Texas

by Rudy G. Esquivel, Assistant Manager/Soil Conservationist USDA-NRCS/Plant Materials Center, Knox City

Most people in Texas are aware that Texas has a state tree—pecan, state flower—bluebonnet, state bird—mockingbird, and the state soil—Houston black clay. However, did you know the state grass is sideoats grama, *Bouteloua curtipendula* which is a perennial, warm-season, native grass? Its spikelets have an oat-like resemblance, and appear to come off one side of the panicle branch. It provides cover for some wildlife species and good forage for cattle and the Texas Department of Transportation seed it along the roadsides to reduce soil erosion. It adapts and grows in Texas and Oklahoma, except in the piney woods of Texas unless it is growing in open grasslands when receiving enough sunlight. There is a release type from the Plant Materials Program in the market with the cultivar name 'Haskell' sideoats grama, which commercial seed companies grow and sell to the public.

In 1960, 'Haskell' sideoats grama original collection was near Haskell. In 1983, it was evaluated with other collections of the same kind of plant species, and released from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/Plant Materials Center located near Knox City. 'Haskell' sideoats grama is long-lived and drought tolerant as other sideoats, and selected for its excellent rhizome development, good seedling and plant vigor, and forage quality. It reproduces by seeds, tillers, and rhizomes. The seed also has good resistance to seed shattering, if producers are interested in seed production. 'Haskell' sideoats grama is well adapted to most range sites in north, central, and south Texas and Oklahoma, where other commercial types fail to establish. It will perform poorly on dense clays or very loose sands. 'Haskell' sideoats grama is best suited to areas receiving 18 inches or more in rainfall annually. 'Haskell' sideoats grama may be used in pure stands. And as a main component in seed mixtures for range seeding, pasture

or hayland plantings, revegetation of mined lands, low-maintenance turf plantings, erosion control plantings, waterways, temporary cover, and wildlife plantings.

Seedbed preparation should begin the year prior to a scheduled spring seeding for this cultivar to reduce weed competition for moisture when trying to establish the native grass. Plow and work the site as necessary the summer or early fall prior to establishment to create a firm weed-free seedbed. Work should be complete in the fall to allow time for the site to settle and accumulate moisture. In wind erosion areas, establish a dead litter crop of small grain the fall prior to a spring planting. Terminate dead litter crop, and control excessive weed growth with herbicides.

'Haskell' sideoats grama is planted using a native grass drill, since grain drills cannot handle fluffy

seed. Broadcast seeds in areas not easily covered by a drill, such as undulating terrain. With broadcasting seeds, some type of additional soil disturbance will be beneficial to insure seed-to-soil contact.

Seeds are drilled at a depth of no more than 1/4 inch on fine texture soils and to no more than 3/4 inch on coarse soils. On a pure seeding basis, the recommended rate is 4.5 pounds of pure live seed (PLS) per acre. In planting seed, mixtures reduce the rate according to the percent of sideoats grama in mixtures. When broadcast seeding or planting critical areas, a double seeding rate is a good practice to secure extra plant coverage.

'Haskell' sideoats grama seedlings are vigorous and stands can establish quickly, if weed competition is eliminated during seedbed preparation and sufficient rainfall received after planting. It is

palatable for livestock and cures well for winter use. It maintains a high feed value throughout the year and tolerates moderate grazing pressure, but graze lightly to keep stands from declining. Good stands of plants are maintained by practicing a sound grazing management.

So, if you recognize sideoats grama either common or 'Haskell' variety on your property between the months of June through November when seeds mature, just strip off the seeds from its panicle branch with your hands and spread it and hope mother nature takes a positive course to help it germinate the next spring.

For more information on how to grow and harvest 'Haskell' sideoats grama, visit our web site at <http://Plant-Materials.nrcs.usda.gov> or contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District and USDA-NRCS Service Center.



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Rochester plans for celebration

The city of Rochester will celebrate its centennial anniversary and school homecoming with an agenda of weekend events planned as something of fun for everyone.

The activities will begin Fri., Oct. 13, with a supper at the Fire Hall at 5:30 p.m., followed by a patriotic fireworks display at the football stadium, beginning at dark, and a musical and time for visiting in downtown Rochester.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Sat., Oct. 14, in the cafeteria, where complimentary coffee and donuts will be served.

At 10 a.m., the ex-cheerleaders, twirlers and drum majors will meet for a coffee in the homemaking room.

Guided tours of updated school facilities will be offered during the morning.

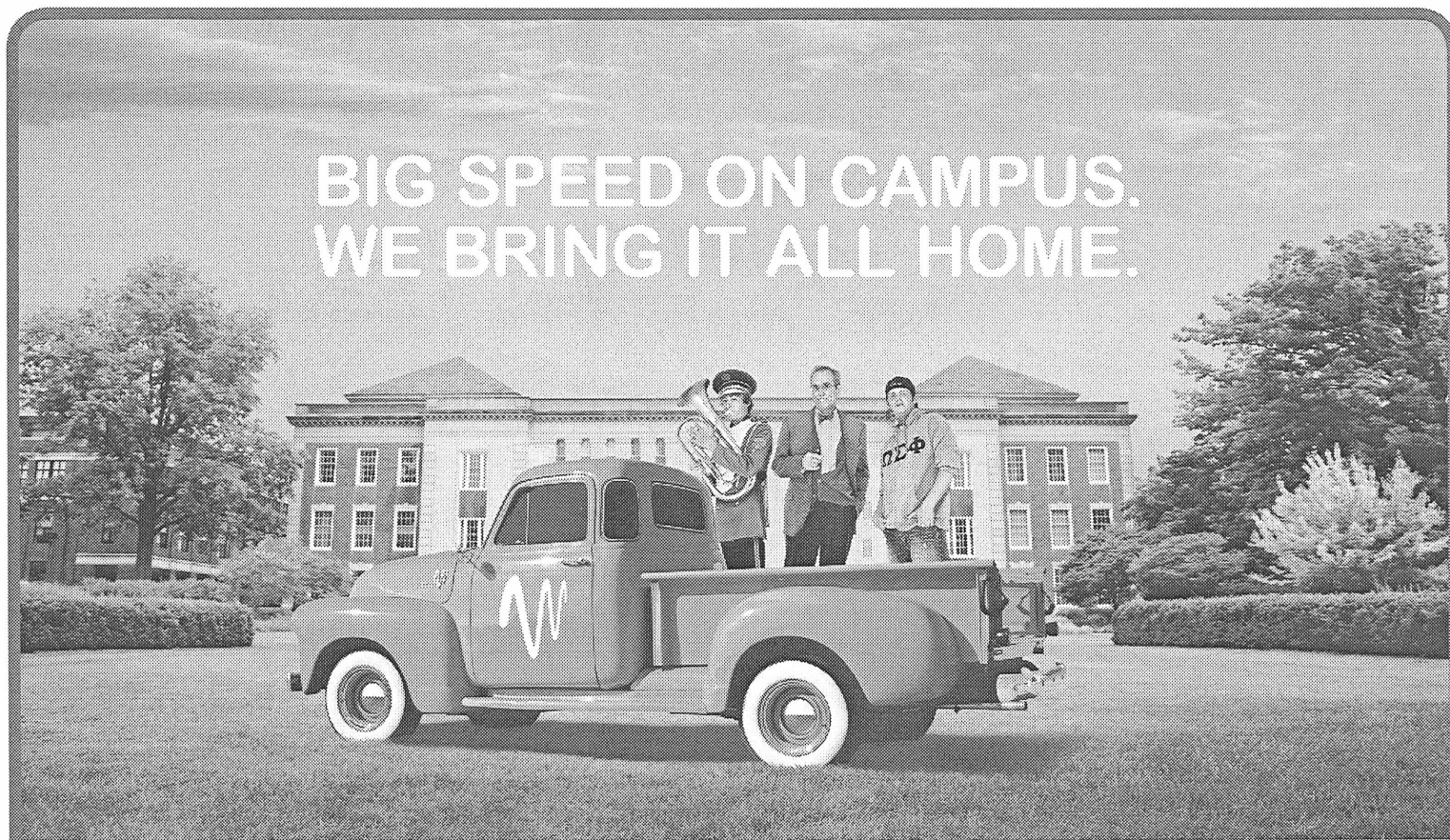
At 11 sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be served in the cafeteria.

A business meeting and time for reminiscing will begin at 1 p.m. in the Simmons Auditorium.

At 3:30, a parade will kick off in downtown Rochester, followed by placing of a time capsule at the museum at 4:30.

The evening meal will be served downtown at 5:30. Class reunions will be held during the evening.

To close the festivities, a dance will begin downtown at 9:00.



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Haskell School Menu

Aug. 28-Sept. 1
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Glazed French toast
Wednesday: Cereal, cheez-its
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: Bacon and egg burrito

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 nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, rosy applesauce
Tuesday: Chili dogs, cheese, pickles, baby carrots with dressing, tator tots, strawberries with bananas
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, Oriental coleslaw, peanut butter pie
Thursday: Chicken quesadillas, salsa, chips, queso, garden salad
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted chips at elementary, ice cream

Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 28-31
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal or toast
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal or toast
Friday: Cook's choice

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Mac and cheese, broccoli,

carrot sticks, salad, rolls, jello with fruit

Tuesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, salad, rolls, chocolate cake

Wednesday: Tacos, refried beans, salad, salsa, pudding, cookies

Thursday: Bar BQ sandwiches, fried okra, salad, peanut butter bars
Friday: Cook's choice

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 28

Lunch—Sausage and kraut, potato salad, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, cornbread, cookies, pears, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 30

Lunch—Chop beef sandwiches, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, pickle,

misc. desserts, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Sept. 1

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, cherry jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Haskell bank receives award

Haskell National Bank has earned the highest rating (5-Stars) for strength and stability from the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, BauerFinancial, Inc. By achieving this rating for 57 consecutive quarters, there can be no dispute that Haskell National Bank is one of the safest banks in the country.

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"Choosing a great community bank such as Haskell National Bank should be reassuring to anyone concerned not only with bank safety, but also with identity theft and privacy. Knowing that your name and face are recognized when you walk through the door somehow elicits a greater peace of mind," declares Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "While no one can unconditionally guaranty your identity and privacy will be protected, community banks, like Haskell National Bank, are certainly a good first line of defense."

This Week's Devotional Message:



THE BIBLE CANNOT HELP YOU UNLESS YOU READ IT

Since man first learned to put his thoughts down on something like paper, there have been innumerable books written containing advice on how to live a good life; but none has ever come even close to the Bible, with its divinely inspired words of wisdom, for all the guidelines we will ever need. Copies of it are available at any bookstore, starting at very reasonable prices; but getting people

to BUY it has never been much trouble. The real problem lies in getting them to take the time to READ it. If you don't already own a copy of this priceless work, obtain one that is appropriate to your faith and start reading it, a little at a time. It will give you a better understanding of your faith; and as a result, your entire life will be a much more rewarding experience.

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 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.
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Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
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Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
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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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 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Fred Garvin, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
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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.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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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

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Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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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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Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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.
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT NEW FEDERAL STANDARDS On June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Tri-County Electric") adopted a resolution initiating a proceeding to consider and determine whether to implement the new federal standards in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 U.S.C. §2621(d), as amended by the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, enacted by Congress in the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Board will convene a public evidentiary hearing at a time and place to be determined to consider the evidence and positions presented by the admitted parties participation in the proceeding regarding whether the Board should adopt the federal Smart Metering, Interconnection, Net Metering, Fuel Sources, or Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency Standards, briefly described below.

Smart Metering: Time based rate schedule to allow the customer to manage energy use and cost through advanced metering and communications technology.

Interconnection: Standards to physically connect qualified on-site generation facilities to the electric grid.

Net Metering: Standard for customers to sell electricity from a qualified on-site generation facility to the electric grid. Qualified on-site facilities can include wind and

solar powered devices. Tri-County Electric has a Distributed Generation Tariff and Manual for providing Net Metering.

Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency: Develop a plan to minimize dependence on one fuel source for the generation of power. (Tri-County Electric does not generate power. Its power supplier is Brazos Electric.)

Intervention Deadline: Persons who wish to present evidence and participate in the evidentiary hearing should notify Tri-County Electric by sending a written request to be admitted as a party to the proceeding. Requests to participate should be sent to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020 and must be received no later than October 15, 2006.

Public Comments: Persons who wish to comment on this proceeding, but not present evidence and participate in the hearing, may send their comments in writing to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020.

Requests for further information about the proceeding should be sent to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020. 32-35c

FOR SALE North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will accept bids until 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2006 for the following vehicle: 1997 Ford F-150. Vehicle may be inspected at P&M Supply, Hwy. 277, Munday, Texas 76371.

Bids shall be delivered to 135 N. Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371; or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371 and will be opened and read aloud at the Board of Directors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2006. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 33-34c

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 152.905 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, a public hearing will be held to set the annual compensation of the Official Court Reporter of the 39th Judicial District, at Haskell, Texas, in the District Courtroom on September 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. 34c

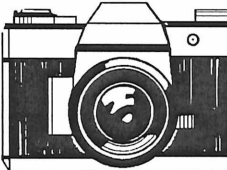
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BIG CATCH—Taylor Letterman, son of Danny and Lori Letterman of Burnet, received first place with his prize winning striper weighing 10 lbs. caught during the Texas 4-H Sport Fish Leadership Camp. Letterman, a freshman this year at Burnet High School, is the grandson of Jerry and Sheila Benson of Munday and Opal and Harley Langford of Haskell.

Letterman lands first place catch

The Texas 4-H program has many opportunities to train youth in life skills but one special program is the Sport Fishing Program. Youth from throughout Texas get hands on training in water quality issues, boater safety skills, angler education and public speaking.

The Texas 4-H Sport Fish Leadership camp, which was held July 17-20 on Lake Buchanan in Central Texas, gave kids the opportunity to not only learn basic fishing skills but to learn about the industry as a whole. Career opportunities are explored as well and training provided for the skills of the trade.

The camp, a joint effort of the Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Lower Colorado River Authority and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery, is held each summer at Buchanan Dam.

Taylor Letterman, son of Danny and Lori Letterman of Burnet, caught a first place winning 10 lb. striper during the camp. He is the grandson of Jerry and Sheila Benson of Munday and Opal and Harley Langford of Haskell, and a freshman at Burnet High School.

For more information contact your local County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

Weather Whys

Lightning hitting airplanes
Q: Does lightning ever hit airplanes?

A: It does often, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The best government estimates are that lightning strikes every commercial airliner at least once a year," McRoberts explains.

"Most pilots are told to avoid thunderstorms and to try and fly around them, but lightning still hits planes often. In the early 1980s, NASA equipped a jet and intentionally flew it into more than 1,000 thunderstorms over a period of several months. It was hit at least 700 times by lightning. We know that British Prime Minister Tony Blair's plane was hit by lightning in 2005 but had no major damage."

Q: How come lightning doesn't cause a plane to crash?

A: It sometimes does, McRoberts adds. "We know that in the 1940s and 1950s, some airplane crashes were directly linked to lightning strikes," he adds.

"Plane manufacturers have learned more and more about lightning to avoid damage. To begin with, the shells of airplanes are made of aluminum, which is a good conductor of electricity. Planes are designed so that if lightning does strike them, the bolt usually travels along the exterior of the plane and flows through the body into the open air. In 1962, a plane over Maryland was hit by lightning and the spark ignited the fuel tank, killing all 81 people, but it led to rules that planes have systems to prevent such sparks in fuel areas. Most recently, the Chinese government reported that one of its planes was hit by lightning and exploded in 2000. In the United States, it's believed the last plane crash directly attributed to lightning occurred in 1967, almost 40 years ago."

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 24 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Student in the News



JESSICA RIEGER

Jessica Rieger, daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell, graduated summa cum laude from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, May 13, with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in mathematics and a minor in computer science.

While at Hardin-Simmons, Rieger was a member of Kappa Delta Pi international honor society in education, Kappa Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society and Alpha Chi national college honor society.

She was named to the President's List every semester.

She was a member of the Cowgirl softball team one year and served as a student coach one year.

Rieger is employed by Abilene ISD as a math teacher at Cooper High School.

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

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FOR the proposal: Melvin Vojkufka, Lavata Burgess, Barry Walker, Mike Cox and Lester Hutchinson
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.0498/\$100 Adopted	.00460/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.0038/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-0.9236%
Average appraised value	\$25,337	\$26,566
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$25,337	\$26,566
Tax on average residence homestead	\$12.62	\$12.22
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-\$0.40
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-0.9683%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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