

Calendar

VBS set

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host Vacation Bible School for all ages July 26-28 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 1600 N. First in Haskell. The family Bible festival "Galilee by the Sea" will offer adventures in the Holy Land. Call 864-3775 for details.

ESBC VBS set

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell will hold VBS Aug. 5-9 from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Take the Plunge! will be for children who have completed Pre-K through sixth grade. Registration begins Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Dress to get a little wet.

FD Night Out

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will host National Night Out Tues., Aug. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. Firefighters invite the public to come out, bring their families and enjoy various activities and food while visiting the station and getting to know the volunteers.

Singing

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host a 5th Sunday Singing Sun., July 29 beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will feature specials and group singing.

Bible study

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will host a seven week Beth Moore Bible study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," twice each week. One class begins Mon., July 30 at 8 p.m. and another begins on Sun., Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call 864-5557 or 864-3775 to enroll.

Football workouts

Haskell High School football workouts will begin Mon., Aug. 6 at 8 a.m. All participants need to report to the field house by 7:15 a.m. to be fitted for equipment. All paper work must be completed before students are allowed to practice. Call Coach Brad Brunson at 864-2539 office or 256-1766 cell for information.

Enchilada dinner

St. George Catholic Church will host an enchilada dinner Fri., July 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Plates are \$6 each. Call 864-3171 or 203-1052 to place an order.

Life after loss

A Life after Loss support group meeting will be held Thurs., Aug. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Downstairs Conference Room of the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford in Abilene. Call 325-793-5450 for a reservation.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

HHS Ex-students

The Haskell Homecoming Association is seeking email addresses of ex-students. To register your email address, email Dorothy Hartsfield, secretary, at hsshsharts@cs.com. Homecoming information will be distributed by email, due to the rising expense of postage.

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Welcome UM ARMY

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FRIEDA'S BLESSINGS—Helping to paint the porch and house of Frieda Piland on Monday were members of the UM ARMY Eleanor O'Neal of Fredericksburg and Samantha Elton of Midland.

Chapman receives ICA Council Award

Haskell native, Keith Chapman, executive director of the Livestock Marketing Association of Texas was presented the Independent Cattlemen's Council Award during the 33rd Annual ICA Convention and Trade Show in College Station, June 29. Chapman is the son of Jack and Joy Chapman of Haskell. The Cattlemen's Council Award is presented to individuals in recognition of their leadership in the Texas livestock industry and Texas agriculture.

Applications for WT Rodeo queen being accepted

The Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen pageant will be held Sept. 7-9 in Abilene. Competition will be held in horsemanship, speeches, modeling, questions and interviews.

Among the prizes are a crown, banner, roses, handmade spurs, hand tooled spur straps and a buckle. The winner will be eligible to receive an academic award. The horsemanship winner will receive a saddle blanket with hand tooled corners.

Contestants should wear Wranglers for all areas of competition except for modeling when a dress or skirt and jacket or vest should be worn. Leather will not be judged above non-leather. Fit, color coordination and presentation will be the criteria for modeling.

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair

& Rodeo or at taylorcountyexpo.com. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo office by 5 p.m. on Aug. 17.

The winner will reign over the 2007 West Texas Fair & Rodeo Sept. 11-15. The winner will represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year. She will be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant in San Antonio in June of 2008.

The age limit for the contest is 16-24. Entrants must live within a one hundred mile radius of Abilene.

For entry forms, call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo office at 325-677-4376, taylorcountyexpo.com, or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

UM ARMY now working in Haskell area helping others

Armed with hammers, paint brushes and other tools, 41 members of the UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission) descended on the Haskell area Sunday evening to begin a rigorous week to help those who cannot help themselves. While in the Haskell area the participants will prepare their own meals, bring their own tools and purchase materials for a week of work that begins at 5:30 a.m. for those on the breakfast crew and ends with a worship time each night. Sheri Brown of Houston, of the ARMY's National Board of Directors is in Haskell with the group.

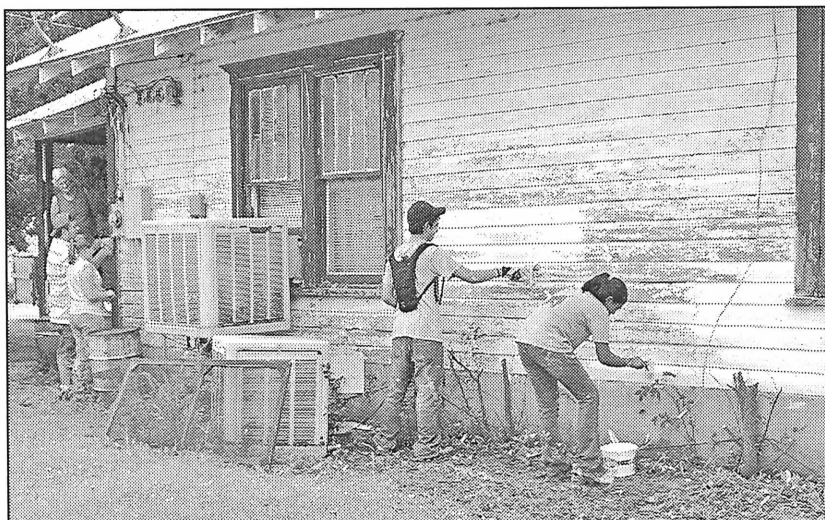
Setting up their bedrolls in the Haskell First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, the group was ready to begin its mission early on Monday morning.

High school age volunteers and accompanying adults each pay \$175.00 to spend the week helping others. They will be busy

with wheelchair ramps, handrails, porch work, painting, minor roof repairs and much more.

Referrals for work to be completed are given to the UM ARMY by state agencies, local churches and community organizations. Thirty sites in Haskell, Rochester and Rule have been scheduled. In the Northwest Conference, this is the UM ARMY's first project. Other conferences are the Texas Conference, the Southwest Texas Conference and the Northeast Jurisdiction.

Over 4,000 participants will compose the UM ARMY this summer in over 48 different cities, helping an estimated 1,500 needy families. Among the many awards given to UM ARMY for its 29 years of service are several statewide recognitions; a volunteerism award from the Texas Department of Human Services and two runner-up Governor's Awards.



HOUSE PAINTERS—Haskell resident, Mary Isbell, left, looks off her porch to watch UM ARMY members, l-r, Trey Carroll of Fredericksburg, Ashley Simon of Midland, Jacob Kemp of Midland, and Melissa Rodriguez of Snyder, paint her house.



BREAK TIME—Lee Anne Curry of Midland, UM ARMY safety crew member, brings a cool treat to the workers of the UM ARMY Blue D team. Enjoying a break is, l-r, Robert Hicks of Midland, Samantha Elton of Midland, Eleanor O'Neal of Fredericksburg, Austin Jones of Midland, Curry, and Nick Sarbu of Fredericksburg.

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Recycle Rangers collect items

After visiting the recycle center in Abilene, the Haskell Elementary fourth graders began a learn and serve project called Recycle Rangers. Reading the story, Just a Dream, helped them realize how important it is to recycle.

Containers for #1 and #2 plastics, ink cartridges, cell phones and eye glasses were put in the elementary school, high school and courthouse. As items were brought in, the Recycle Rangers enjoyed collecting them and were pleased that the communities' response was so good.

Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fouts for allowing the fourth graders to store the recycled items in their building and to Brandon Anderson, city manager, who transported the items to the Abilene Recycle Center.

The fourth graders are very proud of their accomplishment. Now they realize first-hand the importance of recycling and how it can help save the environment.



RECYCLING PROJECT—Linda Haynes and Tommy Watson, representatives of the Haskell Lion's Club, came by Haskell Elementary to pick up eyeglasses that have been donated by Haskell citizens this year. Fourth grade Recycle Rangers representatives, are front row, I-r, Breiana Bell, Gloria DeLosSantos, Amie Munoz and Hayley Holland. This project was done in coordination with a service learning grant.

Weather Whys

Squall lines and supercells

Q: What's the difference between a squall line and a supercell?

A: A squall line is an organized line of severe thunderstorms, while a supercell is usually just one isolated storm, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Squall lines form where there is unstable air, and often they occur before a cold front is approaching," he explains.

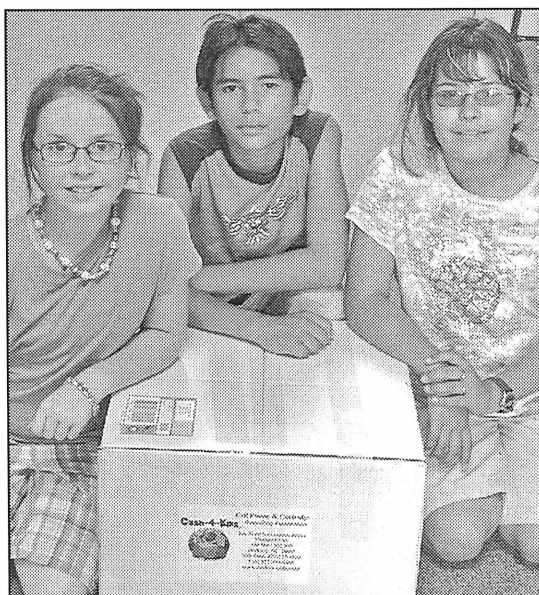
"A squall line can be fairly large—from 10 to 30 miles wide and as long as 500 miles or more. They can produce large hail, lightning, heavy rain, strong winds and even tornadoes. Supercells are the largest and most severe class of single-cell

thunderstorms. They can also produce torrential rainfall, strong winds and one or more tornadoes."

Q: Where are they most likely to occur?

A: Supercells can occur anywhere in the world under the right conditions, McRoberts adds. "But in the U.S., they are most often found in the Great Plains area and from the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River," he notes.

"Supercells can occur as far north as Canada. Squall lines can also occur almost anywhere, and both squall lines and supercells are frequently found in Europe, especially in Great Britain, where they are called a 'blunk.'"



RECYCLE RANGERS—Fourth grade students, I-r, Abbi Alsbrook, Ace Valverde and Breezy Gibbs package up inkjet and laser cartridges to be sent to Cash-4-Kids Recycling Fundraiser. The Recycle Rangers have been collecting cartridges all year.

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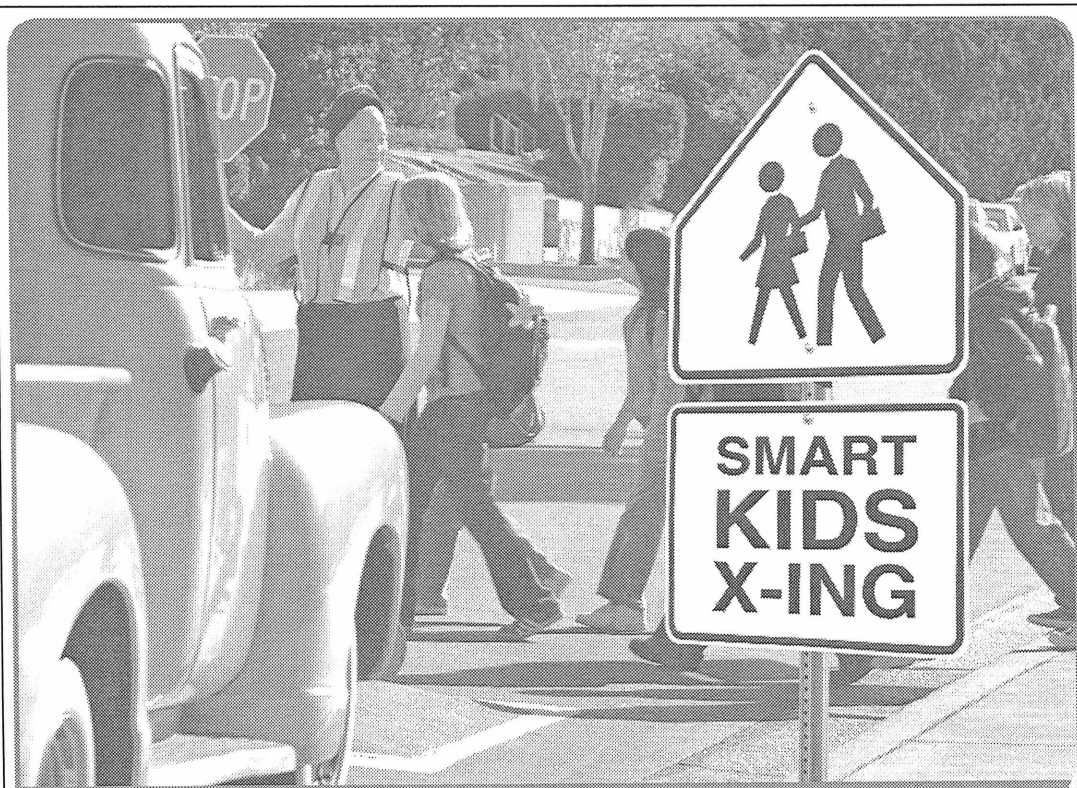
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Alexander family holds reunion at Circle S Ranch

The annual reunion of the George and Harriet Alexander family, longtime residents of Weinert, was held July 21-23 at the Circle S Ranch, hosted by a grandson, Jacky and Sandra Sanders.

Over ninety descendants registered for the yearly reunion which began years ago as a gathering to celebrate family ties and provide a time to visit.

Organizers helping with the work of planning the reunion were Troy and Jo Blakley of Micanopy, Florida.

The three day event was filled with a variety of events, including washer pitching, wagon rides, watermelon eating and singing. An auction to defray costs of the reunion was held, with Jimmy Alexander as auctioneer, and others helping with donated crafts and homemade items. Usual auctioneer, Andy Sanders, was unable to attend.

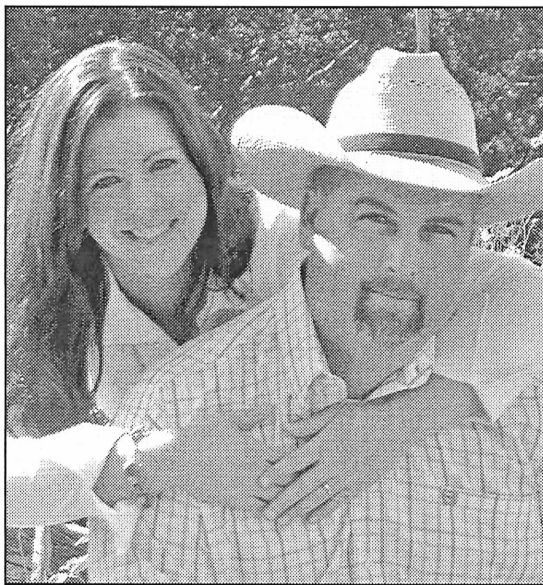
George and Harriet Alexander had ten children, nine of whom had children of their own. The children were Minerva Touchstone, Richard Alexander, Nellie Rinehart, Washington Alexander, Sallie Sanders, Lola Cowley, J.T. Alexander, Albert Alexander and Melba Kim, the only living child. She was unable to attend this year.

Special guests attending this year were: Kenneth and Sandra Sanders and son, Kregg Sanders all of Weinert; Kent Sanders of Pearland; Christi Hunt of McKinney; Rick and Emmalee Phemister of Haskell; and Florence Alexander of Old Glory; Tina Lacey of Clarendon; and Barbara Elliot of Odessa.

Descendants attending were: Troy and Jo Blakely of Micanopy, their children, Cheryl Joe Chelton

of North Dakota, Cathie of Atlanta, Georgia, Troy's sister, Robinetta Hoops of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania; Jacky, Sandra, Jaclyn Sanders, Ricky, Shana and Shambry, all of Weatherford; Rex, Mandy, Abby and Robert Sanders of Aledo; Stephen Slade of Eagar, Arizona; Wilma and Travis Sanders of Coleman; Bill, Martha and Loretta Maupin, Hank, Susan and Shawn Ray of Odessa; Georgia Alexander and Jeremiah and Robert Schauer of Granite Shoals; Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Allison and Keegon, all of Haskell; Jeannie Whittier of Gorman; Pauline Slade and daughters, Marsha Wellman of Avondale, Arizona, Pam Slade of Phoenix, Arizona, Angie Almond of Metro Minilla, Philippines; Evelyn Ellington of Muleshoe; Edith Ross of Midland, Sue Cox, Brenda Sartain and daughter Sallie Sartain and Macie Cox of Omaha, Texas; Terry Alexander of Weinert; Ron and Debbie Sanders of Fort Worth; Matt and Jacob Sanders, Ricki Davis and McKeyla Curlee of Fort Worth; Charlie and Jackie Pittman of Wichita Falls; Russell and Dee Touchstone of Helotes; Jeremy, Wendy, Carly and Mallory Sanders of Stephenville; Terry Alexander of Bonham; Rocky and Lynn Cowley of Lueders; Bill and Frances Babbitt of Gorman; Debbie Delyn, Angie and Alisha Almond of Slaton; Jim and Gerri Alexander of Saginaw; J. W. Alexander of Anna; April Alexander and James Egbert of Elgin; Bill and Charlene Harlan of Eagle Lake.

Next year's reunion will be held the third weekend of July.



HALEE WALTON - SILAS MITCHELL

Walton, Mitchell to marry in Oct.

Halee Diane Walton of Eastland and Silas Neil Mitchell of Eastland are announcing their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brandon and the late Larry Walton.

She is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and Tarleton State University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Science. She is

employed as the Eastland County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell. He is a graduate of Breckenridge High School and Tarleton State University where he obtained a Masters in Education. He is the Agriculture teacher at Eastland High School.

The couple plans to marry Oct. 27 in Eastland.

Harrell family to meet this weekend

Descendants of Charlie, Ike, Nathan and Will Harrell will hold their annual reunion Friday and Saturday, July 27-28 at the Haskell National Bank

50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class's school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755. Additional information will be mailed to those on the mailing list.

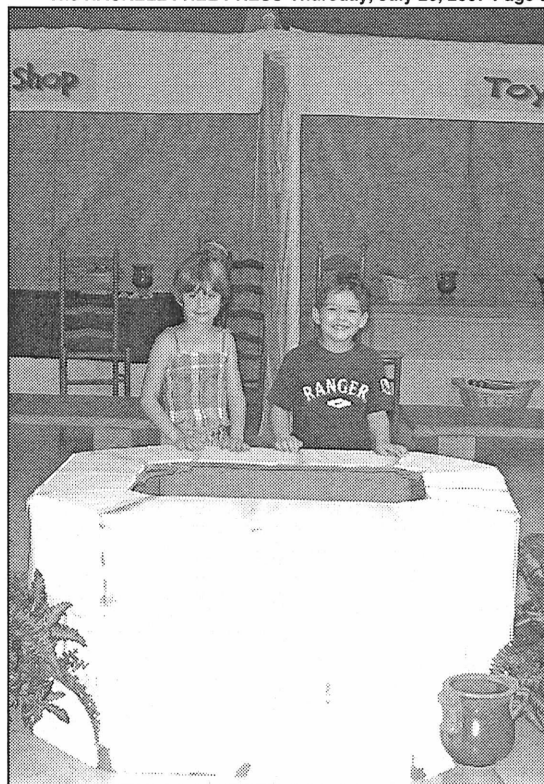
Class '96 reunion

The Haskell High School Class of 1996 will hold a class reunion Sept. 21-22. Contact Tonya Weatherman, 824 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Brady, Texas 76825 or tonyaweatherman@hotmail.com with current contact information.

Community Room. Festivities will begin Friday evening with sandwiches, chips, dips, hot dogs and ice cream. Entertaining games of bingo will be the highlight of the evening with hand-selected prizes for men, women and children.

Saturday noon, a steak dinner will be provided with side dishes and desserts being brought by those attending. After a business meeting, an auction will be held to raise money to defray expenses. All family members and friends of family are invited to attend.

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VBS-Bailey Hawkins, left, and Hayden Guzman stand at the well in the fishing village of the 'Galilee By-the-Sea' scene to be used during the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Vacation Bible School July 26-28 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

New members added to KC museum board

Three new members were appointed to the Knox County Historical Commission by the Commissioner's Court on July 9. Appointed were Ruth Lowrance of Truscott, representing the Truscott and Gilliland area; and Bob and Peggy Presnall of Goree. Bob and Peggy are replacing Joyce Greenwood, who resigned in May. We are fortunate to have each community in the county represented helping with the construction of the museum.

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission and several other county cooks baked up \$664.00 for the county museum at the June 30 bake sale in Benjamin. Those attending the bake sale enjoyed touring the museum building. The sale was held on the long, south porch.

Inside stacks of ceiling insulation convinced visitors that the museum planners were serious about using plenty of insulation to cut cooling-heating costs for the building.

Friends of KCHC, and anyone who wants to help, will be selling homemade ice cream at the Knox City Watermelon Festival Sat., July 28. The fund-raiser will help finish the interior of the museum. The museum is moving closer to being finished by the November goal.

Shop Haskell First

Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival & Classic Car Show July 27-28 Knox City, Texas

Fri.: Parade downtown 6:30 p.m., line up 6 p.m. at KCHS. Trophies for Most Original; Best Decorated Bike, Car, Golf Cart, etc.; You've got to be kidding float; Best decorated walking float; Best business float; Best out of town float. Each float must have a watermelon—real, fake drawn, etc. Pure Country playing live at City Park 7 to 10 p.m. sponsored by Citizens Bank of Knox City.

Sat.: Booths 10 a.m.; Classic Car Show, sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Cadillac of Haskell, register at 8 to 11:30 a.m. Judging at 12:30 p.m. Trophies 3 p.m. Watermelon eating contest 11:30 a.m. Register at Chamber booth 10 to 11 a.m. Watermelon Bubble Gum Blowing Contest. Live music all day by Pure Country and R&B Artist Nichole Willis of Dallas; arts and crafts booths, homemade items, free watermelon slices, free swimming, ferris wheel, pony rides, petting zoo, games. Lots of fun!

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Perry signs children's health insurance bill

AUSTIN—Gov. Perry on July 17 signed legislation eliminating a 90-day waiting period for needy parents to enroll their kids in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program.

The legislation, HB 109, makes room for 127,000 more children on the CHIP roll and makes it easier for parents to qualify based on income and other factors.

CHIP provides primary and preventative care including immunizations, wellness exams, eye exams and dental check-ups to children who do not have private health insurance or who do not qualify for Medicaid.

In May 2002, at its peak enrollment, CHIP served 529,211 children. By January 2007, the number of children had dropped to 321,815, although there were an estimated 700,000 eligible but unenrolled children.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, was HB 109's primary author. In his statement of intent about the bill, he pointed to reports that children without health insurance are 25 percent more likely to miss school because of illnesses, and school districts in Texas lost \$4 million per day in funding because of absenteeism.

Noriega considers Senate run
State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, is exploring a 2008 run for the U.S. Senate.

Noriega is an officer in the Texas Army National Guard. He has served in Afghanistan and has been deployed in the Hurricane Katrina relief mission. While he was serving abroad, his wife Melissa Noriega served in his place in the Texas House.

Also looking to run is Democrat Mikal Watts, a San Antonio lawyer. Watts filed papers to form an exploratory committee in June.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is up for re-election in 2008. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was re-elected to a six-year term in 2006.

Williams chairs RRC second time

Michael L. Williams is the new chair of the Railroad Commission of Texas, succeeding Elizabeth Ames Jones as chair. Williams previously served as chair, from September 1999 to September 2001.

The Railroad Commission regulates the state's oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquefied petroleum gas industry and the

surface mining of coal and uranium.

Williams, a Republican and the highest-ranking African-American in Texas state government, also chairs the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council, the Texas FutureGen advisory board, and serves on other state and federal energy-related boards and councils.

Williams to lead GOP fundraising

Weatherford car dealer Roger Williams, who resigned July 1 as secretary of state, has been named chair of the Texas Republican party's "Victory '08" fundraising program. Gov. Perry named his own deputy chief of staff Phil Wilson to replace Williams as secretary of state. Wilson, a Brownwood native, took the oath of office on July 18.

McLeroy to head education board

In other appointments, Perry named Bryan dentist Don McLeroy as chair of the State Board of Education.

McLeroy first was elected to the SBOE in 1998. His term as chair will expire in February 2009.

McLeroy has worked to include creationism in new biology textbooks and has voted in support of health textbooks that promote abstinence while cutting back on information on methods of birth control and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Fred Thompson to visit Texas

Television actor and former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tennessee, is scheduled for campaign stops in Houston and Dallas this week.

The visit was announced by Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

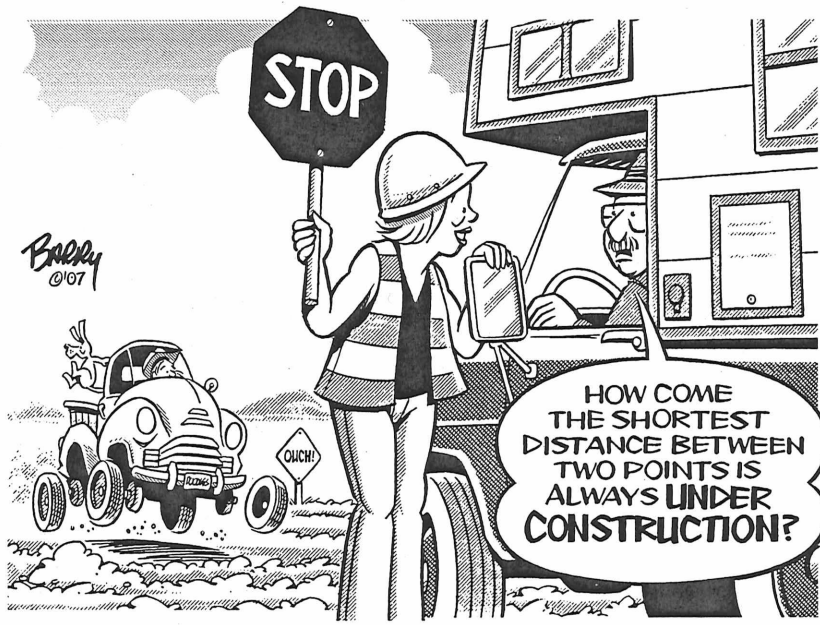
Thompson supporters plan to rally volunteers and raise funds for a likely presidential bid in 2008.

Unusually rainy season continues

Heavy rains hit south and central Texas July 20-21, the National Weather Service reported.

The San Marcos, Guadalupe Medina, San Antonio, Nueces and Frio rivers were reported at or above flood stage, and many strandings and rescues were reported.

A Dripping Springs woman reportedly was cited for endangering her children after she ignored a warning sign and crossed a flooded road in her vehicle.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 24, 1997

Haskell Lion, George Fouts, presented C. Lee Smith with 150 pairs of used eyeglasses collected by the local organization.

The Haskell Blacksocks have advanced to the Regional Playoffs against Jim Ned with a record of 20-0. Members are Roy Alvarez, Jeff Blanks, Jonathan Allison, Cole Pitman, Ross Pittman, Andy Hudspeth, Jason Trammel, Cole Earles, Troy Caraway, Micah New and bat boy, Callen Pittman.

Visiting Lona Mae Phelps was her sister, Scarlet Cole and her niece, Teresa and children Shauna and Scarlet Diann Cole of San Antonio.

20 Years Ago July 23, 1987

Jeremy Futch, Aaron Earles, Jay Mickler, Casey Thompson, Marcus Overton, Joseph Thigpen, Justin Arendall, Casey McDaniel, Joe Salinas, Ryan Nanny, Daniel Alvarez, Tim Dewey, Cory Wood, Joseph Andress, Jace Yates, Lyle Fouts, Matt Blanks, Casey Burgess and Justin Stewart attended a day camp for the Cub Scouts.

Jerry Davis of the Haskell FFA was awarded the C.J. 'Red' Davidson academic award at the 59th annual convention of the Texas FFA in Forth Worth. Several other Haskell FFA members competed and were awarded degrees. In the state public speaking contest, Scott Burris placed fifth. Lone Star Farmer degrees were awarded to Russell Flanary, Kirk High, Steven Klose and Shanna Mueller.

Dr. William J. Kemp, Haskell dentist, has been elected first vice president of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. A graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, Dr. Kemp is a

member of the American Dental Association, the American Association of Dental Examiners and the Texas Dental Association.

30 Years Ago July 21, 1977

Melissa Nierdieck returned home after attending a Band Camp and Flag Team Camp for a week at ACU in Abilene.

Danny Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hartsfield, was notified that he had been named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of Texas, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Watson Jr. of Snyder visited with Tommy Watson and Jim Johnston.

Marquerite Jordan of San Antonio is visiting with Nettie McCollum.

Connie Frierson, Leta Dodds, Lynn Fouts and Steve Cochran attended the Citizenship Conference in Waco.

Mickey and Lynn Dewey visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Snider and friends in Memphis.

40 Years Ago July 20, 1967

Mrs. Robert Starr, Selena, Sarah, and Mary Frances, of Alpine, returned home after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr.

Michael Felker visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker.

Wayne Dilbeck will be the caretaker for the depot museum. Showing in the Drive In Theatre in Rule: Elvis in "Double Trouble" and Herman's Hermits in "Hold On!"

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Mullins and Vickie of Waco, spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson.

The Cancer Center expressed thanks to these ladies for sewing for the center and for the linens: Pauline Stiewert, Mrs. Willie

Peiser, Mrs. Herbert Fischer, Mrs. George Klose, Mrs. George Moeller, Mrs. Felix Klose, Mrs. Alfon Peiser, Betty Johannes, Mrs. Gus Rueffer, Mrs. G.J. Moeller, Mrs. Paul Fischer, Mrs. Henry Rueffer and Mrs. Pat O'Keefe.

50 Years Ago July 25, 1957

Haskell Little League Baseball closed the season in second place. Members were Tommy Perry (bat boy), Philip Maldonado, James Brown, Sammie Larned, Bill Perry, Charles Chapman, John Hise, Leslie Wooten, Jimmy Larned, Joe Josselet, Wylie White, Perry Turnbow, John Hise, Sammie Sorenson, Joe Hackney and Jay Gipson.

Mrs. C.F. Hunter and daughter, Margaret visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hattox spent the weekend in Austin in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Henderson.

Bessie Mae Swinney had guests in her home, her daughter, Alberta White and Billy White of Dumas.

100 Years Ago July 27, 1907

Mr. Lincoln, who built the Wright House and has just completed a residence for Mr. S. Bevers, left for his home in Dallas.

G.R. Couch is having his one story house converted into a two story building and remodeled.

Take an easy ride in one of Baldwin's new rubber tired buggies.

William Connely, foreman on the big brick building under construction on the east side of the square, fell from the scaffolding, dislocated his hip and broke two ribs.

Heat advice

Summer is in full swing, and it's a great time to be outdoors. Even though it's hot out, maintaining an exercise routine during the warmer months is still important.

"People sometimes underestimate the effect of humidity on their ability to work and exercise in the sun and heat," said Rachel Bramson, M.D., associate professor of family and community medicine with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and the Scott & White College Station Clinic. "They don't realize how compromised their cooling system is by the decreased evaporation. We tend to see heat exhaustion in athletes and folks playing or working for prolonged periods outdoors in the summer, especially with exertion during the middle of the day."

Safe summer exercise requires following several important tips. Exercise during the cooler part of the day—before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.—and drink water often to replenish fluids lost from sweat. Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing made of "breathable" fabric, along with a waterproof, non-oily sunscreen, as greasy sunscreens clog pores and inhibit sweating.

"I like to advise patients to wear rash guard T-shirts over their bathing suit to block (ultraviolet) UV light," Dr. Bramson said. "They are so much easier than applying sunscreen to the entire chest, back and shoulders, and they really do a good job of preventing burns and decreasing cumulative UV exposure."

Avoid beverages high in caffeine, and if it's too hot to exercise outside, swim laps in a pool. People should be extra cautious in areas with high humidity, as sweat will not evaporate as effectively, and heat-related illnesses are more common.

When out in the heat, Dr. Bramson emphasizes knowing the signs of heat cramps, exhaustion and heatstroke, and what to do if they occur. For heat cramps—including muscle cramps, twitching and spasms—stop and rest, eat salty foods, and drink water with a teaspoon of salt per quart.

Headaches, dizziness, weakness, goose bumps and/or shortness of breath are signs of heat exhaustion. Get out of the sun into a cooler spot, lie down and slightly elevate the feet, loosen or remove clothing, and drink cold (but not ice) water, preferably with electrolytes.

In heatstroke, an individual will experience all of the aforementioned symptoms, along with flushed skin, absence of sweat, a temperature above 106° F, disorientation, confusion and/or loss of consciousness. When this happens, seek emergency help immediately.

Reporting deadline for home defects

Home have a defect? Report it quickly.

If you believe your new or newly-remodeled home has a construction defect, contact your builder or remodeler in writing as soon as possible.

If you need assistance resolving the issue, the Texas Residential Construction Commission, a Texas state agency, provides a neutral inspection process for conflicts involving an alleged defect.

If you wish to use the commission's inspection process, you must report a potential defect no later than 30 days after the warranty expires, so don't delay. If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call.

To learn more about the Texas Residential Construction Commission, call 877-651-TRCC or visit www.texasrcc.org.

Flood waters create recreational hazards for boaters and swimmers

The rain has stopped and flooding is beginning to recede within the Brazos basin. But clearing skies are not the green light to dive back into summer recreation.

Many flood control lakes in the basin have just begun releasing waters held to lessen flooding downstream during the large storm events of the past several weeks. Floodgate releases mean higher than normal river flows, stronger currents in both the river and lakes along with increasing amounts of debris. There have already been

several drowning deaths in Texas as a result of post flooding recreational accidents.

"We can't stress strongly enough that conditions on both the lakes and river is hazardous due to large amounts of both submerged and visible debris" said Mike Cox, chief lake ranger at Possum Kingdom Lake. "In addition, strong currents created by increased stream flow and releases from local dams can create conditions where even experienced boaters or swimmers find themselves in trouble."

The Brazos River Authority

recommends boaters and swimmers avoid the lakes and river until strong currents and debris have subsided. If you choose to venture out, do not do so without a lifejacket.

In addition to the physical challenges imposed by recent heavy rains comes the increased amount of bacteria in the lakes and rivers as a result of runoff. Elevated levels of bacteria are normally found in flood waters. The Brazos River Authority recommends waiting another week before venturing into the creeks, streams, rivers or lakes.

Officials continue to urge parents to talk with their children about the dangers of playing near creeks and streams and monitor their children if they are playing outside.

Your safety depends on your actions. Be cautious, stay safe.

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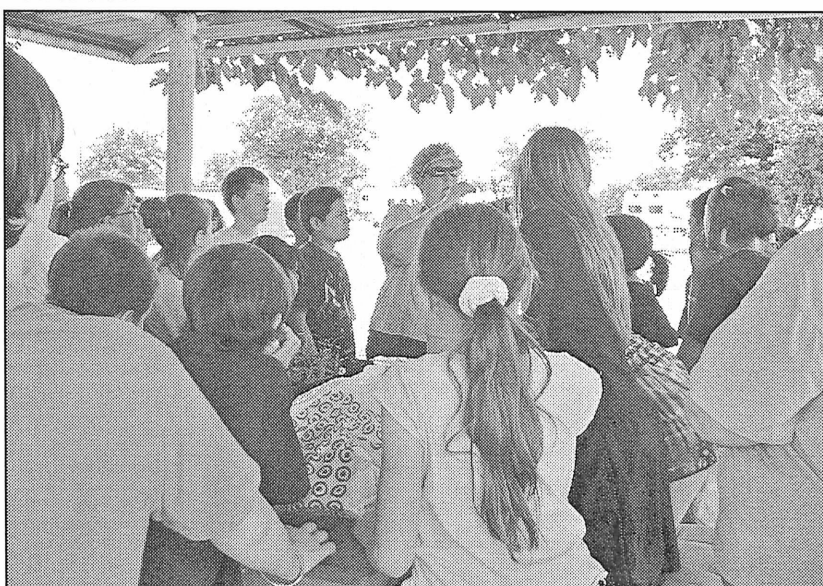
PARK SPRUCE-UP—Paula Everett's fifth grade science class worked at the Haskell city park painting this new Texas flag to be displayed in front of the water fountain. Money and new American flags were donated by the Rotary Club. The City of Haskell furnished money and labor to dig out the soil in the flower bed. The Progressive Study Club, The Committee to Help Haskell County, and Haskell CISD donated money to help fund this project. All these projects were done before the Wild Horse Prairie Days event. This project was funded by Learn & Serve America Grants. Painting the red stripe in the Texas flag are, l-r, Jamaica Castorena, Selena Rojas, Emily Fouts, Baylee Rodriguez, Meg Glover and, standing, teacher, Paula Everett.



NEW FLOWERS—These fifth graders planted flowers at the city park before the Wild Horse Prairie Days event. Horticulturists pleased with their work are, l-r, Austin Trussell, Kelby Bell, Jarred Escobedo, Christina Villa, Nikki Ortiz and ReBeca Raynes. This project was funded by Learn & Serve America grants. Other partners in the project were the City of Haskell, the Progressive Study Club, The Committee to Help Haskell County and Haskell CISD.



TEXAS FLAG PROJECT—Brandon Anderson, left, Haskell City Manager, helps fifth graders, l-r, Nikki Ortiz, Marlee Andrada and ReBeca Raynes with their Texas Flag Project at the city park. The City of Haskell has partnered with Haskell CISD on several service learning projects this year. Paula Everett and Debbie Miller coordinate the two grants Haskell CISD received for 2006-09 school years.



WILDFLOWER CLASS—Melyn Wittenborn, back center, teaches sixth graders how to transplant their wildflowers into the beds at the La Briere House. They planted hollyhocks, dill, lavender, chives, purple coneflowers, Shasta daisies, and Indian Blanketflowers. The project was planned to make the house look like it would in its natural environment. Sixth graders are proud of their work and encourage everyone to drive by and take a look. Future plans include making a walkway from the house to the shed.

Flood water raises risk of livestock diseases

Rushing water, stagnant ponds, or even the dry stages after wet periods can lead to outbreaks of livestock disease. Mosquitoes and biting flies, capable of carrying and transmitting diseases, thrive in the damp weather, and naturally-occurring anthrax can take a toll on livestock and wildlife when pastures dry after prolonged wet periods.

Horse owners should take precautions against mosquito-transmitted diseases by having their animals vaccinated against West Nile Virus (WNV) and the reportable diseases Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE and WEE). "If you wait until cases of 'sleeping sickness' occur in your area, you may have waited too long to vaccinate," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"You need time for the vaccine to do its job, which is to build the animal's immunity to a particular disease," he said. "Vaccine can provide the best disease protection possible, but it's also crucial to keep up with booster shots, as recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or your private veterinary practitioner. In 2006, 111 horses were confirmed to have West Nile Virus in Texas. So far this year, the disease has been confirmed in one horse, located in Willacy County."

Three cases of Potomac Horse Fever, which is not a regulatory disease, have been confirmed in Kerr County by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Potomac Horse Fever, first detected in Maryland in 1979, is not typically found in Texas. Clinical cases usually are found near rivers, streams, ponds or canals. The infection involves tiny flukes that are parasites of

water snails. The flukes hatch their offspring into the water, and these are then picked up by aquatic insects that molt into flying insects, including caddis flies and mayflies. Horses can become exposed to Potomac Horse Fever when they eat or drink anything contaminated with the insects.

Kerr County equine veterinarians are urging all owners to call their practitioner if equine animals exhibit signs of Potomac Horse Fever, which can include a reluctance to eat, fever, diarrhea, colic or inflammation around the hoof. Treatment includes antibiotics and supportive care.

Biting flies can mechanically transmit equine infectious anemia (EIA), sometimes called "swamp fever." This incurable disease, for which no approved vaccine exists in the U.S., is a regulatory disease. TAHC regulations require horses and other equine animals to have a negative test for EIA within the previous 12 months before entering the state, or going to events, assemblies, trail rides, undergoing change of ownership or entering a breeding farm. The most commonly known test for EIA is the "Coggins" blood test. The incidence of EIA has dropped dramatically since 1997, when 750 equine animals in Texas were found to be infected. Since January 2007, only 29 infected animals have been detected.

"EIA-infected horses can develop severe anemia, fever and swelling. In severe cases, EIA can kill the animals, but many times, the infected animal has few signs of disease," noted Dr. Hillman. "Prevent EIA transmission by avoiding blood-to-blood contact between infected and 'clean' equine animals. Disinfect medical instruments and tack, and control flies. Biting flies carry blood from one animal to the next

on their mouthparts, and they play a key role in the mechanical transmission of EIA."

Infected equine must be maintained at least 200 yards away from other equine animals, euthanized, or sent to slaughter.

"In the past, untested equine animals could be sold for slaughter through a livestock market. At the slaughter plant, blood samples were collected and sent for laboratory testing. Now that Texas equine slaughter plants have been closed, we can not ensure that horses moving to plants in other states or countries are tested. Therefore, we are requiring all horses to have a current EIA test, even when being sold for slaughter," said Dr. Hillman.

Rain, followed by hot weather can coax the invisible bacteria *Bacillus anthracis* to the surface, a situation that has occurred on a ranch in Tom Green County, where 17 head of cattle and a number of white-tailed deer have died. "Anthrax in Texas occurs nearly every year, and it is a reportable disease to the TAHC. If we know an outbreak is occurring, we can let ranchers in the area know that it's time to vaccinate their livestock. There is no preventive treatment for wildlife," said Dr. Hillman.

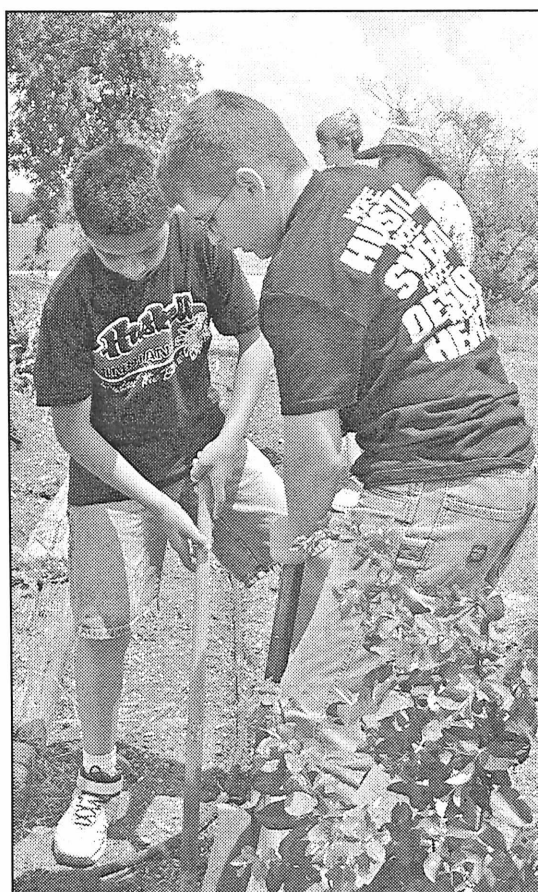
Anthrax naturally occurs worldwide and in many states of the United States. Disease outbreaks have been reported in Minnesota, South Dakota and Canada this year. When an anthrax-infected animal dies and isn't properly burned, the bacteria will infiltrate the soil and lie dormant (but not spread) for many years. Under ideal weather and soil conditions—a cool, wet spring, followed by a hot, dry spell—the bacteria will resurface on grass and forage. The disease cycle starts again, when another animal ingests the resurfaced anthrax bacteria.

TAHC regulations require that an infected animal's carcass, manure and bedding be incinerated. This prevents wild animals from being exposed to the disease, and it kills the bacteria, preventing another site where the anthrax bacteria can resurface. Dr. Hillman urged ranchers to wear gloves and long sleeves when preparing the burn site and to avoid moving the carcasses, if possible. Exposure to anthrax carcasses could cause a handler to develop a black skin lesion that requires prompt medical treatment.

"There is no need for vacationers or hunters to worry about naturally occurring anthrax. Just don't touch or handle sick or dead animals, and don't pick up bones or shed antlers. We usually advise hunters not to hunt feral or wild swine in the area during an anthrax outbreak. Feral swine may root around carcasses of anthrax-killed animals, becoming exposed to the bacteria but not contracting the disease."

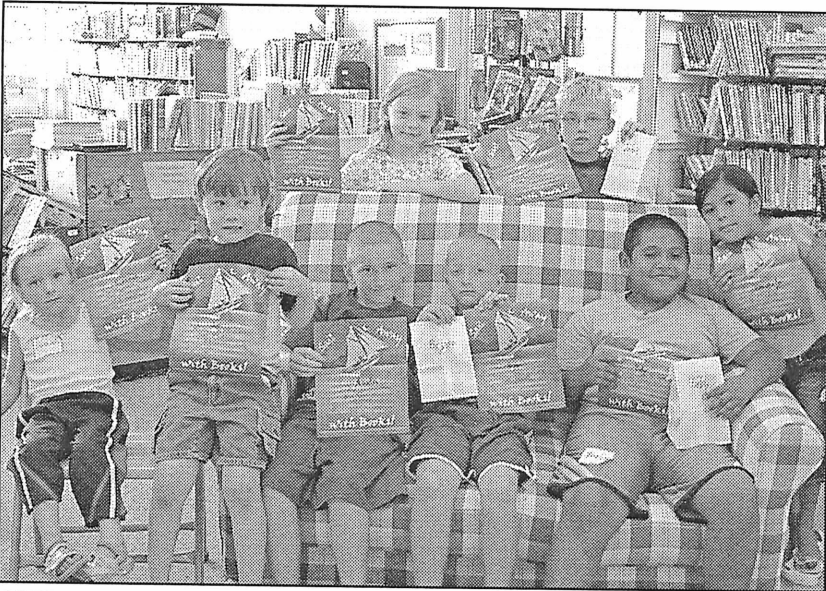
Dr. Hillman advised swimmers to avoid ponds or streams, if dead animals are nearby. The same advice goes for pets, too. By the time hunting season starts, he said, cool weather usually puts an end to anthrax cases. "Always harvest only healthy-looking animals, and, as a routine practice, wear gloves when processing meat," he said.

"In Texas, it is often 'feast or famine,' drought or flood," said Dr. Hillman. "With each of the conditions, there are concerns about livestock health. So, while ranchers enjoy the lush grasses the rains have produced, they may have to control pests to lower disease risks. However, I don't know many ranchers who would choose last year's drought over some extra vigilance this year."



PLANTING PROJECT—Gabriel Torres, left, and Cole Ray Hutchinson dig a hole for a crape myrtle at the La Briere House. Two crape myrtles were donated by the Progressive Study Club to help beautify the area. Mulch was put down in the shed area to discourage weeds. Gabriel Torres, Cole Ray Hutchinson, Preston Morrow, Victor Vasquez, Caitlan Johnson, Meagan Gonzales and Shawn Duncan weeded the shed and spread the mulch. The City of Haskell donated the mulch and installed water faucets to make watering more accessible. Next fall, the planting of bluebonnets is planned. This project was coordinated by Debbie Miller and supported by Learn & Serve America.

**City Storm Warning
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COMPLETES PROGRAM—These young readers are holding certificates of completion earned at the conclusion of the Haskell County Library's Summer Reading Program. Front row, l-r, is Civana Evans, Jon Townsend, Austin Curran, Bryan Evans, Toby Castorena and Heavenly Perez; back row, Elise Townsend and John Anderson.

Check child's vaccinations before the start of school

Although it still feels like summer, the new school year is just around the corner. In some areas, school starts in a few short weeks and it's time to schedule things that will get the new school year off to a healthy start.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center say one item you'll need to do is make sure your children's vaccinations are up to date.

Because of vaccination programs, once-feared childhood diseases like polio and measles have become rare. But Dr. Jane Siegel, a pediatric infectious diseases specialist at UT Southwestern, says it's still important to have children vaccinated on schedule to keep them healthy and to help stop diseases from spreading. Talk to your family's doctor about the recommended vaccination schedule. You may need to show proof of vaccination for your children to start school.



ACADEMIC AWARD—Stephanie Grand of Haskell joined other outstanding young Texans and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo family in Corpus Christi as they accepted four-year academic awards during the Texas FFA Convention held July 12. Grand is the daughter of Steven and Pat Grand.

Summer campers should have meningitis vaccine

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Sunscreen, swimsuit, bug repellent—and the meningitis vaccine? Experts say the potentially lifesaving shot is now a "must-have" item for kids headed off to camp this summer. "Many parents are aware (of the need for vaccination) when kids are leaving for college but don't think of it for early adolescence—they are not aware of the fact that the CDC is recommending vaccination for younger children," said Peg Smith, the CEO of the American Camp Association, a 7,000-member organization that aims to ensure that the nation's camps are safe and healthy.

Since 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended that children aged 11 to 12 undergo routine immunization against meningococcal disease, which includes meningitis.

Nancy Ford Springer, a founding board member of the National Meningitis Association, was one of those who testified before the CDC urging that young people be immunized against meningococcal disease.

Her son, Nick, contracted the illness when he was 14 and away at camp. She speculates that he became sick after sharing water bottles with his fellow campers.

Nick survived, but not until he had both his legs and hands amputated because the infection had gotten into his bloodstream. He is now 22, a college student and a champion athlete—he won the 2006 gold medal at the World Wheelchair Rugby Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand.

"I'm all for sending kids to camp—we sent Nick back to camp for three more years—but also for parents speaking to their pediatricians about vaccinating their children before going to camp," said Springer, who is a teacher for the deaf in Westchester County, New York.

To that end, the National Meningitis Association is working with the American Camp Association to increase awareness among the parents of campers as well as camp directors and counselors on the importance of vaccinating children before they go away to camp. Making sure that kids don't share water bottles or eating utensils can also cut down the risk.

Meningococcal disease is a result of either viral or bacterial

infection. The viral infection is less severe, but the much rarer bacterial form can lead to meningitis, pneumonia and blood stream infections and prove lethal.

"Although there are only 2,000 to 3,000 cases (of meningococcal bacterial illnesses) per year, they tend to be serious. There is a 10 percent mortality rate and 10 to 20 percent of patients have significant and permanent damage, including neurological, hearing and learning problems," said Harry Keyserling, a professor of pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

The bacteria are spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions, such as occurs after coughing, kissing or sharing drinks from the same bottle. Fortunately, none of the bacteria that cause meningitis is as contagious as the common cold or the flu, and they are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the air where a person with meningitis has been, according to the CDC.

Those living in a close, barracks-type environments with a lot of other people—such as college students, campers or those in the military—are especially vulnerable to contagion, Keyserling said.

Particularly insidious as well is that the disease moves very quickly. Unfortunately, the early symptoms of meningitis mimic the simple flu, so patients and their parents often don't know that they should seek immediate treatment.

"Because meningococcal infection can be so rapid, often by the time the patients seeks treatment it's relatively late in its course. This is a disease you need to prevent rather than treat," Keyserling said.

The recommended vaccine is effective against four of the five causes of meningococcal disease, Keyserling said, including the most common infections, so that the vaccination is 80 percent effective. Only one injection is required to provide immunity.

Keyserling supports the CDC's recommendation for vaccinations for young people.

"It's very exciting that we have a new vaccine that will meet the need to decrease the cases of serious illnesses in the U.S., and we have to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated," he said.

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But warms with gentle breezes through the air
A world of life that's teeming everywhere.
The grass and trees attain their deepest green.
While lazy streams reflect the summer scene:

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

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- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
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- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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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. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

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Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

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Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
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Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

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John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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contact the City Secretary at 325-773-2591 or City Hall, 201 E. McHarg. The City of Stamford is an EOE. 29-30c

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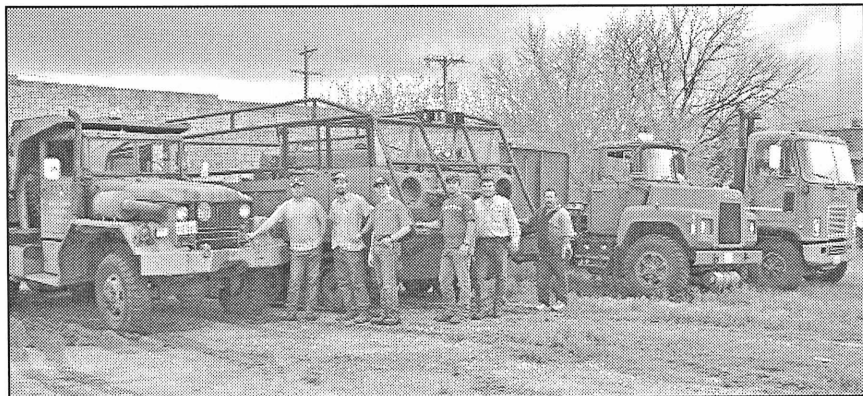
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Donations may be mailed to:

Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept.
301 N. First St., Haskell, TX 79521



DRUGS SEIZED—On Sun. July 22 Trooper Brody Moore conducted a traffic stop on a truck tractor semi-trailer on U.S. 277 near Weinert. During the course of the traffic stop Trooper Moore obtained consent to search the truck tractor from the driver. During the search, Trooper Moore discovered four duffel bags containing numerous bundles of marijuana. The truck driver, Arnulfo Resendiz and passenger, Jesus Rocha were both taken into custody for delivery of marijuana—a first degree felony. The total weight of the four duffel bags of marijuana was more than 200 lbs. Trooper Moore was assisted by Deputy Jason Torres of the Haskell Sheriff's Office.



NOAH'S PLANTS—Kay Croft, left, chooses from the many varieties of plants provided by ABC Greenhouse for the sale held Friday at The Drug Store to benefit the Noah Project. Noah Project representatives, l-r, Coleta Whitfield, Jerri Burke, Debbie Earles, owner of ABC Greenhouse, and Pat Jenkins helped customers with their selections.

Fifteen area students named to honor roll

Fifteen students attending Haskell County school qualified for induction into the 2006-07 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people such as our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving towards their goals. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits that can contribute to the success of its students members. All members are entitled to compete for these benefits to be awarded in December. National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service notifies the admissions offices of as many schools as the inductees designate that they have been accepted into the National

Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges.

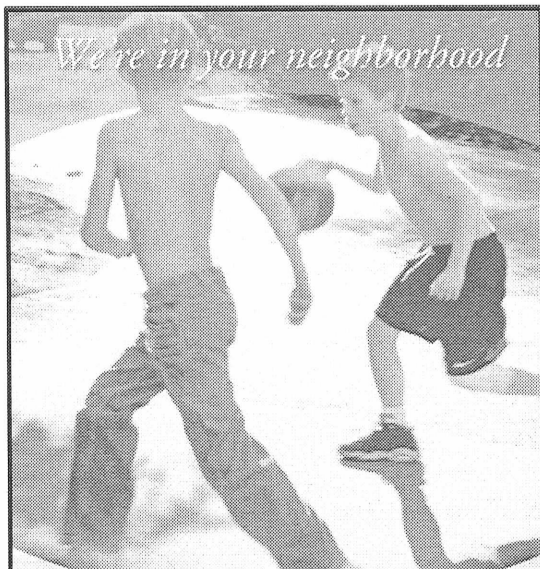
The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interest, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed

in National Honor Roll.

Inductees include:
From Haskell ISD: Edward Benavides, Candace Brister, Moses Munoz, Lacey Peiser and Veronica Session.

Paint Creek ISD: Shana Armstrong, Malinda Brueggeman and Briana Wigley.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 953 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 21, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

426 steers, 324 heifers, 203 cows and bulls were sold.

Cows: fat, 52-56; cutters, 54-59; canners, 35-45.

Bulls: bologna, 62-68, feeders, 85-93.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 144-167; 300-400 lbs., 142-159; 400-500 lbs., 130-142; 500-600 lbs., 115-130; 600-700 lbs., 110-115; 700-800 lbs., 107-110; 800-up lbs., 95-107.50.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 145-152; 300-400 lbs., 120-145; 400-500 lbs., 110-120; 500-600 lbs., 106-110; 600-up lbs., 92.50-106.

Bred heifers: medium frame 550-750.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-950; aged or small, 500-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1300; aged or small, 705-900.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., July 30

Lunch—Sloppy Joe's, potato salad, pinto beans, onion, pickle, pear, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 1

Lunch—Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 3

Lunch—Beef stew, pimento/tuna sandwiches, sliced onions, pickles, lime jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

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

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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