

Football

HASKELL
JV Indians vs Munday
Thurs., Sept. 4, 6 p.m.
at Haskell
Indians vs Munday
Fri., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
at Munday

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Aspermont Hornets
Fri., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
at Aspermont

RULE
JV Bobcats vs Knox City
Thurs., Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m.
at Rule
Bobcats vs Knox City
Thurs., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
at Knox City

Calendar

After school program

Registration for Haskell Elementary's after school program will be held Thurs., Sept. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Young Homemakers

Haskell Young Homemakers will meet Mon., Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the First National Bank community room for the first meeting of the year. All ladies of the Haskell area are invited to attend.

Open house

Tom Bassett will be honored with a come and go open house Fri., Sept. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. Bassett is leaving the city police department after fifteen years of service.

Cattle meeting

A cattle mineral meeting will be held Thurs., Sept. 11 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. hosted by the Texas AgriLIFE Extension of Haskell County. Speaker will be Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Beef Specialist. Call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658 by noon on Sept. 9 to make a reservation.

Jamaica

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell will celebrate their annual Jamaica Sun., Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the church grounds. Mexican food will be served. Games and booths will be available.

Meet the athletes

Meet the Haskell athletes will be held Mon., Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the courthouse gazebo.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A salad supper and fellowship followed by the beginning of the 2008-09 club year will be held. All guests are welcome.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for Nichole Wright at Haskell National Bank.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis.

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Go Indians

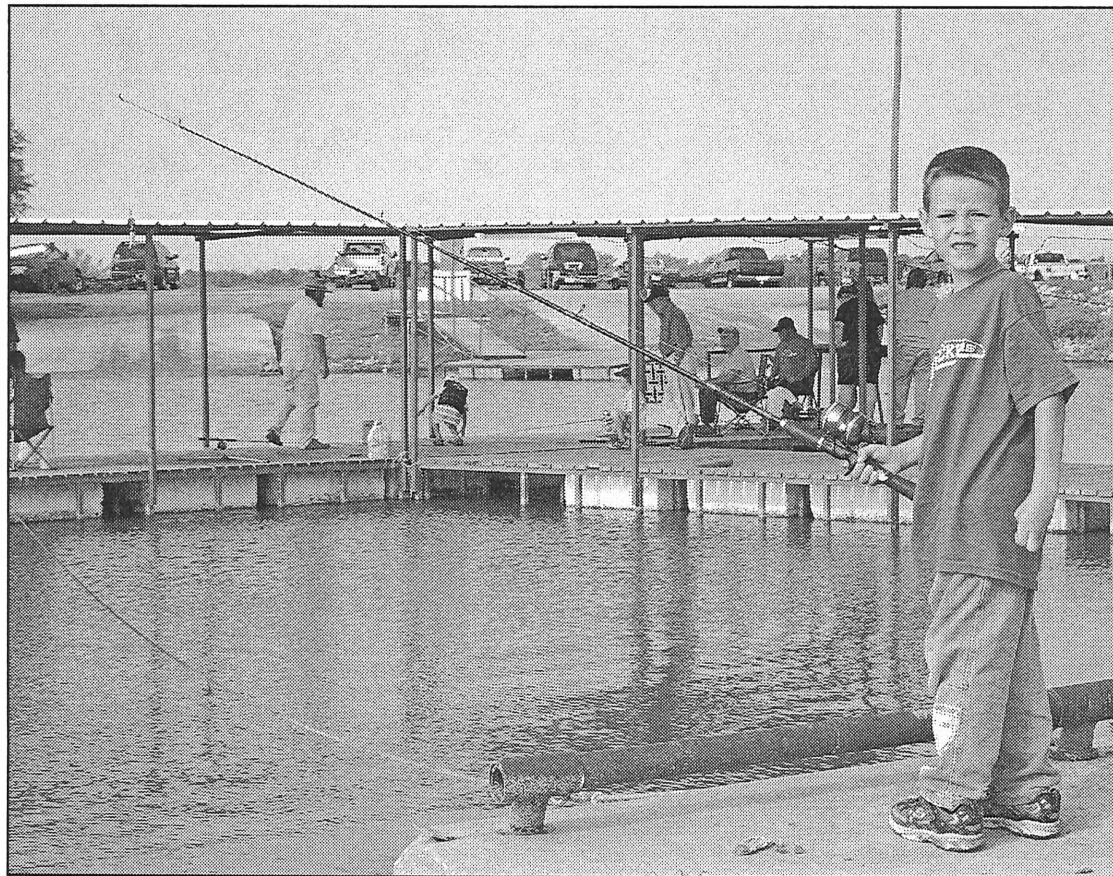
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40 kids enter fishing tournament



FISHING TOURNAMENT—Brody Stanfield of Haskell fishes from the bank during the sixth annual Kids Fishing tournament held Sat., Aug. 30 at Lake Stamford. Forty youngsters registered during the tournament.

The Anchor was the place to be on Sat., Aug. 30. Forty kids from ages 2 to 13 from Haskell to Hobbs, New Mexico participated in the Sixth Annual Kids Fishing Tournament on Stamford Lake.

The following six categories had fish weighed in with cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 going to the top three in each category.

The Bass category had Creed Williams of Haskell, age 4 taking first and second places with a 9 oz. and 7 oz. Bass weighed in. Third place was awarded to Mariah Jennings of Hobbs, New Mexico, age 7.

The Carp category had the first place fish turned in by Aaron Lynskey of Whiteface, age 4, with 8.35 lb. The second and third places went to Rocky Haggard of Haskell, with 2.85 and 1.15 respectively.

The Catfish category had the first place honor going to Braden Payne of Haskell, age 7, with a .55 oz. The second and third places went to Ashlyn Payne of Haskell, age 5, with a .55 oz. and a .25 oz fish.

Haskell took the Crappie category with Cody Coleman, age 5, weighing in a .75 for first place; Chris Hall, age 8, with a .30 oz. for second place; and Phillip Coleman, age 13, turning in a .25 oz. for third.

The Drum category winners were Mackenzie Hand of Hobbs, New Mexico, age 5, with a 1.55 pounder; Kana Williams of Hobbs, New Mexico, age 10, with a 1.05 pounder; and Mackenzie Hand turning in another .80 ounce for third.

The Perch category was taken when Kyle Glass of Haskell, age 11, weighed in his 3 oz. entry. Glass also received the Arcadia rod and Abu Garcia Reel.

The \$100 overall winner went to Aaron Lynskey of Whiteface, age 4, with his 8.35 pound Carp for largest fish. The \$75 second prize overall went to Haskell's Rocky Haggard, age 8, with his 2.85 pound Carp. The \$50 third largest overall prize money went to Mackenzie Hand of Hobbs New Mexico, age 5.

Archer City spoils opener for Indians

Due to a heavy rain and lightning storm, the 2008 Haskell Indians had to delay their debut for a period of 30 minutes until 8 p.m. for the opening kick-off. Haskell received the football and promptly got their first down in three plays. The Indians ran three more plays and punted on fourth down only to recover and regain the pigskin on Archer City's 34 yard line.

With the help of a pass interference penalty, the home team had the ball on the 12 yard line and moved the football to

the six yard line, but could not penetrate the goal line.

A close first quarter of football for this opening game of a new season.

During the second quarter of play, the Archer City Wildcats exploded for three straight scores. The first score came on a 45 yard punt return by Samuel Smith. The Cats tacked on the two point conversion by a run. On their next possession, Smith ran for a 26 yard TD and Archer City kicked the extra point.

The Cat's third straight

possession saw Smith catch a slant-in pass and race 89 yard to the north end zone. The PAT kick was not good. At the intermission, the score was Haskell 0, Archer City 21.

For the entire third quarter of play, both teams put forth a good defensive effort. Neither team was able to score.

On the opening play of the fourth quarter, the Cat's player of the week, Samuel Smith, got a 13 yard TD run and the Wildcats tacked on the PAT extra point to lead by the score of 28 to 0.

The young Indian team showed some spark in the fourth quarter, moving the football on a 72 yard drive in four plays. Haskell's running back, Jonathan Martinez, raced 54 yards into the south end zone for the Indian's first TD of the new season. The try for the extra point failed when the ball hit the goal post and veered off

left. A good sign, Haskell was on the scoreboard.

This young Haskell Indian team gave a good account of themselves in this opening game. Final score was Haskell 6, Archer City 28.

The Indians had 143 yards on 36 rushes. Running back Martinez had 11 carries for 109 yards and one TD, a 54 yard run. Running back James Williams got 30 yards on 12 carries. QB Tyler Rodriguez had two rushes for ten yards and QB Christian Myers had six yards on 11 rushes.

Haskell will travel to Munday for their second game of this new season. Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Fri., Sept. 5.

The Indian JV team lost to the Wildcat JV team in a hard fought game by the score of 12 to 25. The JV team will play Munday's JV in Haskell on Thursday. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m.

Bassett to pursue new career

by Caron Yates

After twenty years in law enforcement, the last fifteen as Haskell Police Chief, Tom Bassett will resign effective Sept. 7. In July 1993, after the death of Police Chief Barnett, Bassett was hired to take over the reins as head of the Haskell Police Department.

Bassett was raised in Houston

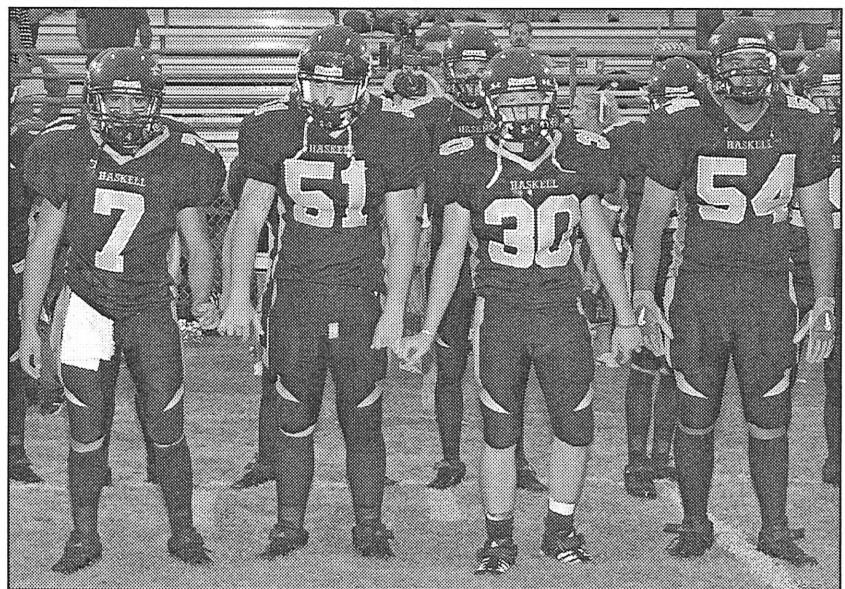


TOM BASSETT

and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Law Enforcement. He began his career in law enforcement in Richardson before moving to the narcotics unit in Dallas. Having spent his life in big cities, he was amazed at how many small towns there were in Texas. It only took a short time to realize just how much he enjoyed the "small town" life and serving the citizens of this area. Bassett laughs and says, "That even includes the stray dog calls, loose goats and cows, badgers and squirrels in houses and those pesky bee hives."

While serving as police chief, Bassett has expanded and improved many aspects of the department. He believes the department has made necessary advances in its ability to professionally and efficiently serve its citizens. From updating the records system to obtaining over \$200,000 in grants to purchase equipment

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INDIAN TEAM CAPTAINS—Team captains for the 2008 Haskell Indian team are, l-r, Jonathan Martinez, Cody Wyrick, James Williams and Simon Rodriguez. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Bassett

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such as computers for patrol cars, Bassett has seen to it that the law enforcement in Haskell is just as progressive as other cities. With the grant money, an additional officer, two patrol vehicles and specialized equipment has been added to the department.

Under his leadership, cases solved and cleared have increased and are above state and national averages. All city police officers receive many more than the forty required hours of training each year which enables them to better serve the public. Bassett also secured for Haskell a K-9 unit which has proven very helpful in working drug cases.

To be successful, the police chief must be able to work with many different groups. Cooperation between various law enforcement agencies in the county and surrounding counties is essential. In addition the department must work with the city administration and district attorney, as well as other organizations. Chief Bassett was able to do just that through his leadership abilities and experience. It is evident that he truly cares about Haskell and its citizens. He states that he is thankful to the current and previous city council members, mayors, city managers and police officers he has worked with for their support and encouragement during his fifteen years as Chief. He also commends the Haskell County Sheriff's Department for their help and continued service to the citizens and to the great

working relationship it maintains with the city officers. Bassett states, "The law enforcement community, prosecutors, judges and court personnel have worked together to make our system one to be proud of and one that any officer would be blessed to work with."

Personal accomplishments for Chief Bassett include receiving an Instructors Certificate, a Master Peace Officer Certificate, being proven as an expert in fingerprint comparison for court purposes, as well as being named to Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals—2008 Honors Edition. In 2007 he graduated from the Law Enforcement Leadership Command College and has published research, Police Health and Wellness, at Sam Houston State.

The Bassett family, which includes wife, Kim Guess Bassett, who was raised in Munday; sixteen year old daughter Aubrey; eleven year old daughter Crissy and five year old son Cash, will continue to live in Haskell. Although he is making a career change to the insurance business, he plans to continue serving the county by maintaining his Texas Peace Officer's license and working on a volunteer basis, as well as continuing to testify as an expert fingerprint witness.

Chief Bassett would like to thank the citizens of Haskell for welcoming him fifteen years ago and for all the memories he will carry with him as he looks back over his years of service here.

Memory Walk set Sept. 20

On Sat., Sept. 20 Nelson Park in Abilene will host more than 500 walkers determined to move forward the cause of Alzheimer's care and support for those dealing with the affects of Alzheimer's disease. Teams are forming across the city, with a combined goal of raising \$56,000.

Teresa Lambert is serving as honorary chair for this year's walk. Lambert sums up her commitment to Memory Walk this way: "I am walking, raising money and advocating for Alzheimer's disease in honor of my father. He is battling this disease daily and so I am." Starting a team is easy. Log onto www.alz.org/northcentraltexas and follow the links to Memory Walk or call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care and support. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's. Champions include those living with the disease, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$265 million.

JV, Varsity Bobcats to play Thurs.

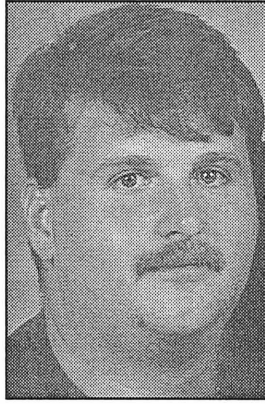
The Rule JV and varsity Bobcats will play Knox City Thurs., Sept. 4 at Knox City.

The pep rally will be Thursday at 3:20 p.m.

No football will played on Friday night.

The varsity game was rescheduled to follow the JV game on Thursday due to the inability to obtain referees for the Friday night game.

The JV will play at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity at 7:30 p.m.



CODY FUDGE

Funeral services for Cody Lynn Fudge, 32, of Haskell were held Wed., Sept. 3 at Weinert

Obituaries

Cody Lynn Fudge

Foursquare Church in Weinert with Pastor Rob Harrison officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Fudge went to be with the Lord Sun., Aug. 31 in Haskell.

Born Nov. 3, 1975 in Amarillo, he was the son of Lynn Travis Fudge and Betty Jan Johnson Conner July 4, 1998 in Abilene. He graduated from Merkel High School and later from TSTC. He was a mechanic for 14 years.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Faye and Floyd Fudge, Ruby Johnson and Joe Evelyn Jennings.

Survivors include his loving

wife of ten years, Teresa Fudge of Haskell; he was adored by his children, Adam Wade Conner, Megan Nichole Fudge, Braden Lynn Fudge, Michael Aaron Fudge and God-daughter, Kaylee Ann Glover; father, Lynn Fudge and wife, Amanda of Abilene; mother, Betty Jennings and husband, Jack, of Abilene; grandparents, James and Billie Johnson of Amarillo; sister, Tessa Baker and husband, Scott of Abilene; nephews Caleb and Tyler-Baker, both of Abilene; step-brothers, Tim Alvarez, Michael Alvarez; step-sister, Christina Pimento and husband, Regie; all of Abilene; and many Christian friends and family.

PD. NOTICE

Bees swarm local beekeeper

by Caron Yates

Cliff Morris, local businessman, had a close encounter of the worst kind with a swarm of bees. Last week Morris went out to his horse pen to move a colt to a different stall. As he was cleaning and refilling the watering trough, he was suddenly engulfed in a swarm of bees.

Accustomed to handling bees, Morris has been a beekeeper for many years, raising them for the honey. He had put this particular hive there about two years ago. It was located about ten feet from where he was working. Morris says, "I don't know if rattling the metal trough disturbed the bees or maybe something hit the hive." But whatever the cause, they came at him with a vengeance.

According to Morris, when bees are on the attack they make a different noise. This alerts other bees to the task at hand. He was initially hit in the face and head area by about 25 of the bees. They were getting in his eyes and ears. He ran to the gate and tried to open it, but because of the bee stings couldn't see. Morris stated, "I found a couple bales of hay and pulled them up over me to protect my head, but they managed to get to me anyway." He then raced to the six foot fence and quickly climbed over. He made it to his pickup with the bees still swarming around his head. The windows were down and he didn't have his keys, so he opted to run the 150 feet to the house. He was able to kill the bees that

entered the house.

Morris realized he had to get the colt out of the fence or it would be stung, so he took medicine to help with the stings he had received, covered his head and went back out to the pen. By the time he got there, the colt was already down, having been stung many times by the bees. He worked with it for a while, but it wouldn't get up.

Even with something covering his head, Morris said the bees were still trying to get to his face. He drove himself to his wife's shop to get help for both himself

and the horse, which eventually died. He was taken to the hospital where it was determined he had been stung close to seventy times. Miraculously enough, he only spent one night in the hospital and seems to have made a complete recovery.

When asked if he thought the bees were "killer bees" he replied, "I don't really think so. You have to be really careful handling bees of any kind." Morris says he hasn't done anything with the hive yet. He at least intends to get the honey before deciding the fate of the bees.

Property owners must beware of unlicensed contractors

Tornado season and hurricane season arrive back to back in Texas and we Texans are familiar with the challenges the two seasons can bring. Most of us are practiced in how to prepare for and cope with Mother Nature's fury. Unfortunately many Texas home and business owners aren't prepared to deal with the unscrupulous electrical and air conditioning industry companies who seek to take advantage of owners affected by tornadoes or hurricanes. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR) has some suggestions for Texans who need air conditioning or electrical repairs.

Property owners are urged to check TDLR's website and ensure the company offering to perform repair work is properly licensed with the agency. It is the law that electricians and air conditioning service personnel have a license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. While on the TDLR website you can also click on the search link titled "Search Violations By License Type" to see if the company you are hiring has received a past violation and had a Final Order issued against them.

The Texas Administrative Code

requires the company's TDLR license number be on the side of their vehicle. If you don't see the number on the vehicle this may be an indication they are working without a license.

Why is hiring a licensed service person important? Electrical contractors and air conditioning contractors must be insured. Electrician Masters and Journeymen and Air Conditioning Contractors must pass a competency exam before receiving their license from TDLR. Lastly, everyone, including electrician apprentices and air conditioning registered technicians, must undergo criminal background checks before being granted a license. Keeping your family safe is as important to us as it is to you.

We can't control the weather but that doesn't mean we have to be a victim a second time when repairing a storm's damage. Take a few minutes to investigate the people you are allowing to work on one of the most expensive investments you will make in your life.

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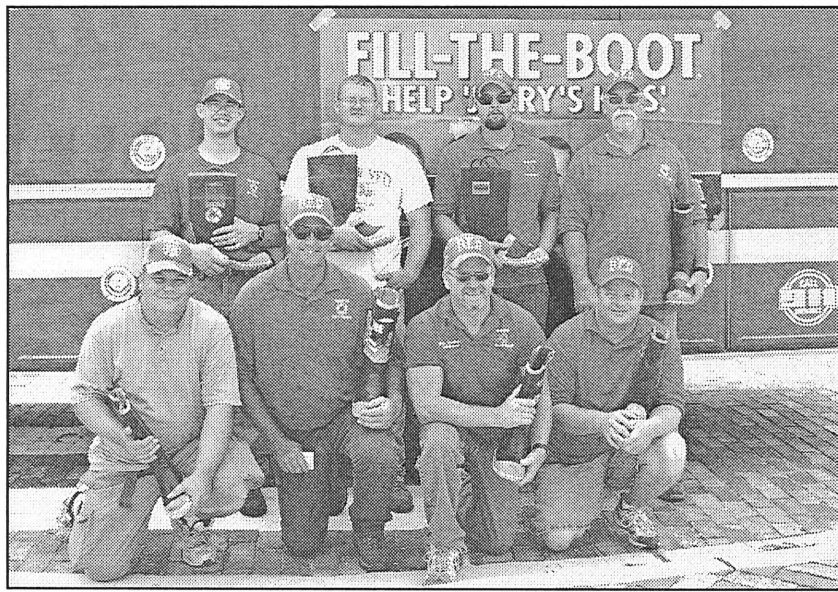
for his 15 years of excellent service as
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with a come and go
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from
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We hope everyone will join us at this great celebration.

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FIREMEN HELP JERRY'S KIDS—Eight members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department manned the Haskell square Saturday morning to help Fill-The Boot for Jerry's Kids for MDA. Collecting \$1,000 for MDA were front row, l-r, Weldon Gillispie, Eddie Klose, Mike Alsabrook and Bobby Howard; back row, Brian Scifres, Bobby Scheets, A.J. Shaw and Randy Shaw.

Rule revival set Sept. 14-17

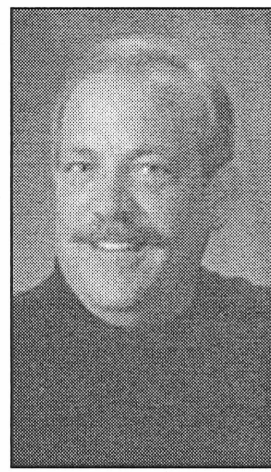
The First Baptist Church in Rule will hold revival services Sept. 14-17. The Sunday service will begin at 5:00 p.m. and evening services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m.

Revival services will be led by Duane and Iris Blue of Lucas. Both have been Mission Service Corps volunteers since the early 1980's.

The Blues came from separate but very troubled backgrounds. Rebellion, drug use, robbery charges, self indulgence and prison time are just a part of their lives before Christ.

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Everyone is invited to come hear the Blues' testimonies of the amazing ways God is using their lives for his work.



DUANE BLUE



IRIS BLUE

PTO to help Haskell Elementary

by Caron Yates

Parents, have you heard what is new at the elementary school? It's a fresh water tropical fish aquarium!

This is just one of the contributions made by the Parent Teacher Organization or PTO at Haskell Elementary. The PTO was organized last school year by a group of interested parents. Its stated mission is "to work toward creating and maintaining a close working relationship between parents, teachers and administrators of the school to the benefit of the students."

Leading the service organization for the 2008-09 school year will be president, Emmalee Pheister; vice president, Laurie Newberry; secretary, Andrea Coleman; treasurer, Bridget Guess; and teacher liaison, Kristi Gibson.

If you have elementary age children and are looking for another way to be a part of their education, you need to check out the PTO. They are looking for members to serve on committees for planned activities. If you prefer to just be a helper, they need that also. Meetings are held

once a month at the elementary school during the school year. The first meeting will be held on Thurs., Sept. 18 at 5:30 in the elementary library.

The PTO will be kicking off this year with a fund-raiser. Students will sell cookie dough to raise money for the various projects. Last year the fund-raiser was so successful many projects were able to be undertaken. Some of the projects included purchasing Christmas trees or decorations for teachers who needed them, purchasing risers to be used on stage by the children

for music programs and providing a week long celebration during teacher appreciation week that included meals, gifts and theme based decorations for the teacher workroom. Another highly successful project last year was the "Santa Shop." For a week, the kiddos could come and purchase inexpensive gifts for friends and family. What a wonderful way to teach children about giving! The PTO also helped with the teacher retirement party and gave scholarships to graduating seniors in honor of the retired teachers and staff.

Museum to host garage sale

The Friends of Knox County Historical Commission will meet at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, Sept. 9. All directors are urged to attend this board meeting as the Sat., Sept. 13 garage sale at Munday will be discussed and plans finalized.

Work on putting items into the museum's computerized accession record is continuing. The museum's collection policy will soon be scrutinized by the collections policy committee before going to the board of directors for approval.

Two museum exhibit design companies have been contacted by the museum to speak to the board. No meeting date has been set at this time. Several exhibit ideas are floating around but area museums, such as Red River Museum at Vernon, are pleased with the help they've had with exhibit design professional companies. These companies range from expensive to making what you have interesting at a

reasonable price.

The board is hoping that the garage sale will net its usual thousand dollars or so and get the museum on the way to at least one "interesting" museum exhibit soon.

Knox County has geological history, Indian history, exploration history from six nations, and western expansion history that can provide some fascinating exhibits if done right, not to mention how the stories of our communities reflect national events in the lives of our citizens, past and present.

With good friends, good luck, and hard work, the museum can be edging into a 'wow' exhibit before long. Sat., Sept. 13 can help the Wichita Brazos Museum move toward an exciting future.

Clean out your closets. Make room in the garage for your car. It's time for the annual museum garage sale.

No, the museum isn't being

sold, just lots of good "stuff" that will help the Wichita Brazos Museum be a good one. Sat., Sept. 13, at the Perry Patton Center in Munday will be the day and the place. Furniture, metal and wooden trunks, glassware, pans, luggage and books are already signed up for the sale, even an antique wood table-desk. This sale has filled the center to overflowing every year. Help the museum by donating good "stuff" to sell, shop the sale yourself, and be sure to eat a grilled hamburger on the front porch at lunch, backed up with a home-made cookie.

The Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission is sponsoring the sale, as usual. Donations can be brought to the Perry Patton Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 12. If you need help, contact a commission member or call 940-459-2229.

While some of the projects will be continued this year, new ones are being planned. The new aquarium is already in place in the front lobby of the elementary school. More information on the school supplies pack program will be forthcoming at a later date.

Perhaps one of the biggest projects to be undertaken will be helping purchase new curtains for the stage. A successful cookie dough fund-raiser, along with a cookbook sale will be essential for making this project a reality. The PTO is requesting recipes from school staff, children and their families to be included in the cookbook, be sent to ptohaskell@yahoo.com.

Here's your chance to help not only your children, but also the school and your community. PTO will be recruiting new members in the first weeks of school. The best part is it won't cost you anything, but the rewards will be great.

Best wishes to all Haskell County students and teachers for the 2008-09 school year!

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State audit shows deficiencies in TxDOT operations

AUSTIN—The Office of the State Auditor on Aug. 28 released an audit report on the Texas Department of Transportation's Financial Forecasting and Fund Allocation.

The overall conclusion was that "ineffective internal communication, a complex reporting structure and misunderstanding of reported data led TxDOT to overschedule \$1.1 billion in planned contract awards for fiscal year 2008." And, the audit specified, "although the (TxDOT) has made organizational changes that should help reduce communication obstacles in the future, its reporting process still needs improvement."

Texas law requires TxDOT to contract for an independent audit of its management and business operations in 2007 and every 12 years after 2007.

Independent, external audits of TxDOT processes found weaknesses related to those the state reported.

New telemarketing rules to come

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott publicized the Federal Trade Commission's Aug. 25 announcement of a new rule governing prerecorded telemarketing calls.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2009, telemarketing companies must obtain call recipients' written permission before contacting them with prerecorded messages. More immediately, effective Dec. 1, 2008, prerecorded telephone marketing calls must have an opt-out mechanism so that recipients can elect not to receive those unsolicited calls in the future.

Telemarketers with pre-existing customer relationships will be allowed to continue using prerecorded messages to contact those customers only for one year after the rule is published in the Federal Register. At that time, telemarketing companies will need their customer's written permission before calling anyone with a prerecorded message.

However, under the new regulations, charitable organizations can continue contacting their members or previous donors, but will need to offer an opt-out mechanism once the new rule goes into effect.

The FTC's new rule will not prohibit customers from receiving certain prerecorded informational calls, such as those that announce flight

delay notifications, upcoming appointments, or similarly helpful information. These phone calls are unaffected by the new rule because they are not used to market products or services to the recipient. Healthcare-related phone calls also are exempt from the new regulations.

For complete details on the rule, go to www.ftc.gov.

Lottery privatization considered

State lawmakers met Aug. 27 at the Capitol to hear ideas on whether to privatize the Texas Lottery.

Scott Dudley of the Legislative Budget Board said the state's share of lottery proceeds is 26 to 28 percent, and 75 percent of the proceeds come from \$50 million in scratch-offs sold each week. But, Dudley said, sales are declining.

Representatives of some of the nation's largest brokerage houses testified at the hearing. All pretty much agreed that the Texas Lottery could become more profitable, and that privatization is worth a look.

Lawmakers also heard anti-gambling testimony.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said she would want to make sure revenue from privatizing the lottery goes to fund education.

DPS cautioned holiday travelers

Before Labor Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety sent out a reminder that drinking alcohol and driving shouldn't be mixed and wouldn't be tolerated.

These points were made:

- A Driving While Intoxicated conviction stays on an offender's criminal and driving record forever.

- For the first offense, the law allows a maximum of six months in jail, a \$2,000 fine and a one-year driver license suspension.

- A DWI conviction also carries a \$1,000 surcharge for three years, in addition to any other fines or costs associated with the arrest.

The plan was for more law enforcement officers than usual to patrol roads, highways and interstates across Texas.

LBJ centennial is marked

On Aug. 27, the 100th anniversary of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson's birth was celebrated in Austin and at the Johnson family ranch in Stonewall. The LBJ Library and Museum staged a birthday party and launched "Space," a new display featuring the race to the moon in the 1960s.



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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago September 3, 1998

Accepting the resignation of Anchor caretaker, Bobby Morris, the Haskell County Commissioners Court announced that Bud Adkins of Quanah will be taking the contract.

Victor and Dean Lowery celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Rule City Council announced the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of 8th and Sunny Avenue.

Haskell residents who have NOAA Weather Radios will have special alarm tone feature's and will receive alerts whenever the National Weather Service Office in San Angelo issues severe weather watches and warnings for Haskell County.

A second annual bean supper was held at the high school cafeteria to benefit the funds for fencing project.

20 Years Ago September 8, 1988

The City Council called a public hearing to discuss street improvements in the southeast part of town.

Haskell teenagers, Cynthia Halliburton, Brad Lane and Truett Standerfer, collected \$852 for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

Joseph Lackland Orr of Fort Worth, governor of Rotary International District 579, visited the Haskell Rotary Club.

Gerry Spain, Bailey Toliver and Nancy Toliver returned from a tour to Eastern Europe where they visited Finland, Russia,

Poland and Germany.

Haskell Young Homemakers officers for the coming year are Betty Michaels, president; Lisa Goss, vice president; Debbie Kennedy, secretary; Pam Terry, treasurer; Terri Kirk, reporter and Katie Hopper, parliamentary.

30 Years Ago September 7, 1978

83 members were enrolled in the Indian Band making it the largest in 13 years.

Gena Fischer of Paint Creek will compete for top state honors in the State 4-H Fashion Revue in Austin.

Kevin Ray Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herring, has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Jack Ray have returned from an extended trip to England and Ireland.

Sue Pate has been named local manager for West Texas Utilities Co. in Haskell, succeeding R.H. Beauchamp, who plans to leave the company on disability retirement.

40 Years Ago September 5, 1968

Diann Cadenhead, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead, spoke at the Lions Club about her trip to Sweden and six other European countries.

Mike Overton of the Paint Creek community reported to Fort Stewart, Georgia to begin flight training.

Mrs. John Lackey and her children gathered over the Labor Day weekend for their family reunion.

50 Years Ago September 4, 1958

Hugh R. Nanny of O'Brien was honored as a distinguished student at Texas A&M College.

The Jossilet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. C.A. Thomas, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brueggeman visited in Crockett where they attended the reunion of Co. E, 36th Division of World War I. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Lehde and Judy.

Weinert schools opened with an enrollment of 167, an increase of 17 since last year.

John Post and Gaines Post left on their return trip to Madison, Wisconsin after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rike, Ada and other relatives and friends.

100 Years Ago September 5, 1908

Mrs. M.M. Bryant of Whitesboro moved to Haskell to be with her son, Bruce W. Bryant.

Ivy Guest left for Sherman where she will attend Kid Key College.

Fannie Lee Fitzgerald entertained a large party of girl friends at the home of her parents in the east part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Russell spent Sunday visiting friends in Rule.

Mrs. H.G. Connell left for Sherman, accompanied by her daughter, Lois, who will attend Kid Key College.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

8-28-08

The combination of an approaching holiday and an approaching tropical storm pushed cotton futures prices higher Wednesday amid fears of further crop damage in the Delta and Southeast. However, the rally was short-lived as prices closed lower the following day.

At mid-week, Tropical Storm Gustav was expected to become a major hurricane when it enters the Gulf of Mexico with a projected path to make landfall anywhere from the Florida Panhandle to Southeast Texas. Drenching rain and high winds are the last things producers there want to see at a time when hot, dry weather is needed.

Moderate to heavy rains from the remnants of Tropical Storm Fay were reported throughout parts of the Southeast and Memphis territory earlier this week. Water was standing in many fields, and any additional moisture will only make conditions worse. The untimely precipitation has had an adverse effect on the maturing cotton crop, according to one publication, and many producers were reporting increased cases of boll rot and hard lock. Such conditions could reduce yields, and clear skies and seasonal conditions are needed to help the crop reach final maturation.

Meanwhile, the growing season is nearing an end in the Far West. Bolls are opening in southwestern Arizona, and farmers are preparing for harvest. Seasonable temperatures returned to West Texas to help spur crop development, and precipitation was limited to isolated thunderstorms.

Other than Wednesday's bullish move, the cotton market was mostly quiet from light trading volume and dull interest. One market observer said the bears are betting Gustav will cause little damage to the U.S. cotton crop and turn out to be a disappointment for the bulls.

The latest crop progress report from USDA indicated 48 percent of the U.S. crop was rated good to excellent for the week ended Aug. 24, unchanged from the previous week and only one percentage point behind last year. The department also noted 89 percent of the crop is setting bolls compared to 90 percent last year and the average of 94 percent.

U.S. cotton export sales totaled a net 268,000 bales in the week ended Aug. 21, up 46 percent from the previous week. The featured buyers were China at 76,700 bales, Indonesia at 34,700 bales and Turkey at 28,200. Rounding out the list of top buyers were Vietnam and Bangladesh.

Export shipments for the week totaled 269,500 bales, unchanged from the previous week but two percent less than the prior four-week average. The primary destinations were China, Mexico and Turkey.

In other news, Angola's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has announced plans to re-start cotton production. Prior to the country's independence in 1975, cotton production twice exceeded 137,700 bales. The government says it wants to supply the domestic textile industry while reducing dependence on imports and improve farm income.

The spot cotton market was much more active in the week ended Aug. 21 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 4,347 bales online compared to 22 bales the previous week. Average prices ranged from 57.76 to 63.87 cents per pound.

Medicare kits are a scam

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

All scams come with a great sales pitch. What do you think of this one? "Do you or someone you know suffer from arthritis, diabetes, poor circulation, back aches, swelling, muscle soreness, inflammation in the hands or ankles? If so, help is on the way! You can qualify for the new Medicare Approved Arthritis kit! And the best part, it's FREE if you have Medicare Part A and B.

This sounds great. Probably just about every older adult on Medicare could say they suffer from any one of the ailments mentioned above. In fact, probably the rest of us have

the same problems as well. But what is the real truth behind this most recent scam designed to steal your Medicare healthcare dollars?

The same team that brought you the Scooter Scam that defrauded Medicare of more than \$31 million, is now back with a new scam telling Medicare beneficiaries they qualify for the Medicare Arthritis Kit that will relieve your pain and suffering and it's free. Be aware, there is no such item called a Medicare Approved Arthritis Kit.

How does this scam work? The fraud artists charge Medicare for items such as a back brace, knee brace (one for each knee), wrist brace (one for

each wrist), elbow brace (one for each elbow), ankle brace (one for each ankle), then they throw in a heating pad and heat lamp. Total cost to Medicare is over \$1,000. The value of the items you receive—probably less than \$100. They rip off your healthcare dollars and do not even provide you the items they get paid for. Besides, if you really used all the equipment, you would look pretty much like an extra in "The Mummy!"

It is important that you get the healthcare and the healthcare items you need, but it is also important that you do not let people take advantage of you and steal healthcare dollars from you and future generations. Be part of the solution.

If anyone approaches you and offers equipment or care for free, call the Texas SMP at 713-341-6184 or 1-888-341-6187. The Texas SMP is a program of the Better Business Bureau Education Foundation of Houston funded in part by the Administration on Aging. The Texas SMP works to empower seniors to prevent healthcare fraud by providing education about Medicare fraud, errors and abuse.

Post flood information

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offers online information in Spanish and English on recovering from floods.

Some of the materials include: "Controlling Mold Growth after the Storm," "Caring for Important Papers after a Flood," "Decontaminating Flooded Wells" and "Mosquito Problems After a Storm."

For information, search <http://agrilifebookstore.org>. Most publications can be downloaded free from that site. For more information and Web links on recovering after a flood visit <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/004-natural/floods.php>.

For more assistance, contact Mike Jackson, AgriLife Extension communications specialist, at 972-952-9232 or mjackson@ag.tamu.edu.

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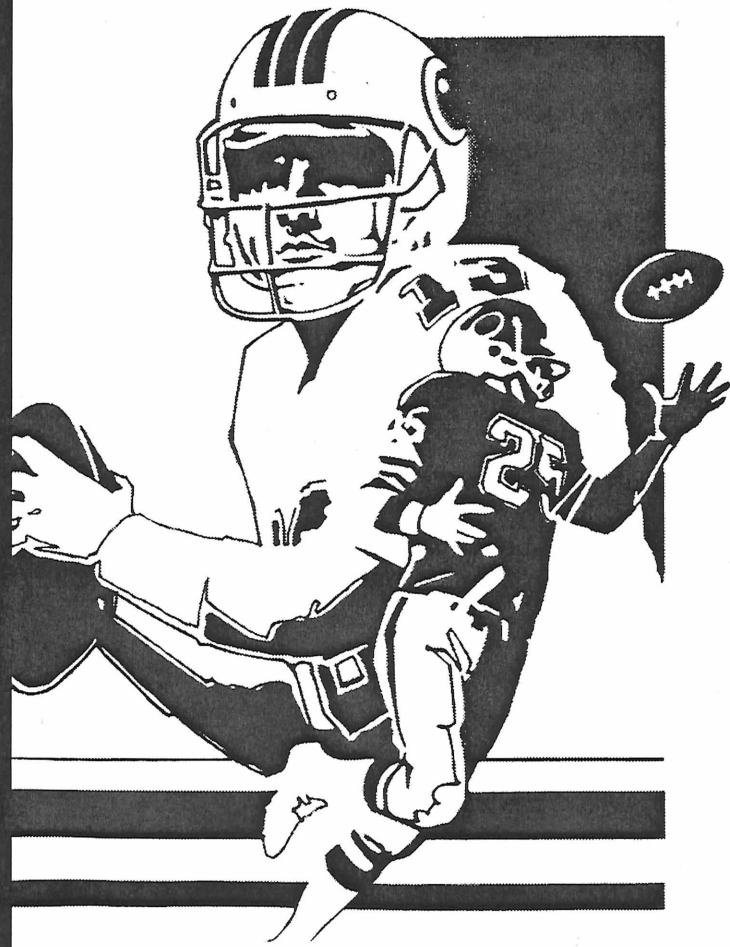
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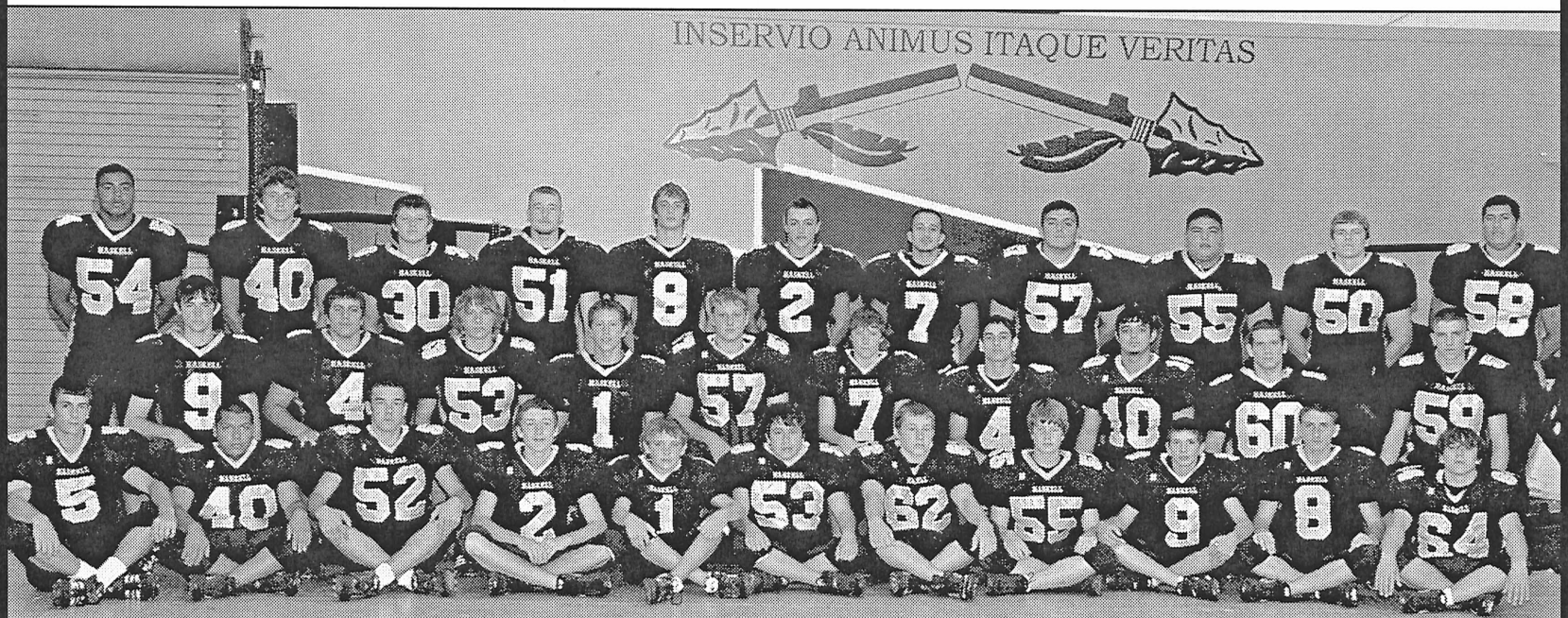
Go Indians!

Haskell Indians vs.

Munday Moguls

Fri., Sept. 5 • 7:30 P.M.

at Munday



2008 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, Sterling Bird (JV), J.J. Aguilar (JV), Zack Trussell (JV), Dylan Cook (JV), Brady Leach (JV), A.J. Rodriguez (JV), Zack Wyrick (JV), Garrett Brueggeman (JV), Stewart Urich (JV), Payne Ultey (JV) and Colton Kimmel (JV); middle row, Tyler Reese (JV), Tony Trevino (V), Garrett Miller (V), Christian Myers (V), Markus Martinez (JV), Austin Nanny (JV), Kelson Aguero (JV), Ricky Barrett (JV), Taylor Hull (V) and Ethan Frierson (V); back row, Simon Rodriguez (V), Clint Hamilton (V), James Williams (V), Cody Wyrick (V), Steven Fillmon (V), Tyler Rodriguez (V), Jonathan Martinez (V), Lee Hernandez (V), Scottie Rodriguez (V), A.J. Benton (V) and Ruben Robledo (V).
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New inspection program in effect

Starting Labor Day, builders and remodelers must have the fruits of their labor inspected at least three times, if the project does not require inspection by a city building official.

House Bill 1038, passed by the 2007 Legislature, created a County Inspection program for all homes built or remodeled

if the work was performed in unincorporated areas or in cities that do not offer municipal inspections. In anticipation of the program's start date, the Texas Residential Construction Commission has been designing the program rules and signing up fee inspectors.

The three new inspections

include a foundation inspection before concrete is poured, a framing and mechanical systems assessment before wallboard is installed and a final inspection upon completion.

The inspections must be performed by a fee inspector that is either a licensed engineer, a registered architect, a professional

Texas Real Estate Commission inspector or a third party inspector certified by the Texas Residential Construction Commission. To access a list of fee inspectors that have already registered with the commission, visit <http://cics.trcc.state.tx.us/login.aspx>.

Commission Executive Director Duane Waddill said the new program works toward providing quality construction for Texans by bridging an oversight gap that, until now, existed for new homes or remodeling jobs where the home had no city inspector obligated to evaluate the work.

"This program will ensure that inspections are performed throughout the state of Texas, leveling the playing field for consumers. These inspections will provide homebuyers in unincorporated areas or in cities that do not offer municipal inspections with the protection that their home was constructed with the same standards as a home within city limits," Waddill said.

For more information about the county inspections program visit the commission's website at www.texasrcc.org or contact us at 877-651-8722 (TRCC).



WAITING FOR A BITE—Participating in the Kids Fishing tournament held Sat., Aug. 30 at Lake Stamford were Warren Fly, left, and Justice Dever, both of Haskell.

Free marriage classes available

A new state law, which took effect Sept. 1, encourages couples to attend free marriage education classes before taking the plunge. Couples who complete the skills-based course will also pay less for their marriage license.

House Bill 2685 increases the marriage license fee to \$60. However, the fee will be waived for couples who complete an eight-hour premarital class, and those couples can forgo the 72-hour waiting period to get married. Counties may continue

to charge up to \$12 in local fees for a marriage license.

The state's healthy marriage initiative, called "Twogether in Texas," promotes free, skills-based marriage education classes and provides couples—both married and those contemplating marriage—with the tools they need to manage the challenges inherent in relationships. Classes include eight hours of training focusing on communication skills, conflict resolution and other elements of a healthy marriage.

"We hope to empower couples with a new skill set; a marriage skill set based on conflict resolution and communication," said Jeff Johnson of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which is responsible

for setting up a statewide network of marriage classes. "Many people rush into marriage, often overlooking basic necessities like housing arrangements, finances and relationship counseling."

The free marriage classes are available across the state. Couples can find classes in their area that meet the qualifications for the marriage license discount at www.twogetherintexas.com or by calling 2-1-1.

Once a couple completes the class, they will receive a certificate that they can take to their county clerk when they apply for their marriage license. The certificate is good for one year and serves as proof that the couple is eligible for the discounted marriage license fee.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

This Week's Devotional Message:



GRANDPARENTS STAY YOUNG LONGER THAN EVER BEFORE

Thanks to better living habits, advances in medicine, and a wider variety of appropriate activities, people are not only living longer but staying active longer. The so-called 'generation gap' is a lot narrower than it used to be, because Grandma and Grandpa no longer sit at home in their rocking chairs. They go to senior citizen lunches, play

bingo, and organize political action groups to secure better health care, insurance, etc. Some continue working, or even find new careers for themselves. In any case, we can learn much from their ability to enjoy and make the most of every day that remains of their lives. At our house of worship, our children will learn to love, respect and communicate with their elders; a rewarding experience for all.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 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.m., 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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/
Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
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
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

- 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**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Haskell School Menu

September 8-12 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Glazed french toast
Tuesday: Breakfast bagel
Wednesday: Cereal, goldfish crackers
Thursday: Sausage, biscuit
Friday: Cinnamon roll

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: Popcorn chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, pickle spears, celery sticks, apple wedges
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, baby carrots, ranch dressing, orange slices
Thursday: Chicken quesadillas, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, royal brownie
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, ice cream elementary: assorted chips secondary: french fries

Paint Creek School Menu

September 8-12 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Cereal or toast
Friday: Breakfast burritos

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, carrots, pudding
Tuesday: Fish strips, mac and cheese, salad, rolls, fruit
Wednesday: Carne Guisada, refried beans, corn, flour tortillas, oranges, chocolate cake
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, green beans, Texas toast, jell-o
Friday: BBQ on bun, chips, pickle spears, corn on cob, pineapple

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Sept. 8
Lunch—Philly steak and gravy, cream potatoes, ranch beans, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Sept. 10
Lunch—Ham slice, sweet potato, mixed veggies, cranberry, yeast rolls, brownies, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Sept. 12
Lunch—Beef spaghetti, English peas, garlic toast, onions, pickles, coconut cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

Back to school safety tips

With the start of the new school year, students will be rushing to be on time, parents will be getting them on their way, and drivers will be going about their business—all could heed some advice on safety. "This is a critical time of the year," noted Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to get back into their good traffic safety habits." Here are several tips from their "Back to School" safety brochure.

- Tips for Walking or Biking to School**
- Walk with a friend.
 - Pay attention to all traffic signals. Never cross the street against a stop light.
 - Cross only at crosswalks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.
 - Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each direction.
 - Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.
 - If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.
 - Tips for School Bus Riders
 - Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
 - Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
 - After getting off the bus, move out of traffic.
 - Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.
 - Tips for Parents and Drivers
 - Everyone should wear a seatbelt, and children should be in age and size appropriate car seats.
 - Stay focused on driving and don't be distracted by kids in the car or with other activities.
 - Slow down in school zones. Driving just 5 MPH over the speed limit increases both the risk of hitting a child and the severity of any injuries.
 - You never know if children crossing the street are paying attention, so remain stopped until the child has crossed not only your lane of traffic, but the adjacent lane as well.
 - Never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk, as they may be waiting for someone to cross.
 - Do not pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street.
 - Use extra care in areas where children may enter the road from between parked vehicles or other things that block drivers' view of the road. And, watch out for bicycles.

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Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE Haskell County Commissioners Court will meet September 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. to approve the budget and approve the effective tax rate of \$.5182 for the General Fund, \$.1324 for the FML and \$.1040 for the Precinct Road. A total of \$.7546 per \$100.00 compared to \$.8143 2007-2008. 35-36c

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE for A proposed resolution of the Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority pertaining to the adoption of rules for the regulation of on-site sewage facilities at the Millers Creek Reservoir and repealing Regulation Number 101.

Public Notices

The Board of Directors of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will conduct a public meeting under the authority of Chapter 366, Texas Health and Safety Code, to consider the regulation of on-site sewage facilities (including septic tanks) within its jurisdictional area of Millers Creek Reservoir, to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. A copy of the proposed regulation is available for review at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371. The public meeting will be held before the Board of Directors Meeting at:

NOTICE: The Haskell Free Press reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories and locals for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed not newsworthy.

Location: 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371.

Date: September 9, 2008
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Elementary begins exciting new year

by Caron Yates

If you want to see genuine excitement, stop by Haskell Elementary. Nothing is quite as uplifting as elementary children during those first few weeks of a new school year.

Greeting students at the door each morning will be principal Jimmy Lisle. He is beginning his thirty-third year in education, and his twenty-first as elementary principal. Helping with the education of the expected 330 elementary students, will be 29 full time teachers, one shared teacher, six paraprofessionals, three grounds and maintenance crew, four cafeteria employees and one nurse.

This year the elementary campus will include Head Start through fifth grade students. Working together to achieve another top rating, teachers and students are ready for the challenge.

Lisle states, "We plan to continue our successful programs and strategies, while adding a new intervention program." A frequent monitoring of progress for all students through the AIMS Web benchmark and test monitoring system will continue this year. However new to the program, information from this testing will be used by intervention teacher Jana English and her aide, Deanna Jordan, to assist, individually or in small groups, any student having identified difficulty.

With the retirement of seven members of the elementary staff at the end of last school year, there are changes in assignments for 2008-09.

New to the staff and working in the office, will be Tina Adams. An additional fourth grade classroom was needed, and Jennifer Roewe was hired to fill the vacancy. Kristi Stewart will assume duties as the elementary counselor.

Family Service worker for PCD and Head Start will be Olivia Saucedo, who is returning to Haskell Elementary after moving away for a year. She will be assisting teacher Melissa Burson and paraprofessional Stacy Medford in Head Start.

Pre-Kindergarten teacher Loutina White, assisted by Nora Andrada, will conduct morning and afternoon classes on campus.

Vickie Josselet will teach Pre-K classes at the Early Learning Facility downtown.

Continuing assignment in their kindergarten classrooms will be Kristi Gibson, Rhonda Lisle, Susan Cox, who is assisted by Erlinda Booe and Judy Washburn.

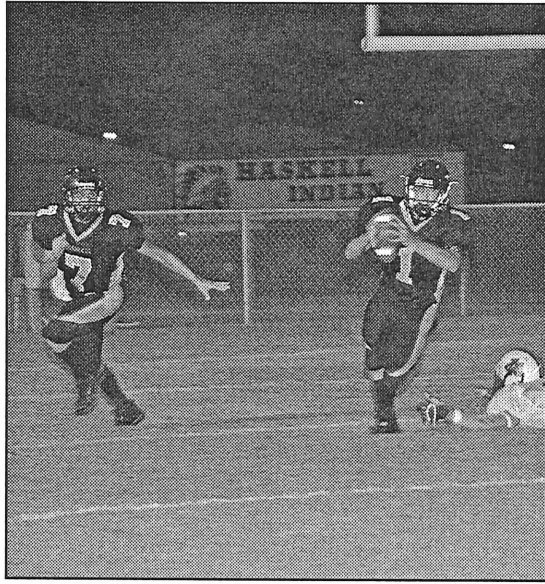
April Colley, Susan LeFevre and Marijane Cunningham will teach first grade. Joining Rhonda Hanson and LaKay Caparoon in second grade will be Peggy Darden. Donna Waggoner and Tonya Cybert will lead the two third grade classrooms, while Stacy Everett, Amy Sloan and Roewe take over teaching duties for fourth grade. Fifth grade teachers will be Bonnie Fouts and Sherry Adams.

Special programs are always an important part of elementary. Special Education teachers Tammie Wallace, Vickie Bullard and Donita Hudgens will again assist students in need of extra help. Patsy Blakley continues as the ESL and dyslexia teacher, Paula Everett will teach science, Debbie Miller will teach computer classes, Pam Gibson will teach music and Tiffany Thomas, with help from Nikki Thompson, will handle the P.E.

Minnie Camacho, Matilda Lopez and Adam Garcia have the daunting task of keeping the entire campus clean and in good running order. Feeding close to four hundred people twice a day will be Janie Rodriguez, Andrea Estrada, Denise Andress and Francis Rodriguez.

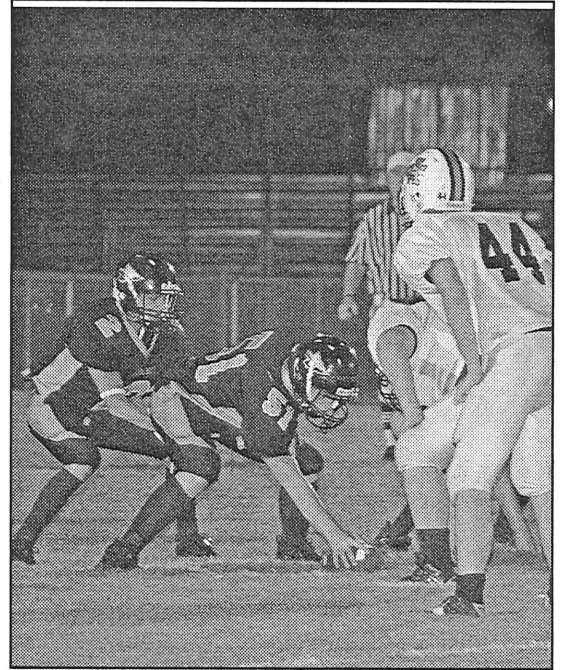
Dispensing medicines, ice bags and band-aides will only be a part of the job for Nurse Susan Blanks. She will be on the elementary campus three days a week and one day each at the junior high and high school campuses.

There are many opportunities, from eating lunch at school to serving on committees or attending meetings, for parents of students to be involved in their child's education. Information for parents and guardians will be sent home in the newsletter as well as individual notes. Lisle and his staff encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and make a difference for your child.



GOES FOR YARDAGE—Indian quarterback #1 Christian Myers attempts to move the ball forward, aided by #7 Jonathan Martinez. Martinez had 11 carries for 109 yards and one TD against Archer City. Myers posted six yards on 11 rushes.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



WAITING FOR THE SNAP—Quarterback #2 Tyler Rodriguez waits for the snap from #51 Cody Wyrick. Rodriguez had two rushes for ten yards during the game against Archer City.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session Mon., Aug. 25. All councilmen were present except Sue Medford.

Unused aviation funds were approved to be used by TxDOT Aviation.

A five year bid by Claude Payne made for the 55.1 cultivated acres and 40 pasture acres of farmland at the landfill for \$1,600 each year was approved.

The Council approved an ordinance approving a negotiated resolution between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy.

Overnight fees for staying at the RV park were raised to \$12. Staying the first night is free.

Carl Milburn, representing the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, was given permission to pursue entrance signs to Haskell.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson said:

•The sale of the prison nears. The county is finalizing a few documents and the effective date for the sale should be upcoming with closing to follow.

•The city is spraying for mosquitoes. Residents are urged to drain any standing water in their yards. Check old tires, tubs, puddles or any thing that might hold water to prevent the hatching of mosquitoes.

•The weirs have been cleaned out and replaced along the creek project. Most of the work was completed by city employees helping to hold down the cost. Plans are in place to redo the bridge in the park.

•The city is still waiting on USDA in Washington, D.C. for the go ahead on the Assisted Living Facility. Mark Lundgren of Congressman Mac Thornberry's office has been a great help with this project, however, money is tight at the end of their budget.

4-H members, volunteers to be honored Sept. 6

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Two outstanding 4-H Club members from Haskell County will be honored at the Rolling Plains District 3 Super Saturday activities, Sept. 6 in Haskell at the Haskell Civic Center.

Top 4-H'ers in the district being honored will be Brooke Bullinger, daughter of Dale and Valiene Bullinger of Haskell and Kate Rowan, daughter of Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien.

The awards luncheon is planned and conducted by 4-H'ers on the District 4-H Council executive committee of the 2008-09 District 4-H Council.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, participate in 4-H for three years, complete a 4-H Recordbook and have at least three 4-H projects. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H.

Also to be recognized at the event will be Terri Klose of Haskell, outstanding 4-H adult volunteer. The District Salute to Excellence award recognizes

outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people.

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Haskell FBC to begin Bible study

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A bible study entitled "The Three Chairs, Experiencing Spiritual Breakthrough" by Bruce Wilkinson will be held at First Baptist Church, Haskell in the educational building on Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The video-based study will begin at 7:15 p.m., following evening worship, and will conclude

about 8:30 p.m. each night. The church ask that you call the office at 864-2581, to sign up for the study, get on the list for a book, or request a nursery.

The study, facilitated by Earlene Griffith, will consider breakthroughs in four areas: your life, your marriage, your family and with God. Each group session will include a video presentation featuring a dramatic vignette followed by Bruce Wilkinson's teaching.

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