#### Calendar

#### Softball tourney

A men's softball tournament will be held in Aspermont June 27-29. Twelve teams will be accepted. For entry fee and other information, call Ken at 940-997-2304 or Sophie at 940-200-0556.

#### Summer lunches

The Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 306 S. Ave G, Monday through Friday, through July 18. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No meals will be served July 4. Anyone ages 1 through 18 years of age may eat free. Adults may eat for the price of \$2.50 per plate.

#### Child safety seats

Texas law states that children under the age of 5 must be properly restrained in a child safety system. If you need information concerning the proper use of child safety seats or are in need of financial assistance to obtain a child safety seat, contact the Texas Dept. of State Health Services in Stamford by calling 325-773-5681.

#### Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme donuts will be available Sat., June 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Donuts are \$6 per dozen. Proceeds benefit the Mexico Mission trip conducted by Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell.

#### Support group

A cancer support group will meet on Tuesdays through July 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 1502 N. Ave. E. in Haskell. For information call 325-672-0040 or email acolley@cancer services network.org.

#### **Immunizations**

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., June 26 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from I to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

#### Patriotic concert

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell will present a patriotic choir cantata honoring the military Sun., June 29 at 11 a.m.

#### Concert

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell will present in concert 'According to Philippians' Sun., June 29 at 6 p.m.

#### Book sale

A book sale will be held Fri., June 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., June 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old library location, 412 N. 1st St. in Haskell. All books will be \$1 per bag. All proceeds benefit the Haskell Library Fund. The sale is hosted by Friends of the Haskell County Library.

#### Singing school

Haskell Singing School is scheduled July 6-11 for ages 10 through adult. Classes begin Mon., July 7 at 8:45 a.m. in the main auditorium of the Haskell Church of Christ. Register by calling the church office at 864-3101 or drop by 501 N. Ave. E for an application form.

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"The People's Choice"

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2008 QUAD COUNTY CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Mustangs, sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet, were named the 2008 Quad County Champions after playing undefeated in the tournament held in Rotan. This is the first Haskell minor league team to claim the Quad County Champion title. The team qualified for the tournament play by taking first place in the Haskell league. Team members include, front row, I-r, Christopher Hall,

Jonathan Jarvis, Wesley Gonzalez, Devon Barrios, John Anderson, Sam Fouts, Rocky Haggard, Manuel Gonzalez and Day'Veon Dockins; middle row, Riley Sloan, Kyler Hoover and Evan Wheatley; back row, Colton Young, assistant coach; Sealy Haggard, head coach; Mike Fouts, assistant coach; and Lance Sloan, assistant coach. Players not pictured are Turner Wade, Colton Wright, Caleb Wright and Gabriel Todd

## Altendorf crew helps wheat farmers with harvest

Wheat harvest is all but over now, and what a harvest it has been! From good crops to record breaking prices at market, it has been a successful harvest. Even the weather has cooperated to help "make a crop." While much of the wheat crop is gathered by local harvesters, often farmers, anxious to gather their crop from the fields, rely on custom harvesters.

One such custom harvester is Altendorf Harvesting and Transport Company. For the last several years, the Altendorf Harvesting crew has found its way to this area. According to the financial officer for the company, they are the largest customer of John Deere nationwide. They replace and update their equipment yearly, in order to provide the most efficient job of harvesting. A single combine costs in excess of \$240,000 plus a \$40,000 wheat header and a \$40,000 corn header. The company has 30 of the largest combines, 50 trucks, and all the accessory equipment needed to keep them running.

Altendorf employs over one hundred people. Many of their employees are from a variety of other countries, including South

Australia and Switzerland. Some of these are highly educated individuals with degrees in agronomy, engineering, etc. Most are highly paid, making up to \$80,000 a year. While some are here to work, learn, and even take back to their country all they can with regard to the agriculture system in the U.S., others will apply for citizenship and continue working for the company.

Africa, New Zealand, Romania,

In the spring, the harvesters begin their season in the San Antonio area with wheat harvest. They will continue working their way north cutting wheat, corn, milo and soybeans. During this trip the group may split into as many as three groups going to different areas. At the time of this interview, one group was staying in Haskell, one moving to Seymour, and the other moving to Oklahoma. In the Haskell area alone, they cut 25-30 thousand acres.

By the middle of December the harvesters will have cut approximately 300,000 acres of grain, all while passing through seven or eight states. It's not unusual for the company to put as many as 125,000 miles on their trucks in a single season.

Altendorf Harvesting, began by Elmer Altendorf in 1957, is a family run organization based out of Minto, North Dakota. Dave Dunn, spokesman for the company, extends an invitation to anyone willing to work hard while looking for adventure, to contact the North Dakota office and join the team.

## Texas Chiefs to host open house

The Texas Chiefs model airplane club will host their 2008 Open House Sat., June 28 at the Haskell model airport located 3 miles east on Highway 380. Look for a sign at the entrance of the airport.

The gate will open at 8 a.m. and the public is invited to come out and see the club's facility.

Several types of model airplanes will be on display and club members will be on hand to explain the various models.

Competition flying will not be held, but models will be flown.

## Gilcrease moves on

Haskell CISD Superintendent Buck Gilcrease offered his resignation to the Haskell School Board at a board meeting Mon., June 23. Gilcrease has accepted a position with the Hillsboro school system as superintendent. His duties begin July 1.

Ted Bedwell was hired to serve as interim superintendent. Bedwell served Haskell CISD as interim superintendent during the last superintendent search. Bedwell was superintendent of Ira and Eula schools before his retirement.

## Lightning safety

Lightning is the second greatest cause of storm related deaths in the U.S., killing more than tornadoes or hurricanes.

Lightning also inflicts life long debilitating injuries on many more than it kills.

No place outside is safe near a thunderstorm! Go inside if you hear thunder, but keep away from corded telephones, electrical appliances, and plumbing. The second safest place is a vehicle

with a metal roof and metal sides. Each year, about 300 children and adults in the U.S. are struck by lightning while working outside, at sports events, on the beach, mountain climbing, mowing the lawn or during other outdoor activities.

About 66 people are killed and several hundred more are left to cope with permanent disabilities. Many of these tragedies can be avoided. Finishing the game, getting a tan, or completing a work shift aren't worth death or crippling injury.

Yet because lightning usually claims only one or two victims at a time and does not cause mass destruction of property, it is underrated as a risk.



4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP LAB ATTENDEES—Attending the 4-H Ten Leadership Lab held June 16-18 at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood were, front row, I-r, Allison Petty and Grace Burgess; back row, Kate Rowan, Molly Dudensing and Jenny Dudensing. The camp theme was 'Life is a Highway . . . Make Every Mile a Memory.' Workshops and activities dealt with leadership, service learning, 4-H opportunities, team games, team building and dancing. Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag attended the lab as a chaperone.

## Hot weather precautions offered

As many Texas areas mark record high temperatures, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health officials offer precautions people can take to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool

Other heat precautions include:

•Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

\*Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

•Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when it's cooler.

•Take frequent breaks when working outside.

•At the first signs of heat illness-dizziness, heavy sweating, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps-move to a cooler location, rest a few minutes and slowly drink a cool liquid. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

•Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

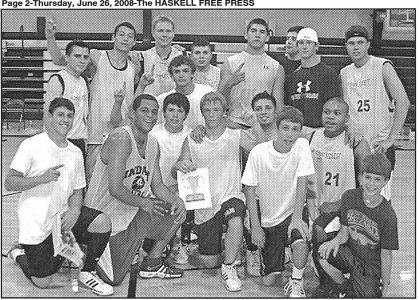
•Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who

may need help.

•Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature—an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate—will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to

•Check with a doctor or pharmacist about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription medications, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

The best defense against heatrelated illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are keys to staying healthy in hot



JUST FOR FUN-The Haskell 2002 Indians challenged the Haskell 2008 Indians to a "friendly" game of basketball. Although the 2002 Indians had more experience, the 2008 Indians were quicker on their feet and finished the game on top with a score of 84-70. Participants included, back row, I-r, Angel Pena, A.J. Alvarez, Josh Webb, Osiel Garcia, Derek Agraz, Kyle Hunt, Weston Rutkowski and Chase Selke; front, Austin Marshall, D.J. McCulloch, Greg Guzman, Aaron Rodriquez, Travis Adams, Melvin Garcia, John

## **Beef Short Course set** Aug. 4-6 in College Station

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The high price of fertilizer, diesel and other expenditures necessary to produce beef will be the focus of the 54th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 4-6 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Feed, fuel and fertilizer costs have nearly doubled in the past two years and are pressuring cattlemen to look for new ways to produce a pound of beef more economically," said Dr. Jason

Cleere, Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator.

"For many producers, cutting back production per acre of land in order to reduce input costs may not be an option," Cleere said.

"However, we can incorporate management practices that will make them more efficient," he said. These are just a couple of the many issues and topics that will be addressed at the short

"The 2008 short course will be

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one of the most important programs of the year for today's beef producers looking to the future," said Dr. Larry Boleman, associate executive vice president for operations at Texas A&M University and conference

"Information will be available for the most novice producers as well as for the most seasoned producers," Boleman said.

"Previous participants always comment on the variety of topics that are offered during the Beef Cattle Short Course," he said.

"Participants have an opportunity to choose from 19 different 'Cattleman's College' workshops which will feature information on ranch management, nutrition. reproduction, genetics, pastures, carcass evaluation, record keeping, cattle marketing, wildlife management and landowner issues.'

The Aug. 6 'Cattleman's College' sessions are designed to offer a more hands- on approach to calf working, cattle handling, cattle selection, carcass evaluation and record keeping, Cleere said.

Participants can receive private applicators license training that day and take a tour of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to the Cattleman's College sessions, a key general session will be offered on Aug.

"The goal of the Beef Cattle Short Course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information that is vital to beef cattle producers," said Cleere.

"Participants can earn numerous pesticide continuing education units if already licensed. The industry trade show will feature more than 100 agricultural businesses and

a tentative schedule will be Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist mailed to previous participants in Church with Pastor James W. June and can also be found on the Webb officiating. Burial was in Regina Billington of Lubbock, short course Web site. Producers may register online at http:// beef.tamu.edu or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at hfp@valornet.com



WINNING TEAM-The Haskell Summer League basketball team recently won the Seymour Team Camp. Posting a record of 7-1, games and scores were, Haskell 37, Holliday 42; Haskell 49, Childress 38; Haskell 40, City View 32; Haskell 39, Munday 33; Haskell 30, Bowie 25; Haskell 51, Petrolia 29; Haskell 36, Seymour 16; and Haskell 54, Seymour 36. Team members are, back row, I-r, Asst. Coach Tommy English, Tony Trevino, Cody Wyrick, Christian Myers, Austin Marshall, John English, Simon Rodriquez, Ross Wittenborn, Clint Howard, Coach Leon Goudeau, and front, Joseph Rodriquez.

### **Obituaries**

#### Flint Nanny

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Nanny died Wed., June 18. Born May 8, 1963 in Odessa, he was the son of Joel Nanny and Charlotte Redwine. He graduated from Odessa High School in 1982 and married Lisa Myers July 1, 1989 in Haskell. He was a Journeyman Electrician and worked for Nanny Plumbing in Haskell and Foreman Electric in Odessa. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Otho and Jenelle Nanny and maternal grandparents, Charley and Lois Redwine; and father-in-law, Carl W. Myers.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Nanny of Haskell; mother, Charlotte Foreman and husband Vern of Odessa; father, Joel Nanny and wife, Betsy of Haskell; sons, Trey Rogers and Austin Nanny, both of Haskell; daughter, Amber Martinez of Haskell; brothers, Butch Foreman and wife, Jona of Odessa, Billy Foreman of Brandon, Florida, and Ryan Nanny and wife, Becca of Lubbock; sisters, Monica Childs and husband, John of Midland, Darlene Shaub and husband, Buzz of Los Angeles, California, Lucy Riley and husband, Greg of Odessa and Michelle Frith of Oregon; three grandchildren, Zander, Jordan and Ayden; and mother-in-law, Myra Myers of Haskell.

Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation, Transplant Fund Program, 1425 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009-1000. Reference: Pierce Nanny acct. #0529.

#### Onita Morton Coker Russell

Funeral services for Onita Morton Coker Russell, 14, 1987 in Graham. She was a retired dental office 64, of Graham were held Sat., June 21 in the First Baptist Church of Graham with Gary Tull, assistant to the pastor officiating. Graveside services followed in Rule Cemetery in Rule under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home of Graham.

**FLINT NANNY** 

Nanny, 45, of Haskell were held

Sun., June 22 at the family

cemetery in Wayland. Services

were under the direction of

Graveside services for Flint

Mrs. Russell died Wed., June 18 in Wichita Falls. Born Oct. 16, 1943 in Stamford, she was the daughter of the late William Howard 'Bill' and Martha Ann Ray Morton. She married Lynn Coker March 31, 1961 in Rule. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1983. She moved from Stamford to Graham in 1971. She married Danny R. Russell Feb.

manager and member of the First Baptist Church in Graham.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Coker and brother, Billy Morton.

Survivors include her husband, Danny Russell of Graham; daughter, Sheri Jones and husband, Chris Curry of Graham; son, Terry Coker and wife, Brenda of Graham; sister, Margie Gibson of Wichita Falls; grandchildren, Kaylynn Smith, Natasha Coker, Derek Jones and Ericha Jones; great grandson, Mason Smith; several cousins, nieces and

#### Gussie Lee Billington



GUSSIE BILLINGTON

Funeral services for Gussie service exhibits," Cleere said. Lee Billington, 65, of Haskell Registration information and were held Tues., June 24 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. Mrs. Billington died Thurs.,

June 19 at her home.

Born July 7, 1942 in Buffalo, she was the daughter of George Johnson and the late Alice B. Johnson. She married Johnie Earl Billington Jan. 7, 1963 in Haskell. She was a homemaker who enjoyed taking care of her children. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and

She was preceded in death by

Survivors include her husband, Johnie; her father, George; daughters, Georgia Ned and husband Edward of Dumas,

Lynelle Roberson of Arlington, and Syreeta Finley and husband Aaron of Dallas; sons, James Ray Billington and wife Dana of Haskell, Richard Billington and wife JaNita of Amarillo, Johnie Billington and wife Cathy of Haskell, Kenneth Billington of Haskell, Quinten Billington of Abilene, Kevin Billington and Melissa Gray of Haskell, and Tyrone Billington of Arlington; brothers, Glendale Johnson of Lancaster, Kenneth Johnson of Dallas, and Vincent James Johnson of Plano; sisters, Gabriella Johnson of Abilene, Marie Hammond of Abilene and Johnetta Brown of Duncanville: twenty-four grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

#### Juan 'Big John' Castillo



**JUAN CASTILLO** 

Funeral services for Juan 'Big John' Castillo, 61, of Haskell were held Mon., June 23 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Pastor Paul Garza officiating. Burial was in Willow

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. Mr. Castillo died Fri., June 20

in Abilene. Born Feb. 20, 1947 in La Gloria, he was the son of Willie

and Benilde Castillo. He was self employed for many years running his own lawn service. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by

his parents; wife, Isabel Castillo; son, Johnny Castillo Jr.; one brother, Florencio Castillo Sr.; one sister, Adela Tapia; and one granddaughter, Brittany Gonzales.

Survivors include son, Chuckie Castillo and wife Delia of New Braunfels; daughters, Silvia Brown and husband Brian of Haymarket, Virginia, Gloria Cemetery under the direction of Gonzales and husband Noah of

Medford, Oklahoma, and Velma Martinez and husband Joe of Rochester; brother, Vicente Castillo of Stephenville; sisters, Lucilla Diaz of Wichita Falls, Berta Acuna and husband Jesus of Stephenville, and Luz Belle Gallegos and husband Cecil of twenty-one grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Nico Castillo, Jonathan Martinez, Vicente Castillo Jr., Jamie Guevara, Stephen Guevara and Joe Martinez.

Honorary pallbearers were Chuckie Castillo Jr., Bryant Castillo, Joshua Castillo, Buddy Ray Castillo, Michael Brown, Noel Gonzales, Gabriel Gonzales and Matthew Martinez

Final plans are being made for the 35th annual Stamford Art Foundation show and sale held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion July 2-5 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery in Stamford. The preview party is July 1.

Approximately 200 pieces of art is to be on exhibit and each will range in price from \$95 to \$5,000.

The Preview Party, where the art may be viewed for the first time, is set for Tues., July 1. Those attending will have an opportunity to visit with the Texas Rehabilitation Center.

artists. A steak dinner and music by Key West Band will be featured. Eighteen artists will participate in the quick draw

Information and reservations for the preview party tickets may be obtained by calling Dawn Ham at 325-773-2411 or the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at 325-793-3512.

The art show will continue July 2-5 in the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children.

All proceeds benefit the West

## Squash cook-off winners named

off was held at the Village Primitive in Rule Fri., June 20, with twenty-six entries in relish, bread, cookies, pie, cake, jam, cassoroles, fritters and squash

Seventy-one attended the event which was judged by Butch Branon, a trama nurse of Abilene. and Perry Smith, a science and agriculture teacher of Post. People attended from Longview, Faye Simpson.

The third annual squash cook- Post, Sweetwater, Haskell, Abilene, Rule and Old Glory.

First place winners were Doris Lehrmann, Lela Bowles, Laura Ply, Lauren Stanley and Mittie Dunham. Second place winners were Irene Richardson, Anthony Scoggins, Lela Bowles and Joyce Turner.

Third place winners were Butch Branon, Doris Lehrmann, Joyce Turner, Frances Clark and

## Old Glory groups to celebrate 100th anniversaries

The members of the Old Glory Sons of Hermann Lodge and the board members of the Old Glory Cemetery invites everyone to join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organizations Sun., June 29 at the Old Glory Lodge in Old Glory.

Registration for the event will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by a

program at 3:30 p.m.

A sandwich supper will be served at 5 p.m. with a dance to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with the Herman Hearn band

If you plan to attend, please call Verlene Corzine at 325-773-3134 so that adequate food may

## Should you skip the sunscreen for vitamin D?

Studies suggest that getting enough vitamin D may prevent a host of diseases, including cancer, type 1 diabetes and multiple

Some experts advise that your skin can produce all the vitamin D your body needs with 15 minutes of sun exposure daily, but what about the risk of skin cancer?

For those who are at high risk of skin cancer or who just don't want to take any chances, dietary vitamin D offers a solution, says Dr. Jo Ann Carson, a clinical

nutritionist at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Foods rich in vitamin D include fatty fish like salmon and tuna, shiitake mushrooms, egg yolks and vitamin D-fortified dairy products.

Taking a vitamin D supplement every day can also help, but don't take more than 1,000 IU per day, Dr. Carson said. In addition, be sure to take the form called cholecalciferol, or vitamin D3, because it results in the most active vitamin D in the

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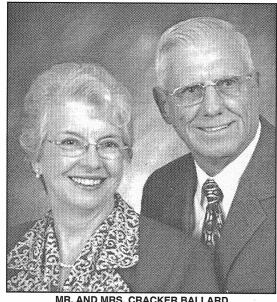
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Haskell. Friends are invited.

Lois Ann Huntsman and George Lanoy Ballard were married July 4, 1958 in the United

# Alzheimer's Memory

will host a Memory Walk Kick-Off party July 24 at 5 p.m. at Royal Estates Retirement Community in Abilene. Refreshments will be provided. The Kick-Off will provide an opportunity for past Memory Walk team captains to pick up information about this year's Walk. Prospective Memory Walk team captains are encouraged to attend to find out how their participation can make a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer's disease. This year, Abilene's Memory Walk will take place Sept. 20 at Nelson Park.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk is the largest national fundraising event for Alzheimer's disease support programs and is held in more than

The Alzheimer's Association country. It attracts a wide audience of individuals, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$265

To RSVP for the Kick-Off party, start a team or make a donation, contact the Abilene office of the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or visit the Walk website at www.alz.org/northcentraltexas and follow the Memory Walk

The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer's research and support, is the first and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for

## Modelle Barton to celebrate birthay

Modelle Barton will be honored on her 90th birthday Sun., June 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rochester Women's Club in

Rochester.

Everyone is invited to join her for cake and punch.





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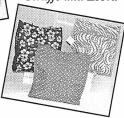
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## **OPINION**

#### TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

By Ed Sterling

#### Security effort by DPS, Border Patrol to target commercial truckers

AUSTIN-The state of Texas is working with the U.S. Border Patrol to catch and prosecute commercial truckers who smuggle illegal weapons, drugs or humans across the Texas-Mexico border.

The name for this new joint operation is "Texas Hold 'Em."

A news release from the governor's office says "Texas border security operations have put mounting pressure on Mexican crime cartels and other crime organizations to find alternate ways of smuggling contraband into the state. This includes recruiting commercial drivers to transport contraband, including drugs and humans, across the border in return for bribes."

The Border Patrol will work with the DPS, making sure the agency receives the necessary court documents to suspend violators' driver licenses upon a felony smuggling conviction.

In the first eight months of fiscal year 2008, Border Patrol agents in Texas intercepted 423 tractor trailers resulting in the detainment of more than 1,800 undocumented immigrants and more than 112,000 pounds of illegal drugs. In the Laredo area, 330 truck drivers have been caught smuggling drugs or humans into Texas in the last 18 months, the governor's office reported June 19.

The Border Patrol is pursuing similar agreements with other states to expand the program nationwide.

#### AG supports federal 'shield' law

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on June 20 wrote to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in favor of S. 2035, legislation to create a federal reporter's shield law.

The purpose of such a law would be to protect media reporters from being forced to identify their sources, under certain conditions.

"As attorney general," wrote Abbott, "I have consistently supported a qualified reporter's privilege that would allow journalists to conceal their confidential sources under specific—and appropriate—

circumstances.

"In 2005, we filed a brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing that the federal courts should recognize a common-law reporter's privilege. Urging the

high court to recognize this protection for journalists, we wrote that 'an informed citizenry and the preservation of news information sources are of vital importance to a free society.'

"Preserving sources' identities would strengthen the constitutionally protected freedoms of the press and expression by ensuring that government cannot unilaterally compel reporters to reveal confidential sources. As Texas' chief law enforcement official, however, I believe that any legislation creating a reporter's privilege must be balanced with law enforcement and national security interests.

"With that in mind, I urge the Senate to pass legislation creating a qualified federal reporter's privilege. The Congress should ensure that independent third parties evaluate on a case-by-case basis when governmental access to confidential sources is necessary to protect our nation. Thus, when authorities want access to journalists' confidential sources, they should have a mechanism that renders that information accessible-but only after satisfying an independent arbiter that the government met the burden established by the Congress.

"If passed, a reporter's shield bill would preserve our nation's longstanding commitment to freedom of the press while also protecting our ability to protect our fellow citizens," Abbott concluded in his letter.

#### Official seeks security audit

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission, on June 19 said he would ask the U.S. Secret Service to analyze the security of state buildings.

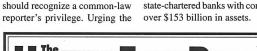
This follows a June 8 arson fire that gutted the governor's mansion.

It's been reported that some of the security cameras were not working and the security detail was inadequate at the governor's mansion when the fire occurred.

Texas Crime Stoppers is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who started the fire.

#### State banking chief resigns

Randall S. James, Texas banking commissioner, on June 16 announced his retirement from the Texas Finance Commission. In that role for the last 16 years, James has held supervisory and regulatory authority over 330 state-chartered banks with control



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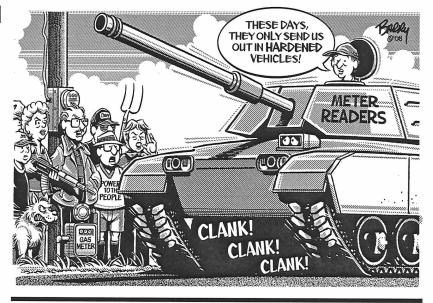
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### From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 25, 1998

Misti Henson, a member of the Haskell varsity cheerleaders, was selected by the UCA staff as an All-Star Cheerleader.

Regional County Jail is expected to bring 55 to 60 new jobs to Haskell. Construction is hoped to be completed by fall of 1999

Colin Howeth and Andrew Martin made the Honor Roll at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls.

#### 20 Years Ago June 30, 1988

James Halliburton and Debra Coker, both of Rule High School

were named, Mr. and Miss RHS. Haskell High School classes of 1958, 1959 and 1960 gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas for the 30 year reunion of the class of 1958.

Officers of the Haskell FFA attended Area II leadership school. Officers were Brad Bevel, Penny Peden, Patrick Burson, Dalyn Gilly, Shane Osbourne and Miesy Dayin

Missy Davis.
Grand opening of the new Wal-Mart store in Stamford will take place this winter.

#### 30 Years Ago June 29, 1978

Bobby J. Lusk of Rule attended a summer workshop on the American economic system at Texas A&M University.

Texas A&M University.

Lois A. Howard and Curtis W.

Darden received certificates for

donating a total of one gallon of blood at the Red River Bloodmobile.

Forty-two ex-students and exteachers of Pleasant Valley School gathered in the Haskell Community Building for a reunion. Carrie Rogers Josselet was the oldest ex-student present.

Members of the city council, discussed an acute water shortage and set a curtailment and rationing program.

#### 40 Years Ago June 27, 1968

Hess Hartsfield has purchased W.I. (Scotch) Coggins interest in the Coggins-Hartsfield Ins. Agency and is now the sole owner.

Jerry Briscoe was the top racer at the Haskell Speedway.

Billie McKeever has been named to the Dean's List at Hardin-Simmons University.

Former Haskell County Judge J.C. Davis Jr., has been honored by the Attorney General Office for his 25 year tenure in the state office.

The Army's Bronze Star Medal, one of the highest military awards made by the direction of the President, was recently awarded to Spec. 4 Almo S. Galindo of Haskell, for "meritorious service in Vietnam."

#### ious service in Vi 50 Years Ago

June 26, 1958

H.C. Henry King, WTU

manager for 31 years, is retiring.

Western Auto Store

announced a sale of the new Wizard electric sewing machine. The City Council has

authorized the purchase of a storm warning signal for the city. Jimmy Alley went to San Angelo for a visit with his mother, Golda Alley and his brothers

Freddie and Jesse and his sister, Wanda.
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Freeman spent the weekend in Cameron where they visited Mrs. Freeman's sons, Francis and

Wayne Puckett.
Vicki Medley, qualified swimming instructor for the Haskell swimming pool, registered those interested in swimming lessons.

#### 100 Years Ago June 27, 1908

G.H. Taylor of the east side is building a new home.

C.W. Turner has returned from a visit to his old home in South Carolina.

A good rain amounting to 1.77 inches fell and farmers from all parts of the county reported rain.

J.L. Robertson attended the probabilities really at East Worth.

prohibition rally at Fort Worth.

The first carload of hogs shipped from Haskell County was billed out by W.T. Hudson to Fort

J.L. Baldwin of Haskell and G.C. Nance of Rule have purchased a twenty horse power automobile and will carry passengers for \$1.00 each way.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott
bills, the delinquent accounts

#### Don't Get Cheated by Credit Report Schemes Although many Internet sites

claim to offer free annual credit reports, only one Web site is actually authorized to do so: www.annualcreditreport.com. In 2003, Congress passed the

Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), which granted every American the right to look at their credit report once a year at no charge. As a result, all Texans may request a free annual copy of their credit report from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. AnnualCreditReport.com is the official site created by the three major credit bureaus to help consumers obtain their free credit report.

Since the FCRA's enactment.

Since the FCRA's enactment, online marketers have launched Web sites that purport to offer "free" credit reports-but rarely follow through on their promises. Many alternative sites require users to purchase other products or services, and place unnecessary conditions on credit report requests.

One Internet marketer, for

example, requires users to enroll in costly credit monitoring services, which can only be canceled online after exactly 23 days. Another Web-based service automatically enrolls users in a discount travel service program. The Federal Trade Commission has issued warnings about "free

actually designed to capture consumers' personal information, which the scammers either sell or use to commit identity theft. Texans should also be wary of

credit report" sites that are

Internet offers promising "free credit scores" or "free credit monitoring." Neither is part of the government-mandated free annual credit report program.

The bottom line is that no one

The bottom line is that no one has to purchase their free credit report. Before ordering a credit report from an unauthorized online marketer, Texans should be sure to read the fine print carefully.

Through AnnualCredit

Report.com, Texans may order one, two or all three credit bureau reports at the same time, or they may consider staggering their requests. Because the three major credit bureaus get their information from different sources, the information in a report from one bureau may not reflect all, or the same, information in reports from the other two bureaus. Ordering a credit report from a different bureau every four months may be a good way to spot any errors or unauthorized account activity.

By periodically reviewing their credit reports, consumers help guard against identity theft. Identity thieves may use a consumer's personal information to open new credit card accounts or commit other financial crimes. When the thieves fail to pay the

show up on the victims' credit report. Inaccurate credit history, if left uncorrected, may affect a consumer's ability to get credit, insurance or even a job. Texans who discover

problems with their credit report should notify both the credit bureau and the creditor in writing. Credit bureaus must investigate the items in question, unless they consider the dispute frivolous. They also must forward all the data about the inaccuracy to the creditor that reported the disputed information.

Upon receiving the

information, creditors must review the relevant information and report the results to the credit bureau. If the creditor discovers the disputed information is inaccurate, it must notify all three credit bureaus so they can correct the information in the consumer's file.

Texans should also contact the

Texans should also contact the creditor directly to dispute inaccuracies. If the creditor reports the item to a credit bureau, it must notify the bureau about the requestor's dispute. If the requestor's dispute is verified, the creditor may not report it again.

Texans who encounter a credit reporting agency or creditor that refuses to correct inaccurate information should file a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Federal Trade Commission.

#### Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Unfavorable weather conditions in the cotton growing regions of the United States provided some support for the cotton market this week while pressure from losses in other commodity markets carried over to press the market lower.

As always, at this point in the growing season industry observers closely watch for possible changes in the condition of the U.S. cotton crop. USDA reported 20 percent of the crop was in very poor to poor condition in the week ended June 15, up from 12 percent the previous week. Forty-nine percent of the cotton crop was rated in good to excellent condition, down from 54 percent one week earlier.

Forecasts for rains in the hot, dry West Texas area pressured cotton prices early in the week as the timeframe nears for final insurance adjustments. On June 20 and June 25, regions of the Texas High Plains that have been claimed as losses by producers will be abandoned and acreage figures will be reduced. It was believed by some analysts that rain ahead of and in this timeframe likely would aid cotton development, adding to, rather than detracting from the acreage figure.

Hot, humid conditions rule in South Texas. Daytime highs have been in the mid-90-degree level with heat index readings reaching 108 degrees. Blooms are forming on the more mature stands in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and as plants enter the heavy fruiting stage, water demands are increasing. Drought conditions prevail, however, and a vast majority of the crop is exhibiting signs of heat stress. Around the Corpus Christi area, producers have reported some of the crop already is reaching "shut-off" stage and blooming in the top of

the plant.

"Texas is a mess," an analyst said. "It's a dry and windy mess there, and while far from dead, the crop has at least been maimed."

Meanwhile, weekly U.S. cotton export figures from USDA came in on the low end of expectations as sales reached a marketing year low in the week ended June 12. Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 41,800 bales, down a staggering 90 percent from the previous week and 87 percent from the fourweek average. Major buyers included Bangladesh, Mexico, Indonesia and Chile.

Export shipments of 291,300 bales were down six percent from the previous week but up 10 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

"The export shipment total

was in the 300,000 bale area which, given the ongoing container shortage, wasn't too bad at all," a cotton market observer said. "It is at this time of the season that cancellations are bound to arise as marketing year inventory is squared up. Many may try to make a fuss over a few adjustments, but they are to be expected."

With only seven reporting weeks left, upland shipments need to average approximately 341,000 bales per week or total nearly 2.4 million bales to reach USDA's latest estimate. About 2.9 million bales were shipped during this period last year.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 15,861 bales in the week ended June 19 compared to 8,882 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers ranged from 63.59 to 68.45 cents per pound versus 61.99 to 62.92 cents per pound one week ago.

North Central Jaxas 135 N. Munday Ave. Munday, Texas 76371 P.O. Box 36 Phone (940) 422-4051 Municipal Water Authority April 3, 2008 City of Goree City of Haskell City of Knox City City of Aspermont City of Benjamin City of O'Brien City of Rule
Paint Creek Water Supply Corp. Rhineland Water Supply Corp. Re: Water Quality Data for CCF Dear City / Water Supply Corp. Official: We are providing the enclosed information for your use in preparing your 2007 Cons

## 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report) City of Haskell Phone No. 940-864-2333

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

#### **Public Participation Opportunities**

Date: July 1 - July 31, 2008 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: 301 South 1st

schedule one, please call us.

Phone Number 940-864-2333 To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to

#### **Our Drinking Water** Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) **Drinking Water Requirements**

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

WATER SOURCES: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

#### En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. 940864 \_ -2333 \_ - para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

#### Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from SURFACE water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: MILLERS CREEK RESERVOIR. A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water sources(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and will be provided to us this year. The report will describe the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment will allow us and/or the system(s) from which we

receive water to focus on source water protection strategies. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system. please contact us. City of Haskell

P.O. Box 1003 Haskell, TX 79521

#### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

#### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

#### **About The Following Pages**

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

#### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

#### Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos) pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of

radioactivity) parts per million, or milligrams per liter

(mg/L)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter  $(\mu g/L)$ 

- parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

## NOTICE TO CITY OF HASKELL WATER **CONSUMERS**

Mayor Bob Smith

Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford

Randy Bowers Chan Guess Jason Hall



Administrative Assistant Jennifer Bridges

P.O. Box 1003 • Haskell, Texas 79521 • 940 864-2333 2007 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water

Our goal at the City of Haskell is to provide you with high-quality, safe drinking water that federal and state standard. As mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), this "Con allily tap water, you can count on the City of Haskell to provide its citizens with only the best.

We are glad to report that the water provided by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (NCTMWA), water treatment plant meets or exceeds water quality standards.

The City of Haskell receives its water supply form the Miller Creek Reservoir located in Baylor and morton Countles on FM 1608 approximately 10 miles southeast of Goree.

This CCR report is based on test conducted in the year 2007 by the City of Haskell. The City of Haskell collects samples each month which is 48 per year. One sample was reported bad and refested with good results for a total of 57 samples. One random sample was taken for a business and refuse with This is to ensure the safety and quality of our water. These samples are to ensure that the City of Haskell is and copper tests are conducted every three years.

Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain containment in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to containment and safe and amounts of some containment. The presence of containment does not necessarily indicate that hot water poses a health risk. More information about containment and potential health efficiency and provided by calling the Environment Protection Agency's Sale Drinking Water Holline (1-800-426).

The City of Haskell along with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is proud to annou that we do have "A Safe Water for Drinking". This CCR was developed in accordance with part 40 CFR cCR documents was prepared as requested by the City of Haskell.

Terms used in Water Quality Table and in other parts of this CCR are defined as follows.

Maximum Containment Level or MCL: The highest level of a containment that is allowed in water. MCL are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment

Maximum Containment Level Goal or MCLG: The level of containment in drinking water below e is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of Copper and/or Lead which, when exceeded, triggers it or other requirements which a water system must follow.

#### Inorganic Contaminants

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Fluoride	0.78	0.78	0.78	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2007	Nitrate	0.14	0.14	0.14	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use: leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2007	Combined Radium 226 & 228	0.8	0.8	0.8	5	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
2007	Gross beta emitters	8.9	8.9	8.9	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
2007	Gross alpha	0.8	0.8	0.8	15	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Systems must complete and submit disinfection data on the Disinfection Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR). On the CCR report, the system must provide disinfectant type, minimum, maximum and average levels.

	Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Levei	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical
used year's quarterly single sample single sample control microbes	2007	Disinfectant used	Average level of CCR year's quarterly	Minimum result single sample	Maximum result single sample	4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Total Haloacetic Acids	31.4	31.4	31.4	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2007	Total Trihalomethanes	72.6	72.6	72.6	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts WAIVED OR NOT YET SAMPLED Unregulated Contaminants

23.64 23.64 23.64 Chloroform ppb Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. Bromodichlorometh 15.93 15.93 15.93 ppb Byproduct of drinking water disinfection Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

#### ead and Copper nant The 90th Percentile Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level 2007 7.7 15 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of 1.3 ppm Corrosion of household plumbing systems: erosion of natural deposits: leaching from wood preservatives. 0.373

Recommended Additional Health Information for Lead

All water systems are required by EPA to report the language below starting with the 2009 CCR to be delivered to you by July of 2010. We are providing this information now as a courtesy.

July 01 2010. We are providing this information now as a courtesy.

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water lested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead."

#### Turbidit

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Turbidity	0.20	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

Total Coliform

Total coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.

Year	Contaminant		Monthly Number of sitive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Total Coliform Bac	teria	1		Presence	Naturally present in the environment.

Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2007	Bicarbonate	126	126	126	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2007	Chloride	35	35	35	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element: used in water purification: byproduct of oil field activity
2007	Hardness as Ca/Mg	176	176	176	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2007	pH	7.5	7.5	7.5	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2007	Sulfate	50	50	50	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2007	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	126	126	126	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2007	Total Dissolved	282	282	282	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.



ATTEND WORKSHOP-Nine Haskell CISD colleagues attended the Fifth Annual Texas Center for Service Learning Summer Service Learning Institute, the premier professional development event in service learning in Texas. This year's institute included workshops by nationally recognized consultants Cathy Berger Kaye, Jim Toole and Shelley Billig, in addition to workshops by outstanding Texas presenters. For those new to servicelearning, they gained practical resources and helpful suggestions to allow them to be successful right away. Intermediate and advanced practitioners deepened their knowledge of service learning through targeted sessions on topics such as the new service learning standards, authentic assessment of service learning projects, strategies for rigorous learning across the curriculum, and ways to sustain and institutionalize success. Everyone benefited from the PeaceJam presentation and enjoyed a reception at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum with a representative from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as keynote speaker. Attending were, I-r, Cathy Berger Kaye, national consultant for Service Learning; Tara Olson, Caron Yates, Peggy Adams, Pam Gibson, Debbie Miller, Sherry Adams, Peggy Darden, Bonnie Fouts and Paula Everett. The nine also represented the district during the STARS Service Learning Grant activities.

#### Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

June 30-July 4 Milk is served daily. Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried okra, hot rolls, strawberries

Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, garden salad, tortilla chips, salsa, cantaloupe Wednesday: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, vanilla ice cream with toppings

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, fresh frozen peaches Friday: Closed

## **ECC Menu**

Mon., June 30

Announcements begin at

#### Students in the News

Courtney Buerger graduated Magna Cum Laude May 9 from Texas A&M University in College Station. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics with an emphasis in finance and real

She was honored on April 12 at the College of Agriculture and Life Science banquet. She received the Senior Merit award, the top award given to a senior, as well as the Excellence in Academic and Leadership award.

Buerger has accepted a position with Frontier Risk Management in Corpus Christi.

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Gina Buerger of Avoca.

Kolt S. Kittley of Rule, a senior majoring in Sports/ Exercise Sciences at West Texas A&M University, has been undergraduate hours.



**COURTNEY BUERGER** 

named to the President's List. Students on the list must have a grade point average of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12

## State is cracking down on uninsured drivers

State officials issued a stern warning to millions of Texas motorists: if you're driving without car insurance, your free ride is coming to an end.

Representatives from the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) were on hand to unveil Texas- Sure, the state's new program to identify vehicles without liability insurance. The goal is to reduce the number of uninsured vehicles in Texas, currently estimated approximately 4 million.

At its heart, TexasSure is a secure database that matches the records of registered passenger vehicles in Texas to personal auto insurance policy data submitted by 200- plus Texas insurance With companies. such information at their fingertips, law enforcement officers and county tax officials can instantly verify whether a vehicle has auto liability coverage required by state law.

The four collaborating state agencies see the upcoming launch of the new database as a wakeup call for Texas' uninsured motorists: if you're not covered, you'll be discovered.

"Many different stakeholders helped to develop the technology system needed to make this work. I commend DPS, TxDOT, DIR and those in the insurance industry for putting together this one-of-akind solution," said Texas Insurance Commissioner Mike Geeslin. "Any tool that helps us reduce the number of uninsured vehicles is good news for law-abiding Texans with coverage.

Drivers with auto insurance don't need to do anything other

than continue to carry their proof of insurance card, as required by law. Texas insurance companies send policy information each week to the TexasSure vendor, and it is matched to TxDOT's vehicle registration records.

"For too long, having a collision in Texas has been like playing a game of Russian roulette, where you never know whether the at-fault driver is carrying the required insurance," said DPS Highway Patrol Lt. Sanchez, "Because of TexasSure, we believe drivers now will be far more likely to get and keep a liability policy when they realize we have a way to identify phony proof-of-insurance cards and catch those who cancel their policy as soon as they get their cars registered or inspected."

Texas law requires minimum liability coverage of \$25,000 per injured person, up to a total of \$50,000 for everyone injured in an accident and \$25,000 for property damage. Liability coverage pays other people's expenses in accidents caused by the insured driver.

Driving without liability insurance can result in a fine of up to \$350 and possibly hundreds of dollars more in court costs and additional fees. Repeat offenders also are subject to a twoyear driver license suspension

The new database verification program will be fully implemented statewide later this vear. TxDOT and county tax officials have begun using the database in local county tax offices for vehicle registration. DPS is currently field testing the program in the Austin area.

More than 30 other states have some type of auto insurance verification program in place. Each has seen a reduction in the number of uninsured vehicles on the road.

## and Calendar

Lunch-Hamburger steak, onion and brown gravy, buttered corn, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



The word 'help' is one of the most versatile ones in our language. It can mean something as little as holding a door open for someone, or as much as offering your services as a full-time volunteer to help the poor. Your local community is full of people and organizations in need of your assistance, and this list includes your house of worship. When you think of all the blessings you have received there if you

have been attending the services regularly, you will be filled with a natural desire to do whatever you can in return. This might involve making phone calls, typing the bulletin, baking cookies, painting the stripes in the parking lot or performing some other needed job. You depend on the Lord for many things; show Him that He can depend on you to be there when

#### 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 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, Haskel 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

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

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

Trinity Baptist Church

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 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

-ROCHESTER-Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

West on Main Street, Rocheste First Baptist Church Fred Garvin, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.

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 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 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 Omegs 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., Ru 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

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Weather Radar

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A: It's the type of radar that uses sound waves to detect strength and movement of severe storms, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M Doppler radar is that it allows us University. It's named after the Austrian scientist Christian Doppler, who in 1842 discovered many of the principles of sound waves that we know today.

"Doppler radar allows us to observe the movement of precipitation, such as rainfall or even snowfall and ice crystals, by using sound waves that bounce off these substances," he says. "Water drops and snow and ice will reflect a sound wave and send it back to a transmitter or receiver and because it's so precise, Doppler can tell us the movement of storms and how intense they are. It usually does this with the use of a colored monitor or screen showing

severe storms as dark green, blue or red.

Q: Is Doppler radar effective? A: Very much so, notes McRoberts. "It's the most advanced weather radar system there is," he explains.

"The unique aspect of to look inside a storm. We can project rainfall amounts and detect the movement of storms. even tornadoes, better than ever and this gives meteorologists a method to give the public advance warnings, sometimes even up to an hour. Up until the 1980s, many weather stations were using radar technology that was used in the 1940s and 1950s. Doppler radar eventually replaced all of those. Today, there are 160 Doppler sites around the U.S. and about 113 of these are operated by the National Weather Service. The rest are used by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or by the Department of Defense.'

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Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

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Dist/Div: Abilene

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection. along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor

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#### **Public Notices**

Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A request has been received from Loraine Johnson to change the following described property: Block 9, Lot 7 & 8 Addition Brown & Roberts, address 201 N. Ave. B East, from industrial zoning district to general residential zoning district. If zoning is achieved, the applicant proposes to use the property for single wide mobile home.

The planning and zoning commission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on Thurs., July 10, 2008 at 12 noon in the City Hall Meeting Room.

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## Protect Seniors from fraud and exploitation

Fraud by friends and family, "new best friends," thieving caregivers," religious con artists, financial abuse by family members-these are examples of exploitation and should be reported to Adult Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400.

Adult Protective Services has implemented a public awareness campaign entitled "It's Everyone's Business." The campaign is designed to make people aware of the importance of reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

There are many kinds of fraud and exploitation. Adult Protective Services may be able to help seniors and persons with disabilities who are victims.

The exploitation may begin with a simple request-but it becomes a "slippery slope" of continuing needs. Perhaps a caregivers begins by asking for a loan due to special circumstances like healthcare or school supplies for their children. The vulnerable adult receiving care feels obligated or concerned and offers help. The requests and "crisis" situations continue as the caregiver takes more and more money from the adult resulting in exploitation.

Adult Protective Services investigates these situations and others when there is an ongoing relationship between the adult and the alleged perpetrator. Often the loss of funds creates a

situation of neglect-leaving the victim with a loss of utilities or unable to pay for medications. APS is often able to put in services to get basic needs met and alleviate these problems while working with law enforcement to stop the perpetrator from further exploitation.

Seniors and persons with disabilities are often victims of other types of exploitation or fraud such as home equity fraud where a homeowner may be tricked into signing over the deed to his home. Often a person pretending to be a repairman or someone offering another service does this scam. The elderly person signs a contract believing

it to be for roof repair, for example, and does not read it carefully enough to realize that it is a deed to their own home. Report instances of this type of fraud to the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office at 1-800-621-0508.

Older persons may be vulnerable to some scams because they are more trusting. Some telemarketing schemes and mail fraud schemes target the elderly. Some examples of telemarketing schemes which often target elders are the "You Are A Winner!" pitch, which misleads victims with a nonexistent prize in order to get them to buy something. Other

examples include offers for great loans or "fixing" bad credit or any caller requesting your bank account or credit card number.

The best way to avoid telemarketing fraud is to watch for "tip-off" statements and just say NO and hang up. Typical "tipoff" statements include: "Act now or the offer will expire" or "You've won a "free" gift, vacation, or prize, but you must pay for "postage and handling" or some other charge.'

Mail fraud usually involves a situation that sounds too good to be true because it is! Watch out for fake contests, prizes, lotteries, chain letters, insurance deals and promotions for fake health cures, beauty devices, or diets. Report scams by contacting the Postal Service Mail Fraud Complaint Center at 1-800-372-8347 or National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060.

watch for are advertisements for fake "cures" and fraudulent medical and health services marketed via the television or telephone (victims send in their money and never receive the ordered item or receive a copy rather than an authentic product). Other examples include "free" hearing tests and hearing aids, health care fraud where phony or real physicians take advantage of patients as a means of getting money from the victim's insurance company; and bogus insurance companies.

It's everyone's business to help protect seniors and disabled adults from these types of fraud and exploitation. To report exploitation, contact Adult Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400 or through the website www.txabusehotline.org.

#### Tips to help control mosquitoes

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. Mosquitoes are among the most important insect pests affecting the health of people and animals. Biting female mosquitoes not only irritate people and animals, but they can also transmit many diseasecausing organisms.

Annoying populations of mosquitoes can occur anywhere in Texas because there are habitats favorable for mosquito species almost everywhere in the

control mosquitoes effectively, it helps to understand their life cycle, to be able to identify the various kinds of mosquitoes, and to know what steps work best for the different species and specific locations.

Mosquitoes have four distinct stages during their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult.

The adult stage is free-flying; the other stages are aquatic.

The length of time that mosquito takes to complete its life cycle varies according to food availability, weather conditions and the species of mosquito. Under favorable conditions, some mosquitoes can complete their entire life cycle in only 8-10 days.

Eggs: In warm water, the eggs may hatch in 2-3 days. Some

mosquito eggs can remain dormant in dry conditions for many months.

Larva: The next cycle from the egg, also called the 'wiggler,' there are three body sections: a small head, and enlarged thorax, and an abdomen. Wigglers live only in water.

Pupa: The pupal stage is the transitional stage between the mosquito larvae, which live in the water, and the adults, which live on land. At this stage, they are often called 'tumblers' because of their tumbling motion in water when they are disturbed.

Adults: Adult mosquitoes have wings. Male mosquitoes feed mainly on nectar, plant juices and other sources of liquid carbohydrates. Female mosquitoes also feed periodically on nectar, plant sap and other sources of plant carbohydrates for energy. However, the females of most species must have a blood meal as a source of protein before they can produce eggs.

Shortly after mating the male mosquitoes die. Adult female mosquitoes typically live for about a week to a month, depending on several environmental factors.

The mouth parts of female mosquitoes are complex and form a prominent beak or proboscis.

When a mosquito takes a blood meal, it uses its mouthparts to puncture the skin of the host and feed directly from the capillaries (small blood vessels). As it feeds, the mosquito injects a small amount of saliva into the wound before drawing blood. The saliva makes penetration easier and prevents the blood from clotting during feeding. In most cases, the itching and swelling caused by the saliva subside within a few

How To Reduce Mosquito Problems

Eliminate breeding sites for

•Reduce standing water that provides breeding sites. Eliminate containers such as old tires, buckets, cans and bottles that collect and hold rainwater and become good breeding sites for mosquitoes. Drain water from flower pots, bird baths, rain gutters, rain barrels, pet dishes, livestock watering troughs, etc. at least once a week.

•Empty your plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use.

•Fill holes or depressions in trees with sand or mortar, or drain them after each rain by drilling holes in the trees.

·Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.

Reduce adult mosquito populations:

•Mow tall grass or reduce the amount of brush and other foliage in your area to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes. •For temporary relief in yards

or high traffic areas, use for treatments or surface treatments of insecticides that are labeled for that use and apply them following directions on the product label.

Avoid contact with mosquitoes:

•Use screening in your homes and pet kennels. Keep the screens in good repair and be sure that they seal around the frames of the door or window.

·Schedule outdoor activities during times when mosquitoes are not active. Mosquito species that are active at dusk and dawn can often be avoided. Species that bite throughout the day are more difficult to avoid.

•Wear long, loose-fitting clothing to avoid mosquito bites, use head nets when mosquitoes are very abundant.

•Use repellents whenever in a mosquito infested location. Products that contain DEET have been shown to be the most reliable repellents.

•For short-term relief in outdoor areas such as patios and picnic areas, use citronella candles or dunks as a deterrent.

•Protect your pets with drugs that eliminate heartworm

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Rodeo performances will be held nightly at 8 p.m, followed by nightly dances at 9:30.

Throughout each day of the event, slack roping, a trade show, western art show, cook-off, cowboy poetry, Oldtimers events and much more will fill the agenda.

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## Kids and sun satety

Sports and other outdoor activities are daily events for children attending camp. If children are not properly protected, the time they spend outdoors can lead to painful sunburns, premature aging and skin cancer.

"Just one blistering sunburn in childhood can double the risk of developing melanoma later in life," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "That risk can be vastly reduced by following some simple sun safety guidelines.'

To keep children protected from the harmful rays while at camp, the Foundation recommends training children in sun safety. UV protection should be a regular part of the lessons learned at home and at school. Kids should be well versed about the dangers of the sun and how to protect against them. Here are a few lessons to review before sending campers off this summer:

•Instruct children how to apply sunscreen before going outside. An SPF 15+ sunscreen (water-resistant formulas are especially good) needs to be used regularly. Teach children to apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every 2 hours and right after swimming sweating. Remember to tell kids not to forget those hard to miss spots, such as the back of ears and neck as well as the tops of feet and hands.

•Cover up with sun-protective clothing. Ideal sun-safe clothing includes long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and a wide-brimmed hat. But since campers typically wear only Tshirts and shorts, they should take some extra precautions:

- 1. Wear T-shirts with a dense weave in dark or bright colors.
- 2. Wear at least a baseball cap.
- 3. Wear UV-blocking sunglasses. 4. Wear long shorts.
- 5. Apply an SPF 15+ sunscreen to all exposed areas.

•Encourage kids to seek the shade when outdoors. While large shade trees provide some protection, tell children to find a pavilion where they can seek shade during outdoor activities. Ideally, most activities should be scheduled for early morning or late afternoon since UV is most intense from 10 a.m. to 4

With proper guidance, children can learn to protect themselves and enjoy summer fun without sacrificing the health of their skin. For additional information, visit www.skin cancer.org.

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July 6-11, 2008 for Ages 10 – Adult

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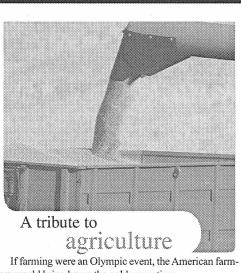
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