

Calendar

Plant sale

A plant sale will be held Sat., July 12 from 8 to 10 a.m. at The Drug Store parking lot. Proceeds benefit the Noah Project. Plants are donated by ABC Greenhouse.

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st in Haskell, will host a family VBS Bible festival July 31-Aug. 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. All ages are invited, but children under 4 must bring an adult. To pre-register attend a swim party and picnic, Sun., July 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the city pool. For more information, call 864-5557.

Cow/calf meeting

The Texas AgriLife Extension of Haskell County will host a cow/calf meeting July 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Topics will be cow/calf nutrition and economic value of cattle. Speakers will be Bill Pincheck and Stan Beavers. For more information, call Wes Utley at the Haskell AgriLife Extension office at 940-864-2658.

Enchilada dinner

An enchilada dinner will be served Fri., July 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. George Catholic Church. Take outs will be available. Call orders in to 864-3171. All proceeds benefit the church.

Gospel Explosion

The Greater Independent Baptist Church of Haskell will present the music group, Gospel Explosion, in concert July 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Jerri Burke, minister, leads the group. Church singing groups will be presented during intermission.

Homecoming

The Greater Independent Baptist Church of Haskell will host their 40th Homecoming Celebration Sat., July 19 at 7:30 p.m. with a Homecoming Musical. A picnic will be served at the church at 12:30 p.m. Sat., July 19. The Homecoming Celebration will be held Sun., July 20 at 9:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rev. James Anderson is the interim pastor.

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Library offers something for all ages

by Caron Yates
Wow! No other word can describe it. If you haven't visited

the new Haskell County Library, you are in for a real treat. The beautiful new 6000 sq. ft.

building has something for everyone to enjoy. While it still contains books for check out and

computers for public use, the addition of several new points of interest help make the library

complete.

One such new addition is the special "Fields Room." It contains many wonderful antiques and collections, beautifully displayed by Mayree Turnbow, and donated by Florence and James Fields from the Fields Museum. The Fields were a part of the Haskell community in the early 1900's. Mrs. Fields, a teacher, had a love for reading and began the Magazine Club which was located in what later became the library. The building was eventually donated to the county. Bricks from the original building make up one wall in this room.

The "Children's Room" contains many new book additions. It has been lovingly furnished through donations from Kent Oil Company and Jerry and Beth Larned in memory of their son Todd Dean Larned. It provides the perfect place for the children's summer reading program each Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

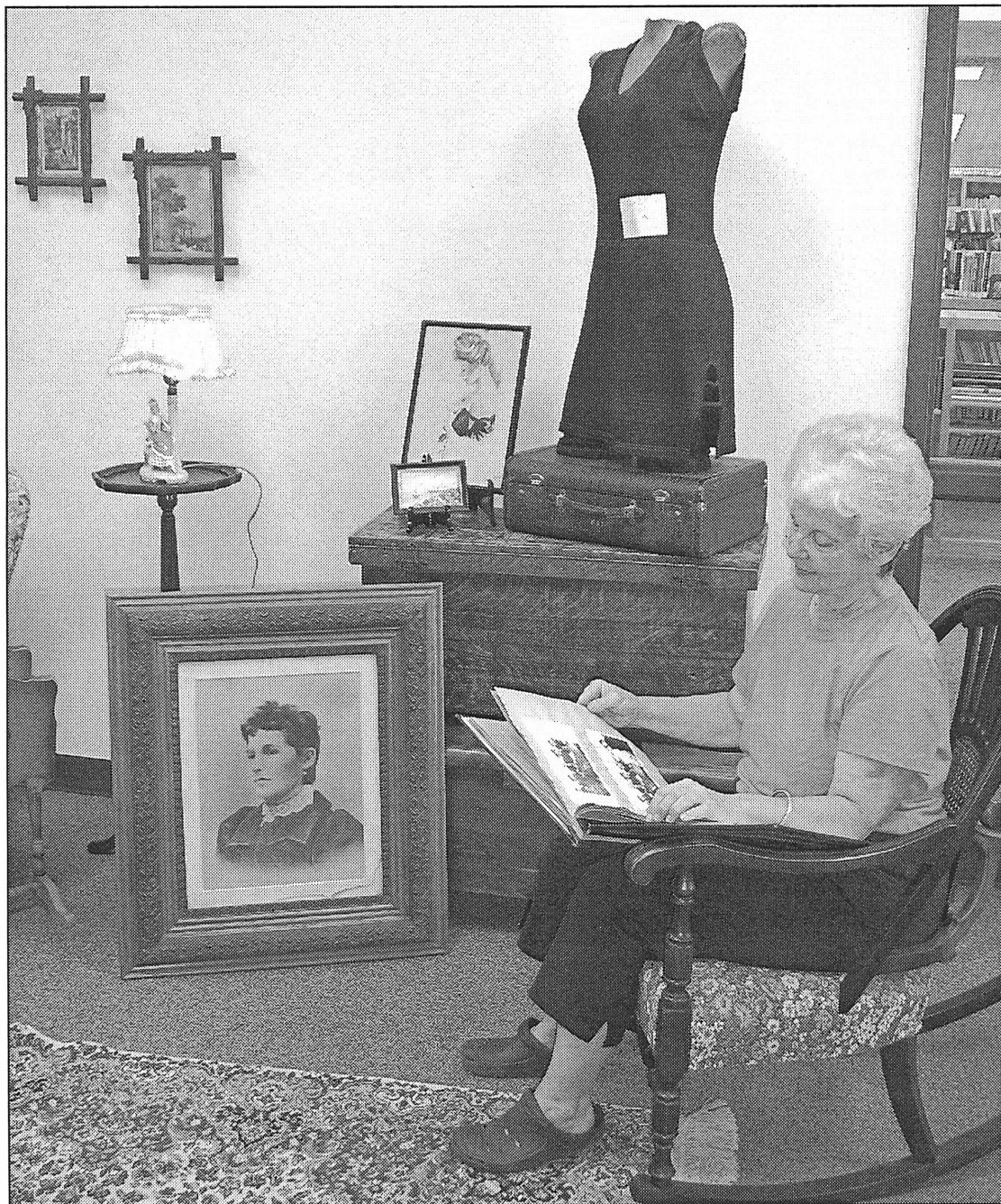
The "Genealogy Room" has available a microfilm reader/printer for viewing old newspapers, local authors, family histories, cemetery records and for genealogy research. According to Joan Strickland, librarian, genealogy researchers from Africa, Germany, Denmark and a number of U.S. states have already used this room.

If you need a place to hold a meeting, complete with an available kitchen, the "Conference Room" is your next stop. For a reasonable fee groups can rent this spacious room for meetings.

Strickland emphasized the library is striving to have the most up to date books and magazines on the shelves. They have also added a "Young Adult" section, containing books popular with the teenage crowd. Of course, if you are in need of a specific book, they can get it for you through the library loan program.

The Haskell County Library has long been the dream of a group of people known as "The Friends of the Library." This group has worked tirelessly for several years to raise money, write grants and attend to the many details necessary to make the dream a reality without cost to the taxpayers of the county. The fundraising was aided by generous donations from present and former Haskell citizens. Foundations which also contributed to the cause include Field's Foundation, Priddy Foundation, Meadows Foundation, Dian Graves Owen Foundation, The Thornton Foundation, Wichita Falls Area Community Foundations, Dodge Jones Foundation, Helen Jones Foundation and Hillcrest Foundation Trust. Although it would be difficult to name each person who has contributed certainly every contribution has helped bring the dream to reality. A special thank you, however, goes to the Precinct 2 crew for cheerfully "moving" the library.

Joan Strickland and assistant librarian, Marilyn Griffith, invite everyone to get those library cards out and head on over to the Haskell County Library. You won't be disappointed.

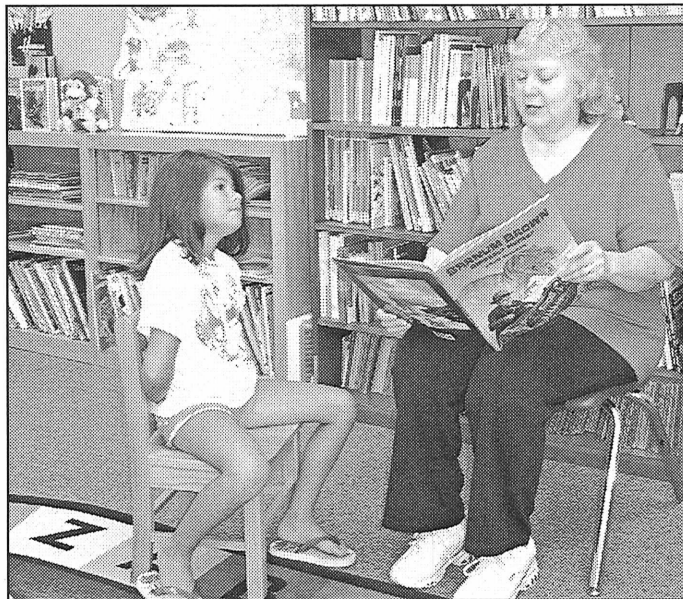


FIELDS ROOM—Mayree Hollis-Turnbow takes a minute to browse through a scrapbook compiled by Florence Baldwin Fields in the Fields Room of the Haskell County Library. The room is dedicated to Fields and is filled with memorabilia and collections she acquired through her

lifetime. She is pictured in the framed picture at the bottom left of this photograph. Shown are her swimsuit from 1907 at top right, displayed atop a camping chest and cedar chest. The room contains many of her beautiful household furnishings, decoration and dishes.

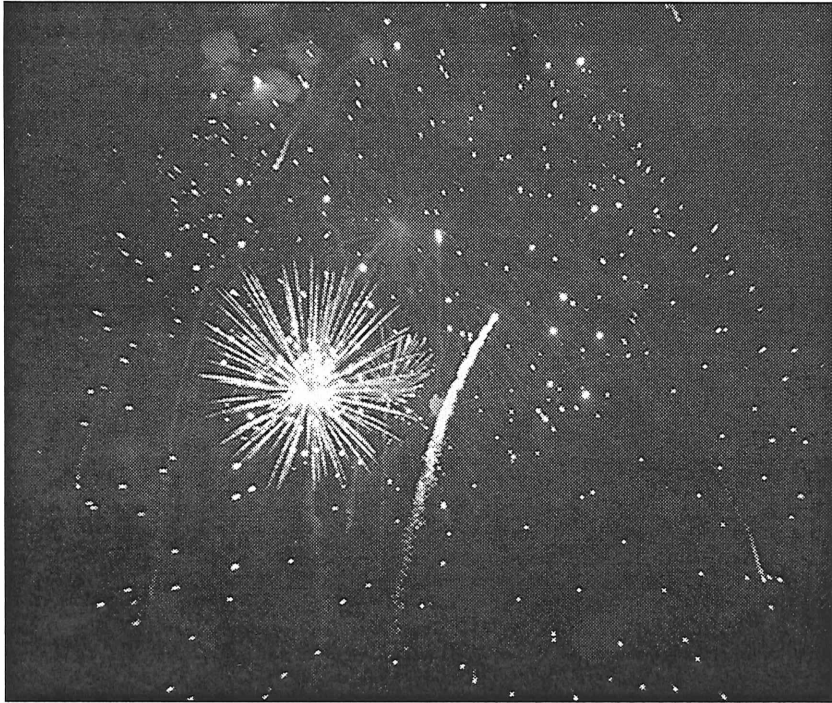


RESEARCH—Wanda Ham uses the microfilm reader and printer for viewing archives in the genealogy room of the Haskell County Library. The room is furnished with bookcases from the old library and filled with research materials for counties, schools, military, families, cemeteries and local authors. Many of the furnishings are from the Fields collection.



CHILDRENS ROOM—Madelyn Mendoza of Munday uses her imagination to picture images of the book read by storyteller Paula Rennegarbe. The room, inside the Haskell County Library and furnished in memory of Todd Dean Larned, is perfect for the summer reading program or weekly storytelling hour.

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FIREWORKS—Haskell residents were treated to a stunning fireworks display Saturday night at the rodeo grounds area. The 30-minute display was as spectacular as any scene in this area.

Wildfire risks continue to grow

Recent rainfall varied widely last week in amounts and locations across the state. While some areas received significant rainfall, other areas received little or no precipitation. State fire officials caution that wildfires remain an immediate threat in areas that received little or no precipitation and a potential threat even where rainfall of one to two inches fell.

Any relief provided by recent light rains and higher humidity is likely to be very short term in nature, said Rich Gray, mitigation and prevention coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

"Even a short period of dry, windy weather will sap moisture from dead grass and weeds and quickly render this vegetation dry and fire-prone," said Gray, "and obviously, vegetation in areas missed by rains will stay at high risk of wildfires."

Areas with heavy accumulations of dead grass and weeds that received significant precipitation will get some immediate benefit from the precipitation, but dangerous fire conditions could return fairly quickly if dry, windy weather prevails, according to Tom Spencer, predictive services department head for Texas Forest Service.

"Significant rainfall will lead to vegetation green-up, but it could take an extended period of time before new green vegetation will reduce the wildfire risk posed by the presence of large amounts

of dead grass and weeds," said Spencer. "Until widespread green-up, the dead herbaceous fuels could still pose a significant wildfire threat."

Gray enumerated a variety of human activities that can cause wildfires where grasses, weeds and other fine-textured vegetation are present.

- Sparks generated by mobile welding rigs when building fences, towers or other structures
- Faulty spark arresters or mufflers on agricultural equipment and off-road vehicles
- Mowers and bush hogs hitting rocks or metal
- Careless travelers who flip smoking materials out a window instead of disposing of these properly in the ashtray
- Towed vehicles dragging metal or chains that bump the road causing sparks.
- Hot catalytic converters on vehicles parked or driven where grass and weeds are tall enough to come in contact with the pollution control equipment
- Careless burning of household trash, brush piles and other debris
- Unsafe use of fireworks around vegetation and structures.

The Texas Forest Service says that public cooperation to help prevent additional wildfires from occurring is absolutely essential to avoid additional losses of homes and natural resources.

Texas continues to have personnel and equipment mobilized from other states to

bolster the state's firefighting capacity. With growing competition for national firefighting resources from other states, most notably California, the likelihood of getting additional resources from other states is shrinking.

Fever ticks lay claim to Texas acres

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) marked an ominous anniversary July 3 by expanding the preventive cattle fever tick quarantine area in south Texas by 307,000 acres, after the dangerous livestock pests were detected on cattle outside quarantine areas in Starr and Zapata counties. Fever ticks, capable of carrying and transmitting deadly "tick fever" to cattle, have been detected on livestock or wildlife on 139 Texas pastures during the past 12 months.

"In July 2007, the first preventive quarantine was established—39,325 acres in Starr County—to enable the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Tick Force and the TAHC to inspect and treat livestock moved from the area, get ahead of the fever tick and push it back across the quarantine line," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Now, a year later, we have more than a million acres under preventive quarantines in Starr, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties, in addition to the half-million acres in the permanent fever tick quarantine zone that runs alongside the Rio Grande, from Del Rio to Brownsville."

The enlarged preventive quarantine includes portions of Starr, Zapata counties and a small area in Jim Hogg County. It is bounded on the north by Texas Highway 16, from its intersection on the west with U.S. Highway 83 to its eastern junction with Ranch Road 649. Ranch Road 649 is the eastern boundary to its southern intersection with U.S. Highway 83, which is the western boundary stretching northward to the intersection with Texas Highway 16. Maps of this and all



MARY LAUGHLIN

Funeral services for Mrs. James R. (Mary Evelyn 'Lefty' Nelson) Laughlin, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, formerly of Rule, were held Tues., July 8 in First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles with Rev. Louis Blakenbaker officiating. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery, Lake Charles under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mrs. Laughlin died Fri., July 4 surrounded by her family.

Born Aug. 8, 1929 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, she was the eighth child of Austin A. Nelson

Obituaries

Mary Evelyn 'Lefty' Nelson Laughlin

and Harriet Lillian Jinks Nelson.

She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church. She attended Fourth Ward, Central, Lake Charles High School and graduated from St. Charles Academy. She was a member of Rainbow Girls, Kitten Club and LCHS Kilties. She attended McNeese Junior College where she was a member of the Delta Chapter of Gradale Sorority and the McNeese Rangerette marching group.

She met and married James Russell Laughlin of Rule April 5, 1952. They met while he was stationed at Lake Charles Air Force Base, now referred to as Chennault Air Base. After college, she worked for Gulf States Utilities. She was the local office manager for President Eisenhower's re-election campaign. She later worked for Cities Service Co. in purchasing. For many years, she worked for McNeese State University as the supervisor of the printing department. She retired in 1975.

As a professional working woman, she belonged to the Business & Professional Women's Club, serving on the scholarship committee. She was a member of Visual Communications Management, a national group for printing

department supervisors.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Marjorie Nelson Sylvester, Floy Nelson Allen, Ruth Dean Nelson Chozen, Lilly Mae Nelson Dufrene, Betty Nelson Miller; brother, William A. (Buster) Nelson; and her loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Nelson.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, James R. 'Nig' Laughlin of Lake Charles, Louisiana; two daughters, Evelyn Laughlin Montalvo and husband, Abel of Richmond, and Cynthia Laughlin Beaug and husband, John of Lake Charles, Louisiana; son, James Tobin Laughlin and wife, Patricia East Laughlin of Rockwall; and five grandsons, Timothy Bovay and wife Alba, Matthew Montalvo, Joseph Russell Laughlin, Steven James Laughlin and William Paul Laughlin; brother, Jack Allen Nelson and wife, Nell Sanford Nelson of Moss Bluff, Louisiana; brothers-in-law, Edgar Miller and James Dufrene, Sr. Her greatest joy was being with all her family, nieces and nephews and friends, whom she dearly loved.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. PD NOTICE

preventive fever tick quarantines are available on the TAHC website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242.

"This is no longer a 'border war' against the fever tick," said Dr. Hillman. "The fever tick has gained a substantial foothold on Texas soil, and without adequate resources to fight this pest, it will spread." The fever tick, which can survive winters from coast to coast and as far north as Washington, D.C., was successfully pushed back into Mexico in 1943. Periodic tick incursions since then have occurred in Texas, but only one, in the 1970s, eclipsed the current outbreak for the number of premises infested and took six years to eradicate.

"In smaller states, a quarantine area the size of Delaware would raise red flags," said Dr. Hillman. "Texas' vastness and the previous success at keeping the fever tick controlled may be working against us. Now we need help, with a million more acres to cover and finding about a dozen infested premises a month."

"Early this year, the fever tick program received \$5.2 million of the \$13 million of federal funds requested to fight the tick, and while appreciated and used, it is not enough to win this battle," said Dr. Hillman. "Furthermore, there has been no funding for the National Fever Tick Eradication Strategic Plan, developed and approved by USDA in 2006. It called for preventing entry of cattle fever ticks into the U.S., enhancing surveillance, and eradicating infestations resulting from fever tick incursions. The plan also was to identify and procure the tools necessary to keep the U.S. free of fever ticks, and to work with Mexico, where cattle fever ticks are not controlled. The strategic plan has not been implemented."

Staying cool on hot days

As the mercury rises across the country, people should stay cool and hydrated if they are going to be outside. The parade of weekend warriors treated in emergency rooms for hot weather-related illnesses like heat stroke and heat exhaustion is increasing, physicians report.

"In the past, the typical people we saw were the ones who couldn't fend for themselves—the very young and the very old," says Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Now, young men and women who work in super-cool office environments and spend the weekends playing outdoors are getting into trouble because their

bodies haven't had a chance to adapt to the hot weather."

If you're going to be outdoors during triple-digit days, Dr. Pepe offers these tips:

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing;
- Stay in a well-ventilated area, even if you're working indoors;
- Water, water, water. Too much sugar and caffeine is not good if you're outdoors;
- Avoid alcohol—a cool beverage might sound good but it only dehydrates you more and impairs your ability to recognize danger signs;
- Use a buddy system so that you can keep an eye on each other.

"It's really a 'pay now or pay later' scenario, because this tick won't be stopped with less than an all-out assault that requires adequate personnel, sufficient treatment products, and enough equipment, such as portable dipping vats or portable spray boxes for cattle, and treatment equipment for deer and other wildlife hosts," said Dr. Hillman. "Texas has a ticking time bomb in south Texas. So far, we have had only two of the three elements for a 'tick fever' outbreak—fever ticks and fever tick hosts—including cattle, horses and several species of wildlife. If, however, some of these fever ticks carry babesia, a blood parasite deadly to cattle, the equation would be complete and we could see livestock death losses."

On the front lines are the ranchers in the preventive quarantine areas who must gather their cattle for inspection—which in the south Texas brush country usually requires helicopters and cowboys on horseback. The TAHC and USDA work cooperatively to provide the inspections to determine the scope of infestation in the area. Cattle, horses and ruminants, including llamas and camels, also must be inspected, treated and permitted prior to leaving the area.

Dr. Hillman encouraged ranchers to comply with the preventive quarantines and asked producers in adjacent counties to have their livestock checked prior to movement out of the area. "In discussions with ranchers, it has been suggested that cattle moving through south Texas livestock markets be inspected and dipped prior to sale," said Dr. Hillman. "This is being considered, but it, too, requires additional personnel, chemicals and the construction of dipping vats, resources we do not have at this time."

"We have traced more than 1,000 cattle moved from ranches later found to be tick-infested," said Dr. Hillman. "Requesting an inspection prior to movement costs nothing for the rancher, but it could save us countless hours of tracking cattle, time that could be better used in the field to fight the ticks. I also encourage ranchers anywhere in Texas to call us if they see tick infestations on their cattle. We can check the animals, and collect and send tick samples to the state-federal laboratory for identification. We do not want to take any chances with these ticks and spread them further." Ranchers can call their area TAHC office, or the agency

headquarters at 800-550-8242.

Ranches where ticks have been detected are quarantined, and cattle are rounded up, inspected and treated as often as every two weeks, or as seldom as every 28 days, depending on the treatment method—dipping, spraying or injection with Dectomax, an injectable treatment. The cattle are repeatedly treated and returned to the pasture to 'pick up' ticks on the vegetation, until the animals are tick-free, indicating that the premises is free of the pests.

Another method of clearing a pasture of ticks involves removing clean, treated cattle and 'vacating' the pasture for as long as nine months to starve out the ticks. Recently, this method has met with less than positive results, as ticks have demonstrated their adaptability to live on wildlife when cattle hosts are not available.

"Historically, fever ticks preferred cattle, and sometimes, hitched a ride on horses. Now fever ticks are being detected not only on white-tailed deer and nilgai, but also on aoudad sheep, fallow, axis and red deer, and elk. Fighting fever ticks on a variety of species—especially free-ranging animals that don't respect fences—makes this battle much more difficult," said Dr. Hillman.

Currently, treatment of wildlife or exotic livestock is limited to providing corn treated with an insecticide, or setting up feeding stations equipped with treated posts that transfer pyrethrin, an insecticide, to the animal's head and neck. Later, as the animal grooms itself, the pyrethrin is distributed across its body, killing the fever ticks. The problem: some products require a 60-day withdrawal period, so they can't be used just prior to or during the hunting season. In the quarantined areas, the hides of harvested animals are either left behind, or inspected and treated prior to being removed from the premises.

"Concerns about fever ticks run deep in Texas, where the TAHC was established in 1893 to fight this pest. A Fever Tick Working Group, with industry and related agency membership, is working on recommendations for getting ahead of the fever tick, so it can be pushed back to the border. Likewise, a Wildlife Subcommittee also is working on suggestions for addressing fever ticks on free-ranging and exotic livestock," said Dr. Hillman. "Fighting fever ticks may seem simple, but it's not easy...and it's never cheap."

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Students in the News

James Brady Standefer of Rule graduated with a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Studies during May commencement exercises at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

and Sports Studies major, was listed on the A Honor Roll for the spring 2008 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

To be on the list, a student must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Tara Lisle of Rule, an Exercise



CLASS OF 1988—The Haskell High School Class of 1988 held their twenty year class reunion in Haskell on May 24. Class members attending included, front row, 1-r, Lori Lane Kitten, Wayne Geilhausen and Tamra Burnett Lewis; middle row, Leiza Morales McTasney, Matt Lane, Mark Young, Cayce Reed, Jason Whitehead, Tammi

Miller Hawkins, Sharla Jetton and Sheree Dumas Branch; back row, Tammy Everton, Marty Martinez, Lorie Alvarez Martinez, Kristen Campbell Grand, Donna Rowan Hector, Robyne Weaver Stewart, Kirk High, Vicky Chavez Lopez, Brandi Kreger Heitman and Steven Klose.

4-H members compete at Round-Up

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Eight Haskell County 4-H members competed in a variety of 4-H contests and activities during the State 4-H Round-Up held June 9-13 on the Texas A&M University campus.

These senior age 4-H youth qualified in their respective contest areas at the district level earlier in the year earning the right to represent the Rolling Plains District at the state level.

Competing in the State Educational Presentations portion of Round-Up with power point presentations were Brooke Bullinger who placed eighth in the Health Division and Jenny Dudensing with a sixth place win in the Foods & Nutrition Division.

Qualifying for the State 4-H Photography Show were: Kelsie Adams, two blue awards and four red awards;

Jenny Dudensing, four blue awards and two red awards; Molly Dudensing, one blue award and one red award; and Zeb Petty, one red award.

Four Haskell County youth submitted an entry in the State 4-H Clothing & Textiles 'Quilt Challenge.' Designing and making the quilt entry were Jenny Dudensing, Molly Dudensing, Allison Petty and Kate Rowan. They were assisted by 4-H leader, Mary Jennings of Haskell.

Ten year 4-H member, Kiel Rowan, was recipient of a 4-H Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo academic award. The 4-H award winners were announced during State 4-H Round-Up.

Haskell County 4-H'er, Molly Dudensing, concluded her year as a member of the State 4-H Council by helping plan and conduct the State 4-H Round-Up event.

In addition to the competitive events, participants enjoyed other activities including workshops and evening dances. Accompanying these youth for the week were Valiene Bullinger, Renee Dudensing and Jane Rowan—County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer

Sciences. These youth wish to express their appreciation to the Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) of Haskell County and the Haskell County 4-H and Youth Committee for helping with some of their expenses for the competitions.

EEA Club meets

The EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office June 12 with eight members present. Jane Smith presented the opening exercise entitled "Things Our Mothers Taught Us." Members answered roll call with "what is your favorite past-time."

Prior to the business meeting club members toured the new Haskell County Library.

Thank you notes from 4-H'ers were read by Kathryn Schonherstedt. In other business, it was reported that Haskell County had three 4-H'ers attending State 4-H Round-Up in College Station. Also the State TEEA meeting will be held in Corpus Christi on Sept. 9-11. Members were encouraged to attend. The deadline for pre-

registration is July 15. Picnic refreshments were served by Dolores Medford.

Club members decided to have a fun day in Albany on Wed., June 25. While in Albany members would tour the court house, the art museum and have lunch at the Beehive. Afterwards there would be time to explore the downtown area.

The next meeting of the EEA will be Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested may come to a meeting of the Haskell County EEA, all visitors are welcome. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, except in July, at the County Extension Office. July is the Club's vacation month with no meeting being held.

Conner-Crouch families meet

The Conner-Crouch family reunion was held Sat., June 28 at the American Legion building in Haskell. Gaston and Willie Faye Tidrow hosted the event with over 90 people attending.

A patriotic theme was used for the decorations. The noon meal was catered.

During the business meeting, conducted by Sonja Crisp, a moment of silence was observed for those who had passed since the last reunion. Remembered were Roland Gardner, Opal Tidrow and Chick Tidrow. O.L. Crouch of Granbury was the oldest member present. Callie Faye Tidrow, 4 month old daughter of Barry and Stacy Tidrow of Lubbock, was the youngest in attendance. Luther and Susan Conner of Albany, Kentucky traveled the farthest.

Janet Stephens was the winner of the dessert contest and was presented a platter and stand. A

game 'Getting to know your Relatives' was played. Family members discovered many things of interest about those present. Some things were outstanding and some might have been better left undiscovered. The children were issued swimming passes to the pool.

A fund-raising auction was conducted by Barry Tidrow, with help from Meagan Baugh and Kendall Crisp.

Family members attended from Albany, Kentucky, Allen, Plano, Odessa, Midland, Paducah, Granbury, Fort Worth, Plainview, Lubbock, Houston, Fort Stockton, Amarillo, Abilene, Rochester, Rule and Haskell.

The next reunion will be held in 2010 and hosted by the David Conner family. Family members include Raymond and Regina Tucker, Bob and Cheryl Wray and David and Amber Conner II.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Fitness testing of schoolchildren shows plenty of room for improvement

AUSTIN—About two-thirds of the 10 million schoolchildren in Texas are not up to physical fitness standards, according to a study by a private company and funded by \$2.5 million in private donations.

The Texas Education Agency on July 1 publicized preliminary results after 2.6 million of the state's 3.4 million children in grades 3-12 were tested.

Test results show elementary school kids tend to be more fit than older kids. Roughly one-third of third-grade boys and girls tested in the "Healthy Fitness Zone." Testing revealed that an even lower rate of middle school students scored in the zone and that high school students were less fit than middle-schoolers.

The testing measures body composition, aerobic capacity, strength, endurance and flexibility. Each student must have a skin fold test and attempt a one-mile run, curl-ups, pushups, trunk lift and shoulder stretches.

Parents or guardians may obtain a copy of their child's "Fitnessgram" report from the child's school.

The legislation that instituted the testing and daily physical exercise requirements was written by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and sponsored by Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands.

This issue has a cash side to it. According to the TEA, the Texas comptroller found that Texas businesses spent an estimated \$3.3 billion in 2005 on costs related to obesity. Costs included disability coverage, lower productivity, absenteeism and health care.

Steroid testing results released

These are preliminary results, but in the spring term only two out of more than 10,000 Texas high school athletes tested positive for anabolic steroids in their systems in a random screening program mandated by SB 8 passed by the 80th Texas Legislature in 2007.

Student-athletes in grades 9-12, regardless of sport, gender or participation level are subject to screening. The University Interscholastic League said 40,000 to 50,000 student-athletes will have been screened by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

The program costs the state \$3 million to administer.

Branch named to powerful board

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick on July 1 appointed state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, to the Legislative Budget Board.

Branch replaces state Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, who resigned from the post. Hill, 68, is not seeking reelection in the fall. Hill was elected to the House in 1988 and is the 13th most senior member of the 150-member chamber. Branch, 50, elected to the Dist. 108 House seat in 2002, plans to seek a third two-year term.

The 10-member Legislative Budget Board was created by statute in 1949. The board analyzes, develops and recommends appropriations for all state governmental agencies and provides the Texas Legislature with a state budget at the beginning of each regular legislative session.

Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst serve as joint chairs of the board. Besides Branch, other members include Senate Finance Committee Chair Steve Ogden, R-College Station; House Committee on Appropriations Chair Warren Chism, R-Pampa; Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland; Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston; Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo; and Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

Meanwhile, on the subject of budgets and budgeteers, Gov. Rick Perry on July 2 named Mary Katherine Stout as his director of budget, planning and policy.

The Texas A&M graduate has been serving as vice president of policy and director for Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Health Care Policy.

The foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan, research institute based in Austin.

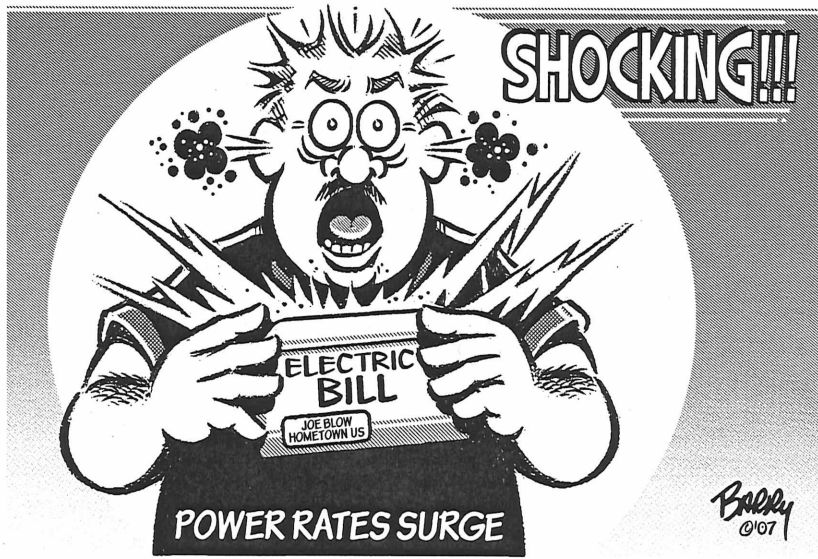
Craddick vs. Dingus in November

Speaker Craddick will face an opponent in the November general election: Democrat Bill Dingus of Midland, a recent former member of the Midland city council.

Dingus resigned from the city council on April 21 and announced his candidacy for the seat occupied by Craddick for the last 38 years.

The Republican Party of Texas contested that Dingus was ineligible to run because he was still serving on the city council when he filed for candidacy.

A Travis County state district court ruled Dingus not in conflict with the state's prohibition on dual officeholding and eligible to run.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 9, 1998

Approximately 100 guests attended the 7th annual Villareal family reunion. A traditional auction, awards, and a surprise reading of the family's history, read by Bette Enriquez, was held at the Haskell Civic Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins of Irving spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters and Joyce Hawkins.

Brian Lehrman of Rule, Mary Belle Turner of Rochester, and John Mark Hodgins of Haskell, recently attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 35th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

20 Years Ago July 14, 1988

Three volunteer workers, Estelle Norman, Adelle Bogard and Loree Hamilton received plaques of appreciation from the Experienced Citizens Center.

The Weinert Graduation Class of 1958 flew from Dallas, bound for a special class reunion in Jamacia.

Graves in the Roberts Cemetery have monuments thanks to Jess Leonard, who grew up in the Roberts community.

Four Haskell baseball players named to the Pony League All-Star team were Mark Jones, Cody Josselet, Patrick Billington and Shawn Sanford.

30 Years Ago July 13, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bledsoe vacationed in Anchorage, Alaska visiting Dr. and Carol Bledsoe

and Jimmy.

Mindy and Mikeana Wilcox of the Rule 4-H Club won first and second place in the District III 4-H Dress Revue in Abilene.

Kay Campbell, Gil Richardson and Kerry Quade attended the Texas Farm Bureau High School Students Citizenship Seminar in Waco.

Joan James has assumed duties as County Extension Agent in Haskell County.

Haskell Singing School enrolled 163 students, 41 from Haskell or the surrounding area and 122 from out-of-town.

Haskell Junior High School twirlers for 1978-79 were Leann Turnbow, Rochie Reddell, Melissa Brown and Melinda Blakley.

40 Years Ago July 11, 1968

The Kennedy Lumber Company was burglarized. They made off with around \$2,000 in office equipment and merchandise.

The Haskell City employees were granted a pay increase at the City Council meeting.

Bill Ratliff student in the University of Texas visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Ratliff.

Gene Floyd of Munday was high point man at the Haskell Speedway.

Haskell firemen are sporting new aluminum colored bunker coats, which are much lighter and throw off more heat than the old black coats, according to Satch Lusk.

50 Years Ago July 10, 1958

Dr. Paul Crawford was listed among the top engineers in the United States. He graduated from Haskell in 1939 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford.

J.H. Jouett has accepted a position in the watch and jewelry repair department of Lyles Jewelry.

Wage findings have become effective for hoeing cotton in Haskell County. The effective rate for hoeing is set 50 cents per hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Buck) Everett and children are spending their vacation in Bakersfield, California. They will join Mr. and Mrs. Wilda Medford in Arizona.

100 Years Ago July 11, 1908

W.W. Kitley of the west side of town joined in the reports of good crop prospects.

Cason, Cox & Co. advertised the receipt of a carload of the famous Peter Schlutter wagons.

J.M. Tarbet of Rule was in town booking orders for fruit trees and shrubbery. Tarbet represents a Denton nursery.

Nightwatchman, T.J. Lemmon discovered the Haskell Steam Laundry was burning and gave the alarm. The building was a light wooden structure and as everybody was asleep the fire gained such headway that the building and contents were soon in ashes. The building and plant was owned by R.J. and C.C. Reynolds.

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Beware Of Spam E-mails Claiming To Originate From The Office Of The Attorney General

A brazen, new spam e-mail featuring Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's photograph and the Office of the Attorney General's Web page banner has recently hit inboxes statewide.

The fraudulent e-mail message, which may include the subject line, "ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS," is given the false appearance of legitimacy because it is adorned with the agency's distinctive online logo and an image of Attorney General Abbott. In the e-mail text addressing the recipient by name, a vague security alert warns about a

"transaction with the United Nations." The entire e-mail reads:

Attn: [Recipient Name],

This is the office of the attorney general of Texas we are using this private email box to contact you for our security reasons because a lot is going on now and so many of our citizen wish to hear from this office daily but we have choose this medium to attend to our good citizen.

[Recipient Name], we wish to inform you that your transaction with the United Nations concerning your package that is on hold now is a legitimate transaction and you must try and see you provide all that is been requested for the security of this great country.

You are at a safe hand and we are giving you % 100 assurances to continue with them and make sure that your package is being released to you.

Thanks.

Savvy e-mail users have increasingly learned to identify and delete fraudulent e-mails that falsely appear to originate from legitimate banks, credit card companies and government agencies. Recipients should not respond to the sender or click on any Web links that may appear within the message. Activating Web links that appear in unexpected e-mails may direct users to fraudulent Web sites or allow identity thieves to capture users' sensitive personal information.

Texans can protect their e-mail addresses from spammers by working with their Internet service providers to install free filters, blocks and other junk mail management services. All computer users should also familiarize themselves with a Web site's privacy policy before providing their e-mail addresses. Most legitimate vendors allow users to prevent the company from sharing their information with unauthorized third parties.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

July 3, 2008

Monday, in a much anticipated report, USDA pegged 2008 U.S. cotton acreage at 9.246 million acres, down less than two percent from the National Cotton Council's (NCC) Planting Intentions Survey released on Feb. 7.

"USDA found more acreage than I thought was out there, and they certainly surprised the market for corn and cotton traders," one analyst said. "Cotton prices on the New York Cotton Exchange fell 260 points in a little over a minute, all over a matter of a few hundred-thousand more acres."

USDA's report is officially a planted acreage report; therefore, any plantings that have been abandoned since the initial data was compiled should be reflected in future reports. In the meantime, the guessing game already has begun with respect to how much U.S. cotton acreage actually will be harvested this season.

USDA shows 4.7 million acres of cotton were planted in Texas this year, down 200,000 from 2007. With roughly 51 percent of the 2008 U.S. cotton acreage located in Texas, the rate of abandonment and yields in the state will greatly impact the total U.S. production figure. More than ever, Texas will be a major focus of market attention this marketing year.

After a tough first half of June, conditions improved somewhat in West Texas where some producers received sufficient moisture for cotton to continue growing as it should for a while. Growers hope weather conditions will continue to be beneficial as average temperatures and frequent rainfall would greatly assist the crop to reach its already somewhat reduced potential.

In South Texas, hot, humid conditions rule. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, approximately 16 percent of the crop there was blooming as of June 29. Therefore, moisture would be welcome to help fibers in bolls fully develop.

The Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley crop is rapidly maturing and bolls are opening. Boll counts are high and fruit loads appear fairly uniform. If weather permits, producers plan to apply harvest aid chemicals to more mature fields next week. Widespread picking is expected around the middle of July.

It came as no surprise that USDA reported U.S. cotton crop conditions continued to deteriorate in the week ended June 29. The department deemed 45 percent of the crop to be in good to excellent condition, down two points from the previous week and compared to 54 percent one year ago. Twenty-two percent of the nation's cotton was rated in poor to very poor condition versus 21 percent one week earlier and 16 percent the previous year.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of 42,500 bales in the week ended June 26, more than two times the previous week but down 84 percent from the four-week average. South Korea purchased 16,400 bales for the week, and Thailand, Colombia and Turkey rounded out the list of top buyers.

Export shipments reached a marketing year high at 378,500 bales. The figure was up 34 percent from the previous week and 36 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Indonesia, Turkey and Mexico.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 307 bales in the week ended July 3 compared to 2,821 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers ranged from 59.51 to 64.55 cents per pound versus 61.59 to 68.10 cents per pound one week ago.

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Air monitoring helps anticipate possible changes in ecosystem

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

When rain settles the atmosphere and brings air pollutants to the ground, it can have a lasting effect on ecosystems, sometimes hundreds of miles away, according to a Texas AgriLife Research agricultural engineer.

Dr. Brent Auvermann, research engineer and Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist in Amarillo, is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies to see what is settling from the skies above the Panhandle.

"The question we're trying to help answer is, are we altering ecosystems by dumping pollutants into the atmosphere that will come out in the form of wet or dry deposition?" Auvermann said.

Deposition is the process in which particles or gases in the air settle to the ground, vegetation or water surfaces.

"We have intensive agriculture of all forms and we'd like to know if the specific dominant land uses are contributing nutrients to ecosystems," he said.

Auvermann explained that all ecosystems receive some atmospheric inputs, such as nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur. The plant and animal life dominant to that region thrives because it has adapted to a particular rate of those nutrients.

When the nutrient load changes, it can change the competitive ability of a species and allow different ones to thrive where they once were not competitive, he said. The effects extend from major animal life such as deer down to the smallest bacteria.

For instance, scientists know that the Rocky Mountain National Park has been home to wildflowers for many years, Auvermann said. But evidence from the last 20 years suggests that the ecosystem seems to be changing. The wildflowers are gradually being replaced by grasses and sedges.

"I don't know anyone who drives all the way to Estes Park to take pictures of sedges," he said.

Another change the Colorado scientists are noticing is acidification of the normally alkaline soils on the eastern side of the Continental Divide, Auvermann said. This can lead to changes in the surface water and streams.

"Scientists believe the emissions from around eastern Colorado and the bordering states have resulted in detectable changes in the high alpine ecosystems," he said.

Auvermann joined a network of scientists monitoring such emissions about a year ago when his research team set up what is known as the Canonceta monitoring site southeast of

Canyon with wet and dry deposition measuring equipment.

The wet deposition measurements are made as a part of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program, he said. The wet proportion is that which happens as a result of precipitation and its scrubbing effect.

Dry deposition, measured as a part of the Clean Air Status and Trends Network, is all the other particles and gases that happen to settle out of the air, he said.

While they are two separate projects, by measuring both in the same location, Auvermann said scientists can measure the total deposition.

Both sets of equipment are filling a void in the organizations' nationwide networks, he said. The closest wet deposition measurements are being made at Muleshoe and Goodwell, Okla.

The nearest dry deposition equipment is even farther away, in Big Bend National Park. The Canonceta site sits about midway between the sites at Muleshoe and Goodwell.

"We're looking for long-term trends and whether they are increasing or decreasing," Auvermann said. "Wet deposition increases in wet years and decreases during a drought, so we have to take a longer-term view."

The site located along the rim of Ceta Canyon is free from influence of any single source of air pollution, he said. The wet measurements can include ammonia, nitrate, calcium, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, sulfur and the acidity of rain or snow.

The major nutrients of concern are nitrogen and sulfur, Auvermann said. Based on the first year of monitoring data, the total deposition of inorganic nitrogen ammonia plus nitrate is between 3.5 or 4.5 pounds of nitrogen per acre per year.

"Compared to how much nitrogen we put on irrigated grain crops, it's not much, obviously," he said. "But on nutrient-poor rangeland, who knows?"

"We don't know what an undisturbed background level would be in this region of the state," Auvermann said. "We can't really say without more information if a certain amount of deposition is good or bad. Right now we are getting the baseline and looking at how it relates to the surrounding sites that have been monitoring deposition for a lot longer than we have."

Auvermann is especially excited about using the Canonceta site as a living laboratory for science students from middle school to college.

"This kind of environmental monitoring is where it all comes together: meteorology, chemistry, physics, biology and ecology," he said. "It's all here."



CLASS REUNION—The Haskell High School class of 1948 held their 60th class reunion in the new Haskell County Library. Out of twenty classmates remaining, seventeen came to celebrate. Front row, l-r, is Patsy Cain Johnson, Genelle Bailey Weeks, Jolene Hattox Henderson, Anita Jo Pitman Medford, Betty Jo Adkins

Criswell, Jane Gentry Smith, Ruth Alvis Mock, Joyce Crow Smith, Anne Katherine Rike Windstead and Janelle Kennedy Sullivan; and back row, Bobby Ray Kimbrough, Don Nanny, James Strain, Marvin Hancock, James Dodson, Don Peavy and Billy Charles Matthews.

Tips to prevent dog bites

As warm weather and vacations take people outdoors more often, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials remind people that they can reduce the chances that they, their children or others will be bitten by a dog.

"An estimated 400,000 dog bites occur in Texas each year," said veterinarian Tom Sidwa,

Heat rash relief

Hot, humid weather can lead to heat rash or prickly heat, which occurs when sweat glands clog and sweat becomes trapped beneath the skin.

The condition often results in a patch of little red bumps, usually arising on the neck, upper chest, elbows or groin, or under arms or breasts, where skin folds touch. It can occur at any age, but is more often found on the elderly and on babies, who may be overdressed and have trouble cooling off.

"Heat rashes aren't serious, but they can be annoying," says Dr. Amit Pandya, professor of dermatology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Heat rash should fade away after those affected move to a cooler environment and expose the affected area to more air. Loosen clothing around the affected area or wash the area with a cold cloth, then let it air dry. Try calamine lotion or hydrocortisone cream to relieve itching.

To help avoid heat rash, try drying the area after a shower and using powders such as baby or talcum powder. Occasionally, a yeast infection may occur in affected body folds, which appears as more intense redness and small bumps. This is especially common in people with diabetes. An over-the-counter medicated cream or powder designed to treat yeast and fungus may be used for such infections. If you are uncertain as to the cause of the rash, consult a physician.

head of the DSHS zoonosis control. "About 40 percent of severe bite victims are children under age 11, and 20 percent of the people who die from dog bites are over 70."

DSHS offers these suggestions:

- Spay or neuter a dog to reduce aggression but not protectiveness.

- Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it. Use caution when bringing a dog into the home of an infant or toddler.

- A dog with a history of aggression is not appropriate in a household with children.

- Train and socialize a puppy early in its life. Do not tolerate or encourage aggressive behavior.

- Never leave infants and young children unsupervised around any dog, even the family pet.

- If you see a pack of dogs running loose or any animal behaving strangely, go inside and call local animal control.

DSHS also advises teaching children these basic safety precautions:

- Don't go near strange dogs.
- Don't surprise or tease a dog that is sleeping, eating, playing with a toy or caring for puppies.

- When you first come near a dog, let the animal see and sniff you. Walk up to the dog from the side, not from the back or directly from the front.

- If a dog acts as if it might bite, stand still. Don't scream or run.

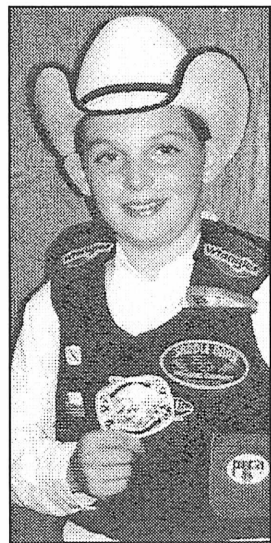
- If a dog attacks, protect yourself with anything you have —backpack, purse, jacket or bicycle. If you are knocked down, try to lie face down or curl up in a ball with your hands over your ears. Be still and quiet until the dog goes away.

"If a bite occurs, identify the animal," Sidwa said. Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Contact a physician for care and advice and report the bite to the local animal control agency.

"Responsible pet ownership also is an important part of dog bite prevention," Sidwa said.

Lillian's Law, House Bill 1355 that took effect Sept. 1, 2007, increased penalties for dog owners who fail to reasonably secure their dogs, resulting in an unprovoked attack on a person and causing serious injury or death. The owner of a dog who injures someone can be charged with a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison. The charge becomes a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison when the injury results in death. The law was named for Lillian Stiles, an East Texas woman killed in her front yard by a pack of dogs.

"People also need to be sure that their animals are up to date on required shots," Sidwa said. "State law requires pet owners to vaccinate their dogs and cats against rabies by the time they are four months old."



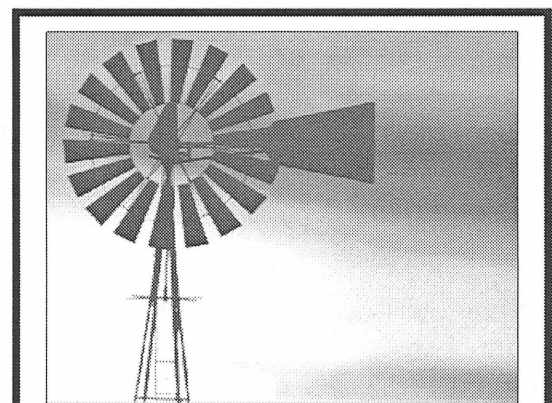
WINS BUCKLE—Aaron Urich of Rochester became a Casey Mathis Memorial Steer Riding Buckle winner for the second year in a row at the July 4 performance of the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford.

PLANT SALE!

Saturday, July 12
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Drug Store parking lot

All proceeds benefit The Noah Project
Plants donated by ABC Greenhouse



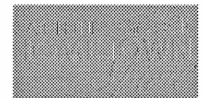
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Texas car owners fall victim to crime

Every five minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Stolen vehicles are often used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents such as gas siphoning, stealing personal identification items, and theft of vehicle parts containing valuable metals are on the rise. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Lock, Take, Hide": lock vehicles, take keys, hide belongings. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout "Watch Your Car Month" this July.

During "Watch Your Car Month," hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers to take extra precautions when leaving their vehicles

unattended. To raise awareness about the role of auto theft in secondary crimes, ABTPA personnel will heavily promote the "You Hold the Key" campaign, which is designed to remind all owners and operators that vehicles should never be left running while unattended, and keys should not be left inside.

In 2007, approximately 94,000 vehicles were stolen in Texas resulting in financial losses well into the hundreds of millions. And in almost half of all auto theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was, in some cases, an unwitting accomplice to more heinous crimes. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement agencies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are stolen are: residences/homes (41.6%), public parking lots/public garages (28.7%), and roadways/highways/alleys (12.2%), which proves no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We can not stress enough to Texas drivers that they 'hold the key' to auto burglary and theft prevention," said Michelle

Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force in Arlington, Texas. "Being aware of techniques to prevent these crimes, such as utilizing visible deterrents and anti-theft devices, will help discourage thieves and make neighborhoods safer." Susan

Sampson, ABTPA director, adds, "Vehicles are frequently stolen and burglarized for the resale of their parts, insurance fraud, identify theft, and to commit gateway crimes. Texas drivers must become educated about these problems and solutions to avoid becoming victims."

Haskell Summer Menu

July 14-18
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: Pizza, cheese sticks, salad, peach cobbler

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., July 14
Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., July 16
Lunch—Goulash and rice, blackeyed peas, club spinach, cornbread, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., July 18
Lunch—Sausage and kraut, potato salad, pinto beans, sliced onions, cornbread, blueberry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Bullinger named to represent Haskell in Washington D.C.



BROOKE BULLINGER
Brooke Bullinger, a sophomore student at Haskell High School, recently attended the 2008 Far West Texas Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar in El Paso, as a student recognized for excellence in leadership potential.

The HOBY Leadership seminar focused on the theme "Empower. Lead. Excel." while encouraging young leaders toward responsible citizenship, including community service and volunteerism. The seminar strived to follow the HOBY motto of teaching students, "how to think, not what to think."

"The strength of America lies in the hearts and souls of our citizens, and we are looking to the

next generation as the future leaders of our Nation. For half a century, HOBY seminars have helped young people prepare for lives of leadership, integrity, and responsible citizenship. As you pursue challenges and opportunities, I encourage you to continue to work hard, strive for excellence, and learn from your experiences. When you set high standards and follow your dreams, there is no limit to what you can achieve," said President George W. Bush in a congratulatory letter to each HOBY participant.

Following an interview session, Bullinger was chosen as the outstanding young female at the conference and will represent Haskell High School and the Far West Texas HOBY leadership seminar at the World Leadership Conference to be held in Washington D.C. at the end of July.

The week long World Leadership Conference will include coming face-to-face with today's top leaders in business, government, medicine, education, and philanthropy while interacting with youth from all over the United States and the world.

Bullinger is the daughter of Dale and Valiene Bullinger of Haskell.

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD IS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF POWER

We have been constantly hearing about the 'energy crisis,' which has resulted in the desperate search for new sources of power, both natural and artificial. Whatever the source, the goal is the continuation of our good life and the further achievements of progress in every aspect of it.

Human beings also need a continuing supply of power in order to accomplish their own personal goals, whatever they may be. God is a never-ending source of the power you need, so go to your church and learn about this unlimited resource that is always available to you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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East Side Baptist Church
Dr. Jim Hefflin, 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
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare
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
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301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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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
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1600 N. First St., Haskell
- WEINERT
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
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- Weinert Foursquare Church
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O'Brien

Eyes of Texas on copper theft

by Robert Howden
Texans for Economic Progress

Senior citizens' health is at risk. Hospitals are hamstrung. Children are left in the dark. At least one man even died. No natural disaster is to blame, but instead a national epidemic of copper theft. In cities across Texas and indeed the nation, copper thieves are pulling down utility lines, gutting air conditioning units, raiding homes under construction and ultimately threatening lives.

The spike in copper theft nationwide is a response to the rising price of copper worldwide. With copper selling for more than \$3 a pound, thieves are taking the extraordinary risk of shimming utility poles and literally ripping down phone and electrical lines for the copper inside. As telephone lines can weigh hundreds of pounds, those dollars add up quickly.

The consequences of copper theft are dire and at times deadly. When phone lines are cut by copper thieves, people can be stranded for days without phone service. For an elderly couple with health problems, this inconvenience becomes a crisis. On the other end of the line, what happens when a 9-1-1 call center is without phone service? For the younger set, Little League baseballers see games cancelled as the wires that light their fields fall prey to thieves. In Dallas, an elementary school cancelled Field Day and shuttled its students elsewhere after copper thieves caused \$25,000 in damage and left the school in darkness. In Lubbock, copper thieves ripped the copper tubing to the main freezer off the exterior of the local Meals on Wheels building, forcing the non-profit to pay \$1,500 to replace lost

refrigerant. Beyond interrupted service and expensive repairs, the damage left by copper thieves can cost lives. In Iowa, a copper thief ripped wiring from a construction site and cut a gas line in the process. When the homeowner returned and plugged in a fan, the explosion took his life.

Indeed, there is nothing petty about copper thieves.

To tackle this mounting problem, cities like Houston have designated special squads of "copper cops" to crack down on theft. The city of Dallas passed one of the most aggressive anti-copper theft ordinances in the nation. In Dallas, metal recyclers are required to take photographs of metal sellers, their vehicles and the metal they're selling. The buyers must scan the sellers' government-issued ID and take their thumbprint. People selling metal have to provide the make, model and license plate number of the vehicle used to deliver their metal. At least in Dallas, gone are the days when a seller could roll a grocery cart of copper into a recycling station without explaining how and where they got the metal.

Expanded law enforcement and strict city ordinances are a necessary and laudable step in the right direction; but they can only go so far. Police and city officials can't be everywhere at once. Every resident of Texas can help law enforcement to crack down on copper theft. We are the eyes of Texas and it's our duty to watch for and report copper thieves in action. As the price of copper continues to rise, it's likely only a matter of time before this crisis comes to a neighborhood near you. With such a valuable commodity literally hanging above our homes, we can't afford to turn a blind eye.

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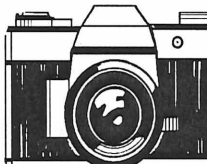
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GRAND MARSHAL—Keith McGrew, member of the Lake Stamford-Marina Management Group, Inc. served as the Grand Marshal of the Lake Stamford 4th of July parade. Twenty entries followed McGrew along with thirty to forty walkers in the sixth annual event.



PARADE JUDGES—Judging the sixth annual Lake Stamford 4th of July parade were, I-r, David Halliburton, Claire Halliburton and Diane Simmons. The annual event benefitted the Scott Memorial Park Storm Cellar Improvement Fund.

Sixth annual Lake Stamford parade held July 4

The sixth annual golf cart parade was held at Lake Stamford on the 4th of July to benefit the Scott Memorial Park Storm Cellar Improvement Fund. Over the years the parade has accepted donations to benefit the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department and help support building projects at the Anchor Marina.

Memorial Park community and the roads of the Anchor Marina Park. This year's parade saw a good turn out of bicycles, golf carts and a walker pulling a red wagon. Twenty entries registered with some thirty to forty riders and walkers participating.

also a member of the Lake Stamford-Marina Management Group, Inc. rode in a golf cart with a body modeled after a 57 Chevy. Parade judges were Sheriff David Halliburton, Claire Halliburton and Diane Simmons.

adult and children. Winners were judged on patriotism, use of color, originality and creativity.

In the adult category Belinda Moore won first place, Jayton Roberts took second place, and Jessica Griffith came in third. In the children's category Kaylee Weaver won first place, Pat Rice took second place, and Westin Kizer came in third.

and Sharron Wright, Shirley Robinson, Ross and Mickey Goodwin, and Doyle and Julie Miller.

The parade makes its way through the lanes of the Scott

Grand Marshal was Keith McGrew, a member of the Lake Stamford-Marina Management Group, Inc. He and Debi Graves,

All of the entries were well decorated and competed for prizes given for first, second and third place in two categories,

In addition to the donations

USDA announces signup for 2008 DCP

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Haskell County, says that signup begins immediately for the 2008 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) which helps deliver certainty for the crop year.

2008 DCP contract at any USDA-FSA office.

vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price, and loan rate).

Producers may call the Haskell County Office at 940-864-2617 to make an appointment to enroll in the 2008 program.

Contracts are now available at USDA-FSA offices and signup will continue until Sept. 30, 2008. USDA-FSA's DCP readiness follows the June 12 availability of marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payment (LDP) provisions, within three weeks of commodity title enactment.

Producers can also sign-up online. They can choose payment options, assign crop shares, and sign and submit their contracts from any computer with Internet access. They can also view and print submitted contract options.

Since 2002, FSA has issued approximately \$40 billion in DCP payments to America's agricultural producers. Participants must submit the completed DCP contract by Sept. 30, 2008. Applications filed after this date will not be approved.

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FSA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute, regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. FSA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1, 2008.

The online, electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork, and speeds contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts.

Don't drag heavy items across your carpet. Doing so can wrinkle it, detach it from the tack strip, or untuck it at the baseboard or adjoining flooring. If you have any of these problems, you should contact a professional.

Bahney to lead revival July 9-11 at Assembly of God

Lee Bahney of Clay City, Indiana, will be leading the revival at the Assembly of God Church in Haskell July 9-11.

Counter-Cyclical payments

The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service."

Visible seams in some types of new carpet are common. If you notice seams, please discuss with your contractor or remodeler.

Bahney is formerly of Haskell, and owned a bookkeeping and tax service while living here. He left Haskell to attend Christ for Nations Institute in Dallas. Upon completion of that education, Bahney has pastored churches in Arkansas, Kansas and Indiana. Currently, he and his family live in Indiana where Bahney is pastor of Mineral United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Indiana.

Spiritual roots for Bahney were put down in Haskell where he recommitted his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized in the Holy Spirit as well. While here, he attended several churches, participated in share groups, was disciplined and received gifts of the Holy Spirit. He states that he sees miracles happening even today.

To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically.

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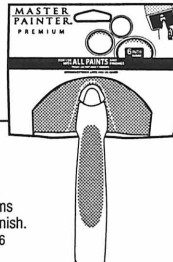
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