

Watch the Indians Sat. at noon in Breckenridge

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## Football

**HASKELL**  
Indians vs Eastland  
(Scrimmage)  
Sat., Aug. 16, noon  
at Breckenridge  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
Pirates vs Guthrie (Scrimmage)  
Sat., Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m.  
at Guthrie  
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**RULE**  
Bobcats vs ACHS (Scrimmage)  
Sat., Aug. 16, 6 p.m.  
at ACHS

## Calendar

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### VBS

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Waterworks! Park Vacation Bible School Sat., Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. Ages Kindergarten through fifth grade may attend. Students should wear clothing that can get wet or a swimsuit with top and bottom cover-up, slip on shoes and bring a towel. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Applicator class

The TexasAgri LIFE Extension of Haskell County will host a private applicator training and testing session Aug. 20 at the Haskell County Extension office beginning at 9 a.m. Training will continue through lunch, so bring a snack. For more information, Call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658.

### Meet the teachers

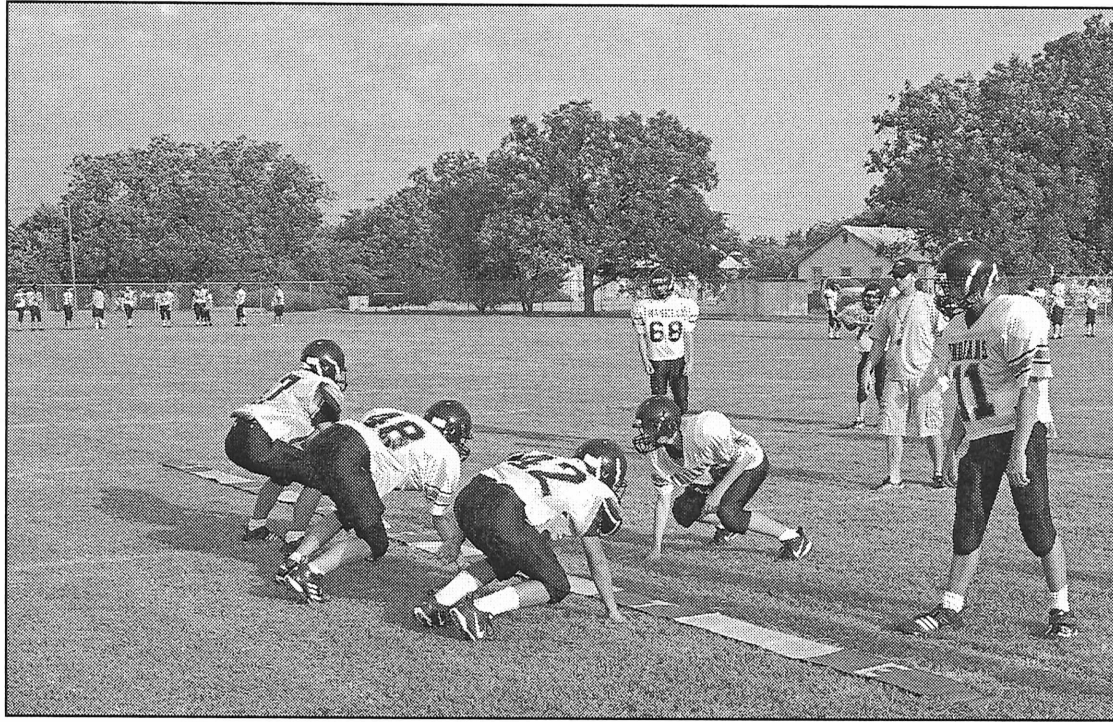
Paint Creek ISD will host a "Meet the Teachers Night" for all parents and students Thurs., Aug. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Storm sirens

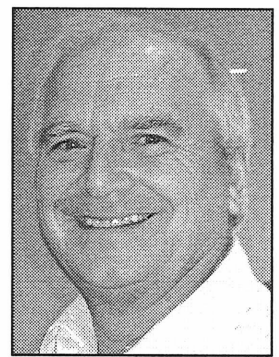
The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

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**PIGSKIN PRACTICE**—The Haskell Indians were preparing their plays for the new football season during annual two a day practice sessions. The Indians will scrimmage Eastland Sat., Aug. 16 in Breckenridge at noon and Colorado City Thurs., Aug. 21 in Colorado City at 5 p.m. The first regular game of the season is scheduled Fri., Aug. 29 in Archer City at 7:30 p.m.



DAVID L. HUTTON

## Hutton is interim supt.

The Haskell CISD school board recently hired David L. Hutton as interim superintendent. His duties began on July 24. He replaces interim superintendent Ted Bedwell who left for health reasons.

"I'm grateful for the privilege to be in Haskell," he said. "The town has a tremendous reputation for its excellent school district and community, and I'm especially excited about the TAKS scores."

Hutton explained he would do anything he could to serve the parents and community.

"I'll meet any time, anywhere," he said.

The veteran educator worked at Menard, Tahoka and Muleshoe as superintendent and currently works as a TEA superintendent mentor. He spent five years at Menard and was named the 2007 Superintendent of the Year for Region XV. Following retirement that year, he stayed at Menard to serve as a consultant for the district.

Other administrative jobs include assistant superintendent at Clyde CISD and principal at Clyde High School. He has taught and coached, also.

His degrees include a bachelor of arts, a master of arts and a master of education.

He and wife Glenna, a nurse, live in Abilene. Three of his six children have followed him into the education field, two are teachers and one, a superintendent. Two are in the medical field, and the youngest is a junior at Hardin-Simmons University.

While interim superintendent, Hutton will live in Rochester during the week.

## Area schools have proven academic success

by Caron Yates

In just a few short weeks students, teachers and other staff will be gearing up for a new school year. Before the books are closed on 2007-08, however, a look should be taken at the year's academic accomplishments for area schools.

Earlier this month, the Texas Education Agency released accountability ratings for schools and campuses across the state of Texas. According to Robert Scott, commissioner of education, "Accountability ratings provide parents and community members with a standardized way to examine academic performance at their local schools. The ratings help Texans highlight successes and pinpoint areas that need improvement." The ratings are based on student performance on state tests, dropout rates and high school completion rates. The four rating categories include exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable and academically unacceptable.

School districts in Haskell County certainly have reason to be proud. Haskell CISD and Paint Creek ISD both achieved a recognized rating, while Rule ISD received the rating of academically acceptable. While other factors are involved in determining ratings, a big part of the rating system is the state tests.

Students, parents and teachers often dread the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS, because it brings with it intense pressure and stress.

In fact, at certain grade levels, particular tests must be passed in order for the student to advance. What a wonderful feeling, for everyone involved, when the scores prove the task has been accomplished.

For districts with one campus, the district rating and campus rating is the same. However, in the case of Haskell CISD, each campus also received a rating. Haskell High School and Haskell Elementary were both rated exemplary and Haskell Jr. High received a recognized rating.

The yearly ratings are of great importance for schools in their planning for the needs of the coming year. It allows school districts and even individual campuses to assess successful programs and strategies, as well as areas where improvements need to be made. It should be noted, that from year to year varying factors can influence the results. The state set passing standards, make up of particular student groups, changes made to subject matter tests and a number of other factors can have a bearing on the campus ratings.

Perhaps a better indication of the school district's overall credibility is their long-term record. Data for 1994 through 2008 is available from the Texas Education Agency. In 2003, major changes were made to both state tests and accountability standards, so no school ratings were given. In the chart shown, it is easy to see our county schools have a proven

record of success.

The ultimate goal, of course, is an exemplary rating which means all student groups on the campus had 90 percent or higher passing rate on all subject areas of the TAKS. Recognized or academically acceptable is also proof the campus is "getting the job done."

Of the 8,195 campuses which conducted testing, only 996 received an exemplary rating. Likewise, 2,815 campuses received recognized rating, 3,112 received academically acceptable,

and 194 were rated academically unacceptable.

Success can only be achieved when "everyone" is working together toward the common goal. It takes students, parents, teachers, staff, administration and the community to make it happen. Arguments can be made for the advantages or disadvantages of small rural schools versus larger schools. One thing is indisputable, at least for the Haskell County school systems, and that is their proven, consistent academic success.

1994-2008	Exemplary	Recognized	Ac. Acceptable	Unacceptable
Haskell CISD	1	7	6	0
Haskell HS	2	4	8	0
Haskell JH*	0	2	1	0
Haskell Elem.	4	5	5	0
Paint Creek ISD	1	8	5	0
Rule ISD	0	10	4	0

\*only 3 years of scores

## School traffic to take new direction

Traffic around Haskell High School will take a new direction this year.

All traffic around the school will be two way traffic at all times. A posted speed limit of 15 m.p.h. will be effective on school

days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Avenue D, North 6th St. and North 8th St.

From 3 to 4 p.m. each day, Elementary and Junior High School buses will unload in front of the high school campus. The

parking lot in front of the school will be reserved for school buses only.

All drivers are encouraged to use caution when driving on any street around any school campus.

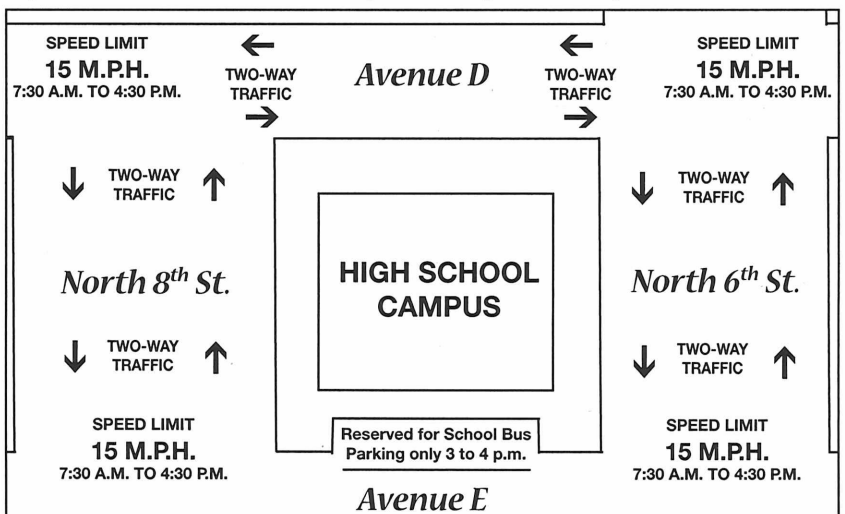
## Haskell CISD to celebrate accountability rating

Haskell CISD will announce the results of the 2007-08 TAKS scores at a free swim and hamburger supper Fri., Aug. 22. The Haskell City Pool will be open from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Hamburgers will be served at the City Park beginning at 7 p.m.

Haskell High School received a rating of Exemplary; Rochester

Junior High received a rating of Recognized; and, Haskell Elementary received a rating of Exemplary; resulting in a overall rating of Recognized for the district.

All parents, guardians, students and the entire community is invited to help celebrate the great TAKS scores.



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**4-H TOUR**—Sixteen Haskell County 4-H members toured areas of special interest in Abilene Aug. 6 to learn more about their 4-H projects. Four members included, front row, l-r, Stephanie Threet, Allison Petty, Jacie Klose, Brooke Bullinger, Tillie McGuire and Kourtney Howard; middle row, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Laycee Tullos, Jasmine Klose, Jordan Burson and Shelby Starr; back row, Victoria Hertel, Kylie Adams, Madaline Williams and Ashley Adams.

## Haskell Co. 4-H members take project tours in Abilene

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
As a part of their 4-H projects,

sixteen Haskell County 4-H members traveled to Abilene, Aug. 6 to learn more about Foods

& Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles and Photography. The day began with volunteering their time at Love & Care Ministries where they worked in the clothing room and learned about the daily operations of this mission that serves the homeless of Abilene.

Tours for the day included: United Supermarket, Abilene Christian University's Journalism Department and Abilene Christian University's Theatrical Department. To round out the day group members learned about public transportation while enjoying a ride on the Abilene downtown trolley.

Participating in the day's activities were Stephanie Threet, Allison Petty, Jacie Klose, Brooke Bullinger, Tillie McGuire, Kourtney Howard, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Laycee Tullos, Jasmine Klose, Jordan Burson, Shelby Starr, Victoria Hertel, Kylie Adams, Madaline Williams, and Ashley Adams.

Adults accompanying the group were Phoi McGuire, Valiene Bullinger, Renee Dudensing and County Extension Agent/FCS—Jane Rowan.

### Students in the News

Texas Tech University in Lubbock presented degrees to the following students during spring commencement exercises held in May.

Morgan Cox of Haskell received a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport sciences.

Lynzie Harlan of Haskell received a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies.

Jonathan Hisey of Rule graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary agriculture.

Kyle Kittley of Rule received a bachelor of science degree in animal science.

The following students were named to honor's lists for the spring semester. To be included on the President's List, students must take at least 12 qualifying credit hours and have a 4.0 grade point average. To be included on the Dean's List, students must take at least 12 qualifying hours and have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Ross Short of Rochester, a junior interdisciplinary agriculture major, was named to the President's List.

Stephanie Grand of Haskell, a sophomore exercise and sports sciences major, was named to the Dean's List.

Hisey was named to the Dean's List.

Mathew Turner of Rule, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, was named to the Dean's List.

## Obituaries

### Teresa Torres



**TERESA TORRES**

Funeral services for Teresa Torres, 67, of Haskell were held

Mon., Aug. 12 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Haskell with Rocky Gonzales and Tony Hernandez officiating.

Mrs. Torres died Thurs., Aug. 7 in Abilene.

Born July 12, 1941 in Taylor, she was the daughter of the late Refugio Villalobos and Manuela Flores. She married Joel Torres Jr. on April 15, 1967 in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Susie Irene Tonche; one sister, Victoria Vasquez; and one brother, Lupe Vasquez.

Survivors include her husband, Joel Torres, Jr.; three sons, Joel Torres III and wife, Jovita of Haskell, Louie Torres and wife,

Maribel of Bridgeport, and Jason Torres and wife, Amber of Rochester; one daughter, Sylvia Pace and husband, Will of Littlefield; twelve grandchildren, Mali Torres, Brie Torres, Areli Torres, Jolie Torres, all of Haskell, Dominique Tagle, Justin Tagle, Sabina Torres, Jolene Torres, all of Breckenridge, Evan Green of Rochester, Raine Pace of Clovis, New Mexico and one on the way; brother, Felix Gomez of Haskell; sisters, Janie Rodriguez and husband, Wally of Abilene, Delores Grando of Fort Worth and Sussie DeLosSantos of Albertlee, New Mexico; and many nieces and nephews.

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## SunOne to host meeting

This summer marks the official launch of SunOne Solution's Dallas/Fort Worth office (www.sunonesolutions.com). With additional offices in New York, Nebraska and Alabama, the company specializes in developing agricultural, environmental and land management projects that are eligible for carbon offset credits.

Carbon offset credits are an important component of domestic and international strategies to reduce greenhouse gases and combat global warming. Landowners and land manager who sequester carbon through sustainable land management practices can qualify for these credits, and may benefit financially by selling them on domestic and international climate exchanges.

"Because they are either unaware of carbon credit programs

or concerned by the bureaucracy surrounding land registration, many landowners don't take advantage of the programs and incentives available. That's where we come in," said John Hodges, a Dallas native and former World Bank manager now serving as the President of SunOne Solutions. "We take care of the paperwork, and allow landowners to cut straight to the rewarding part: making money while running a sustainable operation."

SunOne Solutions works with growers, foresters and ranchers to develop carbon sequestration projects on farmland, forests, grassland and rangeland in the United States. The company also develops methane capture projects on landfills and livestock facilities.

Jeff Monroe, who is leading SunOne Solution's efforts in

Texas and is a native of Haskell, said "SunOne Solutions provides an opportunity for ranchers to earn extra money in a way that is already consistent with their current sustainable land management practices."

The SunOne Solutions' team packs decades of banking experience in the banking, finance, energy, environmental science and public policy sectors. The company sells the carbon credits through its seat on the Chicago Climate Exchange, and also works directly with large carbon credit purchasers.

The SunOne Solution's team will hold an open house to provide more background on the carbon credit program, answer questions, and hand out applications Tues., Aug. 19 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank, 602 S. First, Haskell.

## Farm Credit Bank reports second quarter results

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending institutions have reported combined net income of \$145.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, an increase of \$33.7 million, or 30.2 percent, from the same period of 2007. Gross loan volume at June 30, 2008, was \$16.31 billion, reflecting a 7.9 percent increase from Dec. 31, 2007, and a 17.8 percent increase from June 30, 2007.

The Austin-based bank and 20 financing cooperatives, collectively known as the Tenth Farm Credit District (Tenth District), make up the largest rural lending network serving Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

The increase in net income for the first six months of 2008 was primarily the result of an \$18.5 million increase in net interest income and \$11.9 million reduction in the district's provision for loan losses.

"Our strong growth is being fueled by a high level of loan volume that we continue to see across the Tenth District,

combined with an increase in the bank's participations portfolio," said Buddy Cortese, board chairman of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas.

Nonaccrual loans for the district were 0.83 percent of total loans at June 30, 2008, compared to 0.66 percent at Dec. 31, 2007, and 0.60 percent at June 30, 2007. Credit quality remained high at 98.6 percent of loans rated acceptable at June 30, 2008.

Combined assets of the Tenth District totaled \$19.3 billion at mid-year. Members' equity in the cooperatively owned lending organizations totaled \$2.36 billion.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas also reported strong second-quarter results. The bank's net income for the second quarter was \$22.2 million, a 21.8 percent increase from the second quarter of last year. Net income for the first six months was \$43.2 million, an increase of \$7.5 million, or 20.9 percent, over the same period of 2007.

"We are pleased with the continued growth of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas," said

Larry Doyle, the bank's chief executive officer. "Our success was made even more significant recently when the bank received favorable ratings from Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service."

Fitch assigned an 'AA-' long-term Issuer Default Rating to the bank on June 19, and Moody's assigned an 'Aa3' issuer rating on July 16. The bank was assigned preferred stock ratings of 'A' and 'A2' by Fitch and Moody's, respectively.

The Tenth District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, established by Congress in 1916. The Tenth District lenders provide loans and financial services to agricultural producers, agribusiness firms, country homeowners and other rural landowners.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$793 million and \$1.553 billion for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, as compared with combined net income of \$640 million and \$1.294 billion for the same periods last year.

## Healthy baby strategies

A healthy pregnancy, ideally, begins a few months before conception. Establishing healthy habits in both parents, testing for medical conditions, and beginning pregnancy-oriented nutrition all add up to the best possible conditions for a baby,

says Dr. Lisa Halvorson, an obstetrician-gynecologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "By following a few simple steps, a couple may avoid potential complications for both mother and baby," Dr. Halvorson says.

Among the strategies she recommends for the prospective mother are:

- Review all medications to

assess their potential danger to the fetus.

- If not already immune, get a vaccination for rubella (German measles).

- Get tested for diabetes, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, high blood pressure, thyroid disorders, and other conditions.

- Undergo a general physical examination including Pap smear.

- Begin folic acid supplementation, at least 400 micrograms a day, to prevent certain birth defects.

- Get counseling to establish a healthful diet and exercise program.

- Stop smoking and drinking alcohol.

- Avoid dangerous chemicals at work, and rodent or feline feces at home.

There are also strategies a prospective father can do, Dr. Halvorson says. Among those tips are:

- Stop smoking to avoid second-hand smoke around the mother.

- Stop or minimize alcohol consumption, which—along with cigarettes—can reduce male fertility.

- If working around dangerous chemicals, such as agricultural pesticides or fertilizers, change clothes immediately upon coming home, and wash those clothes separately.



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**VISIT ALBANY**—The Haskell EEA Club made an educational tour to Albany on June 25. Members attending were, front row, l-r, Alice Yates, Flossie Bates, Shirley Reed and Lena Tidwell; back row, Alice Ballard, guest Lou Gilly, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Haskell County Agent Jane Rowan, Joetta Burnett, Dolores Medford, Pat Jenkins, Coleta Whitfield and Jeri Burke.

## Thomas family reunion

The annual reunion of the descendants of Clifford Adell Thomas and Annie Mae Josselet was held at the Civic Center Sat., Aug. 2. Forty-five family members were in attendance along with three guests. All the Thomas brothers and sisters were represented by various family members.

The late John Thomas was represented by Clois and Donna Thomas along with their son, Gary and wife Reda Thomas and grandchildren Jillian, Eden and Micah and guest Nolan Comacho. Don and Christene DuBois of Magnolia attended with daughter Delin Konicki of Spring and grandchildren Taylor and Austin Konicki.

Berta Mae Carroll attended with daughters Jean Taylor and Sandra Blair of Forney, guest Manuel Gonzales of Cedar Hill, and son Jerry Bass and Lana of Weatherford along with grandchildren and great grandchildren Sherry Kelly, and Johnny Kelly as well as Curtis and Dana and Travis, Piper and Colton Rasbury, and Taylor Sikes, all of Forney.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas along with grandchildren Keaton Thomas of Morton and Mackenzie, Payton and Tanner Thomas of Haskell. Their guest was Mary Kammenga.

Helen Mills of Levelland attended with son Bob Mills of Amherst and daughter Marijohn and husband Mike Motheral of Sundown.

Marie Cole of Plano came with daughter Gaylen Chanslor of Farmers Branch.

C.A. Thomas III and wife Kay of Wichita Falls represented the late Clifford Thomas, Jr.

Lewis Thomas of Haskell was accompanied by daughters Suzanne Wollard of Bryan and Debbie Scheffel and husband Ricky of Lubbock and grandchildren Todd and Kaylee.

The family enjoyed a barbecue meal along with a variety of desserts brought by family members. An auction was held with Lewis Thomas as auctioneer and assistant Marijohn Motheral.

Supper consisted of an abundance of leftovers and the family dispersed looking forward to Reunion 2009.

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## Haskell County TEEA Club tours in Albany

The EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office on June 25, with twelve members and one guest ready for an educational visit to Albany.

On arriving in Albany, the group was met by Albany officials and toured the Shackelford County Courthouse. The architecture of the building has been well preserved and the tour resulted in a new appreciation for the Shackelford County courthouse.

The group had lunch at the historic Beehive Restaurant. Dining with the group was Chuck Senter, Albany Chamber

of Commerce president. During lunch he provided the TEEA ladies with information concerning Albany, giving history of the businesses and announcing the opening of two new stores during the week of the Albany Fandangle.

After lunch the ladies toured the Ole Jail Art Center. Conducting the tour was Holly Phillips. The Art Center is divided into different sections, featuring different artists. Some of the art exhibits are permanent displays. The Haskell County TEEA ladies enjoyed the Wait

and Sally Matthews' exhibit, as the Matthews were familiar to all present. A video was shown to the group on the history of Shackelford County.

After the Art Center and before returning home, members explored the local shops.

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 at the County Extension Office. July was vacation month for the club. The next meeting will be Aug. 14 at 2 p.m.

## Mullins cousins meet

The grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, early settlers of Haskell County, held their eleventh annual reunion, Sun., Aug. 3, at the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center. Forty-five cousins and guests attended.

Dale Linton and Jennifer Linton registered guests. Kay Smith, Kristen Grand and Kathy Rea co-chaired the food preparation for the noon dinner. Wayne Offutt gave the invocation. Gaylon Amonett and Frank Clarkson conducted the auction of donated items to raise funds for the next reunion. Amonett also served as MC for the day's activities. Barbara Clarkson coordinated the communications during the year.

A printed handout was distributed that included the Mullins Coat of Arms, Mullins Family Tree, Mullins and Meadors Pedigree Chart, and the Legend of Ancestor Robert

McCouston's contribution to the Texas Republic. Dale Linton conducted the recent family research that supplemented the original work of the late Mrs. J.W. (Dora) Mullins, Jr.

Of the twenty living grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, twelve attended. The first cousins and spouses attending were Maple Thomas, Olney; Mildred Offutt, Wichita Falls; Eldon and Brenda Amonett, Denver City; Wanda Faye and Arvil Lee Campbell, Floydada; Dorothy Lane Strickland, Rochester; Wallace Pack, San Angelo; Manuel Mullins, Olney; Barbara and Frank Clarkson, Lubbock; Betty Lake, Rogers, Arkansas; Dale and Dalton Linton, Midland; Robbie Curry, Lubbock; and Gaylon Amonett, Lubbock.

Second cousins and spouses attending were Sue and John Holcombe, Olney; Judy and Ross Anderson, Abilene; Carolyn and

J. B. Griffin, Abilene; Wayne and Shirley Offutt, Wichita Falls; John and Jennifer Linton, Midland; Gwen and Jim Williams, Red River, New Mexico; and Kay and J.R. Rodriguez and daughter Erika, Abilene.

Additional cousins and guests attending were

Kay Smith, Charlie Smith and Jennifer Smith, all of Haskell; Kristen and Chris Grand and children, Levi and Katie, Abilene; Kathy Rea, Abilene; Lois McDonald, Eastland; Melissa Anderson, Abilene; Zachary Hearn, Abilene; Valerie Anderson, Abilene; and Milbert Opitz, Haskell.

The oldest attending first cousin was Maple Thomas, 91 years old.

Traveling the longest distance was Betty Strickland Lake of Rogers, Arkansas. The largest family group attending was the Nettie Mullins Smith family.

The twelfth annual Mullins reunion will be held July 19, 2009 in Haskell.

## Bible study set

In which chair do you sit? Bruce Wilkinson uses the image of the chair to illustrate different levels of commitment to Christ. In today's world of compromise, we all can be challenged to become what Wilkinson calls "first-chair Christians."

A bible study entitled "The Three Chairs, Experiencing Spiritual Breakthrough" by Bruce Wilkinson will be held at First Baptist Church, Haskell in the educational building on Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The video-based study will begin at 7:15 p.m., following evening worship, and will conclude about 8:30 p.m.

each night. The church asks that you call the office at 864-2581, to sign up for the study, get on the list for a book, or request a nursery.

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

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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

**Bug problems descend on Texas after heavy rains**  
AUSTIN—Recent heavy rains and flooding following Hurricane Dolly and Tropical Storm Edouard sent the Texas mosquito population soaring, the Texas Department of State Health Services reports.

Health Commissioner David Lakey suggested that citizens use bug repellent "every time they are outside."

Meanwhile, health officials are focusing on a dozen possible cases of flea-borne murine typhus in Travis County.

Headache, fever, nausea, body aches and skin rash are possible symptoms of typhus. Certain prescribed antibiotics are used to treat the disease.

State health officials said it is unusual for murine typhus to be contracted as far north as Travis County.

#### Stop now, AG tells debt collector

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 6 charged a Dallas-based debt collection firm with using deceptive practices to collect payments from Texas consumers.

Abbott took legal action to stop Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates LLC from harassing Texas debtors with deceptive letters and unlawful telephone calls.

The enforcement action also accuses Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates of threatening to garnish consumers' wages or file liens against homesteads in violation of the Texas Debt Collection Act.

The attorney general's office cited complaints that the defendant's representatives harassed, abused and threatened debtors during profanity-laden, repeated or continuous telephone calls.

The attorney general's enforcement action seeks civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

#### Perry criticizes ethanol decision

Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 7 issued a statement lashing back at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny his request for a 50 percent waiver from the grain-based Renewable Fuels Standard.

Perry said the EPA's decision "not only goes against common sense, but every American's grocery bill."

And, he said, the decision would increase the burden on families while doing even more harm to the livestock industry.

"Any government mandate that artificially props-up a single industry to the detriment of millions of Americans is bad public policy," he added.

#### Austin leads hard-drinking list

Forbes magazine reported Aug. 8 that Austin, Texas, is No. 1 on the list of the country's hardest-drinking cities.

Forbes based its story on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey, assessing what citizens reported about their drinking habits.

An estimated two-thirds of Austin residents have a least one drink per month, the study showed. That's easily more than half a million drinks.

The study put Milwaukee in second place and San Francisco in third.

#### Crane safety looms as issue here

News of collapsing cranes and related accidents in other cities has made Austin want to do more to ensure safety of workers and bystanders.

Capital city visitors find the "national bird of Texas" or the heavy construction crane, easy to spot these days. They perch on or next to new high rise buildings that have popped in the downtown area.

City Manager Marc Ott is studying crane inspection processes and procedures used by other cities and will report his findings to the city council soon.

#### State executes 2 foreign nationals

The state of Texas executed convicted murderers Jose Medellin, 31, of Mexico on Aug. 5, and Heliberto Chi, 29, of Honduras on Aug. 7.

The Medellin execution prompted national and international concern because the Texas judiciary failed to inform Medellin of his right to consular access and assistance during trial. The failure reportedly violated the Vienna Convention, leaving to speculation what might happen to Americans arrested in foreign countries.

#### Goal: Cleaner air on school buses

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Parent Teacher Association announced Aug. 7 that they will work together to distribute funding to protect school children from harmful particulate matter by retrofitting diesel burning school buses.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago August 13, 1998

Holden McCauley Funeral Home received the Golden Rule Membership Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaw visited his mother, Bertie Shaw, in Burnet.

Brittany Bartley and Brandy Gardner were recognized as the two Haskell County Gold Star recipients during the Haskell County 4-H Award program.

Rick Perry visited Haskell during his bus tour.

Robyn Sue Rainey and Cory Wade Robinson of Rule were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University.

#### 20 Years Ago August 18, 1988

Kacye Nemir, editor of the War Whoop, won a feature writing award at the media workshop at Southern Methodist University.

Staff Sgt. Gavino Ortiz, a 1978 graduate of Rule High School, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Hood.

Five generations were present at the First Baptist Church, Mrs. J.M. Glass; her daughter, Eula Faye Crawford; her granddaughter, Mrs. Merilan Holt; her great granddaughter, Rebecca Russell; and her great great granddaughter, Kourtney Russell.

Dr. William J. Kemp of Haskell has been named president-elect of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

Leiza Morales was a contestant in the Miss Texas USA pageant.

Cindy Hearn of Rochester, donated fifteen ducks to the Rice Springs Park.

#### 30 Years Ago August 17, 1978

Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. announced the grand opening of their new store in Haskell.

Haskell County 4-H trap shooting team placed first in the state. Members were Rocky Petty, Gary Bill Womack, James Cloud and Joe Wilfong.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Berryhill were in Bridgeport visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Berryhill and Val.

Governor Dolph Briscoe was in Haskell to survey the recent flood damage and talk with City officials.

JoNell Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon B. Anderson, will be presented in a piano recital at the First Baptist Church. Her selections include Bach, Chopin and Beethoven.

#### 40 Years Ago August 15, 1968

Deborah Darnell of Haskell was crowned Miss Hey-Day.

Kay Campbell of Haskell was crowned Little Miss Hey-Day.

Haskell High School majorettes were Jackie Beauchamp, Glenda Lane, Donna Gordon, Pam Harris, Suzie Montgomery and Patricia Toliver.

Showing at the Rule Drive In was "Villa Rides!" starring Yul Brynner and Robert Mitchum and "El Dorado" starring John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.

#### 50 Years Ago August 14, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Guess

returned from Europe and Germany were they visited with their daughter and son in law Lt. and Mrs. Hale Alderman.

Five new residents moved into Haskell according to the Chamber of Commerce: Roy L. Roberts, J.D. Davis, W.H. Baccus, Jr., W.O. Smith and D.E. Brazell.

Kenneth E. Gibbs, son of Mrs. Buck Gibbs, enlisted in the Army and is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Buck Calloway harvested a total of 206,120 pounds of maize from a 99 acre tract of land, an average of 2,082 pounds per acre.

#### 100 Years Ago August 15, 1908

Capt. Wallace of Alabama was looking over our city a few days this week.

Henry Tucker and Kid Harris of Texarkana are visiting the families of Messrs. Riley Stephens and W.H. Pearsey.

Arthur Cummings of the Van Horn Country is here visiting relatives and old friends.

P.K. Crawford has succeeded George C. Peterson as cashier at the Farmers Exchange Bank in Weinert.

Mrs. Tim Tie of Rochester took the train for Stamford.

Higginbotham, Harris & Co. have sold their yard and stock of lumber to the other lumber dealers and will retire from the business.

P.C. Patterson of the southwest part of the county came into town.

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

August 7, 2008

U.S. cotton futures sunk to the lowest settlement in nearly 11 months on Monday amid speculative spillover selling that knocked the market under its recent trading range. However, the market rallied as short covering took place at the end of the week when traders built in bullish expectations for the Aug. 12 release of USDA's supply/demand report. The end of the marketing year export sales report also captured market attention.

Many traders said this week's export sales report was no way to kick off the new marketing year. In the week ended July 31, USDA reported a total of only 10,900 bales were sold to all destinations combined. Sales to Turkey, Vietnam and Bangladesh were partially offset by cancellations from China, Japan and South Korea.

Export shipments of 353,200 bales were up 39 percent from the previous week and 34 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

"The shipment total was better than we've seen in recent weeks," a trader said. "Perhaps shippers are focusing less on getting cotton sold and more on getting cotton moved."

The final 2007-08 export total came in at 12.3 million bales, up three percent from the previous marketing year. This past season's export shipments should provide an adequate target for next year's anticipated 14.5 million-bale export effort, market observers noted.

Meanwhile, spot cotton sales were slower in the week ended Aug. 7 as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 1,194 bales compared to 3,105 bales the previous week.

Light to moderate rains fell in parts of Texas this week as Tropical Storm Edouard made landfall and tracked inland. Heaviest amounts of precipitation were recorded in the Upper Coastal Bend, but the storm's winds were not strong enough to damage cotton, and most of the cotton crop was not far enough along to be susceptible to stringing out from heavy rain. Edouard brought beneficial rain to some areas in the northern Coastal Bend and the southernmost areas of the Blacklands that missed out on rain from Hurricane Dolly.

Scattered thunderstorms helped ease dry soil on areas of the Texas High and Rolling Plains. Growers there continue to irrigate where possible, but many plants still are wilting during the heat of the day. The stressful growing conditions have pushed most of the dryland crop to early maturation and many stands are reaching the 'cut out' stage.

Across the globe, monsoonal rains in India continued to arrive in a hit-and-miss fashion this week, allowing both the bears and the bulls a chance at some fundamentally-based two-way trading. The market continues to keep one eye on the situation in India, but some feel the hype over the country's massive crop loss might be overstated.

"The arrival of adequate monsoonal moisture over the past week to 10 days has taken away some of the new crop supply jitters in India," a trader said. "A late start and the resultant harvest time quality concerns may be all that is left of the great 2008-09 Indian cotton crop anxiety."

In China, the diversion of electricity to Beijing for the Olympics will cause more than one major textile center to slow, if not completely shut down operations altogether. A three to four week multiple city shuttering of spinning operations could put a very real dent in total Chinese cotton consumption for the year.

## SBA offers low-interest disaster business loans

Small, non-farm businesses in 23 Texas counties may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by adverse weather in the primary counties, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Small businesses in the following primary and neighboring counties may apply for working capital loans to offset economic losses that are attributable to the impact of the following weather

conditions on the incident dates in each disaster.

Jones County and neighboring counties, including Haskell and Stonewall, are eligible due to a hail incident that occurred April 23. The deadline is March 24, 2009.

Small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the

financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Ed Schafer declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Information and application forms are available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

## Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of July.

Theft of more than \$500 and less than \$1,500: 1 case.  
Possession of marijuana: 8 cases.  
Possession of a controlled substance: 3 cases.  
Theft by check: 3 cases.  
Driving while intoxicated:

2 cases.  
Public intoxication: 3 cases.  
Bench warrants: 4 cases.  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 3 cases.  
Driving while license invalid: 1 case.  
Assault, family violence: 2 cases.  
Surety withdrawal: 1 case.  
Traffic warrants: 2 cases.  
Sex offender, failure to comply: 1 case.

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# Sales tax receipts listed for area towns

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.4 percent compared to one year ago.

"Through July, fiscal 2008 state sales tax collections are up 6.5 percent," Combs said. "The Texas economy remains strong; however, we continue to monitor the slower growth seen nationally."

Combs sent \$583.4 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.2 percent compared to August 2007. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.3 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$393.1 million to Texas cities, up 8 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues surpass 2007 by 5.4 percent. Sales tax payments of \$35.3 million went to Texas counties, 13.9 percent higher than last August. So far in calendar year 2007, county sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$21.3 million in

sales tax revenue went to 135 special purpose taxing districts, 21.5 percent more than in August 2007. Ten local transit systems received \$133.5 million, up 9.9 percent compared to a year ago.

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Fri., Sept. 12.

Haskell County had a 7.67 percent decrease for August 2008 of \$37,353.40 in comparison to \$40,459.54 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$296,083.39 reflect a 6.82 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$277,155.27.

The City of Haskell had a 8.14 percent decrease for August 2008 of \$34,222.41 in comparison to \$37,256.03 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$274,460.12 reflect a 12.55 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of

\$243,843.65.

The City of O'Brien had a 18.32 percent increase for August 2008 of \$159.72 in comparison to \$134.98 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$708.37 reflect a 22.13 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$909.72.

The City of Rochester had a 10.94 percent decrease for August 2008 of \$631.10 in comparison to \$708.68 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$4,348.31 reflect a 2.98 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$4,222.31.

The City of Rule had a 5.44 percent increase for August 2008 of \$2,055.38 in comparison to \$1,949.26 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$14,140.62 reflect a 3.13 percent increase over 2007 payments to date of \$13,711.05.

The City of Weinert had a 30.63 percent decrease for August 2008 of \$284.79 in comparison to \$410.59 for August 2007. 2008 payments to date of \$2,425.97 reflect a 83.23 percent decrease over 2007 payments to date of \$14,468.54.



**DANCE COMPETITORS**—Kristen Kuehler of Munday, left, Kayley Mathis of Haskell, center, and Tori Thompson of Munday represented The Movement Space by competing in the Tremaine Dance Competition in Dallas. They placed second in the Teen Lyrical and Jazz categories and third in the Teen Tap category. This was their first competition, but no one would have guessed from their outstanding performances.

## Young and old are at highest risk of death due to fire

People at the highest risk of death in home structure fires are the very young and very old, according to the Characteristics of Home Fire Victims report released today by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Key findings from the report:

### AGE

- In 2002-05, children under age 5 were one and a half times as likely to die in a home fire as the general public.

- People age 65 and over were more than twice as likely to die in a home fire and the risk of death increased with age among older adults, with those 85 and over being nearly four times as likely to die.

- The highest risk of non-fatal injury from home fires was faced by people age 20-49 and 75 and over. Risk of injury for adults between 20-34 years old was 30 percent greater than the average person.

- For children 14 and under, heating equipment is the leading cause of civilian fire deaths. Children under the age of 5 are more than eight times as likely to die in fire caused by playing with heat source than are people of all ages.

### GENERAL

- Overall, fire deaths and injuries in home structure fires are down. On average, 2,870 people died in home structure fires annually in 2002-05.

- In 2005, home structure fire deaths were down 45 percent and injuries were down 35 percent, compared to 1980.

- More than two of every five people injured (but not killed) in home fires were trying to fight the fire or rescue someone when they were injured.

- More than one of every three fatal fire victims never wake up before being injured.

### GENDER

- Males have a 30 percent higher risk of home fire death

than females and an 18 percent higher risk of non-fatal home fire injury.

- Males were more likely than females to be fighting the fire or trying to rescue others from it when injured, while females were more likely than males to be escaping when injured.

### REGION/POPULATION

- Rural communities were found to have the highest fire death rates in the nation. In 2006, the highest fire death rates by far were in southern communities with populations under 2,500 people. Comparable areas in the west had the second highest death rate.

### CAUSES

- Smoking materials have historically caused the largest number of civilian deaths in home structure fires; however in 2002-05, heating equipment and smoking materials each accounted for 24 percent of civilian fire deaths. Cooking equipment continues to be the leading cause of civilian fire injuries.

- For children 14 and under, heating equipment is the leading cause of civilian fire deaths. Children under the age of 5 are more than eight times as likely to die in fire caused by playing with heat source than are people of all ages.

- Fire deaths due to smoke inhalation outnumber deaths due to burns.

NFPA offers the following tips on 10 things people can do to be fire-safe at home:

- Watch your cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you

must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

- Give space heaters space. Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- Smoke outside. Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.

- Keep matches and lighters out of reach. Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.

- Inspect electrical cords. Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.

- Be careful when using candles. Keep candles at least 1 foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- Have a home fire escape plan. Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.

- Install smoke alarms. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Test smoke alarms. Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.

- Install sprinklers. If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a called meeting Tues., Aug. 5 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall attending.

A motion was approved to accept the resignation of Carolyn Everett from the Civic Center board.

The council approved a request by Haskell CISD to return North Avenue D, directly east of the high school and North 8th

Street, directly north of the high school, to two way traffic. The school also requested the ability to post 15 mph speed limits on those roads as well as North 6th Street directly south of the high school.

The council reappointed Joey Thomas to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority for another term.

A resolution with Atmos Cities Steering Committee participation agreement was approved to fund regulatory and

related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Randy Hise and Bill Thomas were reappointed to the EDC board.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson reported:

- The next budget meeting will be held Aug. 19 at City Hall.

- The sale of the prison awaits signatures from the county on the sales agreement. Hopefully, the document will be finalized this week.

## Texas officers step up DWI enforcement laws

Federal, state and local transportation officials rallied at Texas Southern University Thursday to call attention to the growing problem of drunk driving in Harris County and across the state.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) joined Mothers Against Drunk Driving, local law enforcement and other community leaders to weigh alternatives for combating drunk driving, which is on the rise in Texas.

Texas continues to lead the nation in drunk driving traffic fatalities. During 2006, 1,354 motorists in Texas died in alcohol-impaired crashes where the driver had a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 or higher—up 34 deaths from the previous year.

Despite improvements during 2006, an average of 17 motorists per month died in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Harris County.

The meeting precedes the national drunk driving crackdown planned for the two weeks leading up to this year's Labor Day holiday.

TxDOT officials announced that thousands of state troopers and local law enforcement will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1. Last year, 3,979 drunk drivers were arrested during the two-week crackdown, up more than 700 arrests from the prior year. Preliminary data indicates 168 people died in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas during August and September last year.

"Our Drink. Drive. Go to Jail campaign reminds motorists

that if they drink and drive this Labor Day holiday, they will get arrested. Our goal is simple: to prevent alcohol-related crashes, which saves lives and prevents injuries," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. "Stay out of trouble and don't get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for as long as a year, and serve 180 days in jail.

Safety officials say other costs associated with a drunk driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$10,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes and vehicle insurance increases and other expenses.

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**4-H HONOREES**—The Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H program was honored recently by President George W. Bush at the White House. Area 4-H members on hand during the celebration were l-r, Wendy Scott, Brady Ragland, Justin Benavidez, Molly Dudensing of Rule, Jake Williams, Leslie Montalvo, Ryan Hoelscher and Angela Burkham.

## Texas 4-H program honored

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co  
The Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H Program was honored by President George W. Bush at the White House on July 28 for "100 years of developing young people into future leaders of our country," said Martha Couch, AgriLife Extension associate director for 4-H and youth.

Texas 4-H has been celebrating its centennial anniversary all year, Couch said. While at the White House, Texas 4-H members, volunteers and AgriLife Extension faculty members were greeted in the East Room by Bush, where he posed for photographs from the official White House photographer and members of the White House Press Corp.

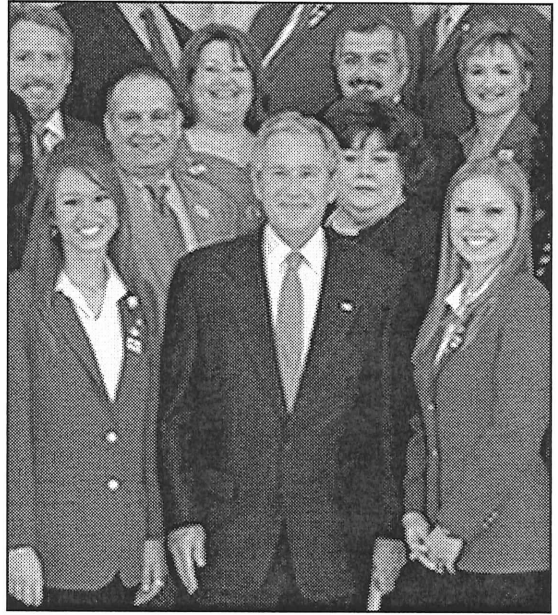
Texas 4-H Council President Loni Woolley, Johnson County, presented Bush with a centennial plate on behalf of 4-H members in Texas.

Bush told the 4-H members that it is important for each of them to serve others throughout their adult lives, Couch said.

State 4-H Council members representing the North Region, which includes the Lubbock-, Amarillo- and Vernon-based districts, were Justin Benevitez of

Tulia, Ryan Hoelscher of Hereford, Brady Ragland of Floydada, Molly Dudensing of Rule, Leslie Montalvo of Palo Pinto, and Jake Williams of Decatur. They were accompanied

by Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension North Region 4-H program director of Amarillo, and Wendy Scott, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth specialist in Lubbock.



**ATTENDS 4-H PROGRAM**—Molly Dudensing of Sagerton, front, right, is shown posing with U.S. President George W. Bush and members of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program at the White House in Washington July 28. Dudensing is a Rule 4-H member.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### WHETHER YOU TRAVEL OR STAY HOME, GOD IS THERE

Like many of us, you may have a vacation looming on the horizon, and of course your budget will dictate where you will spend it. You may visit another part of the world, or just lounge around the house. In any case your vacation can be a very enjoyable and rewarding escape from the realities of everyday living. Moreover, wherever you are the Lord will be there to watch over you. Thank Him for His protection at any house of worship, and even if your travels take you beyond the orbit of civilization, there is always the Bible. Put it on your list of things to pack in your suitcase. In fact, that's a good idea no matter where you're going. To borrow the advice of a well-known TV commercial, "Don't leave home without it."

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
Richard Barr, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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

—WEINERT—  
**First Baptist Church**  
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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert  
—ROCHESTER—  
**Church of Christ**  
Steve Wiils, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester  
**First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/  
Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester  
**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester  
**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton  
—RULE—  
**First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
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**Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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Paint Creek  
—O'BRIEN—  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

## Cooking for your health program set Aug. 28

Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, *Cooking for Your Health: Optimizing Nutrition for Cancer Patient* at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 28 at Alley Cats located at 216 Pine in Abilene. Janet Basom, R.D., L.D., dietitian at the Joe Arrington Cancer Research Center in Lubbock and Jimmy Tomlin, owner and chef of Alley Cats will present this program from a dietician's perspective as well as a chef's perspective. Tomlin will demonstrate recipes from *Eating Well Through Cancer* written by Holly Clegg and Gerald Miletello, M.D. Anyone who enjoys a healthier approach to cooking will enjoy this program.

"Our goal is to present information about how nutrition can maintain your health and strength to fight cancer and how foods can help in managing the side-effects of chemotherapy and cancer related treatments. This information will be helpful for cancer patients, cancer patient's

family members, caregivers and for everyone wanting to learn how a proper diet may reduce the risk of developing certain cancers," said Sherry Hirsch, Chair of Cancer Services Network Board of Directors. Sanofi aventis and the Texas Cancer Council are sponsors for the event. There is no cost to attend but reservations can be made by calling the Cancer Services Network office at 325-672-0040 or by emailing adodson@cancer servicesnetwork.org.

Cancer Services Network provides financial and emotional support to under served cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing assistance for emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, cancer related medical supplies, and transportation.

## 4-H/FFA validation tags to be ordered

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
It is time to order Lamb/Goat validation ear tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag. The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until

Aug. 29. The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then a date will be set in October for validating.

Come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell to order the tags. For more information, call Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag. at 940-864-2658.

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Aug. 18**  
Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, choco cake, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Fri., Aug. 22**  
Lunch—Sloppy joe on bun, pinto beans, potato chips, onions, pickles, misc. dessert, milk, tea, or coffee  
**Wed., Aug. 20**  
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**GARAGE SALE:** Fri.-Sat. Teenage boys'/girls' clothing, golf clubs, misc. 610 N. Ave. C (behind high school gym). 33p

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**GARAGE SALE:** Sat. 8-5. 307 N. Ave. G. Sectional sofa, maple dining table, bedding, antique wood playpen, huge amount of girls' school clothes and back to school stuff. Too much to list. Come see! 33p

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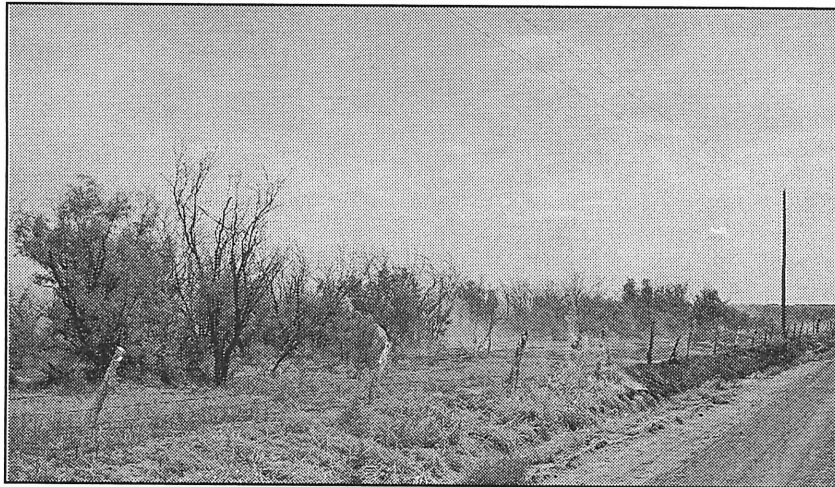
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**GRASS FIRE**-This grass fire in heavy brush occurred just south of CR 218 north of the Haskell Country Club Sunday afternoon. Haskell fire crews were assisted by crews from Rule Fire Department and Weinert Fire Departments. With temperatures over the century mark, Haskell fire crews responded to a fire near Jud and this fire Sunday afternoon, and later Sunday night to fires in eastern Haskell County that were possibly started by lightning and thankfully put out by heavy downpours of rain. High temperatures will quickly absorb the moisture and conditions for fires will soon return. A burn ban is now in effect for Haskell County.

## Area schools set registration and back to school events

### Haskell Pre-K Rule

Haskell Elementary School has opened Prekindergarten up to all students who will be 4 year olds by Sept. 1, 2008. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis as room allows. Students that meet Prekindergarten qualifications will be admitted first. Students that haven't already been registered for Prekindergarten may be registered at the elementary school office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To be eligible for enrollment in the 3 year old Prekindergarten, a child must be 3 years of age on Sept. 1, 2008 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care.

If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Parents should bring their driver license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. All immunizations must be up to date and the school nurse have received a copy by the first day of school.

Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

### Haskell Elementary

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 19 and Thurs., Aug. 21. On Tues., Aug. 19 students in third and fourth grades will register at 5:30 p.m. and students in fifth grade will register at 6:30 p.m. On Thurs., Aug. 21, students in Head Start, Early Childhood and Kindergarten will register at 5:30 p.m., Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and students in first and second grades will register at 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 25. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

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## Tate is new office assistant

Betty Hammon Tate has been named the office assistant of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, announced Sally Rueffer, chamber manager.

Tate previously worked at the Haskell Housing Authority and was hired through a SSAO-SCSEP program, located in Abilene and throughout Texas, that helps and assists in employing senior citizens.

Tate is looking forward to achieving the visions of the chamber, assisting in creating a Haskell that is progressive, alive and prospering in business, agriculture and community involvement. She wants to help guide and assist citizens to make Haskell the most desirable location in Texas to live, learn, work and do business, while building a community where residents want to stay and visitors want to visit.

She wants to advance and encourage this community and its citizens to make Haskell a desired location in Texas offering all citizens a variety of jobs and career opportunities.

A native of Haskell, Tate is the daughter of Bobbie and John Hammon Jr. Her mother is well known in Haskell and is employed by the Experienced Citizens Center.

Tate has three sons. Marvin, owner of Hammon Transport Trucking Service, lives in Dallas; Christopher is a diagnostic technician at a San Antonio hospital; and Tony is a dispatcher for the Haskell Sheriff's office.

Tate loves sharing her New Year's Eve birthday with the whole world because everyone joins her in celebrating and partying.

She serves on the board of directors of the Housing Authority and plans to join the Rotary Club. She is a member of Hopewell Baptist Church.

## Fishing tournament results

Local results of the Off the Hook Bass Tournament and Kid Fish Tournament held in Stamford were:

From Haskell: Jay Miller and John Welker, 13th place with a weight of 16.17; and Steven Bird and Brian Holmes, 29th place with a weight of 7.68.

From Rule: Joey Mathis and Greg Teichelman, 25th place with a weight of 11.13.

Teachers and staff members will be available to meet and greet parents, register students new to the district, and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year. Elementary school students are encouraged to bring their school supplies with them.

Supply lists are available at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office.

### Rochester JH

Haskell CISD Rochester Junior High will register grades six through eight Tues., Aug. 19 in the Junior High Cafeteria. Sixth grade students will register at 5:30 p.m., seventh grade students will register at 6 p.m. and eighth grade students will register at 6:30 p.m.

Students may register any time from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. if unable to register at the scheduled time. If students are unable to attend registration, registration packets will be available at the Haskell CISD administration office, 605 N. Ave. E in Haskell.

Tours of the campus will be available for new parents and students any time during registration.

An assembly will be held in the auditorium at 6 p.m. for any parent or student to learn more about the Junior High campus and what to expect in the coming school year. Questions about the new school may be asked during this time.

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### Letter to Editor

In April 2008, a letter was published in newspaper by a Haskell administrator the attorney's fees from January 16 through April 17 regarding the Concerned Citizen's grievance was in excess of \$8000. After concern was voiced that the amount published was inaccurate, I contacted Ms Wardell, the school attorney, asking for clarification. Below, in part is an exact quote from that letter:

"Haskell CISD incurred a total amount of \$8,544.34 in legal fees and expenses from our firm during the time period January 16, 2008 through April 17, 2008. Virtually all of this was related to pending grievances, including but not limited to the Concerned Citizens. We have reviewed each time entry and expense listed in our statements for this period to determine which are attributable to the Concerned Citizens.

During this time period, Mr. Daniel Ortiz, an attorney, filed a grievance and public information request on behalf of the group. The specific tasked are described in our statements to the District. The work on Concerned Citizens matters totaled 30 hours during that time period. At \$195 per hour, that comes to \$5,850.00. There were also expenses related to Concerned Citizens in the amount of \$229.09...."

Based on this information, I believe the total legal fees regarding the Concerned Citizens for the period January 16 to April 17 to be \$6079.09. Please accept my apology for the earlier inaccurate information and I am convinced that the intent was not to mislead or hide information. If anyone desires to have a copy of the above mentioned letter please contact me at the school administration office. I will also be pleased to visit with anyone who has question regarding this or any other school matter.

David Hutton, Haskell CISD Interim Superintendent

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**If you own or manage rangeland, no-till farmland, grassland, or forestland, make money by harvesting your carbon credits today!**

**On Tuesday August 19th, please join SunOne Solutions to learn more at:  
Haskell National Bank, 602 South First, Haskell, TX 79521  
7:00 pm - 8:30pm**

**If you believe your land may be eligible, our team can assist you to:**

- review your land to determine type of eligibility and corresponding carbon credit rates
- develop the necessary mapping, records, certifications, and plans to apply for carbon credits
- manage the third party verification process that is required for all projects
- officially register the credits on a formal exchange or directly with large, credit-worthy buyers
- receive the best market price available for your carbon credits

**About SunOne Solutions:** We develop carbon credit projects for registration and trading on the Chicago Climate Exchange, where we are a member, and on other international markets. Our team of professionals has several decades of combined experience in the agricultural, banking, finance, energy, environmental science, and public policy sectors. We are former employees of the World Bank, major financial firms, and large companies who have developed carbon projects throughout the United States and overseas.

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