

Calendar

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Rochester homecoming

Plans for Rochester homecoming are being made for Friday and Saturday Oct. 8-9.

Weinert homecoming

Plans are being made for Weinert Homecoming to be held Oct. 1-3, 2010. If you have new addresses of exes, forward them to Jacky Sanders, Sue Cox, Wanda Hester or Mary Murphy.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 6. Anyone ages six months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are also invited to come and eat for the price of \$3 per plate.

Warpath 5K

The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk Sat., Sept. 18, starting at 8 a.m. All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations. More information will be available at a later time or contact Donnie Rieger, vice president of the Haskell Lions Club for details.

Clay shoot,

Cook-off

The first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off will be held Aug. 28-29 in Haskell. The Clay Shoot will be held Sat. and Sun. on FM 600. The cook-off will be held Sat. at the Haskell RV park. To enter the clay shoot contact www.clearfork.crimestoppersweb.com or contact any CFCS board member. To enter the cook-off, contact donnasuea@noahproject.org. To make a donation or to volunteer contact Steve Alsbrook at 325-280-2100.

Orientation

Freshman students and parent orientation at Haskell High School will be held Tuesday, August 10th, at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium.

Physicals

All Haskell High School and Junior High girl athletes are reminded that they must have a physical turned into the athletic office by the time school starts, Aug. 23. If physical forms are needed, they may be picked up at the athletic office.

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Workers continue to be busy with construction of the Stripes Convenience store set to open in Haskell.

Stripes to open in October

by Caron Yates

In spite of a short rain delay, construction of the new Stripes Convenience store is progressing quickly. Work on the store, located on Hwy. 380, just east of the overpass, is now in its sixth week.

According to Otis Peaks, media contact in the corporate office, the opening is expected to be the first part of October. It will be operated as a full service location, offering both fuel and fresh food. They anticipate employing twenty to twenty-five people.

The 7200 square foot store will offer authentic Mexican food from its Laredo Taco Company. There will be two separate fueling canopies, one with diesel only and the other for commercial fuel customers. A large concrete turn around area near the truck fueling pumps will soon be poured.

The store is expected to be open twenty-four hours a day.

The Susser Holdings

Corporation, the parent company of Stripes, operates over 500 convenience stores under the Stripes and Town & Country brands in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Founded in 1938 by the Susser family, the company has experienced dynamic growth and now is one of the top twenty convenience store chains in the United States.

The actual construction is being accomplished by Suntech Construction, an independent company. Joe Guzman, project superintendent says, "Suntech has built many of these stores, but are not limited to convenience stores. We construct a variety of stores including banks, shopping malls and individual stores." Guzman has been with the company for twenty-five years.

The benefits of the new business can already be seen in Haskell. The various speciality construction crews coming into town are staying

in local hotels, buying groceries locally, and eating at our food establishments. As many as forty to fifty individuals will be working on this project, coming from areas such as Houston,

Austin, Dallas, and Oklahoma. While the big material is imported in bulk, smaller needs are being purchased locally as well.

City administrator Brandon

Anderson stated, "After opening, the store will be on the tax roll, bringing in ad valorem taxes, and it is hoped it will generate sales tax from individuals stopping off the highway."

Successful Singing School

The Haskell Church of Christ recently held their annual camp for students who ranged in age from 10 through adult. Eighty-two students from Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas arrived on Sunday afternoon, July 11, and were met by their host families from the local church.

The camp was conducted this year under the direction of Tom Chapin. Instructors were Eugene Chapin, Thomas Chapin, Bob Connel, John Connel and Randy Daw.

The camp is centered on the desire to improve

upon and experience more meaningful praise and worship of our God through singing a cappella.

Many traditions have continued and are enjoyed daily by the students and staff. Each morning the campers assemble for a time of devotion and the daily joke contest. Daily sessions for all campers include a variety of classes for beginners to those who are more advanced in training. The students had sessions of rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading, song writing, hymn appreciation, music theory and voice harmony.

Lunch was catered each day at the church activity building. Evening activities were focused on preparation for the closing program and a time of devotion. An area wide youth service was held Tues. evening with guest speaker Brad Eason of Stamford.

The week concluded with a closing program on Friday evening featuring new music. Family and friends attended. Philip Sims is the minister at the church and Charlotte Peiser is the secretary and registrar. The 2011 camp is planned for July 10-15th.



2010 Haskell Singing School

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Fence feral hogs out summer and winter

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

The second phase of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service study confirmed that it is possible to exclude feral hogs from wildlife feeding stations without limiting access by white-tailed deer.

The study found 20-inch-high fencing did not entirely exclude feral hogs, but that 28-inch- or 34-inch-high fences were equally effective in completely excluding the invasive species without limiting access by adult white-tailed deer, according to Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

The second phase of the study was conducted Nov. 5 through Dec. 3 of 2009, and it largely confirmed the results of earlier tests conducted June 29 through July 28 of 2009, he said.

Higginbotham conducted both phases of the study at the Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton. He worked with Dr. Tyler Campbell, wildlife biologist and station leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services-National Wildlife Research Center near Kingsville, and Duane Campion, AgriLife Extension agent for San Patricio County.

Higginbotham and Campbell enclosed deer-feeder sites with fences of three heights: 20 inches, 28 inches and 34 inches. All fences used six 16-foot-long panels, staked with steel T-posts and arranged in a circle around the feeders. During July and August, remote-sensing cameras, which were tripped by detecting motion, were used to record deer and feral

hog traffic. The cameras recorded traffic before the fencing was erected and then for two weeks after through late July and early August. The fencing was mounted steel T-posts in 28-foot diameter circles around tripod-style deer feeders.

They constructed the fencing of crisscrossed galvanized steel wire, which are commonly called "livestock panels" and used by cattlemen to build corrals and working pens. For the high fencing, they used 34-inch by 16-foot panels. For the medium-high fence, they cut 5-foot by 16-foot utility panels in half lengthwise, which yielded the 28-inch high strips. And for the low-height fence, they ripped the same size panels in thirds to get 20-inch high strips.

As cost is a concern for most hunters, landowners and deer-lease operators, Higginbotham and Campbell considered materials and labor involved in their construction. All things considered, the 28-inch- and 34-inch-high panels cost about the same, he said.

There were no added labor costs to split the 34-inch panels as they come at that height, he said. But to get two 28-inch panels involved splitting a 60-inch panel, so using six 34-inch (hyphen) high panels arranged in a circle around the feeder and secured with 12 T-posts is the best management practice both in terms of effectiveness and cost.

"Including T-posts and T-post clips, our high-, medium-, and low-exclusion fence material costs were \$190, \$187 and \$142 per deer feeder, respectively," Campbell said. "If managers cut T-posts in half, then these costs would be reduced. Additionally, our three-person fence construction crews were able to build one exclusion fence in approximately 45 minutes and this was consistent among fence designs."

At each site, they set up digital cameras that were automatically tripped by motion of deer, hogs or other large animals. They recorded the data from nearly 112,000 images during the summer trial and more than 75,000 images

from the winter trial.

In both the summer and winter trials, all three fencing heights limited feral hog access, but the two highest fences excluded them completely. To a small degree, the 34-inch fencing and the 28-inch fencing limited some deer access as well, but the overall effect on deer traffic was minimal as they could easily jump the fences, Higginbotham said.

There were more visits to the sites by deer in the summer than in the fall, Higginbotham noted. He posited this was related to drought and its reduction on deer's natural food sources.

"From January through July, our study site received only 28 percent of its average normal precipitation for the period and available deer forage was reduced, which may have prompted deer to visit feeders at a greater rate," he said. "Nearly average normal monthly precipitation occurred from September through December on our study site, which increased available natural forage during our winter trial."

Studies of exclusion fencing by other researchers found that fawn visits to feeders were few and far between where there was fencing. During the summer phase of the trial, while the automatic cameras observed fawns with does, at no time did the fawns consume corn at the feeders, either before or after fencing was installed, they said.

During the winter phase of the trial, the cameras again recorded fawns with does, though at reduced numbers, probably because of the drought, Higginbotham said. Again, no fawns were recorded consuming corn, but he added it was unlikely a lower fence height would result in fawn feeding.

Higginbotham and other wildlife experts have posited that the lack of fawns at corn feeders is more likely due to "social interactions" among the deer.

"Even when fawns are plentiful, whenever bucks, does and fawns congregate around a deer feeder, the bucks are at the top of the pecking order, the does second and the fawns get pushed around by everyone else," he said. "Therefore the fawns present may be under-represented on camera due to the aforementioned social interactions."

Obituaries

Cecilia Ann Alvis Patton



CECILIA PATTON

Graveside services for Cecilia Ann Alvis Patton of Montgomery were held Tues., July 27 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Patton passed away

July 25 at her home.

Born April 16, 1938 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Rice Gambrell Alvis and Laura Ethel Howard.

She was very active in the April Sound Book Club, April Sound Art League, former member of Forest Cove Choraliers in Kingwood, and the National Honor Society in Haskell. She received an Associates Degree in Real Estate at the Lone Star College. She was a member of the North Shore Church in Montgomery. She was a homemaker, with a passion for art.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Howard Taylor Alvis; and one daughter, Mary Caroline

Strahan.

Survivors include her husband Carl Phillip Patton; her children, daughter Sydney Kay Strahan of Houston, son Richard Shawn Strahan of Houston; the children's father Richard Keith Strahan; stepdaughter, Amber Catherine Patton of Floyd, Virginia; grandson Andrew Calahan Morse of Houston; one sister, Ethel Ruth Mock and family of Deltona, Florida; two brothers, Rice Gambrell Alvis, Jr. and family of Fort Worth and Thomas Vestus Alvis and family of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of choice. PD. NOTICE

Brenda Kay Brotherton Gardner



BRENDA GARDNER

Celebration of life services for Brenda Kay Brotherton Gardner, 69, of Haskell were held Fri., July 23 at the Morton First Baptist Church in Morton. Burial was at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Gardner went to her Heavenly Home Wed., July 21.

She had been a resident of Community Care Center of Stamford since June

28, 2009. Prior to living in Stamford, she lived in Spur, Morton, and Phoenix, Arizona.

Born May 8, 1941 in Levelland, she was the daughter of Robert and Lois Brotherton. She graduated from Morton High School in 1959. She had worked in the Morton and Spur School Districts for 11 years as an Instructional Aide, Librarian, and Reading Tutor as well as the Cochran County Justice of the Peace for four years. She retired from the school systems in 2004.

She was a member and attended First Baptist Church of Morton and was active in Choir, Sunday School, and kitchen committee.

She was preceded in death by Robert and Lois Brotherton, Horace and Norma Lee Gardner, Kaitlin Gardner, and Leon Jones.

Left to carry on Brenda's Legacy are son, Kenneth

Gardner and wife Dolores of Mansfield; daughter, Kayla Eggleston and husband Mark of Burleson; sister, Darla Stewart and husband Pete of Dimmitt; grandchildren Kristin Gardner and Fiance Stephen Wollkind and Kalli Gardner of Lubbock, Kenzie Gardner of Mansfield, Christopher and Eric Eggleston of Burleson; nephew Brian Stewart and wife Jill, Allison and Paige of Brenham and niece Pam Rowe and husband Bill, Lyndi and Lesli of Plains; special friends Cynthia Jones of Spur, Delight Jones of Haskell, Mynea Short and husband Cliff and Ashlee of Haskell, Cameron Short of Abilene, Ed Harris and wife Jill, Evan Harris and Colin Harris of Abilene and Peyton Harris of Dallas.

Donations can be made to Hospice of the Big Country Abilene, and American Cancer Society. PD. NOTICE

Bullycide trendy term should not be used

'Bullycide' a trendy term, but one that should be avoided

Although media reports about children and teenagers committing suicide because of bullying seem to be increasing, "bullycide" is a misleading term that should be avoided, says Dr. Betsy Kennard, a psychologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Suicidal thoughts and behavior are often the result of multiple factors

in a child's life and can't solely be attributed to bullying.

"A teenager or child who is stressed, withdrawing or having relationship issues may be more tempted to consider suicide if they are also being bullied," she says. "That's why if an adult notices bullying, it's important for them to address the problem."

It's also OK to ask about thoughts of suicide.

"Adults can fear that asking can make the problem worse, but discussing it with a supportive adult is the best way to help the child," Dr. Kennard says.

Other things to keep in mind if an adult suspects suicidal thoughts or behaviors are a child's attempt to escape from bullying and other problems:

- Notify school personnel if bullying is identified;

- Seek an evaluation from a professional. Suicidal thoughts and behaviors are often linked to depression, for which effective treatments are available;

- Listen. That can make it more likely for the suicidal person to get professional help;

- Help the child to understand that these feelings and thoughts are temporary and that there are solutions;

- Brainstorm ways for the child to react to the bullying; and

- If suicidal urges/behaviors are serious, take the child to the emergency room. Don't leave him or her alone. Do remove firearms, drugs and sharp objects.

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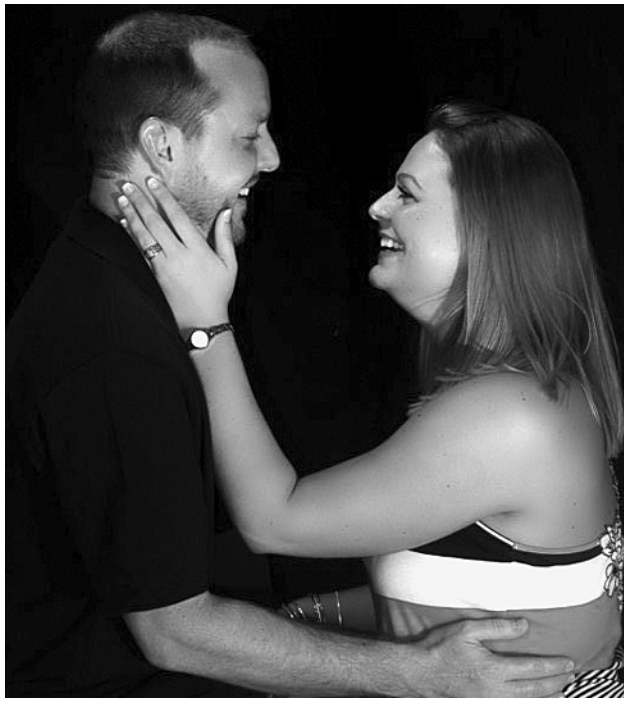


MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL COBB

Cobbs to celebrate 60th

Virgil and Evelyn (Linville) Cobb will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at Possum Kingdom Lake on Sat., July 31st. The couple was married on July 30, 1950 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. They have been lifelong residents of Haskell, and are members of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.

The family gathering is hosted by their children Gary and Susan Cobb of Lubbock and Bobby and Shauna Cobb of Midland. The couple has four grandchildren; Sawyer and Crosby Cobb of Midland, Blake Cobb and Tanner Weil, both of Lubbock.



NOLE HADAWAY-KRISTINA BUSCHOW

Buschow, Hadaway to marry Sept. 25

Nole Hadaway and Kristina Buschow, along with their parents Louetta and J.W. Wallace of Haskell; Jerry and Judy Hadaway of Midland; and Kenneth and Donna Buschow of Mineral Wells, are announcing their engagement.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Loudell Barbee of Haskell. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bessie Ward of Mineral Wells.

Nole and Kristina are both graduates of Texas Tech University. Hadaway teaches at Wylie High School, and Buschow teaches at St. John's Episcopal School.

An outdoor ceremony in Mineral Wells is planned for Sept. 25, 2010 at the home of Bobby and Pat Bazzell, the site of the couple's engagement.

Alzheimer's Seminar August 13

Alzheimer's Association Hosts Prescription for Healthy Caregiving

Balancing the role of caregiver, spouse, parent, and professional can be quite challenging.

Most caregivers understand they are stressed but don't know what to do about it. To help individuals cope with the role of caregiving, the Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas is pleased to present a special education event, Prescription for Healthy

Caregiving, featuring speaker Howard Gruetzner, M.Ed, LPC, Alzheimer's Association Education and Family Care Specialist.

The seminar will be held in Abilene Fri., Aug. 13, at First Central Presbyterian Church, 400 Orange St. in Abilene from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will provide practical ways caregivers can cope and maintain personal mental and physical health. There is no charge for the event, but donations will be gladly accepted to

help the chapter continue providing quality education offerings throughout our region. Reservations are requested.

Gruetzner has worked in the field of mental health with an emphasis in dementia and geriatric mental health for more than 25 years, and is the author of Alzheimer's:

Students in news

Angelo State University has released its 2010 spring semester Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade

A Caregiver's Guide and Sourcebook. He is actively involved in Alzheimer's grief research, and currently counsels individuals who have been diagnosed with dementia, as well as their caregivers.

For reservations or more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

point average on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the list from Haskell are Jerrica Escobedo and Diana Mauricio, along with Alberto Vasquez from Rule.

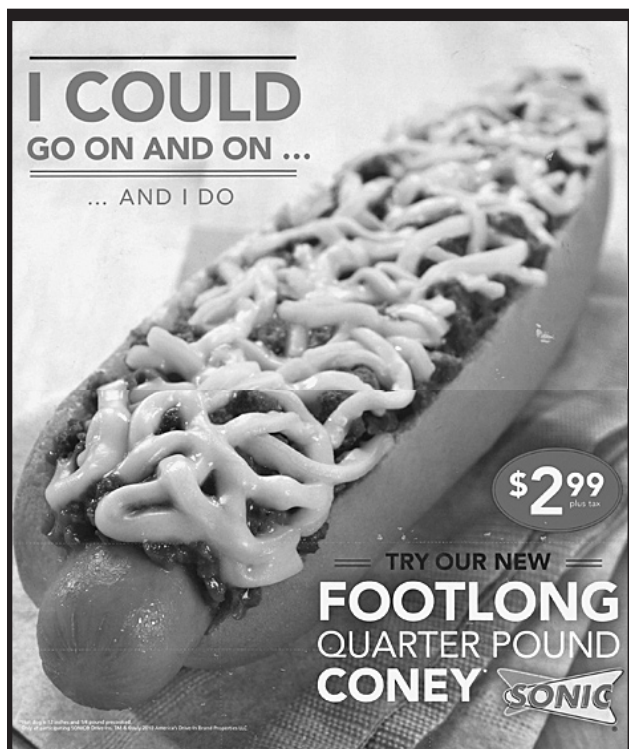
Harrell family reunion held

The Harrell family reunion was held Fri. evening and Sat. noon at the Haskell National Bank Community room. Decorations of fresh flowers with an Italian flair added to the atmosphere of the festive occasion.

Much fun, food, fellowship and photos were enjoyed at both meals by all those in attendance. Bob Glover of Panhandle was the oldest in attendance, as well as taking home the honors for

driving the farthest. Little Austin Shipley from Rowlett was the youngest in attendance.

A fund-raising auction was held for both adults and children. A talent show written and directed by Rachel Shipley was performed by all the children in attendance. A recital piece was presented by Jamie Kendall of North Richland Hills. The talent show was a new attraction and will be enhanced for the next reunion in 2011.



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Kretschmer reunion set July 31

It is time once again for the Kretschmer reunion. The event will be held on Sat., July 31 at the Haskell National Bank community room. Registration starts at 2 p.m. and will be followed with visiting and games at 3 p.m.

The business meeting begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a fund-raising auction. Everyone is asked to bring an item for the auction, such as canned goods, baked goods or homemade items.

An evening meal will be served at 5 p.m. Brisket, sausage and chicken will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert to be shared buffet style.

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Hudgens receives award Rule ISD to register Aug. 12



CALEB HUDGENS

Hudgens earns scholarship for campus leadership

Texas State University senior and Haskell native, Caleb Hudgens, was awarded one of five \$1,000 Student Foundation awards for the leadership qualities he has demonstrated as a student at Texas State.

Student Foundation, the organization through which he earned his award, is a

collection of student leaders from many different campus organizations that coordinate programs and represent the student body at university events. The organization draws leaders such as the Student Body President, the Texas State University System Student Regent, the Intra-Fraternity Council, and executive officers from many other student organizations.

Hudgens, who graduated Salutatorian from Haskell High School in 2006, is the son of Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens of Haskell. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas this May with a double major in Public Relations and English. Beyond his academic accolades, Hudgens's resume contains numerous roles in campus organizations such as Student Foundation, the University Honors Program, Paws Preview, Kappa Tau Alpha Honors Fraternity, The Texas State Student Alumni Association, three main stage Texas State productions, the College of Fine Arts and

Communication Council of Scholars, the College of Liberal Arts Council of Scholars, and the LBJ Debate Society.

Within Student Foundation, Hudgens has led much of the special event planning with the programs Foundations of Excellence and Bobcat Pause, and has been recognized as "Committee Chair of the Year," for the past two years.

"I am honored to be selected for this award from an organization full of distinguished students. It is very rewarding to have earned this scholarship as a thank-you for my hard work and dedication to Student Foundation and Texas State," he said.

He is just the kind of super star the award was developed to serve. The Student Foundation awards, as well as five other award programs, are supported by the Stelos Alliance (www.stelos.org), a non-profit organization with the mission of helping extraordinary young leaders reach their potential.

Rule ISD will hold Jr. High and High School registration on Thurs., Aug. 12 in the school library.

Parents or legal guardians of students in grades 6th through 8th, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend. The registration schedule will be as follows: eighth grade will register at 9 a.m.; seventh at 10 a.m.; sixth at 11 a.m. seniors at 1 p.m.; juniors at 2 p.m.; sophomores at 3 p.m.; freshmen at 4 p.m.

Registration for Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 17 in the classrooms of each grade level. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through 5th, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming

school year, are required to attend.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill.

- A copy of the child's Social Security card.

- A copy of the child's birth certificate.

- Current immunization records.

- Any records from the child's previous school district.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the teacher and Meet the Bobcats night" for all students and their parents on Thurs., Aug. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will give students and parents the opportunity to enjoy ice

cream and meet the 2010-2011 Bobcats, returning teachers and new teachers at Rule ISD.

After a short assembly in the auditorium about the upcoming school year, students will be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to leave before the first day of school. Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year. There will be information about Booster Club and sign up forms for Booster Club activities. Order forms for new school t-shirts will also be available along with the 2009-2010 annuals.

Annuals will be in Mrs. Peters classroom for \$30.00 each or if you ordered one last year come pick yours up. Come enjoy this event in preparation of an exciting 2010-2011 school year.

The squash of many names

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

Do you like to try new things in the garden? If so, then 'Tatume,' (also often called Calabacta) squash could be a worthy candidate for your next garden experiment. This hardy, open pollinate native of Mexico grows well in our hot climate and it produces pound after pound of flavorful firm fleshed squash. The long vines are prolific bloomers and they produce a large amount of flowers that are beautiful to look at and almost as good to eat as the squash itself.

Most of the squash that we are familiar with come from the species Cucurbita pepo. 'Tatume' is a variety of this species. *C. pepo* is a native of Meso-America and archeological evidence shows that gardeners there have been growing varieties of *C. pepo* for the past 8,000 to 10,000 years. In America, squash is generally divided into two categories based on when they are harvested. Summer squashes such as yellow crookneck, zucchini, and pattypan are harvested in their immature state. Immature squash have a soft skin, flesh and seeds. Winter squash like butternut, spaghetti and acorn are simply squash that are allowed to ripen on the vine before they are harvested. Winter squash have a thick hard skin and their flesh is generally firmer and sweeter than summer squash. 'Tatume' is one of the rare varieties of squash that can be harvested as either a

summer or winter type.

The fruits of the 'Tatume' squash are round or oblate in shape. Their skin is striped green and they resemble a small watermelon or pumpkin in their immature form. It is best to harvest Tatume when it is about the size of a baseball. If left to mature, the skin will become a mottled, deep green and they can grow to almost the size of a soccer ball.

There are only two drawbacks to this amazing squash; finding it and containing it. Since 'Tatume' is an heirloom, or open pollinated variety, it is not carried by all of the major seed companies. It also appears to be the squash of many names. Many seed catalogs list it as 'Tatume' or 'Tatuma' but it has also been seen listed as round zucchini and Mexican zucchini. In the markets of Mexico, it is most often called calabacita (little pumpkin, or calabash). Whatever you call it, it is a very versatile and flavorful squash. 'Tatume' does have an aggressive vining habit. It is not uncommon for the squash to send out vines 10' to 12' in length. Each node on a vine can root and send out other vines. So, if you are going to plant it make sure you

have plenty of room to let it run.

'Tatume' is a staple in Mexican cooking. It is used in lieu of yellow squash in squash recipes. It can be fried, baked, broiled with onions and made into a casserole. You can even harvest and saute the blossoms. It cooks well on the grill. 'Tatume' is more flavorful than yellow squash and its flesh is much firmer. Its round shape and firm texture allows it to be cut into thick round patties that are perfect for the grill. A little EVOO, garlic salt, seasoned salt and fresh ground black pepper make for a simple but delicious summer side dish.

'Tatume' is a squash variety that possesses all of the traits that make squash one of the favorite summer vegetables to grow. It is hardy and productive, and usually almost immune to the squash borer insect (Melitta curcurbitae, a clear-wing moth), which makes it a reliable garden vegetable in infested areas. Its long vines produce a fabulous show of big yellow flowers that draw bees in to the garden. It is tasty and versatile in the kitchen. This vegetable is a keeper on the list of summer vegetables.

Former exchange student visits host family

Lions Club Exchange Student

Olof Jacobsson of Orebro, Sweden, along with his son, Peter, visited in the home of Dorothy Clark of Sagerton during the week of July 4th. Orebro is about two hours from Stockholm.

In 1969, Olof spent several weeks in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark as a participant in the Lions Club exchange student program and always dreamed of the time when he could come back to Texas. While he was here in 1969, he also spent some time in the home of Birger and Margie Haterius in the Ericksdahl community and was able to visit with their son, Craig of Abilene at this time.

Olof and Peter arrived in Chicago and traveled by bus, plane and Amtrak across the U.S. with specific stops in Memphis, Tennessee where they spent time at the Elvis Presley museums, the Grand Canyon, Sagerton, Rule, Stamford, Abilene and then on to Miami to visit friends before returning to Sweden. By traveling via bus, they were able to see the U.S. firsthand.

While in Sagerton, they attended the Stamford parade and rodeo, the cowboy poetry gathering, purchased cowboy hats from Heads or Tails Western Wear, Tony Lama and Nacona cowboy boots in Abilene, rode with Ray Clark to the oil wells and visited the "Wind Farms" west of Abilene. Peter was so proud of having acquired the Nocona boots made in Texas.

They were supper guests in the home of Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford one night where they were privileged to meet GG Hopper who is a native of Sweden and enjoyed conversing with her in their native tongue. Olof's son is deaf since birth, so they signed their conversations, which also proved to be interesting to everyone who visited with them.

Dorothy hosted a party in her home Sunday night for friends who had met Olof in 1969 and others who were interested in meeting him and his son. He especially remembered the "Moore girls" from Rule and Marsha and Marilyn were able to be here to renew their friendships. Other guests

in the Clark home included Ruby Olson and Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford and Leon and Mae Stegemoller of Sagerton.

The guests enjoyed hearing about Olof's memories of Rule and Sagerton and learning about his life in Sweden.

He is a professional bus driver at this time, traveling all over Europe on tours, etc. He has taught in deaf schools and speaks several different languages.

He was a most interesting visitor. Olof and Peter left on Monday for Miami with sadness in their eyes as they waved goodbye to their hosts. As a final gesture, he touched his heart and said..."Here is where Texas is."

Treat yourself to a picnic

Salmonella doesn't respect hot-weather holidays. Picnics and parties during the summertime can provide the ideal climate for growth of this bacteria, which can lead to food poisoning, says Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, professor of emergency medicine and toxicologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Dr. Kleinschmidt offers a few tips to outsmart this germ:

- Refrigerate or freeze perishables immediately, and cook food to recommended

temperatures in order to kill bacteria.

- Wash hands in hot, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before preparing, serving or eating food.

- Thoroughly wash plates, utensils, cutting boards and countertops after contact with raw meat.

- Avoid leaving food standing for long periods of time.

"Just be smart about how you buy, store, prepare and serve food, and you'll reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses," says Dr. Kleinschmidt.

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Students participating in the Big Country Electric Cooperative youth tour were I-r Felysha Walker of Paint Creek, John Hensley of Borden County, and Holly Bearden of Stamford

Area students tour Washington D.C.

Three area students represented Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) at the 2010 Government in Action Youth Tour June 10-18, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Felysha Walker of Paint Creek, Holly Bearden of Stamford and John Hensley of Borden County joined over one hundred students from Texas and more than 1,000 students from across the nation representing their respective co-ops.

While in D.C., the trio toured the Pentagon City Mall, Old Town Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian

Museums, National Cathedral, Ford's Theatre and Museum and the Capitol. They also toured many in Action Youth Tour memorials including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, Washington Monument, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and Jefferson Memorial, watched the Sunset parade at Iwo Jima and participated in a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. As you can see, they had a very eventful stay in Washington, D.C.!

The youth tour has been hosted annually since 1957 by local electric co-ops, their statewide organizations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Each year, BCEC hosts a speech contest from which winners are selected to receive a 9-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and \$1,500 scholarship. BCEC representatives will be visiting local high schools late this fall to present information about the 2011 contest. Participation is a fun learning experience – who knows, we could send you to Washington, D.C. next summer!

Clay shoot, cook-off set

The first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off will be held Aug. 28-29 in Haskell. Both events will benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and Noah Project North. Grand prize each day at the clay shoot will be a Berreta shotgun. Other prizes include shotguns, day hunts and a spray-in bed liner.

The clay shoot will be a Modified Lewis Rules shoot and will be held both Saturday and Sunday on FM 600 (the Paint Creek highway.) Entry fee is \$150 per gun. Early entry is due by Aug.1 and costs \$130. Registration forms are available at www.clearfork.crimestoppersweb.com or from any CFCS board member.

The cook-off will be held Sat., Aug. 28, at the RV park near the Haskell City Park and the entry fee is \$65 plus a cooked brisket. Three categories will include brisket, ribs (no-baby back) and chicken. There will also be a bean jackpot. The entry fee for the bean jackpot is \$10.

All entry fees plus \$500 will be paid as prize money with three places being paid in each category. (If more than 50 entries are received, five places will be paid.) The cook-off is a Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned event. For more information contact donnasuea@noahproject.org.

A concession stand featuring brisket sandwiches will be open at both events.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and Noah Project North are partnering to bring these two events to

the area and all proceeds will be split between the two organizations.

Anyone who can volunteer to help with these events or anyone who wants to make a donation, may contact Steve Alsbrook at 325-

280-2100, Billie McKeever at 940-864-4814, Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551, any CFCS board member or Noah board member. Donations may also be mailed to CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

Fair entries due

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

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, your entries for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Tues.,

Aug. 10 by 5 p.m.

The entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. If you have any questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

War path 5k

The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk. The Warpath will be Sat., Sept. 18, 2010, starting at 8 a.m. The first 150 entries will receive a Warpath 5K t-shirt. To request registration forms, go

to haskellionsclub@yahoo.com, <http://haskellions.blogspot.com> or contact any Lions Club member. All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations.

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