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## Calendar

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 17 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.

### Squash cookoff

A squash cookoff will be held Thurs., June 15 at Village Primitives in Rule. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. followed with tasting at noon. All entries are welcome. For more information, call 996-2428.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., June 22 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Old Glory days

Old Glory Days will be held from noon until 11 p.m. July 1 in Old Glory. The 7th annual celebration will feature a parade, flag raising, auction, bingo, egg toss, bike games, horseshoe tournament, food, fireworks and a dance. For information call 940-989-3609 or 817-281-3273.

### Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will serve summer food service meals at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday through July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those ages 1-18 years of age will eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 per plate.

### VBS

First Methodist Church, in cooperation with First Christian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, will host Vacation Bible School Mon., June 19 through Thurs., June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with registration on Monday night at 6 p.m. Theme of this year's school is 'Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises.' An offering for the Food Bank will be taken each evening. Those attending should bring pennies on Monday, nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters and paper money on Thursday. Kids need to bring a plain t-shirt on Monday that can be used for an iron-on.

### Story time

Haskell Co. Library will hold four school age story times, in cooperation with the Haskell CISD summer program, on June 15, June 22, July 13 and July 20 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is 'Reading—Sport of Champions.' For more information, call 864-2747.

### Storm sirens

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

### Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

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**CLEANUP FOR SAFETY**—Cleaning up the site of the old library building, which is being razed in readiness for construction of a new Haskell County Library, crews were busy Monday, clearing debris for the safety of children playing and for mowing purposes. Those helping were crews and machinery from County Precincts 2, 3 and 4, and the Community Service Workers Department.

## June sales tax allocations show small increases

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced that the state received \$1.54 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 5.8 percent, compared to May 2005. Strayhorn sent \$398.3 million in June sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.5 percent compared to last June. Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 15.4 percent ahead of last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$270.2 million to Texas cities, up 15.8 percent compared to June 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 14.5 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24 million, up 17.7 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 16.3 percent higher than last year.

State sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported in May.

Haskell County had a 7.38 percent increase for June 2006 of \$26,556.82 in comparison to \$24,730.02 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$188,293.30 reflect a 6.81 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$202,074.36.

The City of Haskell had a 6.24 percent increase for June 2006 of \$24,580.86 in comparison to \$23,136.65 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$172,774.50 reflect a 8.42 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$172,774.50.

The City of O'Brien had a 26.15 percent increase for June 2006 of \$27.46 in comparison to \$26.15 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of

\$472.62 reflect a 45.51 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$324.79.

The City of Rochester had a 8.15 percent increase for June 2006 of \$419.82 in comparison to \$388.15 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$3,488.87 reflect a 5.05 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$3,674.46.

The City of Rule had a 21.30 percent increase for June 2006 of

\$1,276.41 in comparison to \$1,052.26 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$9,676.30 reflect a 16.61 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$8,297.74.

The City of Weinert had a 98.93 percent increase for June 2006 of \$252.27 in comparison to \$126.81 for June 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$1,881.01 reflect a 69.25 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$1,111.32.

## Energy-efficient homeownership offered

In support of National Homeownership Month in June, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced special eligibility considerations for low- and moderate-income home loan applicants who are purchasing newer, energy-efficient homes.

"Homeownership has always been a central part of the American Dream," said Johanns at the Stand Up for Rural America Conference. "I'm pleased that through this new initiative we can encourage efforts to expand access to new, affordable housing opportunities in rural America, while emphasizing energy conservation."

Under the special program, called Home Energy Advantage, the qualifying ratios used to determine

an applicant's ability to repay a home loan may be exceeded by up to two percentage points if an energy-efficient home is purchased.

Eligible applicants to Rural Development Section 502 homeownership loan program will receive increased flexibility in their loan eligibility determinations if they are purchasing a newer home that is energy efficient. In some cases, applicants may be able to afford a larger loan amount due to the qualifying flexibility because lower utility costs associated with newer homes equate to more income that can be applied to mortgage and other debt payment in a given month.

USDA Rural Development's Section 502 loan programs are available to qualified low- and

moderate-income families to purchase modest homes in rural areas. Loans can be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property. The cost of installing energy-saving features in a home, such as insulation, storm windows and doors, as well as energy-efficient appliances may be included in the loan amount.

All new homes that that are built to meet the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or a subsequent comparable code are considered energy efficient and eligible for the two percentage point increase in the qualifying ratios. Existing homes that meet the same standard, or are being retrofitted to meet it, are also eligible. The program is a nationwide pilot, and will operate

## Spirit Wind Choir to perform

With a group of ninety high school singers auditioned and chosen from Methodist churches mostly from Panhandle and West Texas towns of less than 10,000, a choir of Christian youth from 9th grade to seniors will be performing at the Haskell First United Methodist Church, Fri., June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the spirit-filled concert that is made up of a wide selection of hymns, anthems and spirituals, representative of all styles and periods, as well as selections from the great masterworks.

After being selected, the group rehearses four full days together at Camp Butman in Merkel. Since its beginning in 1978 by the Northwest Texas Council on Youth Ministries of the United Methodist Church, the Spirit Wind choir has performed for churches in the Northwest Conference and has also been on many national and international tours. These include concerts at the Holocaust Museum, U.S. Capital Building, Vietnam Memorial, National Cathedral, Auckland, New Zealand, on the steps of the Parliament Building in British Columbia, and in Great Britain, including London.

This summer the choir's East Coast tour will include Boston, Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Past concerts by the Spirit Wind Choir were held in Haskell in June 1995 and 1999. Throughout the years, several youth from Haskell have performed with the unique and inspiring musical group.

Traveling the state by bus, the youth and adult leaders are furnished meals and housing in local homes.

No charge is made for the evening entertainment. An offering will be taken at each concert.

## Rural housing programs offered by USDA

Owning a home helps to give families security and a sense of pride, and it is an important part of the American way of life. Nearly 70 percent of all Americans now enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own homes. USDA Rural Development is proud to have had the opportunity to assist almost 250,000 Americans achieve their homeownership dream since the start of the Bush Administration.

"USDA Rural Development has a long history of assisting rural citizens to achieve and maintain the dream of homeownership. It is with great pride that we join President Bush in celebrating June 2006 as Homeownership Month," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director in Texas.

USDA Rural Development faces the challenge of finding innovative

ways to place families in the housing they need with payments they can afford. We are achieving this goal with programs that make guaranteed loans through approved financial institutions, require no down payment, and provide mortgage interest rates for as little as one percent, depending on income levels.

Another popular program groups 10 to 12 families together, under the

direction of a non-profit organization, to work together to build their own homes.

Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has invested over \$23 billion in the American Dream of homeownership. To find out more about one of the Housing Programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at 325-690-6162, ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx>.



## Obituaries

### Albert Lee Roberts



**ALBERT LEE ROBERTS**

Funeral services for Albert Lee Roberts, 64, of Haskell were held Sat., June 10 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Danny Manross

and Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Roberts died Thurs., June 8 in an Abilene hospital.

Born July 2, 1941 in Haskell, he was the son of G.W. and Doris Marie (Banks) Roberts. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 35 years, in Haskell and in Woodson, where he retired as Postmaster after 13 years of service in January 2006. In earlier years, he farmed and raised cattle. He was an avid golfer. He was a former member of the Jaycees and served as an officer. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, G.W. Roberts; brother, Bobby Roberts; and six year old sister, Alta Mae Roberts.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Marie Roberts of Haskell; one daughter, Tonya Roberts Wennberg and husband, Ron of Alma,

Arkansas; two sons, Lee Roberts of Colorado City and Chad Roberts and wife, Vickie of Runaway Bay; one sister, Doris Jean McMeans and husband, Max of Haskell; one sister-in-law, Barbara Roberts of Haskell; seven grandchildren, Dustin Hughes and wife, Amanda of Alma, Arkansas, Kasha and Karomy Hughes of Alma, Arkansas, Charles Roberts of Clyde and Bryson, Logan and Kylee Roberts of Runaway Bay; former wife, Neta Roberts of Wichita Falls; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Rick Phemister, Randy Phemister, Jimmy Roberts, Jackie Daniels, Mike Voyles and James King.

Honorary pallbearers were Frankie Bridges, Jerry Spinks and Gaston Tidrow.

Memorials may be made to East Side Baptist Church Building Fund, 600 N. First East St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

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### Bro. Kenneth Rueffer Blair



**BRO. KENNETH BLAIR**

Funeral services for Bro. Kenneth Rueffer Blair, 77, of Haskell were held Wed., June 14 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Bro. Tony Grand, pastor, officiating and Cody Cochran, pastor of Bethel Assembly of Anson assisting. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Surely God must have said, "Well done my good and faithful servant," when he called Bro. Blair home Fri., June 9.

Born Sept. 25, 1928 in Haskell County, he was the son of Arthur Lincoln and Alma Minnie (Rueffer) Blair. He married Dorothy Mae Holley Sept. 23, 1946 in Stamford.

She preceded him in death April 24, 1992. He attended Mattson School and Fort Worth Bible Seminary and taught classes there.

After surrendering to preach in his early twenties. Bro. Blair served as pastor at Flory Street Baptist Church in North Richland Hills. He then pastored at Rendon Baptist Church for 3 years before moving back to Haskell in 1964. He served as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church there for 38 years. He also did soil conservation work for 30 years with his dad and brother, Charles. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the ironworkers

union.

A talented musician, he played the guitar and banjo and the whole family often sang at churches. He was a member of a men's quartet when he lived in Fort Worth and was active in jail ministry and rescue missions.

The family will treasure memories of him as a loving father and a big kid at heart. He loved playing games with his five kids and could always beat all of them at Jacks.

One of his favorite songs was "Standing on the Promises" and the family takes comfort in knowing that his favorite scripture John 14: 1-4, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also, And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." is true and that he is at home in the place the Lord promised him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; three brothers, Wilber, Olton and Wade; two sisters, Oleta and Wilma (Sis); two half-brothers, Buddy and Jack Blair; and one grandson, Donald Blair.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Wayne and Ellen Blair of Beaver Creek, Ohio and Walter and Heather Blair of Bellvue, Washington; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sheree and Dickie Chambers of Clyde, Peggy and Curtis (Sleepy) Darden and Judy and Randy (Nat) Foster, all of Haskell; 11 grandchildren, Melissa Willden and husband, Jeff of Seymour, Rob Russell and wife, Rebecca of Clyde, Holley Hill and husband, Gary of Abilene, Lori Hill and husband, Andy of Auga Prieta, Senora, Mexico, Kyle Darden of Kennesaw, Georgia, Emma, JoAnne and Elizabeth Blair of Seattle, Washington, Brandon Blair and wife,

Sheryl of Arlington and Kathryn Blair of Ferindina Beach, Florida; 15 great grandchildren, Zachary Collins, Kourtney Russell, Laurel Hill, Randon Willden, Kerrey Russell, Jordon Willden, Kayla Hill, Kutter Russell, Micah Hill, Mollie Hill, Kayme Russell, Jacob Hill, Kara Hill, Brayden Blair and Carson Blair; one brother, Charles Blair of Haskell; three sisters, Joyce Russ of Fort Worth, Earline Dugan of Odessa and Shirley Freeman of Aspermont; mother-in-law, Dora Holley of Haskell; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends, as well as, Sammy and Beverly Decker and Bill and Darlene Swinney, who he considered to be his children.

Pallbearers were Tommy Bird, Fritz Bueger, Sammy Decker, Joe Hastee, Jeff Parker, Randy Nelms and Bill Swinney.

Mission work was very important to Bro. Blair and his church; therefore, the family requests donations be made to Feed the Children, Father Flanagan's Children's Home or the Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund in his honor. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18.

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## Phishing: Scams for personal information

The e-mails look official. They have logos and seem to be from such institutions as Amazon, PayPal, CitiBank, Wells Fargo and even the Internal Revenue Service. The message says something is wrong with your account and you need to update your personal information.

But don't believe a word of them, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

They are 'phishing' scams, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Extension family economics specialist.

Fishermen put bait on a hook, toss it in the water and see what bites, she said. 'Phishermen' do basically the same thing, only they are angling for personal information.

These e-mails and telephone calls come in various formats, but the hoped-for result is the same: the person who receives them will believe they are legitimate and will provide the asked-for personal information, Cavanagh said. The scammer can use that information to set up bogus accounts in the victim's name, stealing his or her identity.

"They are 'phishing' for information," she said. "They are preying on your fears—fears of losing money or accounts closing."

Phishing scams are nothing new, but some new varieties have been popping up lately, she said. For example, during the recent tax season, an e-mail appearing to be from the IRS made the rounds.

"During tax season people have a heightened awareness of anything related to taxes," Cavanagh said. "Even now (that tax season is over) people are still getting e-mail about a problem with their tax returns."

Another new phishing expedition involves supposedly missed jury duty, she said. This scam, which may be

conducted over the phone, starts with a call from someone who claims to be from the courts. The victim, who was never really called for jury duty, is told ignoring the summons can result in legal action. That's when the caller requests verification of personal information to 'make sure' the caller contacted the right person, and the victim—who still thinks the call is from a real official—provides what is asked for.

"Personal information such as account numbers and Social Security numbers will help someone steal your identity," Cavanagh said.

MSN Money recently published a story from BusinessWeek which reported on a new e-mail scam that also involves threatened legal action. According to the article, the e-mail sender threatens to sue the receiver over "alleged junk fax." The e-mail tells the receiver that the lawsuit will be dropped if she or she sends \$500 by payment deadline and includes details of the lawsuit in an attachment.

That attachment carries a computer worm called Bagle, the article continues. When the attachment is opened, embedded code is released into the victim's computer and copies all the e-mail addresses listed. The worm then uses that list to send out even more spam.

Opening attachments from unknown e-mail senders is never a good idea, Cavanagh said.

"Once downloaded, the attachment can install spyware that communicates back to the sender so it can monitor your passwords," which is another way scammers can access your personal information, she said.

Other scams appear to come from legitimate businesses or real financial institutions, Cavanagh said. These e-

mails even use official-looking logos and language, so getting caught by one is easy, she added.

Her advice: "Never ever give out your personal information if you have not initiated the call or e-mail yourself. Never respond to an e-mail message or a link in a message."

If you have an account with a company that appears to have sent you a questionable e-mail, call the toll-free number on your account statement or go to a new Web browser and type in their address yourself, Cavanagh said. That will let you verify whether the e-mail is legitimate or not.

The bottom line, Cavanagh said, is "no legitimate business or government agency will ever ask you to verify your personal information by e-mail or a phone call. They might ask you to go to their Web site and update your information, but no (e-mail) link is necessary."

Some common-sense steps can help keep personal computers safe from these phishing expeditions, she said.

"Make sure you have a firewall, especially if you have DSL or cable Internet or leave your computer on all the time," Cavanagh said. "Firewalls prevent other computers from getting access to your computer."

Also, make sure to have virus protection and spyware protection and update both regularly, she advised.

And be aware of how your computer is used, she said.

"You need to be very careful about who has access to your computer and what they are using it for," Cavanagh said.

And remember, she said, if a phishing expedition comes around, don't take the bait.

## Alzheimer's group offers new 'CareFinder' Web tool

The 'CareFinder' program is a one-of-a-kind tool that allows individuals and families to find care options that are personalized to the individual abilities, needs and preferences of those stricken with Alzheimer's.

Millions of individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease are faced with the challenge of finding good care for themselves or their loved ones. To support them, the Alzheimer's Association has developed a unique Web tool that helps find the right care options, from home and community-

based care, to assisted living and nursing home care.

The Alzheimer's Association CareFinder, at [www.alz.org/carefinder](http://www.alz.org/carefinder) has a special feature that allows individuals and families to input personal information, special needs, abilities and preferences, and receive a customized summary report with care recommendations and specific questions to ask potential care providers based on the profile.

Customized care options include:

- Planning Ahead: A diagnosis of Alzheimer's in the early stages of the disease does not mean that a person cannot make decisions so it is important that the individual participate in the decision-making process as much as possible about their future care, legal and financial planning.

- Care Options: Individuals with dementia have unique care needs and there are many types of care available. The CareFinder defines and outlines the types of care available, and informs families so they can determine what care is needed for their loved ones.

- Coordinating Care: Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease can involve several types of care providers from physicians to in-home assistance to long term care facilities, such as assisted living and nursing homes. The CareFinder offers advice on how families can remain engaged

in the care of their loved ones, communicate with doctors and others, and address problems such as transferring a loved one to another long-term care facility.

- Support and Resources: There are various support programs available to help both people with Alzheimer's and their loved ones deal with the impact of the disease. The Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 is available 24/7 to help anyone impacted by Alzheimer's disease. The CareFinder also includes Web links to other resources such as the Eldercare Locator and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA).

Today, Alzheimer's disease affects 4.5 million people in the United States, and as baby boomers age, that number could increase to as many as 16 million people by 2050. Seven out of 10 people with Alzheimer's disease live at home, cared for by family and friends. Each day, 150,000 older Americans attend adult day care facilities, 50 percent of them have some form of cognitive impairment. More than half of assisted living and nursing home residents in the U.S. have some form of dementia.

For more information or assistance, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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# Knox City museum qualifies for grant

"The Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center," official name of the Knox County museum, has raised \$64,000 during the last 18 months and has qualified for the \$30,000 matching grant.

The Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission and Knox

County Historical Commission organized and promoted various fund-raisers, but KCHC chairman, Mary Jane Young of Benjamin says, "Without the help of Knox County residents and former residents raising \$64,000 in a rural county would have been impossible. People donated

time, money, food for various events; silent auction articles, and raided their closets and garages for an untold variety of articles for the 2005 and 2006 garage sales. Thanks go equally to everyone who gave and to everyone who bought."

The annual museum garage sale made a record net of \$1,500. The garage sale brought in \$850 while food sales totaled about \$1,000. Expenses were around \$350.

So now the question being asked, "So when does the museum open?" Not for a while. The insulation should all be up by the time this is in print. The board selected a heavier, better type of insulation to help counteract

the rising cost of fuel to heat and cool.

The rest of 2006 will be focused on finishing the interior of the building and planning for exhibits. No opening date can be set at this time, but work is aimed at that goal.

The order books will remain open at the KCHC office until June 30 for the memorial bricks and stones. Send your order in before the deadline, because a second order may not be possible, since at least 100 bricks must be purchased to complete an order. The cost will also increase. 122 brick and 21 engraved stone orders have been received in memory of Knox County individuals and families at this time.

# Stamford art show and sale set June 28-July 1

The 33rd annual Stamford Art Foundation Show and Sale is set June 28-July 1 with the Preview Party on June 27 at the John Salmon Memorial Gallery. The event is in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion.

The art show features art of the American West created in oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, pastels, sculpture and pencil drawings.

The art of 38 participation artists can be seen at the show including: Victor Armstrong, Barry Arthur, Brian Asher, Gary Bailey, Don Baker, Teresa Baker, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, K.B. (Karen) Brown, Lynn Brown, R. Russell, Brown, Garnet Buster, June Cade, Hugh Campbell, Marianne Caroselli, Dane Ellsworth, Paul Friske, Glen O. Harding, M.S. Hollis, Mike Irvin, Melissa Kohout, Mike Lanier, Daniel Maldonado, Theresa Martin, Vel Miller, Steven Napper, Tom Paulson, Dough Prine, Theda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith,

Paul Tadlock, Kathy Tate, Buck Taylor, Gary Ward, Jim Ward, Roy Lee Ward, Tanner Wells and K.W. Whitley. The artwork of deceased artist, Erwin Hearne, will be shown. Hearne painted three pieces of art for the 2006 show before his death in January.

The art for the show can be seen for the first time at the Preview Party June 27. A steak dinner will be served and music will be provided. Seventeen artists will participate in the popular "Quick Draw" event. In this contest, artists will be given one hour to complete a painting and then the artwork will be auctioned. Movie start and artist, Buck Taylor will be one of the participants. Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Artist, Wayne Baize is unable to attend the show, but is donating a print on canvas to be used in the auction.

Contact Dawn Ham at 325-773-3645 for more information.

# TEEA Club learns hand and foot care

The Haskell TEEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office kitchen June 5. Nine members and guest, Erma Liles, answered roll call to "Give a safety tip around the house." Dolores Medford gave the opening exercise with a "think outside the box" activity entitled "Count the Squares."

On May 31, six members enjoyed a day trip to Dillon's Nursery and lunch at Pepper's in Knox City. An informative tour of the greenhouse was given by Jim Dillon, which

included how a greenhouse is built and operates, and how to care for various plants.

Melba Lowrance, owner of Busy Hands & Feet, presented a program on caring for hands and cuticles, and demonstrated the use of the Phut-C purifying system to cleanse the body of toxins.

Hostesses for the meeting were Dolores Medford and Flossie Bates.

The club will vacation in July and will meet again Aug. 10.

# Melanoma risk is high during child-bearing years

Studies have shown that melanomas diagnosed during pregnancy tend to be thicker (and more dangerous) than those in non-pregnant patients. While the occurrence of cancer during pregnancy is rare (affecting approximately one in every 1000 pregnancies), melanoma is the second most common cancer in women aged 20-29, the peak of their childbearing years, and is one of the most common malignancies to occur during pregnancy. Although pregnancy itself does not increase a woman's risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, a changing mole should not be dismissed as a normal change during pregnancy, since it could be the first sign of melanoma.

"It is imperative that a pregnant woman who notices a mole that is changing in size or appears slightly irregular seek immediate attention from a dermatologist," says Perry Robins, M.D., President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Suspicious moles can and should be safely biopsied at any stage of a pregnancy."

To allow for easy detection, The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends following a few simple steps to spot a suspicious-looking mole:

•A stands for Asymmetry: the two

sides of the mole do not match

•B stands for Border: the borders are uneven

•C stands for Color: any change in color or variations in color

•D stands for Diameter: moles that are larger in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser)

•E stands for Evolving or Changing: moles that change in size, shape, color or elevation

Patients diagnosed with melanoma during pregnancy may require care from a team of specialists including an obstetrician, dermatologist, surgeon and oncologist. The thickness of a melanoma remains the most important predictor of survival. The thinner the melanoma, the greater the chances are of long-term survival. Make sure to check your skin on a regular basis; conduct a monthly head-to-toe self-exam, and seek a professional skin exam yearly.

Also, be sure to protect your entire body against sun exposure. The Foundation recommends applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF 15+, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and UV-protective glasses whenever you go in the sun. For more information about melanoma and to learn more about how to protect your skin, visit [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org) or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Gubernatorial candidates prefer to use nicknames, 4-0

AUSTIN—Candidates for governor of Texas seem in agreement on at least one thing: they favor their nicknames over their given names while on the campaign trail.

Gov. "Rick" Perry's given name is James Richard Perry, and "Chris" Bell, the Democratic challenger and former U.S. representative from Houston, is officially Robert Christopher Bell.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a former Republican who filed as an independent candidate for governor, is asking that her name appear on the November ballot as Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn.

In case any confusion should result, Grandma was Carole McClellan when she was mayor of Austin (1977-83) and Carole Keeton Rylander when she was on the Texas Railroad Commission (1994-98).

Since her first successful "One Tough Grandma" political advertising campaign for the office of comptroller eight years ago, Strayhorn has widely been identified as a grandma and most recently as the only grandma in the race for the governorship of Texas.

Richard S. Friedman, also an independent candidate for governor, is known more by his nickname "Kinky" than his given name. Friedman, 61, said he's had his nickname for more than 40 years.

Friedman and Strayhorn must be certified for ballot spots by the secretary of state because independent candidates have no statewide primary.

Both submitted petitions carrying many times more registered voter signatures than necessary, but for each candidate the secretary of state must verify as true and accurate a minimum of 45,540 signatures.

The secretary of state's office has not announced that either of the two independents has met the requirement.

**Dems granted restraining order**  
An Austin state district court granted the Texas Democratic Party a temporary restraining order preventing the Republican Party of Texas from appointing a candidate to replace U.S. Congressional Dist. 22 Rep. Tom DeLay on the November

ballot. The Democratic Party alleges DeLay asserted his candidacy during the GOP primary, but intentionally pulled out later so no vote for a replacement would occur at the primary. The court scheduled a June 22 hearing on the matter.

Earlier this year, DeLay stopped his reelection campaign as allegations of ethical breaches mounted against him, and he withdrew from the race. He resigned from office June 9, facing criminal indictments on charges of election law violations.

**Border watch to involve citizens**  
Imagine Texas' 1,240-mile border with Mexico from Port Isabel to El Paso dotted with Texas-side video cameras to monitor illegal crossings.

With volunteer landowners pitching in, it would be kind of like a neighborhood watch, Gov. Perry suggested.

The cameras are part of a multi-million dollar plan teaming the public with local law enforcement, the U.S. Border Patrol and the National Guard in border security operations.

**Toll road project to open sooner**  
Gov. Perry announced that at least part of the state's three-toll road project will be open to traffic in December, nine months ahead of schedule.

Drivers will be able to avoid notoriously heavy traffic through the capital city on Interstate 35.

Drivers who purchase the special electronic "TxTag" will enter the toll road without stopping at a booth, and save 10 percent.

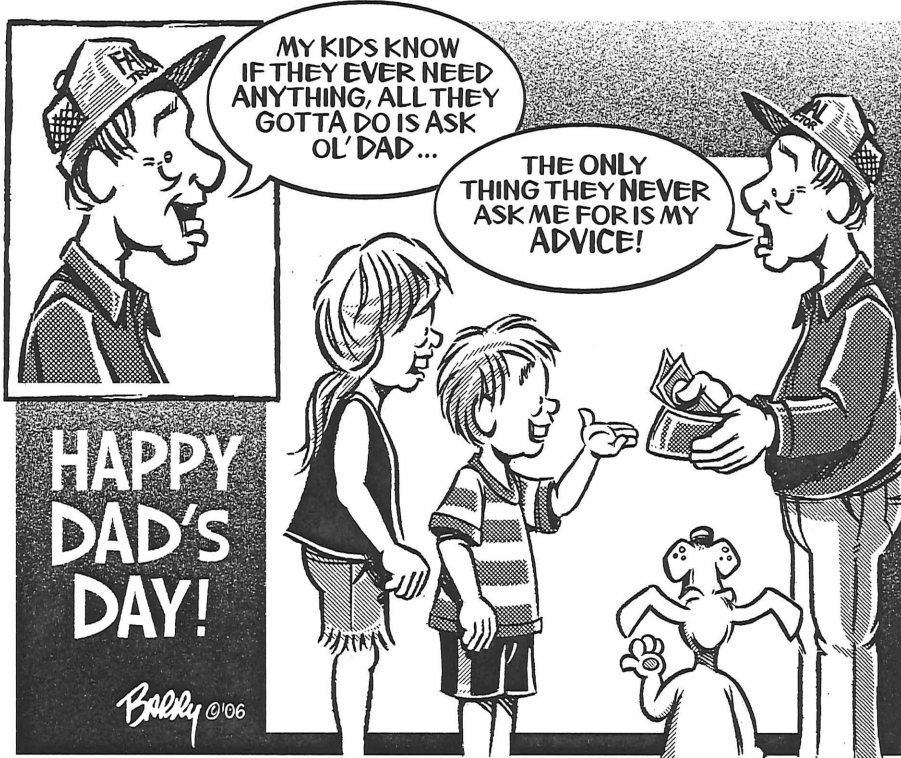
**Agency chief resigns from post**  
Dr. Eduardo J. Sanchez resigned June 6 as commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, effective Oct. 6.

A native of Corpus Christi, Sanchez was appointed to the post in 2001 by Gov. Perry. The agency has 11,500 employees and an annual budget of \$2.3 billion.

**Parties hold biennial conventions**  
State party conventions were held earlier this month. The Republican Party of Texas met June 1 and 2 in San Antonio.

The Texas Democratic Party met in Fort Worth June 8 and 9.

Both parties focused on immigration policy and border security issues.



## Energy saving tips

With warmer weather here, it's time to start preparing your home for the summer heat. These simple tips can help you stay cool, conserve energy and save on energy costs.

- Keep your thermostat setting under control. During the summer, turn up the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher throughout the day and turn the air-conditioner off when you are not at home.

- Cover the windows. Keep your window coverings closed on the south, east, and west windows during the hot months to help maintain a comfortable climate inside.

- Switch from Incandescent to Compact Florescent Bulbs (CFLs). CFLs last four to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs—and they only require one quarter of the energy! Take a look at all of those bulbs around the house—it adds up.

- Use appliances efficiently. Do only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use the cold water setting on your clothes washer when you can. You can conserve up to 75% of the energy required to run the washer by using cold water. Also, be sure to clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use and use the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer if you have one.

- Save the dryer. Use a stand-alone clothes rack to dry your clothes. If you must use your dryer, try to dry two loads consecutively to make the most of the heat you generated in the first load.

- Install low-flow water fixtures. Save energy while saving water. A low-flow showerhead can reduce your water usage by two thirds.

- Start taking showers instead of baths. Baths consume two and a half times more hot water than a shower.

- Set your ceiling fan in reverse. Something as simple as setting your ceiling fan in reverse will circulate the warm air, pulling it away from the ceiling and cooling off the room. Ceiling fans use about the same electricity as a 100-watt light bulb and costs just pennies a day to run.

- Whenever possible, use the microwave instead of the oven. The microwave uses two-thirds the amount of energy as a regular oven.

- Be smart with home electronics. Turn off your computer and any other home office equipment when you're not using them. Also switch to a flat-panel monitor and you'll use one-third of the power compared to conventional monitors.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago June 13, 1996

Robert Ace Turner and Tom Turner of Haskell National Banks were the first place winners in the brisket cook off held in conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days.

The Haskell Co. Commissioners met with Haskell Fire Chief E.J. Stewart regarding the purchase of a rural fire truck pump. The purchase of the pump was approved.

The Haskell Co. Chapter of the American Heart Association held their annual dinner and auction at the American Legion building. Some of the auction items included an autographed baseball from Gov. George Bush.

Spending last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Vaughn were son and family, Terry Vaughn of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Lewis and girls, La Trisha and Carrie visited Sudie's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Seaford near Austin. Carrie stayed for a weeks visit with them. Also accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. David Seaford and children.

### 20 Years Ago June 12, 1986

D.E. Livengood assumed duties as Haskell County Veterans Service officer.

Haskell gave a Texas size welcome to the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train and the hundreds of participants in the mobile celebration. The 61 wagons and 150 riders went directly to the fairgrounds to make camp for the night.

Edwin Roberson of Haskell is one of 40 members of Hardin Simmons

University's Concert Choir who performed for the Southern Baptist Convention's Church Music Conference.

Anna Mae Brooks Wall received superior achievements awards from Texas Tech University.

### 30 Years Ago June 10, 1976

Joanne Cloud of the Rule 4-H Club has been selected as a state delegate to the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour in Washington D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Therwanger and Lance and Mrs. Eula Therwanger attended the Smith family reunion in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strickland and Jimmy of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent last weekend visiting Sue Byrd, Mildred Berry and attended the Lane-Hudson wedding.

Iola Henshaw and May Belle Taylor have returned from visiting their sisters, Ann Fischer in Longview and Gladys French, Grapevine.

### 40 Years Ago June 9, 1966

Mattie Felker and Frances Lane of Lane-Felker are in New York City, attending market.

Haskell will be represented at the American Legion Boys State in Austin by Wayne Cadenhead, Keith Chapman, Thornton Gilmore, Riley Couch, Steve Munday, Kelly Adkins, Paul Hiebert and Clinton Callaway.

Mrs. Felix Klose spent several days last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Klose in Arlington.

Mary M. Abbott received her Master of Education degree at

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

### 50 Years Ago June 14, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Sherman of Sherman Floor Co. will attend a wall paper institute training course at the University of Houston.

Helen Grand, daughter of Alfred Grand, was visiting with friends in Dallas last weekend.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cobb of Knox City.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Noah S. Lane last week were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Frierson and children of Bryan.

The children and grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Oliphant held an annual reunion in the home of Mrs. Elsie McGee.

Bobby Lusk, Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk.

### 100 Years Ago June 9, 1906

D. Scott has moved to Haskell. He will engage in the manufacture of brick and in contracting and building.

S.L. Robertson has had a store building moved just north of the post office and he moved his stock of goods into it. He will conduct this business there until his new store building is completed on the west side.

J.D. Cook and R.G. Merritt have moved their barber shop to the west side.

G.B. Powell, who did the fancy stone cutting for the courthouse at this place when it was being built, has returned to Haskell after an absence of about 14 years.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### In Honor of Fathers

June 18 is a day to celebrate and thank dads for a job well done. Across Texas, from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande Valley, dads will celebrate fatherhood with their children. I will spend the day with my daughter, who will thank me in some special way for being her dad.

Like other fathers, I strive to be a good dad and to provide my daughter with the financial and emotional support she needs. Parenting is hard work, but the benefits to our children are endless.

This Father's Day, the employees of the Division for Families and Children and I extend our sincere thanks to all fathers for giving their children the love and support only a dad can provide. You are the unsung heroes in your children's lives.

Over the last several years, there has been a steadily growing emphasis on the positive impact of engaged, caring fathers. Research about a father's influence has confirmed what so many of us know to be true—fathers really do make a difference. Children with dads who actively participate in their lives perform

better in school, are more self confident, are more likely to exercise self-control, and less likely to engage in risky behaviors as teens.

Our Child Support program collected a record \$1.8 billion in child support last year, and most of the money came from fathers. However, a father's contribution to his child's well-being involves much more than money. Children deserve the security that comes from knowing their fathers care enough to provide emotional as well as financial support.

Over the last several years, the Division for Families and Children has increased its commitment to fathers by recognizing the important and irreplaceable role they play in shaping their children's lives. Several notable programs to serve fathers include:

Building Strong and Healthy Families in Texas is designed to increase the number of new, unmarried parents who enter into stable family and marital relationships. The project, which is in Houston and San Angelo, also works to establish legal paternity for

the unmarried parents' children and to provide knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill parental responsibilities.

The Paternity Opportunity Program is an extremely successful undertaking by my office that gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at the time of birth. We train hospital staff and midwives to educate parents on signing an Acknowledgement of Paternity so that the child will have a legal father. Last year, POP gave more than 108,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.

The Choices Project is a collaborative effort between my office and the Texas Workforce Commission that targets noncustodial parents in Galveston, Brazoria, Hidalgo, El Paso, Tarrant and Bexar counties. Parents who are behind on their child support are given three choices: enroll in the program, make a payment or go to jail. Parents who chose to enroll in the program are provided with job training and support services to help

them get and keep jobs.

Access and Visitation programs help parents without custody develop and maintain meaningful relationships with their children. This year, my office awarded federally funded grants to 12 private nonprofit organizations that will help never married, divorced or separated parents work together to parent their children.

The Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) curriculum teaches middle and high school students about the realities of parenting and the importance of both mothers and fathers in raising healthy children. Students are encouraged to postpone becoming a parent until they are older and in a healthy marriage relationship.

The No Kidding program is an innovative strategy for educating Austin and El Paso teens about the responsibilities of teen parenting. Teen parents from local high schools discuss the challenges of parenthood with their peers and assist teachers in delivering the p.a.p.a. program. No Kidding gives young people information they need to make informed decisions about their future.

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# NOTICE TO CITY OF HASKELL WATER CONSUMERS

North Central Texas  
Municipal Water Authority

June 6, 2006

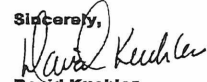
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Rhineland Water Supply Corp.

Re: 2005 CCR

Dear City/Water Supply Corp. Official:

We are providing the information below for your information and use, if needed, in preparing your 2005 "Consumer Confidence Report".

| Year Tested | Constituent          | Unit of Measure |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2005        | Fluoride             | 0.6 ppm         |
| 2005        | Chloroform           | 16.43 ppb       |
| 2005        | Bromodichloromethane | 4.0 ppb         |
| 2005        | Turbidity            | 0.30 ntu        |

Sincerely,  
  
David Kuehler  
General Manager

## 2005 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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

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

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

### Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July 1st - July 31st 2006

Time: Office Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm

Location: City Hall 301 South 1st

Phone No: (940)-864-2333

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

### OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and they have determined that certain water quality issues exist which prevent our water from meeting all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards. Each issue is listed in this report as a violation and we are working closely with the TCEQ to achieve solutions.

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

#### En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (940)864-2333 - para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

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

Our drinking water is obtained from SURFACE water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: MILLERS CREEK RESERVOIR. A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for our drinking water

source(s) is currently being conducted by the TCEQ and should be provided to us this year. The report will describe the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information in this assessment will allow us to focus our source water protection strategies.

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#### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

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

#### Secondary Constituents

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

#### About The Following Pages

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

#### DEFINITIONS

##### Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

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

##### Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

##### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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

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

##### Treatment Technique (TT)

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

##### Action Level (AL)

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

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### 2005 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water

Our goal at the City of Haskell is to provide you with high-quality, safe drinking water that exceeds every federal and state standard. As mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), this "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR) details our water sources, the results of our water tests, and other information. For quality tap water, you can count on the City of Haskell to provide its citizens with only the best.

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

#### Overview

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

This CCR report is based on test conducted in the year 2005 by the City of Haskell. The City of Haskell collects four samples a month which is 48 per year. Two samples were reported bad and retested with good results for a total of 56 samples. 1 random sample was taken for a business and results were good. This is to ensure the safety and quality of our water. These samples are to ensure that the City of Haskell is providing a safe drinking water to our customers. We are checking for microbiological contamination. Lead and copper tests are conducted every three years.

#### Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about containment and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline. (1-800-426-4791)

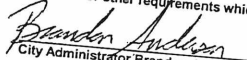
The City of Haskell along with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is proud to announce that we do have "A Safe Water for Drinking". This CCR was developed in accordance with part 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Consumer Confidence Reports. This CCR document was prepared as requested by the City of Haskell.

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

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

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

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

  
City Administrator Brandon Anderson

  
Director Public Works Thomas Rodriguez

#### ABBREVIATIONS

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)  
pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  
ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)  
ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)  
ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**Inorganic Contaminants** NOT TESTED OR REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

**Organic Contaminants** TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

#### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

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

| Year | Disinfectant      | Average Level                            | Minimum Level                | Maximum Level                | MRDL MRDLG | Unit of Measure | Source of Chemical                     |
|------|-------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 2005 | Disinfectant used | Average level of 2005 quarterly averages | Minimum result single sample | Maximum result single sample | 4.0 <4.0   | ppm             | Disinfectant used to control microbes. |

#### Disinfection Byproducts

| Year | Contaminant            | Average Level | Minimum Level | Maximum Level | MCL | Unit of Measure | Source of Contaminant                     |
|------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----------------|---|
| 2005 | Total Haloacetic Acids | 26            | 20            | 31.3          | 60  | ppb             | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. |
| 2005 | Total Trihalomethanes  | 15.8          | 11.3          | 19.3          | 80  | ppb             | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. |

**Unregulated Contaminants** NOT REPORTED OR NONE DETECTED

#### Lead and Copper

| Year | Contaminant | The 90th Percentile | Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level | Action Level | Unit of Measure | Source of Contaminant   |
|------|-------------|---------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|---|
| 2004 | Lead        | 4.8                 | 0                                      | 15           | ppb             | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.                                   |
| 2004 | Copper      | 0.253               | 0                                      | 1.3          | ppm             | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. |

**Turbidity** NOT REQUIRED

#### Total Coliform

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

| Year | Contaminant             | Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples | MCL | Unit of Measure | Source of Contaminant                 |
|------|-------------------------|--|-----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2005 | Total Coliform Bacteria | 2  | *   | Presence        | Naturally present in the environment. |

\* Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.

**Fecal Coliform VIOLATIONS** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

| Violation Type  | Health Effects  | Duration              | Explanation  | Steps to Correct                         |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| MCL VIOLATION - TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)              | Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.                                | 1/1/2005 to 3/31/2005 | Our water is purchased from NCTMWA we only sell and distribute                     | Taken by NCTMWA                          |
| COLIFORM - FAILURE TO ISSUE OR REPORT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION | Failure to notify consumers of a bacteriological related violation makes it impossible for consumers to consider alternatives to drinking water that is contaminated or inadequately tested.  | 9/1/2005 to 9/30/2005 | Due to the loss of our City Manager whom took care of TCEQ matters it was overseen | was reassigned                           |
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# Fire prevention safety tips to help avoid risks of wildfires

According to the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the National Interagency Fire Center, once again the more than 190 million acres of federal forests and rangelands in the United States, an area twice the size of California, face high risk of catastrophic fire this summer.

Years of natural fuels build-up, coupled with drought conditions, insect infestation and disease make forests and rangelands in many areas throughout the country vulnerable to intense and environmentally destructive fires.

Residents are advised to follow these fire prevention safety tips to keep themselves and their homes safe and avoid the risk of wildfires in woodlands, fields and parks. Be aware that periods of unusually low precipitation increase the likelihood of severe wildfires. If your region is experiencing a dry season, especially with high winds, exercise extra caution when in contact with any flammable materials.

## General Fire Prevention Tips

- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Consider installing automatic fire sprinklers.
- Know at least two ways out of your ground level floor, preferably at opposite ends of the building, and out of each room on all levels.
- Parking in tall grass or shrubs can start fires because the hot catalytic converter comes into contact with dry plant materials. Don't park where

vegetation is touching the underside of your vehicle. Motorcycles and ATVs should have spark arresters.

• All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) produce an enormous amount of heat and can ignite brush from their exhaust systems. Don't park your car, truck, or recreational vehicle on dry grass or brush even for a minute. The exhaust system on a vehicle can reach a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees. It only takes 500 degrees to start a wildfire in the fire season.

• Remove ladder fuels, young trees and shrubs planted close to larger trees that could carry a ground fire into the tops of large trees.

• Cut all branches below six feet from the ground to prevent fires from spreading into the tree tops.

• Remove all tree limbs within 10 feet of your chimney or stove pipe.

## Protecting Property in Areas Prone to Wildfires

- Clear and maintain a fire break around your home by clearing the fuel that a fire needs. Clear weeds, dry brush and trees within a 100-200 foot buffer zone. In case of fire, this will allow the heat to dissipate before it reaches the building as well as eliminate fuel for the fire. This space can also provide a safe area for firefighters and their equipment, should they be needed.
- Consider maintaining a large non-potable water storage tank that could be used in an emergency, but check local regulations to make sure that this is legal in your area.
- Dead and dry grasses should be cleaned up, dead branches should be trimmed off trees and landscaping plants should receive adequate water.

• Piles of firewood and other debris should be moved away from the vicinity of the house.

• Trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.

• Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

• Extinguish smoking materials properly. Put out cigarettes, cigars and pipes only in areas cleared of vegetation or debris.

• Stone walls can act as heat shields to deflect flames.

• Swimming pools and patios can be safety zones.

• Use tile, stucco, metal siding, brick, concrete block, rock, or other fire-resistant materials on roofs.

• Use only thick, tempered safety glass in large windows and sliding glass doors.

• Install electrical lines underground, if possible.

• Clean roofs and gutters regularly.

• Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools such as rakes, axes, chain saws, buckets, and shovels.

• Have several garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home and surrounding vegetation.

• Mow grasses to a height of less than 6 inches within 50 feet of the home.

• Wood shake shingle roofs are highly flammable. Convert roof to Class A fire resistant materials such as fiberglass, asphalt, metal and tile.

• Construct decks and siding with non-combustible materials.

• Screen openings under decks, attics, and foundation vents.

• Check with local nurseries to learn about fire resistant landscaping.

• Allow thirty feet between tops of trees to reduce the risk of crown fire.

• Store firewood and other combustible materials like picnic tables at least 30 feet away from your house and other structures and clear a space of at least ten feet around them.

• Post your address along the road at the driveway entrance as well as on the home; numbers should be at least four inches tall and mounted on

a high-contrast, non-combustible background material.

• Make sure that if your chimney is attached to a fireplace or any other appliance that burns solid fuel it is equipped with an approved spark arrester. Not only is this safe, it's required by law.

## Working in the Outdoors:

Backyard Burning, Landscaping, Woodcutting

• Postpone outdoor burning if your area is experiencing dry conditions.

• Check with the local fire department to determine if a ban on outdoor burning has been imposed.

• Have hand tools, water and enough people on hand to keep the fire in check when doing outdoor burning.

• Before starting a backyard fire, place a firebreak around the perimeter of the fire area. Fires can escape easily if a wind picks up.

• Do not burn in windy conditions.

• Lawn and farm equipment should have properly working spark arresters to prevent sparks from exiting through the exhaust pipes.

• Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

• Monitor hay-baling operations closely; dry hay can ignite within the baler.

• Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

• Burn trash in a burn barrel or other fire-safe receptacle covered with wire mesh or grid that will help contain burning debris.

• Stay with your fire until it is out.

• Make sure spark arresters are in good operating condition on all-terrain vehicles, trail bikes and chain saws when used near grass or combustible vegetation. This screen

fits between the exhaust port of the piston and the muffler and helps ensure that sparks generated by vehicles and equipment don't start wildfires.

• Refrain from welding and all use of spark-creating machines when conditions that raise the risk of fire abound.

• Follow forest restrictions and closures; chainsaws may not be allowed if the fire danger is extreme.

## If a Wildfire is Burning Near Your Home

• Stay calm. Call 911 to report a fire.

• Cover all eave and roof vents.

• Cover large picture windows with plywood.

• Clean roof of combustible materials.

• Remove and scatter fuels away from structure.

• Clear area around above-ground fuel tank; shut off tank.

• Close windows and doors, including garage, leaving them unlocked for firefighter access.

• Wear protective clothing like sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and a handkerchief to protect your face.

• Fill bathtubs and sinks to raise the humidity within the structure.

• Evacuate threatened livestock and pets.

• Evacuate to a safe location.

## Playing in the Outdoors: Campfires and Other Recreational Fire Hazards

• Find out about fire conditions before you visit an area and strictly observe any restrictions that may be in effect. In many areas, all wood and charcoal fires may be prohibited, but gas or propane camp stoves are allowed. Other areas allow campfires only in established campgrounds with fire grills or pits. A few areas

have banned all ignition sources, including camp stoves.

• When camping, select your campsite carefully. Avoid fragile environments; use existing clear areas; and return any displaced leaf litter or branches after use.

• Use fuel stoves where dry wood is scarce.

• Use only fallen wood.

• Before building a campfire, prepare the area by removing all leaves, twigs and other flammable materials from within ten feet of your campfire.

• Use an established fire pit or make a ring of rocks at least ten feet from trees, shrubs, structures and debris.

• Keep fire suppression tools such as a shovel and a bucket of water on hand in case your campfire starts to get out of control.

• Don't leave a campfire unattended.

• Be certain your campfire is completely extinguished before you go to bed or leave the area.

• Pour water on the fire and douse the site thoroughly. Stir water and dirt into the coals with a shovel or stick until there are no embers and the ashes are cold to the touch.

• Make sure the fire is "dead out" before you leave.

• Fireworks are not allowed anywhere in national and state forests, national parks or other public lands.

• Passing Through: Driving in Outdoor Areas

• Do not discard smoking materials from vehicles; use interior ashtrays.

• Be aware of smoking restrictions in forests, national parks, and other public lands.

• Smoking may be restricted to inside vehicles or in paved parking areas.

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## Fiber to the home:

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One of these new strategies includes using Fiber to the home or FTTH. FTTH is the use of fiber-optic cables run directly to the user's home. While fiber-optics have been in use for many years to transfer long-distance calls around the world as well as Internet traffic, telephone companies such as ours are now bringing this incredibly high-bandwidth connection to our Cooperative communities.

### How it works

Fiber-optic cable is capable of very high speeds; the cable is really not a cable at all but a stand of glass, approximately the thickness of a human hair that allows pulses of light to pass from one end to the other. These pulses of light represent data, and because these pieces of data move at the speed of light, data transmission is very fast, and because light can travel great distances without a weakening of signal, the data can travel long distances without errors.

### Why Fiber is better

The traditional copper phone lines that currently run to everyone's homes has the potential of approximately 20 Megabits of data per second but the technology is distance limited, therefore, the farther the home is from the office or from a rural network access point (the green cabinets in the road ditches) the slower the capable speeds are.

### Why is FTTH important

Data on a fiber-optic cable can travel many miles in a split-second, therefore allowing a more cost-effective method to transmit large amounts of data to everyone's homes. The future of communications will require the large amounts of data that FTTH can provide.

Fiber-optics will allow homes to receive regular phone service, High Speed DSL, and several streams of IPTV as well as additional bandwidth for unseen future applications.

The capabilities of fiber-optics far exceed those of copper. This is an investment in the future that we feel will bring value to our customers and our communities.

# Diabetes awareness crucial for prevention, management

About 20.8 million Americans suffer from diabetes, and 6.2 million of these cases are undiagnosed, reports the American Diabetes Association. And, African-Americans are 1.8 times as likely and Hispanics 1.7 times as likely to have diabetes compared to whites.

These alarming numbers reinforce the need for people at increased risk

for diabetes to understand the disease and how to lower your chances of developing it, said Juanita Garcia, R.N., education coordinator at Coastal Bend Health Education Center-Diabetes Education for the Texas A&M Health Science Center at Corpus Christi.

"If you already have diabetes, aggressive management along with

blood glucose control can prevent or prolong diabetes-related complications," Garcia said.

Diabetes occurs when the body is unable to sufficiently use or produce a hormone called insulin, which allows us to use sugar from our diet as energy. There are two types: Type 1, when the body stops producing insulin and requires insulin injections, and Type 2, when the body produces insufficient insulin to maintain blood sugar.

The risk for developing Type 2 diabetes increases if you are overweight, have a family history of the disease, or are Hispanic or African-American. But there are ways to fight back, Garcia said.

You can decrease your risk by eating a healthy diet and including at least 30 minutes of physical activity in your daily routine. A diet high in fruits and vegetables and low in saturated fat and excess calories is best.

"If you have diabetes, a registered dietitian or certified diabetes educator can help you figure out the best meal pattern for you," Garcia said. "For people with diabetes, counting carbohydrates throughout each day allows the best blood sugar control."

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# Enjoy the tastes of summer without worries of foodborne illness

Peaches, plums, apricots, cherries, berries and melons in various sizes, shapes and colors: The summer heat may be scorching, but the produce of the season can make it worthwhile.

Summer's many and varied produce selections are important to a healthful diet, said Amanda Scott, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist and state coordinator for Extension's Expanded Nutrition Program.

Just remember to handle fresh produce with care, she said. Otherwise foodborne illness might ruin the summer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses are reported each year, Scott said, with 325,000 involving hospitalization and 5,000 resulting in death.

"Although not traditionally associated with foodborne illnesses, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks, including Hepatitis A contamination on green onions and Salmonella on tomatoes," she said.

That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw, she added.

"In recent years the proportion of cases of foodborne illness linked to produce has increased," Scott said.

But these six steps might help lessen the risk of illness caused by summer fruits.

**Step 1: Check.** Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salad makings, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

"Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables begins at the store," Scott said.

**Step 2: Clean.** Start by washing hands in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are clean before using them on the produce. Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water.

That's true for fruits and vegetables that have rinds that will not be eaten, Scott said.

"People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water," she said, "because if any bacteria contaminate the outside of the melon, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit."

Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it under running tap water. Dry produce with a clean cloth or paper towel. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce.

**Step 3: Separate.** In the grocery cart, keep fresh produce away from such items as cleaners and detergents, and raw meats, poultry and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meats, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

**Step 4: Cook.** If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meats, poultry or fish or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

**Step 5: Chill.** To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled or

cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

**Step 6: Throw away.** Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling or cooking should be thrown away, Scott said. Also throw away any bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce or any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked and that has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry or fish.

"If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!" Scott said.

And one more tip: "It's recommended that you wash fruits and vegetables right before they are eaten," Scott said. "If you wash them ahead of time make sure to dry them thoroughly before storing them in the refrigerator. This can help prevent mold growth."

Besides, she added, when it comes to berries—such as strawberries, blackberries and blueberries—washing them too soon can damage their delicate skin.

For more information on food safety, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Food and Nutrition.

# Screening for physical, cognitive changes benefits seniors

It can be difficult to watch the physical and cognitive changes in our parents as they grow older.

Symptoms of dementia, a common disorder, not only include memory loss but also significant problems with decision making, behavior and social functioning. Seniors and their families also should watch for psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, paranoia and substance abuse.

"Screening should begin at age 65 and be part of an individual's routine annual health screening examinations," said Christopher C. Colenda, M.D., M.P.H., dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and a geriatric psychiatrist. "Families should be on the lookout for weight changes; poor treatment compliance; abrupt behavioral changes such as depression, agitation or

suspiciousness; repeated falls; money problems; frequent physical complaints; changes in frequency of family contacts; and wandering behavior."

Our physical and physiological functions decline as we grow older, increasingly after about age 75. However, the slope of that change differs from person to person and can be modified by a number of variables that include physical exercise, the number and type of chronic health conditions an individual experiences, and social support.

"Stay active and involved," Dr. Colenda recommends. "Good physical health leads to good mental health. But if you notice something is not right, get evaluated. Early identification of treatable conditions leads to better and more satisfying outcomes for everyone."

# Watch for costly medical charges

The cost of medical care is soaring these days, and many times patients are astounded when they receive the bill from the hospital. If you can't believe your eyes, or the bill, there are people you can call to help you understand the charges.

"If any patient has questions about their hospital bill, the very first thing they should do is call the hospital and request an opportunity to talk with someone about their bill," said James Alexander, Ph.D., assistant professor at the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health and former hospital administrator. "Hospital bills are complicated and confusing."

If the hospital is unable to explain

the bill to your satisfaction and you have insurance, the next step is to call your insurance company, Dr. Alexander said. The customer service number is usually located on the back of the insurance card.

If you have Medicare, you can call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). For those on Medicaid, call 2-1-1 and ask for the Health and Human Services benefits office closest to you. If you do not have insurance, the Office of the Attorney General for Texas can be contacted for assistance at 800-621-0508.

Most of the time, hospital bills are correct, and the charges reflect the high cost of care these days. However, mistakes do happen.

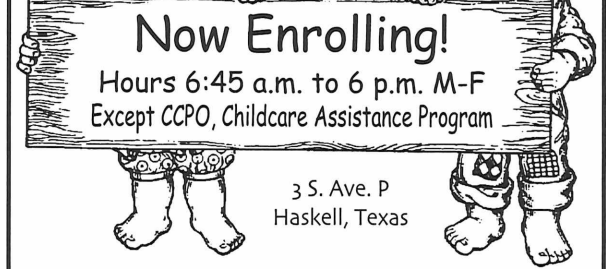
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## TAX PLANNING

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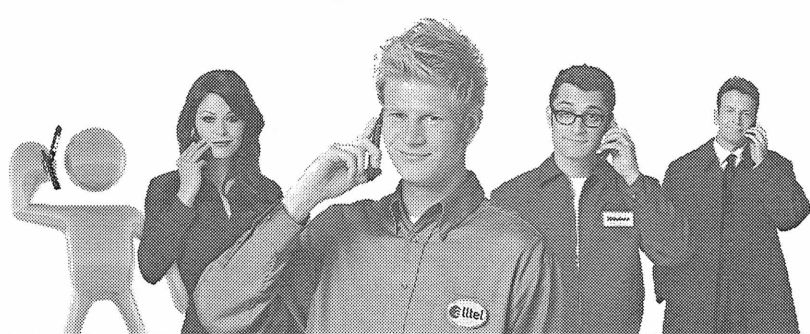
- If you have summer travel plans and the primary purpose of your trip is business, you can deduct all the travel costs to and from your business destination and all other business-related costs even if you add on a few extra days for pleasure. You can't deduct costs related to the pleasure portion.
- Including a spouse or friend on your trip is permissible, but you can't deduct the additional costs for that person. For example, the added cost of a double room over a single room won't be deductible. Be sure to keep track of your itinerary, as well as your receipts, so you can clearly establish the business purpose of your trip and support your deductions.
- If you own rental property, the expenses you incur to inspect your investment are deductible. These would include your travel expenses, lodging, and 50% of your meals.
- If you itemize your deductions, you can deduct the mortgage interest and property taxes paid for your vacation home. A boat or RV can qualify as a vacation home if it has sleeping quarters, cooking facilities, and a bathroom. If a retreat also serves as rental property you can control your tax deductions by changing the number of days you use it for vacation.
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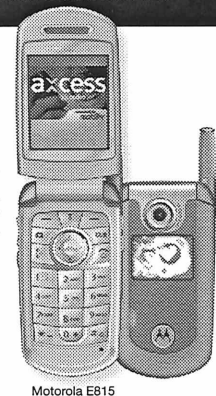
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## Law enforcement report

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

Possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.: 3 cases.  
Driving while license suspended: 2 cases.  
Possession of drug paraphernalia: 3 cases.  
Traffic warrants: 3 cases.  
Driving while intoxicated, second offense: 3 cases.  
Driving while intoxicated, third or more offense: 2 cases.  
Delivery of marijuana, more than 1/4 lb, but less than 5 lbs: 2 cases.  
Possession of a controlled

substance pg. 1: 2 cases;  
Possession of a controlled substance pg. 4, less than 28 g.: 1 case.  
Public intoxication: 5 cases.  
Driving while intoxicated: 2 cases.  
Burglary of a building: 1 case.  
Possession of marijuana, more than 5 lbs., less than 50 lbs.: 1 case.  
Failure to identify fugitive from justice: 1 case.  
Surety withdrawal: 2 cases.  
Theft by check: 3 cases.  
Delivery of controlled substance pg. 1, less than 1 g.: 1 case  
Criminal mischief: 3 cases.  
During May, 509 calls were made to 911.

## Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

**June 19-23**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Pizza, cheese sticks, salad, watermelon  
**Tuesday:** Beef spaghetti, green beans, salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Tacos with cheese,

pinto beans, salad, jello  
**Thursday:** Steak fingers with gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, oranges  
**Friday:** Cheeseburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, vanilla ice cream with toppings

## Weinert kin named to All-America team

Pat McCrory, a freshman at Navarro Junior College, son of Johnnie Brueggeman McCrory and Pat McCrory of Kilgore, grandson of Dora Brueggeman and nephew of John, Larry and Melvin Brueggemen, all of Weinert, was recently named first-team NJCAA All America after a successful 2006 baseball campaign.

A native of Kilgore, McCrory batted .492 with 93 hits, 18 doubles, four triples and 61 RBI for the

Navarro team, which won its second Region XIV East Zone title in three years.  
Pacing the conference, he also earned Freshman of the Year honors.

The University of Texas signee was an honorable mention All-American selection. On the Navarro pitching staff, he went 9-2 with a 1.49 ERA and 73 strikeouts in the regular season.

## Weather Whys

**Lightning and Livestock**  
Q: How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

A: No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very sketchy in this area, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States.

"The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

Q: How often does lightning hit

livestock?

A: At least as often as it strikes people and perhaps more often, McRoberts adds.

"Unless there is a barn nearby, livestock are out in the open during thunderstorms, so their chances of being hit are greater," he says.

"And the types of injuries are about the same. One study shows that while about 70 percent of humans that are struck by lightning still survive, the fatality rate to horses and cattle is much higher. This is because no one is around to treat the injured animal, plus the body mass of the animal is larger than a human meaning more tissue damage can occur. Often, a rancher will see a dead animal on his property and not see any apparent cause. A necropsy (animal autopsy) often reveals the animal died from a lightning strike."

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., June 19**  
Lunch—King ranch, buttered corn, green beans, onion slice, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

**Wed., June 21**  
Bingo 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch—Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, Coke cake, milk,

tea, or coffee

**Fri., June 23**  
Lunch—BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced onions, yeast rolls, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

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

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Despite a variety of unflattering images depicting a father as either too stern or too spineless, the true picture is more likely that of a kindly, hard-working provider and protective shield for his family; the wise arbiter of right and wrong; the author of firm but loving discipline; and a tower of strength at all times. A father tries to conceal his anxieties while setting the

example of character and courage for his children, and must provide the answer to any physical or moral crisis that may arise. The Bible is filled with passages in praise of a father's wisdom and guidance, and you should learn to honor and respect your father at the church of your choice; not merely on special occasions, but every day of the year.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Renegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
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Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
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Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. Morn. 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**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell  
**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
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Clovis Dever  
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

**SAGERTON**  
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Terry O'Rear, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton  
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Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton  
**RULE**  
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Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule  
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John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
Terry O'Rear, pastor  
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule  
**PAINT CREEK**  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
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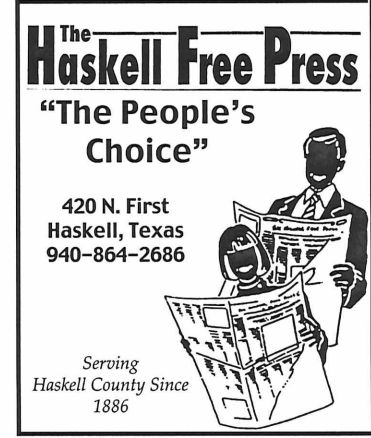
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# Make exercise part of daily routine

You've heard the old saying: The longest journey begins with a single step.

But when that step is the beginning of an exercise routine, may not seem to be that simple, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

"Being part of a functional society almost demands that we become sedentary," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist.

Not only do many people work at desk jobs, but they must travel by car, bus or other vehicle just to get to work in the first place, she said. And e-mail, which can be sent and received without leaving your chair, is the preferred method of communication in many cases.

With this lack of physical activity, Rice said, it's no wonder so many people have a hard time warming up to an exercise routine.

But not to worry, she said. Becoming more physically active—and therefore improving your health—

isn't as difficult as it sounds.

In a recent issue of Health Hints newsletter, Rice and Janet Pollard, Extension associate for health, had some suggestions for establishing "workouts that work for you."

First, they said, find activities you want to do.

To be effective, an exercise routine must be enjoyable, Pollard said. "Let's face it, if you don't enjoy doing the activities, you're not likely to keep doing them," she said.

Then "fit physical activity into your day and your particular lifestyle," she said, "and follow your physical activity goals for success over your lifetime."

Sounds simple, right? But what about finding the time for all this activity?

Not to worry, Rice said. Effective physical activity doesn't have to be all that time consuming. All you need is 2.5 hours each week.

"That's 30 minutes a day, five

days a week," she said. "If that number overwhelms you, don't let it stop you. Try 20 minutes a day for three days a week, which is one hour per week." Even exercise in 10-minute increments will bring health benefits, she added.

The good news is "physical activity doesn't have to be what we 'traditionally' think of—such as gym workouts, aerobic dance or jogging," Pollard said. "Be open to new possibilities."

She offered some suggestions, such as walking, gardening, hiking, learning martial arts, rock climbing, swimming, skating, playing golf or tennis, dancing and even canoeing.

Even household chores such as moving furniture, scrubbing floors or washing the car can have health benefits, she said.

"If you have physical limitations, don't let that stop you or your goals for greater fitness," Pollard added. "Seek out and talk with a doctor who

can help you."

In fact, anyone who hasn't been physically active for a while should talk to a doctor before beginning any exercise program, the experts advised.

They also advise getting some variety into your workout. For example:

- Buy and use home exercise equipment, such as a treadmill, stationary bicycle or step machine. Use these machines while watching the news or your favorite television show.

- If exercise equipment is too expensive, use a jump rope, hand-held weights or exercise videos. Fill empty milk or water bottles with sand or water (close them with duct tape) for homemade adjustable weights. You can also use canned foods, bags of cereal or potatoes, or boxes of frozen vegetables for weights.

- Get some walking shoes and go for 10-minute fitness breaks or go for brisk walks over your lunch break.

- Ride a bicycle to work, if traffic allows.

- Walk while you talk on the phone. Take stairs instead of elevators. Pick the parking place farthest from your office and walk to the building. Get a lawn mower you have to push.

These steps can help solve the time and expense questions. But the bottom line is: Why exercise?

That's simple, Rice said. "Being physically active is an important aspect of getting and staying healthy."

Short-term benefits include healthier heart, muscles, bones and joints; more endurance and energy; better stress-coping ability; and improved sleep.

And then, she added, there are the long-term benefits, such as a reduced risk of dying prematurely or of heart disease, or developing high blood pressure, diabetes or obesity.

All these health benefits are available for the price of a little bit of time each week and a small amount of money, Rice said. Where can you go wrong?

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# Children and remodeling safety

Summer break and peak remodeling season clash every year, bringing workers into homes filled with curious and energetic young ones. As the two seasons get into full-swing, there is growing excitement over fresh ideas and new experiences.

Now is the time for homeowners with children to plan for necessary precautions that should be undertaken during a home remodel. The following tips are offered to keep children out of harm's way during a remodel.

Communicate with your remodeling contractor openly and let him or her know what to expect while working in your household. Inform them about your children, their ages, their behavior patterns and how mischief-prone they may be so the contractor's crew can be safety-aware at all times. Have a discussion about where tools and materials will be stored, who will be responsible for cleaning the area, and what sections of wall or floor can be covered at the end of the day.

Ask to be notified on days when the remodeling crew will be carrying in large pieces of equipment or building materials and plan an activity for your children that day.

Communicate with your children as well, and be sure both they and you can anticipate the number of workers likely to be in the house at a given time, and the general work hours. Consider the proximity of the

work area to your child's room or play area, and if necessary, designate a new, safe area for play and toy storage. It's also important to set safety rules that they will need to follow while the work crews are present.

If possible, designate an entrance for workers' use only, and advise your children never to use that entrance. This will help keep children out of the contractor's way, and vice versa.

Lead is always an important consideration while remodeling, but it is especially significant in its harmful effects on children. Lead-based paint from the demolition portion of a project can send paint dust airborne. Lead paint is often found in homes built before 1978 and can be especially detrimental to young children. Review the risks with your remodeling contractor or check with your local Environmental Protection Agency office for guidelines to follow. Be cognizant of when your remodeling contractor will be using hazardous chemicals and work with them to devise a proper ventilation plan. Planning a

short get-away is sometimes advised after the use of strong chemical agents to allow the home to properly air out.

Another safety area to consider is an open window. Try to keep ladders and tempting easy-to-climb structures away from open windows. Remember that insect screens are meant for keeping out insects, and won't suffice in protecting your child from a fall.

The child with the pool is the most popular kid on the block, which makes you the most responsible parent. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 350 children under the age of 5 drown each year in residential pools, and thousands more are treated each year for near-drowning accidents.

Preventative safety measures can be taken in the pool-building process. During the design process, consider the proximity of the pool to the house. If it is very close to a second-story deck, or even overhanging tree branches, children might be tempted to jump from the structure into the pool.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2007 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

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| The total amount of the proposed budget.                      | \$300,420                          |
| The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.  | \$ 10,610                          |
| The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget | 5<br><i>(full-time equivalent)</i> |
| The number of employees compensated under the current budget. | 5<br><i>(full-time equivalent)</i> |

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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