

Calendar

Homecoming

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St., in Haskell, will host their 42nd Homecoming and Memorial service July 17-18. Speakers will be Rev. Don Burton of Longview and Rev. Danny Brown of Eastland. Saturday services begin with a musical at 7:30 p.m. Sunday services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. Homecoming services begin at 3 p.m.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

VBS sports camp

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will host a VBS sports camp for children five years old through the completion of sixth grade July 26-28 from 9 a.m. to noon. "Camp Cornerstone: Where Pleading Jesus is our goal: will be a unique Vacation Bible School experience with a variety of sports activities, crafts and Bible sports. Pre-register or arrange for transportation by contacting the church at 940-864-5557 or youth@cornerstonehaskell.org.

Catfish lunch

Stonewall Co. Senior Citizens, 516 S. Washington, in Aspermont, will host a catfish buffet fund-raiser Wed., July 14 beginning 11 a.m. Cost is \$8 and includes fried catfish, coleslaw, pinto beans, hush puppies, tartar sauce, peach cobbler, tea or coffee. Take out is available.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 15 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 N. Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Clay shoot, Cook-off

The first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off will be held Aug. 28-29 in Haskell. The Clay Shoot will be held Sat. and Sun. on FM 600. The cook-off will be held Sat. at the Haskell RV park. To enter the clay shoot contact www.clearfork.crimestoppersweb.com or contact any CFCS board member. To enter the cook-off, contact donnasuea@noahproject.org. To make a donation or to volunteer contact Steve Alsabrook at 325-280-2100, Billie McKeever at 940-864-4814, Donna Sue Anders at 325-660-4219 or by mail at CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

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Welcome Singing School students

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Library offers summer reading program



PATRIOTIC THEME—The 'Catch The Reading Express' theme for last week at the Haskell County Library was a patriotic one, presented by Tom Long, celebrating the Fourth of July holidays. Attending were front row, l-r, Faith Jordan, Justin Townsend, Mia Long, Hannah Long, Jolie Torres, Jailyn Alba, Kolby Rubio, Adrian Rubio and Addisyn Bates; back row, Jon Townsend, Elise Townsend, J.R. Brown, Blessing Jordan, Calie Everett, Areli Torres, Sarina Alba, J.J. Rubio and Tom Long, presenter. The program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for children ages 5-10. Those attending may enjoy stories, crafts and snacks.

The summer reading program at the Haskell County Library is underway.

Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings in July from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. there will be stories, crafts and snacks. The summer reading program is geared to children 5-10 years old.

Children may sign up for the summer reading program at the library and pick up their reading logs at that time.

In order to check out books from the library, each family needs a library card. In order to get a card, the library must have a valid Texas driver's license and proof of residence.

The 2010 Texas summer reading club, "Catch The Reading Express!" is sponsored by the Haskell County Library and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Annual singing school to begin in Haskell

by Caron Yates

The population of Haskell is expected to swell next week, when the 45th annual Haskell Singing School and Praise Camp kicks off. The event is sponsored by the Haskell Church of Christ and is open to boys and girls age 10 years and older, as well as all adults.

Forty-five years ago, then church pastor T.J. Finley, along with other church leaders began researching and planning the possibility of hosting a singing school. At that time there were only a couple of the schools being offered in the state. The idea took hold and it soon became a reality.

While there have been many instructors for the singing school throughout the years, Bob Connel was a part of the original school and has continued to come and be a part of each successive school held in Haskell.

Students of many different ages, and from many different parts will begin arriving in town on Sunday afternoon. Many will be attending for the first time, while others return year after year. The Singing School and Praise Camp focuses primarily on the rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading and the many other aspects of music and its contribution to the worship service. It is however, about so much more. Students have the opportunity to meet, study and fellowship together, while the church membership has the opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of others, many of whom they have never met. Students coming from out of town will stay with host families from the Church of Christ.

Some things have changed since the first school in 1966. The school was originally planned and held, for some years, as a two week event. Also a mere \$5 fee was charged to attend the day classes, but as is true of most everything, it has been necessary to increase the camp fee.

What hasn't changed throughout these forty-five years however, is the dedication of the church and its members to organize and conduct another in a long line of successful singing schools.

Clay shoot, cook-off to benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, Noah Project

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

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

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

All entry fees plus \$500 will be paid as prize money with three places being paid in each category. (If more

than 50 entries are received, five places will be paid.) The cook-off is a Texas Barbecue Society sanctioned event. For more information contact donnasuea@noahproject.org.

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



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE—Entries for the 8th annual Fourth of July Golf Cart parade held Sat., July 3 at Scott Memorial Park at The Anchor at Lake Stamford line up for the parade. All proceeds of the parade donations

are used for the upkeep of the community cellar. Approximately 25 entries proudly displayed the red, white and blue sporting a patriotic theme. Results of the judging are on page 5 of this issue.

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Warpath 5K

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

Rochester homecoming

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

Weinert homecoming

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

Volleyball night

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

Cancer support

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

Summer reading

The Haskell County Library will hold the summer reading program 'Catch The Reading Express!' every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. during July for children ages 5-10. Stories, crafts and snacks will be available.

Summer lunches

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

Obituaries

Bobbie Herd Williams



BOBBIE WILLIAMS

Memorial services for Bobbie Herd Williams, 82, of Haskell were held Mon., July 5 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. It was her wish that her remains be cremated and entered beside her beloved husband of fifty-one years on the family plot in Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams passed away Thurs., July 1.

Born June 3, 1928 in

Palmer, she was the daughter of Oria H. Herd and Pauline Ranton Herd. A graduate of Denton Senior High School, she was a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps and graduated from Harris College of Nursing, now Texas Christian University's College of Nursing and Health Science Center in Fort Worth. She also graduated from Baylor Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia in Dallas. She worked as a registered nurse and a certified nurse anesthetic (CRNA) for fifty years, retiring in 1997.

She married Royce L. Williams in Haskell May 30, 1958. He preceded her in death Aug. 4, 2009. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother, Gene Herd.

Survivors include one

son Paul Williams and wife Rhonda of Abilene; one sister Rhoda Stockard of Denton; six grandchildren, Taylor, Ashley and Sarah Katherine Williams of Woodson, Jacob, Jeremiah and Jonathan Manry of Abilene; two nephews, Robert Herd of Seattle, Washington, Reid Williams and wife Jo Ann of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Meridyn Pickett and husband David of Dallas; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Joy Williams of Farmers Branch; one sister-in-law, Betty Herd of Wichita Falls; first cousins, Nell Bradley and husband Brad of Lubbock, Linda Denton and husband Jim of Dallas, Gary Norwood and wife Nancy of McKinney, Grover Vines and wife Geneva of Carrollton, Marilyn Williams and husband Gary of Midland, Fae Wyatt of Childress.

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Michelle Johnson
RN

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Heat-related illness continued... Safety in the hot summer months

Because our bodies adapt to the current environment over time, heat illnesses do not usually occur in people who are accustomed to strenuous activity on hot days, or those who live in areas that routinely suffer high heat and humidity. Danger often occurs when, for example, severe heat affects a geographic area suddenly or at the beginning of sports seasons, when unconditioned athletes begin training in warm weather.

Heat illnesses are preventable with proper precautions. Here are a few ways to protect yourself from heat illnesses:

1. Remain in an air-conditioned environment during hot weather or go to an air-conditioned area if feeling overheated. If air conditioning is not available, using fans can help cool the body.
2. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing. This allows heat to escape the body and the light color does not absorb heat.
3. Drink plenty of water and other hydrating liquids throughout the day to help maintain the body's fluid balance.
4. Avoid activity during the middle of the day when the sun is at its highest point.
5. A cool bath or shower will help keep body temperature at a normal level in hot weather.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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Be smart when buying a home

Buying or refinancing a home is one of the most important and complex financial decisions facing consumers, and it is also a breeding ground for predatory lending and loan fraud. It is important to be a smart consumer.

Misinform ed homebuyers, often first-time purchasers or seniors, are ripe targets to become victims. But, there are checkpoints to help avoid the pitfalls and losses that they can bring.

Interview several real estate professionals and ask for and check their references before selecting an agent to help buy or sell a home. Check prices of other homes in the neighborhood. Hire a licensed home inspector to carefully inspect the property before becoming obligated to buy. Determine who will be responsible for paying for repairs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), one of 24 federal agencies that make up a financial fraud task force known as STOPFRAUD.com, offers a list of DON'Ts to avoid being a victim of loan fraud:

- Don't make a false statement on a loan application, such as overstating income, the source of the down payment or failing to disclose the nature and amount of debt.

- Don't let anyone convince you to borrow more money than you know you can afford to repay. If you get behind in your payments, you risk losing your house and all of the money you put into your property. In addition to the principle and interest, be sure you can afford the taxes and insurance. You also may want to check the average monthly utilities over the past year.
- Don't sign a blank document or a document containing blanks. If information is inserted by someone else after you have signed, you may still be bound to the terms of the contract. Insert "N/A" (not applicable) or cross through any blanks.
- Don't sign anything you don't understand. Read everything carefully and ask questions. Before signing, have the contract reviewed by an attorney skilled in real estate law, consult with a trusted real estate professional or ask for help from a housing counselor with a HUD-approved agency.

And, shop for a lender and compare costs. Be suspicious if anyone tries to steer you to just one lender.

The Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, STOPFRAUD.gov, was established last November as

the broadest coalition of law enforcement, investigatory and regulatory agencies ever assembled to combat fraud.

Members range from the Department of Justice to the Department of Treasury and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System. It also includes the FBI, IRS criminal division and Secret Service.

The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) has issued its own tips for avoiding foreclosure scams.

It recommends working only with a nonprofit, HUD-approved counselor and never working with a counselor who collects a fee before providing the services or who accepts payment only by cashier's check or wire transfer.

Be wary of guarantees. Reputable counselors will not guarantee to stop the foreclosure process, no matter what your circumstances. "Working with a legitimate counselor can certainly increase your chance of keeping your home, but be wary of people who promise a sure thing," the FRB reports. "Get the details of your transaction, along with any promises, in writing first."

Save your skin by getting the most out of sunscreen

Before enjoying the outdoors, don't forget to apply the sunscreen.

"If used properly, sunblock is very effective at preventing the harmful effects of the sun that may lead to both skin cancer and accelerated aging," says Dr. Sarah Weitzul, assistant professor of dermatology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"Ultraviolet light, made up of ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) wavelengths, has been shown to cause mutations that lead to cancer in skin cells. Such mutations and other effects can be prevented by the use of sunblock," she says.

To get the most out of sunscreen, Dr. Weitzul suggests the following:

Apply liberally at least 30 minutes before exposure to the sun for full absorption into the skin. If applied too thin, the protective factor can be reduced dramatically.

Re-apply after immersion in water, sweating, contact with clothes, or after every three hours.

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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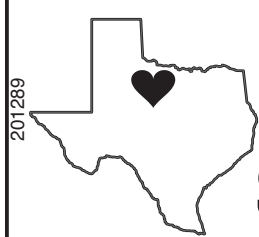
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Food manager certification training course scheduled Aug. 5 in Aspermont

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. Food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

will be offered Thurs., Aug. 5 in the central location of Aspermont. Anyone planning to participate must obtain a registration form and pre-register by Tues., July 20.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home.

Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For a registration form and more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," contact Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent at 940-864-2546, l-rowan@tamu.edu or Shirley Long, Kent County Extension Agent at 806-237-3345, s-long@tamu.edu.

New Alzheimer's Association workshop set July 13 to teach importance of early detection

Current data suggests that less than 35 percent of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias have a diagnosis of the condition in their medical record (Boise et al., 2004; Boustani et al., 2005; Ganguli et al., 2004; Valcour et al. 2000). "In 2011, the first wave of baby boomers begins turning 65—the age that one's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease begins to increase significantly," said Mindy

Bannister, Caseworker, of the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's and getting diagnosed early is vital to receiving the best help and care possible."

To help concerned individuals understand the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's disease and the benefits of early detection, the Alzheimer's Association—North Central

Texas Chapter will be hosting a new workshop, Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters. The program is scheduled for Tues., July 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Stamford City Hall, located at 201 E. McHarg in Stamford.

Key topics that will be discussed include:

- The 10 warning signs
- Basic overview of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors
- What is involved in getting a diagnosis
- Benefits of early detection including accessing available treatment, planning for the future and participating in clinical trials.

Seating is limited, so reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Don't let snakes sneak up on you

About 7,000 people are bitten by venomous snakes annually in the U.S. Most of the bites occur between April and October, when outdoor activities are popular.

In Texas, about one or two people die each year from venomous snake bites, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The most common type of venomous snake in Texas is the pit viper—a classification that includes the copperhead, cottonmouth and rattlesnake.

Of those, copperheads are blamed for most bites seen in Dallas-area emergency rooms, says Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Luckily, the copperhead is the least dangerous of the pit vipers and many bitten patients may not need antivenin therapy.

Snakes will strike when threatened or surprised, but most will usually avoid the encounter. If you are moving through tall grass or weeds, poke at the ground in front of you with a long stick to scare away snakes. Watch

where you step and where you sit when outdoors. When hiking, wear boots and long pants.

"If bitten, the most important thing to remember is to seek immediate medical attention at your local emergency room," Dr. Kleinschmidt says.

Before you reach the ER, Dr. Kleinschmidt suggests following these first aid rules:

- Stay calm.
- If you see the snake, try to remember what it looks like. Don't try to catch the reptile; it could bite you again.
- Quickly remove any jewelry or tight clothing near the bite, before swelling starts.
- Wash the area with soap and water if possible.
- Do not make cuts over the snake bite or apply a tourniquet or constricting device.
- Do not apply a cold pack or ice to the bite area.
- Try to avoid using the bitten extremity if possible. If bitten on the hand, apply a splint to remind you not to use it.

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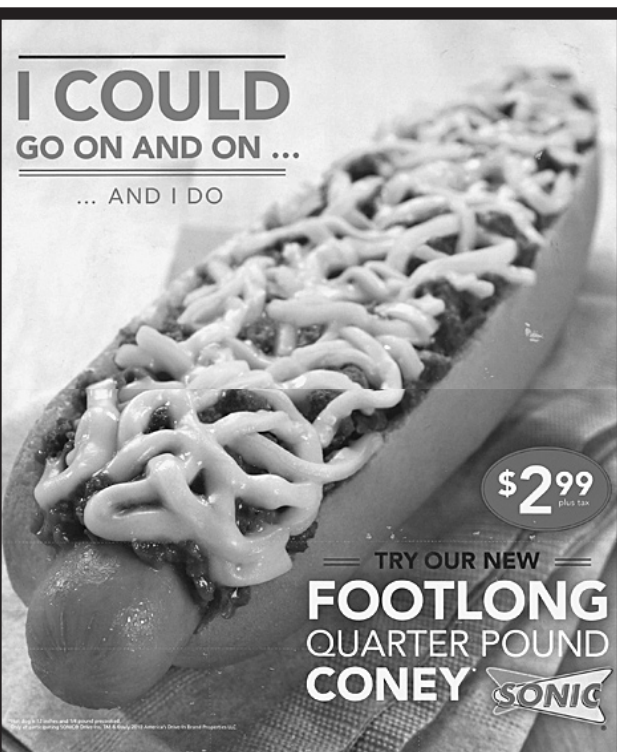
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor protests EPA's disapproval of Texas' clean air plan

AUSTIN—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on June 30 announced its final disapproval of the flexible permit program the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had submitted two weeks earlier for inclusion in its clean-air plan.

The EPA said Texas' program, which has been in effect for 16 years, does not meet several national Clean Air Act requirements meant to protect public health and the environment. That is because it allows companies to avoid certain federal clean air requirements by lumping emissions from multiple units at a plant under a single "cap" rather than setting specific emission limits for individual pollution sources. Individual pollution sources can be defined as each separate smokestack.

The EPA said its decision will force some 125 refineries and petrochemical plants to invest millions of dollars to get new permits, but the decision did not come as a surprise to Texas or the industries. EPA regional director Al Armendariz for months warned that he would disapprove the permits if Texas did not comply with the Clean Air Act.

Gov. Rick Perry called the EPA's action "irresponsible and heavy-handed" because it "not only undermines Texas' successful clean air programs, but threatens thousands of Texas jobs, families, businesses and communities throughout our state. It will also likely curtail energy supplies and increase gasoline prices nationwide."

Greens may certify candidates

The Texas Supreme Court on July 2 ruled the Green Party of Texas may certify candidates for the November general election ballot.

The Texas Democratic Party filed a lawsuit to stop the certification of Green Party candidates, alleging "secretly-funded petitions gathered for the Green Party by an out of state non-profit corporation constituted an illegal corporate contribution." Official filings show the Green Party received \$532,000 in corporate money. Conventional thinking is that Green Party candidates would draw votes away from Democratic candidates.

To learn more about the Democratic, Green, Libertarian and Republican parties of Texas this election cycle, visit their websites at these addresses:

- <http://www.txdemocrats.org/>
- <http://txgreens.org/>
- <http://lptexas.org/>
- <http://www.texasgop.org/>

For a wide range of election information, the Texas Secretary of State's website, <http://www.sos.state.tx.us>, is a primary source.

For non-partisan information on candidates, visit Project Vote Smart at <http://www.votesmart.org>.

Second bomb threat in 2 weeks

A phoned-in bomb threat on the morning of July 2 necessitated the evacuation of the state Capitol. A similar threat, also made via a public pay phone to the 9-1-1 emergency number, was made on June 18.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is conducting an investigation of both threats. The DPS responded by conducting a search using troopers and trained dogs.

Operation Safe Shelter activated

With Hurricane Alex rolling in from the Gulf of Mexico, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 1 launched Operation Safe Shelter, a service to protect evacuees by identifying registered sex offenders who might also be seeking refuge.

When evacuation shelters contact the Operation Safe Shelter hotline at (866) 385-0333, law enforcement officials with the office of the attorney general will access and share information from the state's registered sex offender database.

Shelter managers can use this information as necessary to coordinate specialized housing arrangements or take other action as appropriate, the attorney general's office said.

Redistricting panel is picked

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on June 30 said redistricting is too important an issue for the Senate to wait until January when the Legislature convenes.

So, he announced appointments to the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting and Committee. Members will be able to travel the state before session begins and hear from Texans on how best to draw political lines for the next decade, Dewhurst said.

Appointees include Sens. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, chair, and Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, vice chair; six Republicans, John Carona of Dallas, Kevin Eltife of Tyler, Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, Joan Huffman and Dan Patrick of Houston, and Tommy Williams of The Woodlands; and three Democrats, Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa of McAllen, Royce West of Dallas and Judith Zaffirini of Laredo.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 6, 2000

Josh Howard, son of Glenn and Sue Howard of Paint Creek, graduated from Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in manufacturing engineering technology.

Haskell third graders visited the Haskell County Library, where they were each presented a book to keep, made possible by Brian Burgess Insurance, Cadenhead Rural Health Clinic, Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, Rice Springs Care Home, Smitty's Auto Shop and Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Olds.

20 Years Ago July 5, 1990

Attending the 62nd annual Texas FFA Convention in Lubbock are Kim Gilly, Missy Davis, Marty Trussell, Shane Buchanan, Mitch Mayfield, Chad Gibson and Rod Jeter. They are accompanied by their chapter advisors Duane Gilly and James Bevel.

Albert Sherman, son of Norma Sherman of Haskell, received his Doctorate of Juris Prudence from Texas Tech School of Law during the spring hooding ceremony.

Vicky Anderson of Rule, has received the Golden Poet Award from the World of Poetry in Sacramento, California. Her winning poem is entitled, "My Beloved Dorothy."

Haskell County students attending a range camp sponsored by the Soil Conservation District were Shawn Barbour of Paint Creek, Andrew Sikes of Weinert, Jennifer Comedy and Wesley Alsbrook, both of Haskell.

30 Years Ago July 3, 1980

Heads or Tails Western Wear is the newest business to open in Haskell. Owners are Doris Jean Plemister and son Rick Plemister.

Carl Hopkins accumulated enough points in the roping and performance events at the District 4-H Horse Show to qualify for the State Horse Show to be held in Ft. Worth.

Becky Richardson unveiled her first major effort in portrait art at an informal ceremony at The Drug Store. She painted a portrait of Brooks Middleton.

New officers installed for the Haskell Lions Club were Brian Burgess, pres.;

Joe Alves, 1st vice-pres.; John Wayne McDermott, 2nd vice-pres.; Marty Jacobeson, 3rd vice-pres.; and Aubrey Carroll, sec./treas.

40 Years Ago July 2, 1970

Major Allen D. Adams, son of Mrs. Thelma Vogelsong of Haskell, received the Meritorious Service Medal with citation at Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command Research and Development, Washington D.C.

Katie Darnell, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Darnell, was crowned 1970 "Miss Heyday" of Haskell County.

Haskell County native John L. McCollum retired after 42 years of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He received his degree in agriculture administration from Texas A&M University in 1928.

50 Years Ago July 7, 1960

Marriage vows were repeated by Georgia Gray and Woody Turnbow, July 1 in the parsonage of the Weinert Baptist Church.

Garland Orr and John F. Ivey were named directors of the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association at its annual business meeting.

C.A. Thomas, Jr. of Haskell, showed the grand champion shetland mare and the "model mare" at the annual Brady Jubilee.

100 Years Ago July 2, 1910

Dr. Earl Morris left for Spur to which place he was called to visit a patient.

W.H. Murchison has a copy of a letter from C.B. Keeler of the Wichita Valley Railway Co. stating the new Haskell Depot would be completed by Oct. 13.

Hon. William Pierson and his wife and sisters left for Boston where they will embark on a cruise to Europe.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Charitable Raffles and Casino/Poker Nights

Before organizing a charity raffle or poker tournament, well-meaning Texans may want to seek input from a legal professional. While some activities may be perfectly legal, this area of law is complex and can pose pitfalls for the unwary.

Raffles

The Charitable Raffle Enabling Act, which can be found in Chapter 2002 of the Occupations Code, establishes the statutory framework for raffles in Texas.

Under Texas law, only certain charitable and nonprofit organizations are authorized to conduct raffles. Only the following entities—provided they meet certain qualifications—are permitted to hold raffles:

- religious societies
- volunteer emergency medical service providers
- volunteer fire departments
- qualified nonprofit organizations

Raffles that are conducted by individuals, for-profit businesses or non-qualifying charities are unlawful in the state

of Texas, which generally prohibits gambling.

In order to conduct a raffle legally, a nonprofit organization must have, among other criteria, an exemption from federal taxes under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and must have been in existence for three years.

State law allows authorized organizations to conduct only two raffles per calendar year, requires several disclosures printed on the raffle tickets, and limits the value of prizes purchased by the organization to \$50,000, or \$250,000 if the purchased prize is a residential dwelling.

It is also against the law to hold a raffle in which cash, or anything readily convertible to cash, is offered as a prize. Texas law also prohibits promoting raffles on a statewide basis or through paid advertising, including television, radio or newspapers. All proceeds from raffles must be spent on the authorized organization's charitable purposes.

Because the Texas Penal Code outlaws gambling activities, conducting an illegal raffle could constitute criminal conduct.

Poker/Casino Nights

Unlike raffles and bingo, there is NO exception to the gambling law in Texas for nonprofits to hold poker or casino night fund-raising events. Chapter 47 of the Texas Penal Code applies to nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Under Texas law, there are essentially three parts

Protective sunglasses are more than a fashion statement

As the parade of summer days continues, ophthalmologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center remind everyone to protect their eyes from the sun.

"Sunglasses should be used by adults and children when outdoors for prolonged periods of time. For eyeglass wearers, polycarbonate lenses, which are thin and shatterproof, offer protection from ultraviolet radiation," says Dr. V. Vinod Mootha, a specialist in cornea, external disease, refractive and cataract surgery.

The surface of the eye and the cornea are particularly vulnerable to the sun's rays. "Excessive exposure may increase the risk for the formation of a fleshy tissue over the cornea, some forms of cataract and possibly macular degeneration," Dr. Mootha says.

UV-B exposure is higher on sunny days (especially at noon) and low-ozone days.

Dr. Mootha says some sunlight is good for you, but common sense should be a guide for limiting your exposure while minimizing the chance of damage to your eyes.

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Annual 4th of July parade held at Lake Stamford



LEAD THE PARADE—Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton, his wife Claire and grandson Jake lead the golf cart parade held at The Anchor at Lake Stamford Sat., July 3. The rain limited the entries to approximately 25, but those attending didn't let the weather put a damper on the activities.



ADULT FIRST PLACE—The adult first place entry in the golf cart parade was by Kimberley Garcia, Taryn Fomby and Lexi Holder.



ADULT SECOND PLACE—The adult second place entry in the golf cart parade was by Mary North and Abby and Dakota.



ADULT THIRD PLACE—The adult third place entry in the golf cart parade was by Debbi Merrill and Mellody Barker.



KIDS FIRST PLACE—The kids first place entry in the golf cart parade was by Kaylee Weaver, Debra Griffith and Amanda Weaver.



KIDS SECOND PLACE—The kids second place entry in the golf cart parade was by Taylor, Zane, Keith and Bellinda Moore.



KIDS THIRD PLACE—The kids third place entry in the golf cart parade was by Zoe and Ellie Moore.



KIDS HONORABLE MENTION—The kids honorable mention entry in the golf cart parade was by Felicity and Keith Hannsz. Judges for the parade were Betty and Charlie Pennell of Abilene, DeeAnn and Phillip Dyas of Canyon and Frankie and Steve Cothron of Haskell.

Pears are favorites among Texas backyard fruit growers

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

Pears are old favorites among Texas backyard fruit growers, and with the rise in popularity of the Wildlife agricultural exemption, even have their place on many rural properties as a source of wildlife food. Deer, possums, raccoons, squirrels—even hogs—will gather to feast on pears. Squirrels are notorious for not waiting till the fruit ripens. Practically as soon as pears are marble sized, every day they will try a few more green samples.

Pears are reliable and tough enough to be planted out and left to their own devices in the brush or the edge of grazing areas in many circumstances after a year or two of careful watering to help them to become established.

Pears bloom heavily in the spring with fragile but decorative white blossoms, followed by edible fruit, unless a proper pollinator is lacking.

Many times locations of former homesteads are revealed through the pear trees that are still to be found

around the site of the old homes, often in conjunction with other survivors, such as “ditch lilies” (Crimulbulbispermum) and crepe myrtles. Descriptions of the following pears may help to identify old trees that are still present in yards and rural landscapes.

A well known old pear variety is Le Conte—which is thought to be a hybrid between the Chinese Sand pear and a European pear, with parentage similar to Kieffer, which it greatly resembles in both tree and fruit. The horticulturalist Charles Downing was said to believe that the Le Conte pear came to a Major Le Compte (or Le Conte) as a Chinese Sand pear seedling from a major nursery, possibly from Prince’s Flushing nursery. The major evidently carried the tree from Philadelphia to Georgia about 1850 and it ultimately became popular in warm Southern areas with light soils. The fruits should be harvested as soon as they ripen.

The tree is medium in size, a vigorous grower and a regular bearer. The book,

“The Pears of New York, Report of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, 1921,” describes its branches as strongly zig-zag, brownish-red in color mingled with green and covered with scarf-skin’ (cuticle-like growths on the surface of the skin) and raised lenticels (the typical spots) found along the bark of pear branches. The creamy-yellow, bell-shaped fruit ripen rather late in the season. The Le Conte is considered a good eating pear for Texas.

The following are some remarks on pear varieties by Dr. Thomas Handwerker, former Texas Extension Specialist:

Ayers—was developed by Brooks D. Drain of Tennessee Agriculture Experiment Station as a Garber x Anjou hybrid in 1937 and introduced in 1954. It ripens early in the season. The fruit flesh is juicy, sweet, and good for fresh consumption or canning. The fruit is small, yellow and has an attractive red blush. The fruit flesh is low in grit cells. Ayers has been

reported to be self-sterile, requiring a pollinator.

Fan-stil—originated from Mexico around the 1900’s. Introduced by Fanick Nursery (San Antonio), it ripens in early August. The fruit is smooth, with melting flesh. Similar to Le Conte but more fire blight resistant.

Garber—is an oriental pear hybrid selected by J.B. Garber of Columbia, Pennsylvania prior to 1880. It has been known as a home pear in Texas for many years. The fruit is early ripening, has a pale yellow color, pleasant odor, and apple shape. The tree is relatively resistant to fire blight but has a tendency to lose its leaves early in the fall. Garber is the female parent of the Ayers variety.

Kieffer—was selected by Peter Kieffer of Rosborough, Pennsylvania as an oriental pear hybrid in 1863. It has since become one of the most widely grown pears in the south. The fruit ripens early and is hard, course, contains moderate grit cells, and lacks characteristic pear flavor. When properly ripened, it develops good eating quality.

Kieffer is a good processing pear, suitable for canning and pickling. However, it is less suited for preserves. Kieffer trees are vigorous, very productive, heat tolerant and fire blight tolerant. Limbs of Kieffer can become infested with fire blight with the tree continuing to produce fruit and sustain long life. Kieffer is reported to be self-sterile, requiring a pollinator.

Magness—was released by the USDA (Beltsville, Maryland) in 1960. It is tolerant to fire blight but is recommended only for the cooler areas of Texas. Pollen is sterile and does not pollinate other varieties. Fruit is medium size, oval, with only a little russet. The tree is very vigorous and slow to come into bearing.

Maxine—is thought to be propagated by E.M. Bulchley of Greenville, Ohio about 1900 from an old tree found in Preble County, Ohio, but its origin is unknown. The flesh is moderately firm and contains a low number of grit cells. The fruit is a mid-season variety and has excellent quality. It can be eaten fresh or used as a good processor. The tree is vigorous and productive. The Maxine has been listed by some writers as synonymous with Starkings Delicious’ pear.

Moonglow—was developed and released by the USDA at Beltsville, Maryland in 1960. The tree is vigorous, upright, and bears at an early age. The fruit is large and attractive with juicy, subacid flesh which has very few grit cells. Moonglow is a good fresh eating and processing pear that ripens early in the season. The skin has been

reported to be bitter but not objectionable. Moonglow is an excellent pollinator variety.

Monterrey—originated in Mexico and was introduced in 1952 by Aldridge Nursery (Von Ormy, Texas). The fruit is large, with yellow skin, with a flesh almost free of grit cells. Tree is vigorous and resembles the Pineapple pear. It ripens in late August.

Orient—was developed as a French x Oriental hybrid cross by Walter Van Fleet of Chico, California prior to 1925 and introduced by the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA in 1945. The tree has an excellent shape which is easy to train. Mature trees have been reported to be annual producers which retain their leaves well into fall. The fruit is large, relatively hard and has a russet skin when mature. The fruit flesh is beautifully white, firm, juicy and slightly sweet. Orient is reported to have a very low chilling requirement, making it particularly adapted to South Texas. Orient is reported to be self-sterile, requiring a pollinator. It is a popular choice for the home garden.

Pineapple—is an oriental hybrid which was selected by Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station and is commonly grown across the south. The fruit ripens early and is very hard, even when fully ripe. It makes excellent preserves, but is poor as a canning and sliced fruit because it disintegrates when cooked. Pineapple has a high grit cell content. The tree is vigorous and has a history of long tree life.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



Those silver-lined clouds are a gift from God

From early childhood we have all gazed at the clouds and formed mental pictures from their ever-changing patterns that traverse the sky in an endless array of moods; from the dark, ominous thunderheads to the white billowy cumulus, the graceful wind-swept cirrus and the fiery streaks of a magnificent sunset. Clouds can provide coolness on a hot day, a drought-ending rainstorm or a

layer of snow for the skiers; and at times they can portend some possible hazards for the airborne or the earthbound. In any case, clouds are a vital part of the atmosphere of our earthly home, spun for us by the good Lord. Let no clouds of doubt keep you from attending your house of worship, to thank God for His gift of those vapor forms that bring beauty and life-giving moisture to our skies.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

ECC Menu

Mon., July 12

Lunch—King ranch chicken, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast roll, lemon glazed cake, tea or coffee

Wed., July 14

Lunch—Barbeque sausage, potatoes, onion, pickle, pinto beans, garlic bread, brownie,

pears, tea or coffee

Fri., July 16

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, jello, cookie, tea or coffee

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

Haskell Summer Menu

July 12-August 6

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday:

Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, breadsticks, broccoli with cheese, orange slices

Tuesday:

Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork

‘n beans, shape-ups

Wednesday:

Hamburgers and chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ice cream cups

Thursday:

Chicken spaghetti, green beans and salad, breadsticks, fresh fruit

Friday:

Pepperoni pizza, corn, chocolate chip cookie

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The deadline for Classified Advertising is 5 p.m. on Mondays.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROCHESTER TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Rochester will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on July 12, 2010 at City Hall, 214 Carothers, Rochester, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Gregg Hearn, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Gregg Hearn, City Manager at the City Hall, 940-742-3411. 27c

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rochester, Texas, will receive bids for construction of the Community Development Block Grant project (TXCDBG #729689) until 2:00 pm on July 20, 2010 at the Rochester City Hall at P.O. Box 430 (150 1st Street), Rochester, Texas 79544, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

- Renovations of existing sanitary sewer lift station.
- Contract documents,

including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Gregg Hearn at the Rochester City Hall (phone 940-742-3411, fax 940-742-3711).

This is a lump sum contract. Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment.

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security), in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Rochester, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The City of Rochester reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Rochester for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

Hon. Marvin Stegemoeller, Mayor

Public Notices

OPEN-HOUSE STYLE PUBLIC MEETING STATEWIDE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host the second series of open-house style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this second series of meetings is to present project updates and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings, including exhibits and videos about the status and results of the study to-date. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the

development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene, Texas.

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore at 325-676-6806 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs. 27c

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'Watch Your Car Month' emphasizes driver role in vehicle crimes prevention

Every seven minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Historically, July is the month when the most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas. Stolen vehicles can be used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug and weapon smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents that result in theft of personal information, house keys, and garage door

openers are leading to cases of identity theft. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Hide, Take, Lock": hide belongings, take keys, and lock vehicle doors. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout the 2010 "Watch Your Car Month," which is being recognized in July.

During "Watch Your Car Month," hundreds of law enforcement task force

representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers about laws that make it illegal to leave keys in ignitions and engines running in vehicles while unattended. They will be spreading the message by issuing mock citations to drivers who leave keys and belongings in their vehicles and displaying "Got Your Keys?" static window clings at convenience stores, gas stations, day care centers, video stores, fitness centers, and other places of

business.

In 2009, approximately 76,617 vehicles were stolen and 272,791 vehicles were burglarized in Texas resulting in combined financial losses of \$985 million. And in over one-third of all auto theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was an unwitting accomplice in the theft and, in some cases, an accomplice in additional crimes. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement studies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are burglarized and stolen are: residences/homes (42.1%), public parking lots/garages (32.5%), and roadways/highways/alleys (11.2%), which prove no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We can not stress enough to Texas drivers that they hold the keys to preventing auto theft and burglary," said Michelle Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force. "By leaving vehicles unattended with keys in the ignition, drivers are inviting thieves to steal. Individuals who step away from their running vehicles for only a minute to buy a soda, pay for gas, or engage in other perceived "quick" activities are providing the easy get-away opportunities thieves look for everyday. Any neighborhood and any type of vehicle can be targeted. And absolutely anything an individual leaves in their vehicle might be of value to a thief. We strongly suggest that drivers always leave their vehicles the way they appeared the day they rolled off the factory floor—nothing more in the vehicle than the parts it is made with."

Charles Caldwell, ABTPA director, adds, "We know for a fact that criminals go where vehicle owners go. No one should ever become comfortable with the thought that vehicle crimes won't happen to them or that it's okay to leave an engine running for a few minutes to take a vehicle cool. These victim-assisted auto crimes could be prevented simply by taking the keys. Texas drivers must become educated about these problems and solutions to avoid becoming victims."

Cattle Trails Stocker Conference to be held July 24 in Wichita Falls

by Wes Utley
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The newly created Cattle Trails Stocker Conference will be held July 24 at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th Street, in Wichita Falls. This conference is a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

The vision of the conference planners is to create an annual conference that will provide wheat producers and/or stocker cattle operators the most up-to-date information on topics that influence wheat and stocker cattle profits, said Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag. In effect, the conference will assist those producers in driving their cattle to profits.

The conference will alternate between Texas and Oklahoma each year, Utley

said. The conference is named to represent the vast area of agricultural production between the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western cattle trails of the late 1800's, both of which started in south central Texas and moved up through central and western Oklahoma.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Mike Bumgarner, vice-president for the Center for Food and Animal Issues, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation. The Center was created in May 2009 to engage farmers, ranchers, consumers and others who have connections to animals in a public dialog over the proper role of animals in society.

Utley said the spark for the center's formation came as, over the past couple of years, the Ohio Farm Bureau's staff and board of trustees followed pork, poultry and veal housing debates in states

like Florida, Arizona and most recently, California's Proposition 2.

Taking a pro-active approach, Ohio voters passed a constitutional amendment in November 2009 creating the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. The Ohio Farm Bureau played a large role in getting that constitutional amendment on the ballot, he said. "If we (Texas animal agriculturalists) don't take a pro-active approach in creating legislation on safe handling and caring of livestock, someone with other intentions may do it for us, as in the cases in California, Arizona and Florida," Utley said.

The Ohio bill requires the board to adopt rules governing the care and well-being of livestock in Ohio, including best management practices, and establishes the amount of civil penalties to be assessed against people who violate the rules, he said.

Additional speakers include faculty from both Oklahoma and Texas. Important topics of marketing and outlook, animal health, wheat pasture research and wheat production will be covered.

Industry sponsors will have their products on display during the event.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and end at 4:30 p.m. Producers can register by contacting their local Texas AgriLife Extension county agent, Wes Utley at 940-864-2658, or by contacting Karen Thompson at 940-552-9941, ext. 217 or by e-mail at kethompson@ag.tamu.edu.

Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Summertime parties signal start of spoiling season

Summer brings with it picnics, days at the beach and other outdoor activities, but UT Southwestern Medical Center dietitians warn: Don't forget about food safety. Warmer weather makes food spoil faster and creates an ideal environment for bacterial growth.

"Eggs are a high-risk food because they contain protein that bacteria love to grow on," says Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition. "You should boil eggs completely, and don't leave them outside for more

than two hours. If they are left out longer than that, you should probably toss them."

Dairy, cold cuts and raw meat should not be left out longer than one hour if the temperature reaches the high 80s or above, Sandon says.

"Be careful when you're cooking on a grill that you cook the raw meat quickly after it's removed from refrigeration," she says. "Don't forget to wash your hands, even when you're eating outside. If you have no soap and water, then take some hand sanitizer."

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