

Calendar

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 Pleasing 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.

Orientation

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

Reunion

July 23 & 24 (Friday and Saturday) the descendants of Charlie, Ike, Nathan, & Will Harrell will gather at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Festivities will begin Friday, July 23rd at 6:30 P.M. & will continue until all the bingo prizes are won! Hot dogs, sandwiches, chips, cookies and soft drinks will be served to family members and guests.

Saturday, July 24th doors will open at 10:30 A.M. with lunch being served at noon. Meat, bread & tea will be served. Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.

All family members are encouraged to attend along with any friends of the family.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at Haskell City Hall Thursday, July 22, at 6:00 P.M. The hearing pertains to Texas Department of Rural Affairs for Community Development Block Grant Program Funds.

Summer lunches

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

Warpath 5K

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

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"The People's Choice"

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First Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

by Caron Yates

First Baptist Church of Haskell welcomes a new pastor, Bro. Jim McCurley. Although he is new to the ministry at First Baptist, he isn't new to this area. In fact, before accepting his current position, he served as the interim at the First Christian Church in Haskell. He admits it was difficult to leave such a loving and caring group of people.

McCurley has served in God's ministry for forty years, thirty-six of those as a church pastor. He was born and raised in Whitehall, Illinois and served his first pastorate in Walker, Missouri, where he was ordained. He said, "I met and married a Texas girl, and Texas is where I have been ever since." He is the proud father of two sons, Craig and Matthew, and three beautiful grandchildren, Cullen, Cale and Carys.

He was called to the ministry at the age of sixteen. He felt very fortunate at that time to have a true mentor, in

the form of his home church pastor. He learned many valuable lessons from this man, not the least of which is a genuine zeal for the ministry.

He has served other churches at Bellevue, Wichita Falls, Ft. Stockton, Childress, Seymour, Aspermont and Potosi. McCurley earned a Bachelor of Arts from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri as well as a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

A few years after the death of his wife Carol, he met and married Sue Clayton, a Knox City native. Clayton had taken over the running of Smith Funeral Home at Knox City, which her father owned and operated for many years. McCurley said, "I had been a pastor my whole life, but I thought perhaps I was getting to an age that I should consider other options." In 2008, McCurley began working as



First Baptist Church welcomes Bro. Jim and Sue McCurley.

a funeral director apprentice, while serving as the chaplain at Rolling Plains Detention Center. He also began taking classes through Amarillo College to become a licensed funeral director, a goal he still would like to complete.

God however, had a different plan for McCurley. He truly feels he is where God wants him and he is excited about the prospects for First Baptist Church. When asked about goals he has for the church, he

replied, "I want to encourage them in the belief that God keeps them here and has a purpose for this church. We will work to recapture the spirit of reaching people for Christ." He adds, "I am humbled by the church."

First Load of Scrap Metal for Wall of Honor

Steve Alsabrook brought in the first big load of scrap metal and aluminum being collected for the Veterans Memorial Wall of Honor.

The city of Haskell loaded it into the roll off being furnished by JAY'Z Recycling of Abilene. JAY'Z Recycling is supplying the Roll Off at no expense to the project.

The City of Haskell will dump into the container, any load of scrap metal brought in. Please call the city to set up a time that is convenient.

Dorothy Hartsfield, chairman of the project, encourages everyone to be a part of this project to raise money, by being a PITCH-IN participant.

Hartsfield says, "This community project is an effort to honor our veterans, many of whom gave their lives for our freedom. All help will be appreciated."

They are also looking for volunteers that would be willing to help collect cans and take them to Abilene to sale.



Kathryn Schonerstedt and Steve Alsabrook help supervise the loading of scrap metal for the Wall of Honor project.

Haskell County sales tax shows increase for July

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in June totaled \$1.61 billion, a 2.2 percent increase compared to June 2009.

"Total sales tax collections have now slightly exceeded year-ago levels for a third consecutive month," Combs said. "Net collections in the oil and gas and manufacturing sectors expanded, but collections from the all-important retail sector were down from the year-ago level. While overall economic activity is no longer contracting, a resumption of solid growth in sales tax collections is not yet in evidence."

On July 12, Combs sent a July sales tax allocations totaling \$442.8 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 3.8 percent compared to July 2009.

Texas cities received \$297.2 million, up 4.5 percent compared to July 2009. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are still down 2.9 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties

received sales tax payments of \$27 million, up 3.9 percent compared to last July. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are down 6.4 percent compared to this point in 2009.

Combs sent \$18.3 million to 170 special purpose taxing districts, up 10.6 percent compared to last July. Ten local transit systems received \$100.1 million in sales tax allocations, up 0.5 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax revenue in June and local sales tax allocations in July represent sales that occurred in May.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made Fri., Aug. 13.

Haskell County had a 1.56 percent increase for July 2010 of \$30,727.29 in comparison to \$30,254.55 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$232,578.41 reflect a .48 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$231,445.72.

The City of Haskell had a 5.24 percent increase for July 2010 of \$28,221.66 in comparison to \$26,815.75 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$213,225.25 reflect a .68 percent increase over

2009 payments to date of \$211,784.39.

The City of O'Brien had a 40.72 percent decrease for July 2010 of \$80.30 in comparison to \$135.47 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$1,510.74 reflect a 85.15 percent increase over 2009 payments to date of \$815.95.

The City of Rochester had a 25.63 percent increase

for July 2010 of \$353.00 in comparison to \$280.97 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$3,626.50 reflect a 6.33 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$3,871.73.

The City of Rule had a 33.16 percent decrease for July 2010 of \$1,950.20 in comparison to \$2,918.09 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$12,823.94 reflect

a 1.99 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$13,084.57.

The City of Weinert had a 17.12 percent increase for July 2010 of \$122.13 in comparison to \$104.27 for July 2009. 2010 payments to date of \$1,391.98 reflect a 26.31 percent decrease over 2009 payments to date of \$1,889.08.

Paul Rousseau 90th

Paul Rousseau was honored with a party celebrating his 90th birthday, Friday, July 16. Attending were his sisters, Evelyn Henderson, Ruby Pritchard and numerous nieces and nephews. Rousseau loves living in Haskell, arriving here with his family eighty-seven years ago on a train from Cooke County. He enjoys gardening, reading and visiting with family and friends. Rousseau is a member of the Business Men's Bible Class and the First Baptist Church.



Paul Rousseau celebrates his 90th birthday

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Haskell Summer Menu

July 26-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

ECC Menu

Mon., July 26 Lunch—Hungarian goulash on rice bed, blackeyed peas, beets, yeast rolls, bread pudding, tea or coffee
Wed., July 28 Lunch—Kraut and sausage, onions, pickles, macaroni salad, English peas, garlic toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
Fri., July 30 Lunch—xxx, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



Miranda Johnson receives a \$15,000 award from the Houston Livestock Association

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo awarded 70 Texas FFA members with four-year, \$15,000 college scholarships totaling \$1,050,000 during the 82nd Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi, Thurs., July 15.

FFA scholarships are just one facet of the Show's educational program. In 2010, the Show committed more than \$16.2 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants and junior show exhibitors. Also included is support of the Rodeo Institute

for Teacher Excellence, School Art participants, and other educational and youth programs.

An evaluation committee, chosen by Texas FFA officials, and consisting of agricultural science teachers representing the 10 FFA areas in Texas, evaluates applicants on the criteria of academic ability, FFA involvement and achievement, financial need, and leadership.

Since its beginning in 1932, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has contributed more than \$250

million to the youth of Texas. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation.

Miranda Johnson, a 2010 Haskell High School honor graduate has been chosen to receive a \$15,000 award. Johnson is the daughter of Michelle Johnson and Phil Johnson. She will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall.

Dive Into Girl Scouts!

WHO: All Girls and Parents
WHAT: Girl Scouts Sign Up
WHEN: Thursday, August 5, 2010
5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Sign Up
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Swim Party
WHERE: Haskell City Pool
COST: \$12.00 to Register as a Girl Scout

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This Week's Devotional Message:



Your House of Worship is 20 Degrees Cooler Inside

Has the midsummer heat been getting you down? Not to mention the humidity factor, which can only add to the oppressiveness of soaring temperatures. Of course, being a sensible person, you dress right, live right and do what you can to offset the discomforts of the season. You spend as much time as your lifestyle will allow in air conditioned places, and maybe at the ol' swimmin' hole.

However, there is one more place you might add to your itinerary in search of a pleasant environment—your House of Worship. More than just a haven of refuge from the heat, it's a place for all seasons. However, in summer the only warmth you will feel there is the comforting assurance that God's love is with you all the year 'round, no matter what it says on the thermometer.

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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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

New Covenant Foursquare

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

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
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

Stephania 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

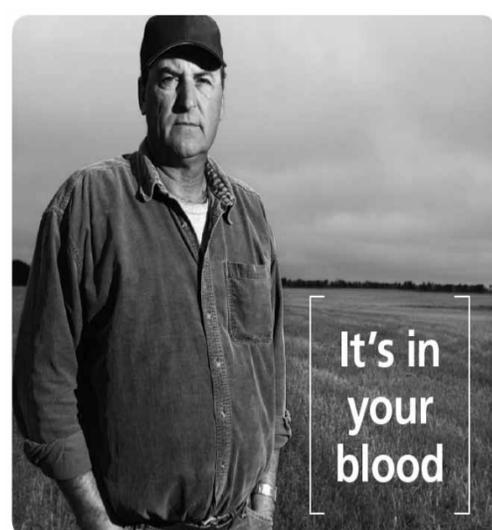
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

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Donations needed for rural cemeteries



Rural cemeteries, such as Pleasant Valley, are in need of donations for maintenance and upkeep.

by Caron Yates

If you've ever been out driving around on the more remote country roads in Haskell County, you may have noticed the remains of an old school building, what is left of houses which have long ago fallen, or you may have noticed a small cemetery.

While so many of the communities that were once a part of Haskell County no longer exist, the memories and stories of those who lived in them are still very vivid. The cemeteries where loved ones were buried, some many years ago, are also there.

Ernestine Herren, with the help of others, has compiled a record, entitled Haskell County Cemeteries, which lists seventeen rural cemeteries in Haskell County. While a few are located near still

active communities, most are often the only reminder that a community once stood there.

In their book, Cow Pokes and Sod Busters, R.S. and Betty Sanders have divided these rural communities and their cemeteries into four areas. In the northeastern part of Haskell County are Brushy, Pleasant Valley and Roberts. Listed in the northwestern section are Cliff, Idella, O'Brien, Rochester and Weinert. Cemeteries found in the southeastern part of the county include Cobb, Howard, Irby and Rickdale. The southwestern section includes Capron, Clark, Fairview, Pinkerton and Rule.

According to the history, these range from private cemeteries, such as Cobb and Irby which have only five graves listed

for each, to Pinkerton, Roberts or Rockdale which are the resting place for approximately one hundred and fifty. There are, of course, others where many people have been laid to rest.

There was a time, and many still do, when each family cared for the gravesites of their loved ones. Occasionally a day would be called to "work the cemetery" and all in the community would bring their hoes and rakes and tend to the necessary upkeep. According to Herren's account, in the early years in Rule, every Memorial Day the stores closed and everyone lent a hand out at the cemetery and gave it "a good cleaning."

About twenty years ago, Johnny Scoggins of Rochester, became interested in locating the site of many of these communities and

has placed metal signs where they once stood. He has also identified some of the cemeteries.

In more recent history, Cemetery Associations have been created for some of the rural county cemeteries. Upkeep, for those still being maintained, is accomplished through endowment funds, selling sites, volunteers and donations. With the slow economy, rising costs of labor and gasoline, some associations are struggling to maintain the grounds.

Donations of money, is always helpful, but physical labor would also be appreciated. If those in charge of overseeing each cemetery, would like to contact the Haskell Free Press with information on how to donate or with more information on the history of the cemetery, we will pass it along.

Alexander reunion for 2010

The Alexander Reunion was held July 16-18 at the Sanders Circle S Ranch. These were the grandchildren of George and Harriet Alexander. Attending this year were: Jo and Troy Blakely of Micanopy, Florida, and their daughter Terry Ann Blakely and Wanda Wilkerson of Micanopy along with children Rainey and Joseph.

Also attending were Pauline Slade and son Richard of Phoenix, Arizona; Rocky Cowley of Lueders; Georgia Alexander and son of Granite Schools; Edith Ross of Midland; Thomas Alexander and friend of San Antonio;

J.C. Alexander of Venetta,

Oregon; Joshua Alexander, Patty Isbell of Halcom City; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Ft. Worth and Jeannie Whitier of Gorman.

Attending from San Antonio were Barbara and Gaylord Touchstone; Bill Maupin of Odessa; Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell all of Haskell; Karen Mitchell, Allison Mitchell and Keegan Mitchell Solano of Abilene.

Also present for the event were Jacky and Sandra Sanders and daughter Jaclyn of Springtown; their son Ricky, Shanna and Shamby Sanders of Milsap; Rex, Mandy, Abby and Robert Sanders of Aledo;

Sue Cox of Naples; Travis and Wilma Sanders with Darrell and Phoenix Sanders of Coleman; Doug Smith of Schertz.

Attending from Saginaw were Jim and Jeanie Alexander; Chris Alexander of San Antonio;

Andy Sanders, ReNetha and Kadie Carrouth, Logan and Jaci McDaniel, Ricky and Netha Carrouth all of Cross Plains; Jeremy, Windy, Carly and Malory Sanders of Stephenville; Francis Babbitt of Gorman.

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Sincerely,
Francine Shelton

Francine, yes, provided your father is homebound and his physician approves, we can help. The first step will be to establish that he is unable to give his own injections and that there is no other person that can help him with this. Haskell Home Health Agency has many patients like your father who receive two insulin injections a day. The good news is that an in-home evaluation is free and if your father qualifies Medicare will pay for a nurse to give his injections in the comfort of his home.

Thanks for the question,
Michelle

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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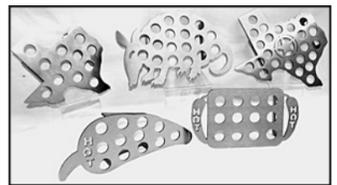
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**10 Years Ago
July 20, 2000**

As a part of Mission 2000, several Haskell youth were part of a team which made a trip to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. They were Kyle Hunt, Whitney Hise, Heath McCullough, Ross Hairgrove, Blake Goss, Drew Garison and Charlie Smith.

Chan Guess recently expanded the professional services available at his business in Haskell. He is now a registered representative for Washington Square Securities, Inc.

At their regular meeting, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court approved the hiring of Jeff Mitchell as Deputy Sheriff.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**20 Years Ago
July 19, 1990**

Missy Davis and Marty Trussell, Haskell FFA members, received \$2000 scholarships at the state FFA convention in Lubbock.

Helen Allison of Rule, won first place in the pecan pie contest at the 69th annual Texas Pecan Growers Association Conference and Trade Show.

Receiving Lone Star Farmer degrees at the state FFA convention were Rod Jeter, Shane Buchanan, Chad Gibson and Mitch Mayfield.

Electronics Technician Second Class James Ronald (Ronnie) Rea U.S. Navy, has been presented the Navy Achievement Medal by the Secretary of Navy for professional achievement.

**30 Years Ago
July 17, 1980**

Haskell Chamber of Commerce officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new S&H Redemption Center.

Sherry Rhoads, a graduate of Old Glory High School, has been named a President's Honor Scholar at West Texas State University. She was among those selected from 160 schools in a five state region.

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Payne of Haskell on their 50th wedding anniversary was hosted by their children.

**40 Years Ago
July 16, 1970**

Lorenia Caddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Caddell of Weinert, has been chosen to attend the Citizenship Seminar at Baylor University.

Bailey Toliver, owner of Bailey Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell, has been appointed to the key post of Area Director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

Army Sergeant First Class Charles R. Flanary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Creed S. Flanary of Haskell, recently received the Bronze Star Medal at Ft.

Hood. He was presented the award for meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces.

Archie R. Cox, who retired as a pumper with Pan American Petroleum Corporation, was honored by company employees with a dinner. He had been with the company since 1942.

**50 Years Ago
July 21, 1960**

J.M. McWilliams and J.W. Aycock have been appointed to complete the terms of Jesse Leonard and Vernon Bowen on the Mattson Rural High School board of trustees.

Skill and knowledge of water plant operation has won a Grade C Certificate for Competency for Carl J. Myers of Haskell.

Harold Spain, Haskell postmaster, has been named campaign chairman for the annual United Fund Drive.

**100 Years Ago
July 16, 1910**

A large delegation from Haskell attended the Epworth League convention at Munday this week.

The efforts of Judge Poole, secretary of the Haskell Commercial Club, to secure a creamery for Haskell have met with almost assured success.

Mrs. F.M. Morton, in company with Mr. Morton's sister Mrs. Darr, are spending the summer in Colorado.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

**New State Laws:
Buckle Up and Drive Safely**

The last time the Texas legislature was in town, state lawmakers passed new laws governing Texas drivers. Two principle areas of focus were new safety belt laws and prohibitions on distracted driving activities.

Safety Belts

Effective June 1, vehicle occupants of all ages must be secured by a safety belt—whether they are seated in the front or the back seat of the vehicle. Prior to the law's passage, occupants did not have to wear safety belts if they sat in the back seat. Unbuckled adult passengers in the front or back seat can be issued a citation.

Texas parents should remember that state law now requires children younger than eight years old be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless the child is taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Violators of the child safety seat law face fines of up to \$250 plus court costs.

Distracted Driving

Texas lawmakers also restricted what Texas drivers can do while they are behind the wheel. Legislators acted to prevent distracted driving, which the U.S. Dept. of Transportation defines as "any non-driving activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from

the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing." This includes use of technology such as cell phones, personal digital assistants and other electronic devices.

The National Traffic Safety Administration reported that nearly 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than half a million were injured. Younger, inexperienced drivers under 20 years old have the highest proportion of distraction-related fatal crashes.

Under a new Texas law, drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Texas lawmakers prohibited all Texas drivers from using a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the device is hands-free. Texas cities and counties enforcing this law will have signs posted at the start of each school zone informing drivers that cell phone use is prohibited. Drivers who violate this law will be subject to a fine of up to \$200. The only exception to this law is if the call made in a school zone is an emergency call.

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Calendar

Clay shoot, Cook-off

The first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off will be held Aug. 28-29 in Haskell. The Clay Shoot will be held Sat. and Sun. on FM 600. The cook-off will be held Sat. at the Haskell RV park. To enter the clay shoot contact www.clearfork.crimestoppersweb.com or contact any CFCS board member. To enter the cook-off, contact donnasuea@noahproject.org. To make a donation or to volunteer contact Steve Alsbrook at 325-280-2100, Billie McKeever at 940-864-4814, Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551 or by mail at CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

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

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The City of Haskell will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on July 22, 2010, the City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen 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. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange 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. 28-29c

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Haskell will hold a public hearing on the 16th day of August, 2010, at City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 at 7:30 o'clock a.m. It is the intention of the City Council to call a special election to be held on November 2, 2010, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Development

Public Notices

Corporation of Haskell should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ballparks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

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Projects related to the development and expansion of affordable housing as described by 42 U.S.C. 12745 and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements. (Publish at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. Should be published in each issue of the paper until the hearing.) 28-32c

AVISO PUBLICO
El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Haskell celebrará una audiencia pública el día 16 de agosto 2010, en el City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 a las 7:30 de la mañana. La intención de el Consejo Municipal es de llamar a una elección especial que se celebrará el 02 de noviembre 2010, para presentar a los votantes las propuestas para determinar si la Corporación de Fomento de Haskell deben ser autorizados a llevar a cabo proyectos o categorías de proyectos que hayan sido autorizados por el capítulo 505 de la Local de Texas Código de Gobierno para las corporaciones de tipo B. El propósito de la audiencia es recibir las aportaciones del público y proporcionar información sobre el coste y el impacto potencial de los siguientes proyectos o categorías de proyectos.

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promoción del atletismo profesional y el deporte, incluido el deporte de los niños, incluidos los estadios, los parques y tiendas relacionadas, restaurante, concesión, y las instalaciones de estacionamiento de automóviles y los caminos relacionados, calles, agua y alcantarillado y otras mejoras relacionadas, así como incluyendo el mantenimiento futuro y su costo operativo.

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3. Proyectos para la construcción de parques públicos, instalaciones de los parques y eventos y mejoras de espacios abiertos y tiendas relacionadas, restaurante, concesión, y las instalaciones de estacionamiento de automóviles y los caminos relacionados, calles, agua y alcantarillado y otras mejoras relacionadas y también incluido el mantenimiento futuro y de funcionamiento costo.

4. Los proyectos para la creación de museos y exposiciones y tiendas relacionadas, restaurante, concesión, y las instalaciones de estacionamiento de automóviles y los caminos relacionados, calles, agua y alcantarillado y otras mejoras relacionadas y también incluido el mantenimiento futuro y costo de operación.

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Cattle trails stocker meeting to be held in Wichita Falls

by Wes Utley

After the recent wheat harvest, more wheat and stocker cattle producers may want to attend the Cattle Trails Stocker Conference to be held July 24 at the Multi-Purpose Event Center, 1000 5th Street, in Wichita Falls.

This conference is a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. "We believe this will be an extremely important conference given the circumstances that we faced with this year's wheat harvest and wheat price," said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

"Planning early will be imperative for the upcoming crop," Bevers said. "Given

the low prices experienced at harvest, many producers may choose to turn to cattle for additional flexibility. However, adding cattle to the wheat operation always increases the level of management involved and the associated risks."

"Planners envision an annual conference that will provide wheat producers and/or stocker cattle operators with the most up-to-date information on topics that influence wheat and stocker cattle profits," Bevers said.

"The conference will alternate between Texas and Oklahoma each year," he said. It is named to represent the vast area of agricultural production between the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western cattle trails of the late 1800s, both of which started in south Central Texas and

moved up through central and western Oklahoma.

Speakers will 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. More registration information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>. Producers can register by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or by contacting Karen Thompson at 940-552-9941, ext. 217 or by e-mail at kethompson@ag.tamu.edu.



PAGEANT CONTESTANTS—Kayla Mullen, left, of Fort Worth and Lonnie Alvarez of Haskell will be competing in the Miss Texas and Miss Teen Texas USA pageants this fall. A co-ed softball tournament is planned July 23-24 to help the ladies with pageant expenses and fees.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell has voted unanimously to leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The members then voted to join the Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ (LCMC).

Unemployment Rate Drops

Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 8.2 percent in June, down from 8.3 percent in May, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.5 percent for the same month. Texas total nonagricultural employment grew by 14,000 jobs in June for a total of 166,100 jobs gained since the beginning of 2010.

"Texas employment has grown every month in 2010," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Notably, Texas employers in goods producing industries added jobs in the month of June, which included gains in Manufacturing, Construction, and Mining and Logging."

The Education and Health Services industry recorded the highest increase in June, with 8,900 jobs added, followed by Professional and Business Services, which increased by 8,600 jobs.

"While I am encouraged by the decrease in the Texas unemployment rate, times are tough for Texas workers and their families," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Job seekers should turn to WorkInTexas.com and our workforce centers across Texas for reemployment and support services."

Softball tournament benefit

Kayla Mullen of Fort Worth and Lonnie Alvarez of Haskell will compete in the Miss Texas and Miss Teen Texas USA pageants.

Mullen graduated Magna Cum-Laude from Haltom High School and plans to attend Baylor University in the fall. She will represent North Tarrant County in the Miss Texas Pageant to be held Labor Day weekend. She is the daughter of Eric and Sylvia Mullen of Fort Worth.

Alvarez, an honors graduate of Haskell High School, plans to attend San Angelo State University in the fall. She will represent

Haskell County in the Miss Teen Texas Pageant Thanksgiving weekend this November. She is the daughter of Alberto and Julie Alvarez of Haskell.

A co-ed softball tournament will be held July 23-24 as a fund-raiser for both girls, to help with pageant expenses and fees. Prizes for first, second and third place shirts will be awarded. A home run derby will be held on Saturday with a prize for the top home run hitter.

For more information, contact Alberto or Julie Alvarez at 940-256-2462.

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Clay shoot and cook-off to benefit local groups

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

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

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

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

A concession stand featuring brisket sandwiches will be open at both events. Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and Noah Project North are partnering to bring these two events to the area and all proceeds will be split between the two organizations.

Anyone who can volunteer to help with these events or anyone who wants to make a donation, may contact Steve Alsbrook at 325-280-2100, Billie McKeever at 940-864-4814, Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551, any CFCS board member or Noah board member. Donations may also be mailed to CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

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Watermelon Festival

The Donald Johnson Memorial 22nd Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival, will be held Fri. and Sat., July 30-31.

Activities on Friday begin with a downtown parade at 7 p.m., followed by a street dance at City Park. Everyone is invited to bring their lawn chair and come listen to the music.

A full day of events are planned for Sat. Beginning at 10 a.m., craft and food booths will open. Swimming will be free, starting at 1 p.m. "S&I Amusements" Carnival Rides, free watermelon slices and give-a-ways will be a part of the full day's activities. The event will conclude with music in the City Park.

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