

Calendar

Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Vacation Bible School Thurs., July 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Get Fit through Christ: Healthy Living Inside and Out." VBS is available to all children from Pre-K through fifth grade (those entering fifth grade). Everyone is invited to the Family Field Day from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, and see what your child learned during VBS. For more information, contact the church office at 864-3202.

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the July 7 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., June 30 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Golf cart parade

The 9th annual Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade will be held Sun., July 3 at 5:30 p.m. at The Anchor on Lake Stamford. Registration is from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Entries will line up at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. All donations go toward the purchase of an emergency siren to be placed at the storm cellar. Decorate your golf cart, wagon, lawn mower, bicycle, scooter, power chair, motorcycle or any slow moving vehicle. No automobiles allowed. Prizes will be awarded for adult and children entries for first, second and third places.

Burn ban issued

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

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Mon., July 11 in the Haskell Co. Library at 6 p.m. This is a change in the regular meeting date due to the July 4th holiday.

Musical set

The Noah Project-North Musical will be Sat., July 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. The admission is free and monetary donations will be accepted and appreciated. Brian Burgess will emcee for the evening and will introduce all of the people that are giving their time and talents to perform. All donations will be used to help victims of family violence.

Church homecoming

Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell, will host their 43rd Homecoming and Memorial Service Sat., July 16 at 7 p.m. and Sun., July 17 at 3 p.m. The theme, "Go Home and Tell of the Good News," will be led by sermons brought by Rev. Tom Collins of Odessa and Rev. B.J. Robinson of Wichita Falls.

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Have a safe Fourth of July

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PLANT SALE—The Noah Project-North held their annual plant sale Sat., June 25 on the courthouse square. Helping with the sale, l-r, were Ben McGee, Pat Jenkins, Frieda Ivy, Jeri Burke, Tisa Earles and Debbie Earles. Not pictured were Nelda Lane, Janice Brzozowski and Dorothea Monroe. Plants were donated by ABC Greenhouse in Haskell.



LAKE HOMES FIRE—Haskell volunteer firemen answered a call to two lake homes ablaze at Veda's Camp on Lake Stamford Sunday afternoon, June 26. A later alarm was sounded for a home Mon., June 27 at 3:30 a.m. All three homes were a total loss. Haskell units were assisted by Paint Creek, Stamford and Weinert fire departments. Haskell County Precinct 3 provided a maintainer and bulldozer.

Annual Singing School to be held July 10-15

by Caron Yates

The population of Haskell is expected to swell in a couple of weeks, when the 46th annual Haskell Singing School and Praise Camp kicks off July 10-15. 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-six 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.

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. Cost for Haskell students is \$35, which includes five noon meals and a book for the classes.

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

Anyone interested in attending this year's Praise Camp and Singing School can drop by the Church of Christ office at 510 N. Ave. E to pick up an application. A closing program will be held on Friday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. for parents, family and friends.

Planes battle winds at Fly-in

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club open house and fly-in was held Saturday and despite strong winds and hot temperatures, a large number of model planes were brought for display.

Some flying occurred, but mostly renewing friendships and talk about aviation was on the day's menu.

Visitors registered from Abilene, Midland, Noodle and Stamford. This year no jets or helicopters were brought, but every other type was present.

The local club is a part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, who hold a national championship each year and this year is sponsoring a world championship.

Foster, Myers receive honors

by Caron Yates

An outstanding pitcher for the Haskell Maidens, senior Codi Foster has garnered several honors for her efforts.

In addition to being named the district Co-Most Valuable Player for 2011, she has also been recognized by three other organizations. The Abilene Reporter-News has named its 2011 All-Big Country Softball Team, which is a combination of players from Class 1A to 5A, and Foster was selected as a part of the Bullpen.

A four year starter for the Maidens, she collected five no hitters, eight shutouts and fanned 188 batters in 145 innings, while giving up only 34 walks. This three time district MVP posted a 25-5 record, while hitting .401 in district play and .382 for the season, with fifteen doubles and three triples.

Foster is quick to point out that these stats would not have been possible without the incredibly strong offense and solid defense of her Maiden teammates this season.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association released its All-State Softball Team and Foster was again on the list. Named to the first team All State for Class A, she was listed with 39 other 1A softball players. The All-State team is selected by the TGCA softball committee.

The Texas Sports Writers Association has chosen Foster for the Class A third team on their All-State Softball Team. Nominations for this recognition are made by coaches and sports writers from around the state, and voted on by TSWA members.

Foster is the daughter of John and Cindy Foster. Her future plans include attending Angelo State University, studying to become a high school math and science teacher.

Haskell Indian catcher Christian Myers, received honorable mention honors for the 2011 All-Big Country Baseball Team. He is the son of Rick Myers and Stephanie Teel. He plans to attend Midwestern State University pursuing a degree in criminal justice.



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SAMANTHA FUENTES
Fuentes to play softball for Kansas college team

Samantha Fuentes, Senior shortstop, for the 2011 Haskell Maidens, will be wearing the Lady Pirate Navy and Gold uniform for Independence Community College in Independence, Kansas this fall.

Fuentes will be playing softball on a partial academic/athletic scholarship for Coach Barbara Burnett. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Trisha Fuentes. The Fuentes family moved back to their hometown Haskell, last summer and Sam quickly earned her spot on the Maiden lineup, both offensively and defensively, making first team all district and honorable mention Big Country Top 10 player of the week during playoffs this season with a district batting average of .516 and an overall average of .356.

Haskell Softball Coach, John Foster stated, "Sam represents Haskell well both on and off the field. Her work ethic and her humble "team first" attitude helped the Maidens have one of the most successful seasons in Haskell Softball History."

Bryan Davis named new Rule ISD Superintendent



BRYAN DAVIS
 by Caron Yates

There is a new face in the superintendent's office at Rule ISD. After eleven years in that position, superintendent David Parr retired at the end of the school year, prompting the search for a new superintendent.

After much sorting through, interviewing and discussing of applicants, the school board has chosen Bryan Davis as the man for the job.

Davis, along with his wife Cammie, moved to Rule to begin his duties June 1. He graduated from Post High School in 1976, and attended Howard Payne University, graduating in 1980. He began his career in education as a history teacher and assistant coach at Frenship ISD where he was employed until 1990.

Davis then became athletic director and head football coach at Olton ISD for three years.

In 1994, he was hired as athletic director at Floydada ISD. From there he moved to Midland High School as a teacher and coach. Realizing the city life was not for him, Davis left and went into private business as an insurance adjuster for a few years.

In 2000, the lure of the education world pulled him back in and he hired on as high school principal at Sudan ISD, where he remained through the 2010-11 school year. He had been working toward a Master's Degree in Education Administration, and in 2003, he earned this degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

Although this is his first experience as a superintendent, he brings twenty-seven years of educational background and knowledge to Rule ISD. His general goals are to maintain the many good things the school system already has in place, and find ways to improve in areas that need a boost. Of course, a driving force for all Texas schools is to persist in working to improve test scores and ratings, and Davis says that will continue to be a goal for Rule ISD. He also hopes to find ways to increase enrollment.

Davis says, "We are happy to be back to a small town and look forward to getting to know everyone in the community." In just the few short weeks they have been in Rule, he is taken aback at how friendly and helpful everyone has been. Describing himself as a people person, he is looking forward to meeting the entire staff, as well as developing a camaraderie with the students. He also wants to be involved in civic organizations and the other aspects of small town life.

The Davis's have four grown children, including Brady Davis, Marissa and Cody Clark, B.J. Davis, and A.J. and Mikayla Redden. Another important perk to living in Rule is that they are now just an hour away from their grandchild Raleigh.

In the limited amount of spare time they have, Davis says they enjoy traveling, antique shopping and spending time with family.

He is looking forward to working for Rule ISD and emphasized that his door is always open.

Although this is a difficult time, with school finance still being debated in the legislature, and the outcome very unsure at best, Davis says, "We are here to educate the students of this district and one way or another we will work together and find a way to do it."

Sorrells visits Washington, D.C.

Jordan Sorrells of Stamford represented Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) at the 2011 Government in Action Youth Tour June 9-17 in Washington, D.C. She joined over one hundred students from Texas and more than 1,000 students from across the nation representing their respective co-ops.

While in D.C., she toured the Pentagon City

Mall, Old Town Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums, National Cathedral, Air & Space Museum, Ford's Theatre and Museum and the Capitol. She also toured many memorials including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, Washington Monument, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and Jefferson Memorial, watched the Sunset parade at Two Jima and participated in a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The youth tour has been hosted annually since 1957 by local electric co-ops, their statewide organizations and

the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Each year, BCEC hosts a speech contest from which winners are selected to receive a 9-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and a scholarship.



JORDAN SORRELLS

Student in the News

Adam Conner of Haskell has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University honor roll for the spring 2011 semester.

The honor roll is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a GPA of 3.6-3.74.

Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2012 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$378,610.00
The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget.	\$ 210.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 (full-time equivalent)

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

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

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

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Kids' Cooking Camp set July 21

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
Texas AgriLife Extension-Knox and Haskell Counties will be sponsoring a 'Cooking Camp' Thurs., July 21. The one day camp will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. and will be held at the Perry Patton Community Center, 131 W. Cisco in Munday.

Youth ages 8-11 may attend the camp which will focus on Food Preparation, Nutrition, and Healthy Lifestyles. A variety of hands-on activities will be conducted throughout the day to teach participants basic food preparation skills, general nutrition, and actions to implement to insure a healthy lifestyle.

Cost of the camp is \$15.00 per participant and includes workshop supplies, lunch, snacks, games and door prizes. To attend, youth must pre-register and pay the registration fee by Fri., July 8. The camp is limited to the first 25 registered.

To register contact the Knox County Extension Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, Texas 79505, 940-459-2651 or the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-2546.

For more information about the 'Cooking Camp' contact the Knox or Haskell County Extension Office at one of the numbers listed above.

HNB receives award

BauerFinancial, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm, is pleased to announce that Haskell National Bank, Haskell, has not only endured the latest financial crunch, but has emerged as a preeminent example of community banking.

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Established in 1890, Haskell National Bank has been proudly handling the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 121 years. It operates through conveniently located offices in Abilene and Haskell.

Wichita Brazos Musuem

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission reviewed Wichita Brazos Museum exhibits and fund-raiser plans for the remainder of the year at a museum meeting June 15.

The new entertainment themed exhibits have been completed with many new and interesting items to see. Among the exhibits, which were created by board members representing each of our eight communities, are pictures, articles, toys, musical instruments, info on Knox County entertainers, photographers and authors. A Victrola (record player) is displayed along with the 78 record, the 33 and 45. One youngster asks where we got those big discs, and how we dialed up on the old crank telephone. You will find many interesting items that bring back old memories.

The museum hosted a portion of the Amazing Grace Race for the Knox County Visioning Group Adventure Days June 18. A 20 question form on exhibits within the museum was given to each team. It was an exciting day with many visitors.

Sat., July 30, the museum supporters will sponsor a homemade ice cream and bake sale booth at the Knox City Watermelon Festival. The group has sold homemade ice cream at this event for several years—it's just the thing for a hot summer day.

The August event will be Sun., Aug. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Wichita Brazos Museum. Clark Hitt, formerly of Crowell, will tell about the 1841 Texas-Santa Fe Expedition which crossed Knox County east to west. In 1841, few Anglos had ventured up the Wichita Rivers, though Spanish maps made a fair representation of the North and South forks of the Wichita and where the two forks joined. Lamar, president of the Republic of Texas, promoted the journey as an attempt to attract trade to Texas from the Missouri to the Santa Fe trade route. It was a trip all who endured never forgot.

The September calendar will include the annual museum garage sale, the second biggest museum fund-raiser of the year when the "trash" in Knox County's closets becomes the museum's "treasure" to help provide materials for displaying exhibits, pay for office supplies and maintain the museum in many ways.

The annual Veterans Day program will be in November.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

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Drop by the office at 510 N. Ave. E for an application form.
Cost for Haskell students is \$35 (included in the cost are five noon meals served at the Activity Building and a book for the classes.)
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Legislature splutters into final week

AUSTIN—Last week was the next-to-last week of the 30-day special session of the Texas Legislature, which ends June 29. There were no whip-cracking weekend sessions of the House or Senate to speed things along.

On June 20, Gov. Rick Perry again added to the list of items he expects lawmakers to solve. In this case, he called for legislation relating to the prosecution and punishment for the offense of official oppression on those seeking access to public buildings and transportation. Many Texans have come to recognize that as the “anti-groping” or “intrusive touching” bill first filed during the regular session, which ended May 30, by Longview Republican state Rep. David Simpson. If passed, Simpson’s HB 41 would put the brakes on pre-boarding pat-down searches of passengers conducted by airport Transportation Safety Agency workers.

So, with an eye on the clock, House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, performed a maneuver to set aside and possibly snuff Simpson’s controversial bill, which if debated, could push many of the issues off the dwindling calendar. Here is how Straus did it: after less than 10 minutes in session on Friday, June 24, he simply adjourned the House and announced the body would reconvene on Monday, June 27.

What is still unfinished with so little time left in the special session? Contentious major budget bills, health care cost containment, sanctuary cities and Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) reform.

State senators and representatives of course are aware that the governor could call a second special session to handle TWIA reform before the hurricane season, which began June 1, gets much farther along. This week Texans will see how anxious lawmakers and the governor are to wrap up and call it a day.

Drought plan time is now

Drought conditions in Texas continue, with wildfires popping, 100-degree temperatures common and rainfall sketchy at best.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality sent a letter dated June 23 to public water suppliers encouraging them to implement their drought contingency plans, if they haven’t already done so without prompting.

Water suppliers are required by commission rules to develop plans to manage

water usage, reduce peak demand and extend supplies. The rules apply to all retail public water suppliers and wholesale water suppliers, the commission said, adding that plans typically include targets for water use reductions, conservation measures, ways to manage supply and demand, and public education.

Drought plans can be triggered by usage or low water supplies. Customers will be notified by their water supplier when a plan is activated, the TCEQ said, adding that most often, voluntary measures will be taken before mandatory restrictions are imposed.

DPS warns of phone scam

On June 21, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported scammers have been calling Texas residents demanding that they pay for overdue red-light tickets.

The DPS does not collect traffic fines or oversee red-light cameras.

Scammers say that an arrest warrant will be issued if the person receiving the call does not provide a credit card number, as well as Social Security numbers and other information, the DPS said.

“You should never give out personal information over the phone when someone else initiated the call,” said DPS Director Steve McCraw. “If you receive a call like this, you should write down any contact information from the Caller ID, if available, and then contact your local law enforcement agency.”

TxDOT deploys telenovelas

With the Fourth of July holiday soon here, the Texas Department of Transportation is expanding its effort to education the public about the dangers of drinking and driving by using the Spanish-language soap opera format.

Three, two-minute episodes will air on Spanish-language television stations now through the Independence Day holiday and also will be available online at the TxDOT’s internet YouTube channel.

“We created these educational telenovelas on drinking and driving to reach Hispanic women and men who may be unfamiliar with Texas drunk driving laws,” said TxDOT Traffic Operations Director Carol T. Rawson.

Unemployment rate at 8.0

On June 17, the Texas Workforce Commission reported the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.0 percent for May, down from 8.1 percent a year ago.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the national unemployment rate for May was 9.1 percent.



Commissioner’s Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners’ Court met in a special called meeting Tues., June 21 with all members present.

A motion to extend and accept the revised Declaration of Disaster and Order prohibiting the sale or use of fireworks in Haskell County passed.

A motion was made to not repair the Fire Chief’s vehicle damaged in an accident and to take the vehicle to Abilene Auction Sales passed.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 28, 2001

Joe Hasteley and sons Kelly and Sammy, have opened a Wagons, Harness and Horses business in Haskell. The unique business makes not only fully workable, old-time one-horse wagons, but also custom-built carriages.

The Haskell High School cheerleaders won several awards, including an invitation to the National Championship, while attending summer camp. Cheerleaders are Lynzie Harlan, Tiffany Lindsey, Tracy Mathis, Jessica Miller, Kristen Rodela, Brittany Rutkowski and Jillian Thomas.

Chris Medford took first place for the third time during the TxDOT Abilene district’s annual rodeo competition. He will represent the district at the state finals.

20 Years Ago June 27, 1991

A new coin laundry, the Rub Board, owned and operated by Darrell and Kay Smith, is now open for business. It is equipped with

fourteen new washers and six dryers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer (Buck and Bobby) were honored with a surprise celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary. The party was hosted by their children.

Cathryn Seelke of Haskell, was elected chairperson of Chili County during the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Seelke.

30 Years Ago June 25, 1981

Sue Yeary and Betty Sanders, were honored with a retirement party hosted by faculty and staff of the Weinert School. Yeary taught 23 years at Weinert, while Sanders taught 20 years.

Ed Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones of Haskell, received a D.D.S. degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch during graduation exercises.

Dr. William Kemp, Haskell dentist, has been named president of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, for the third time.

He has served continuously on the board since 1967.

40 Years Ago July 1, 1971

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

Seventeen year old Karen Pippin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pippin, was crowned 1971 Hey Day Queen. She was sponsored by Hassen’s and escorted by her brother Jim.

Joan Caddell and Sue Hager, both of Weinert, have returned from a National 4-H citizenship short course in Washington D.C. Producers Grain Company sponsored both girls.

50 Years Ago June 29, 1961

Haskell native, Lt. Jack Larned, recently returned home with a couple of gold medals and an invitation to compete in the U.S. Marines national championship pistol matches. He is a San Antonio detective.

A native of Haskell, M.D. Hudson was honored at the

Federal Meat Inspection office in Fort Worth, where he has been an inspector for forty years.

Attending Camp Tonkawa and earning several patches from Boy Scout Troop 36, were Eddie Hester, Eddie Smart, Barry O’Neal, Ray Herren, Jimmy Bynum, Ronald Hilliard, Bill Perry, Paul Hiebert, Gene Hester, Gary Lytle, Johnny Love, Steve Harper, Steve Smith and Dwayne Moore.

100 Years Ago July 1, 1911

Reports have reached Haskell to the effect that a fine flow of artesian water has been developed on the Swenson Ranch.

J.C. Weaver of Dixie, New Mexico, was in the city last week checking the validity of some vendor lien notes purporting to be a lien on land in this county. He found both the vendor lien notes and abstract to be bogus, and the land was a myth.

Mrs. Mary Cotten and daughter, Mrs. Magie Willard, are visiting the family of J.W. Collins this week.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I am almost afraid to talk about it, but the wind is not blowing at gale force and the temperature, even though still hot, is tolerable. However, the forecast is not too shiny for the next couple of days—hot and windy with no rain in the foreseeable future. The wife and I went to Lubbock Wednesday so I could climb Mt. Cardiac (stress test). I know that many of you think I am heartless, but, hey, that test proved differently—I have one and it works. Since that is out of the way, I can now schedule my sinus surgery which I am not too excited about, but if it works, it’ll be good. Anyway, on with the good life.

Fran McCown, Administrator of the Haskell Memorial Hospital, has announced that the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute is going to hold a Community Health Needs Assessment meeting July 12 at the Hospital Education Building. Two sessions are offered in order to reach more people. The first session will be held from 2-4 p.m.; the second from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you recall this topic was broached at our city-wide forum. This is your opportunity to let your desires or needs regarding health needs for Haskell County be heard. Please plan to come to one of these sessions. This forum is provided through a grant secured by the hospital. Since our community is largely made up of elderly or retired persons, we need your input.

Incidentally, my wife has been recently appointed to the Haskell Memorial Hospital Board and she has been very complimentary of Fran McCown and the job she does. We’re lucky to have her. Other board members are Thomas Long, Robbie Peiser, Kathryn Schonherstedt, Reida Penman, Joyce Turner and the rookie, Jan Gannaway.

Anytime I hear of someone moving to Haskell I always wonder and ask, “Why?” What made you choose Haskell? My wife fielded a call from a newcomer of about 6 months ago. Vicki and Terri Graves moved here from Arlington; she’s tired of working on her house and ready to do something for the community.

Their reason for landing in Haskell: “We kept traveling west and when we came to Haskell, I don’t know, something just felt right, the people were so friendly, housing was cheap and now it’s Home! And we were just tired of big city living.” Glad to have you, Graves. Jan and Twyla Pace took Vicki down to the Dairy Queen Tuesday afternoon and introduced her to the Merry Dames (group of women who meet at 3 p.m. every day for coffee or Coke). Merry Dames was the group of women Jan’s grandmother, Angie Herren Mullino, used to meet with. That’s not this group’s official name—I just call them that for aggravation. On that particular day those present were Deen Lowry, Delores Medford, Mary Lou

Gilliland, Vivian Shaw, Thula Perry, Joan Dulaney, Vicki, Twyla and Jan. Theirs is not a closed membership—if you’re thirsty and it’s three and you like to talk, you’re welcome.

I am pleased to announce that I received two questions this week and both of them concern food, and as you can tell by looking, that is one of my favorite subjects. The first question concerns where to get a good carne asada. I have been asked this by several friends traveling through and numerous other folks. My answer is ‘Mi Familia’ right here in Haskell. I have eaten carne asadas in Mexico and several places in the U.S. and have found none as good as that served up by Felipe and Maria Deanda, the owners of Mi Familia. They came to Haskell from Brownwood based upon the recommendation of a friend and opened their restaurant in what was the Sweet Shop. They have just this week moved down the street a few doors and opened their new location which is much nicer and roomier. I asked them what they thought about our town and their response was, “We like everything about it; it’s small, friendly, and an excellent place to raise a family.” Most of all they like the “good people.” I’m really glad that they are here because they are two really good people and they have a really good carne asada.

My next food question comes from kinfolks. When they come to visit, I generally

go to Haskell Donut and get some apple fritters. After eating one or two, they want to know the name of the store in Abilene where I got them. My answer... Haskell Donut. They all seem so surprised that I got them locally and I never fail to remind them that if they would take a little time they would find a whole bunch more things in Haskell that are much better than they can find in the big cities. One thing that I personally like about the products at Haskell Donut is that they are fresh—no one or two day old stuff. I asked the owner, Try Chan, how he wound up in Haskell. He said they left Santa Ana, California to come here to help his older kin run the business and wound up buying it. As you can guess, I also queried him as to what he thought about Haskell which has to be quite different from his native country of Cambodia. His answer... “It’s calm peaceful, quiet and the people are really friendly and nice.” He said that overall, “It’s a nice place.” I hope he has a good supply of fritters ‘cause I got more kinfolks coming this weekend.

The wife and I will both be celebrating birthdays these next two weeks, so I have asked Brandon Anderson to be the guest columnist next week. I’m glad he agreed so that I can spend all of my time concentrating on what I should get her for her birthday. By the way, we’ll both be 39 one more time. And...I have some beach front property in Arizona.

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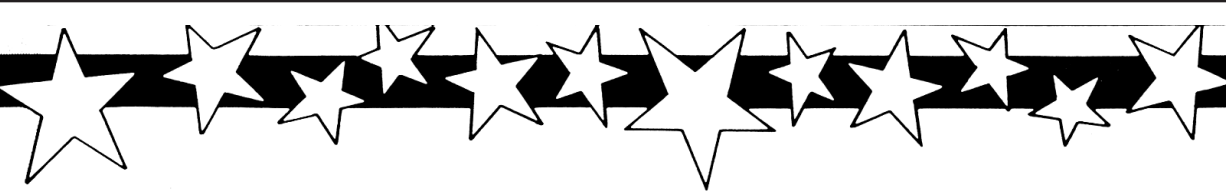
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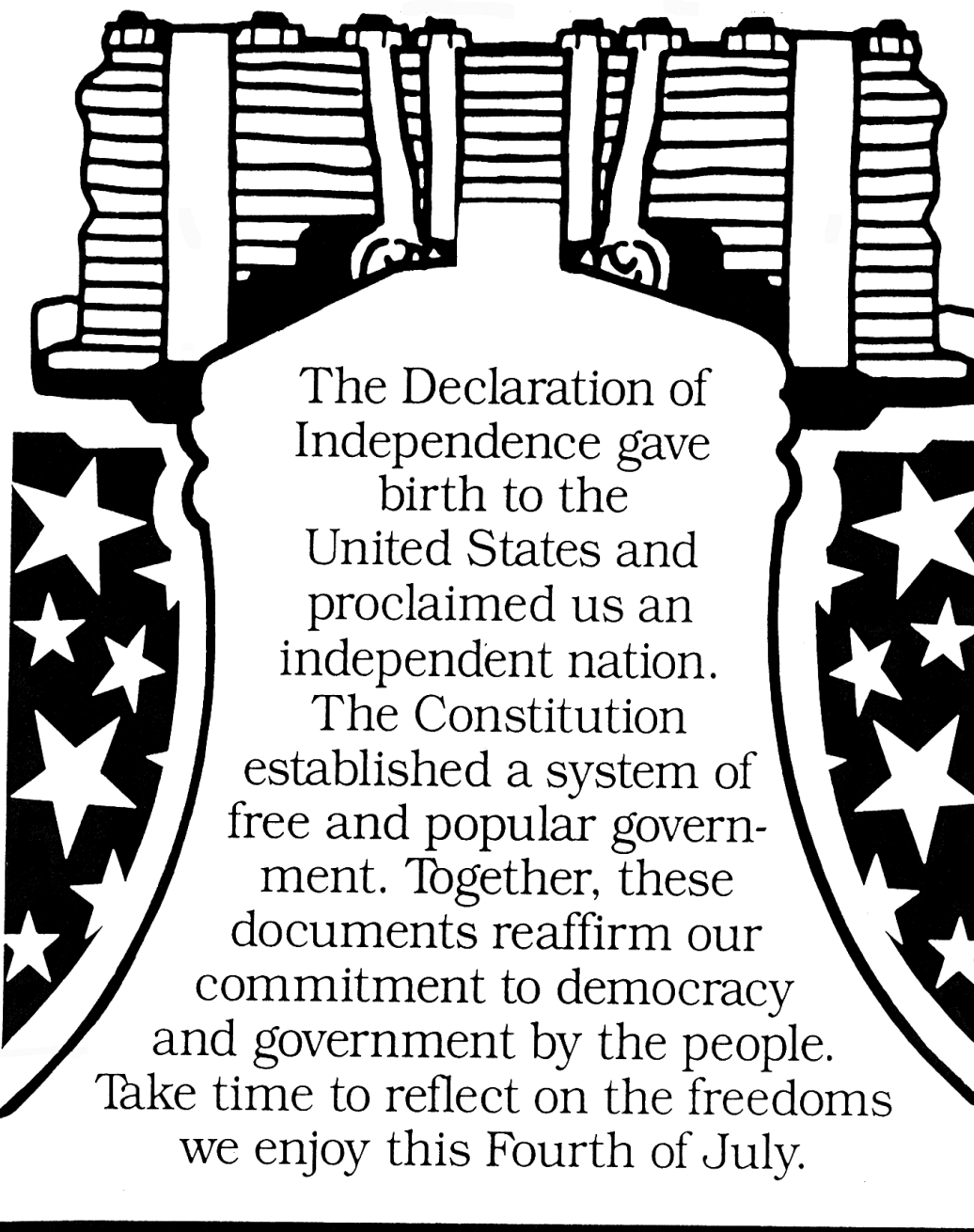
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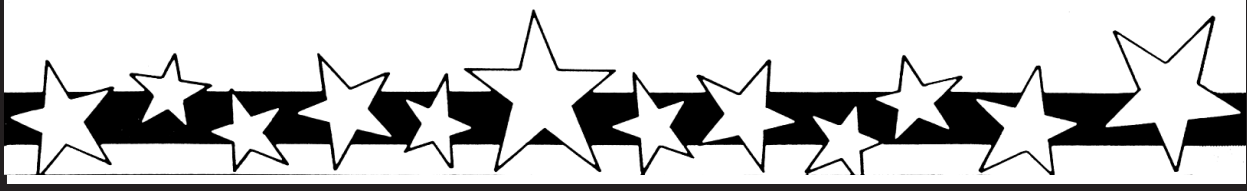


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summer activities . . . and
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Student in the News

Meredith R. Harvey, a resident of Haskell, has been named to the spring 2011 Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos.

To be named to the Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM—Young readers participating in the summer reading program at the Haskell County Library Tues., June 21 were, front row, l-r, Austen Sanford, Astrid Guzman, Aiyona Lee, Victoria Villa, Colby West, Caden West, Reagan Daniels and Blessing Jordan; back row, Abigail Ortiz, Kenley Cox, Shalee Dunnam, Hadley Sloan, Marina Wagner, Addisyn Bates, Ramiro Olvera, Faith Jordan, Robin Price holding Kaycie Price and Alejandra Garcia holding Manuel A. Garcia. Amy Sloan was the presenter.

Library continues summer reading program

It is time for the Summer Reading Program at the Haskell County Library. Children ages five to eleven are welcome and encouraged to come listen to a story, make a craft and have refreshments.

The theme for this summer is "Dig up a good book." The library has lots of good books available for children to read.

The program will be held each Tuesday and Thursday in June and July from 10 to 11 a.m. with the exception of

Tues. July 5. No program will be held that day.

Come in and register for this summer program and pick up a reading log. Keeping the children's reading skills up during the summer is very important

so they don't forget and fall behind when school starts.

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Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hall earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Teresa and

stepson of Tommy Stryker of Rule.

The airman graduated in 2007 from Rule High School.



DON HALL

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith tells us to preserve our heritage of freedom

We're living in a land that's free,
Because throughout our history
Our founding fathers' legacy
Established the machinery
By which our nation came to be
A system of democracy,
Where we're allowed to disagree
With governmental policy,

And thus our ingenuity
And enterprise provide the key
To progress and prosperity;
A model for the world to see.
Our house of worship makes this plea:
To pray for all humanity,
While we preserve eternally
Our precious land of liberty.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Frank Slayton, minister
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**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, 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
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 8:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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.
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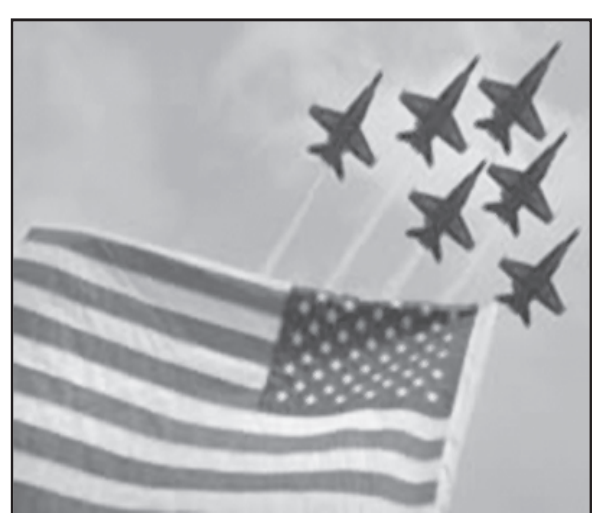
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The increased patrols are scheduled through July 6. All available DPS troopers will patrol during this time to keep the traveling public safer

by keeping drunk drivers off the roadways.

"Highway travel increases during the Fourth of July holiday, and we want to make sure that everyone is driving sober and getting to their destinations safely," said Chief David G. Baker, the DPS assistant director of the Texas Highway Patrol. "Anyone who plans on drinking, should also plan on having someone else drive them home."

Troopers are also participating in Operation

Holiday and Operation C.A.R.E. from July 1 to July 4, both of which provide increased patrol to make holiday travel safer. In addition to looking for drunk drivers, troopers will focus on seat belt violators and speeders.

Last year during the extended holiday weekend, DPS troopers made 617 DWI arrests, issued 8,882 speeding citations and ticketed more than 1,600 seat belt and child safety seat violators.

With the ongoing drought

and the high-risk of wildfires, DPS asks that all drivers avoid tossing cigarettes out of their

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Help Wanted

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For more information, please call 940-996-2214. 26c

June 20, 2011
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nitrate at 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a single sample, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for nitrate indicates a compliance value of 11 mg/L for the monitoring period 10/1/2010-12/31/2010.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most customers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns,

you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are taking the following action to address this issue: Increasing the percentage of surface water to ground water.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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