### Calendar

Vendor applications

If you are planning to have a vendor booth for Wild Horse Prairie Days, spots are filling up fast. The show starts Fri., June 1 and continues through Sat., June 2 at the Civic Center in Haskell. The show is western theme and/or decor. Booths are 10x12 for \$50. Tables and chairs are available. Food booth vendors must have a Texas Department of State Health license. Contact Jennabeth Kimbrough at 940-256-2163.

### WHPD parade set June 1

Wild Horse Prairie Days are just around the corner and the parade committee would like to encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to participate in the 2012 WHPD parade set June 1. The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. from the Civic Center. Plaques will be given to first, second and third place float winners. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd or in the County Judge's office in the County Courthouse. For more information call 940-864-

### Haskell pool

The Haskell City Pool will open June 2 for Splash Day from 1 to 5 p.m. For more details on the pool contact the Duty Manager, Kelsie Adams at 940-864-8185 or Director of Public Safety/ Works, Matthew Duran at 940-256-0774. The hours of service will be Tuesday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and will be closed Sunday and Monday. Reservations will be allowed on the days the pool is closed and after closing on other days.

### Bible school

Haskell Church of Christ will hold a Babylon themed Vacation Bible School Sun., June 3 through Wed., June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Busses will run. Contact the church for a registration form or to ride the bus. Those children completing 4 year old pre-k through 6th grade are invited to attend. Volunteers are needed. Contact the Haskell Church of Christ at 940-864-3101 for more information.

## Bible school

Haskell First United Methodist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School Tues., June 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Following the evening activities there will be a hamburger meal followed by ice cream for dessert. Volunteers are needed to help with the day's activities. Those wishing to help may contact Amy Sloan.

### Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

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## Welcome to Wild Horse Prairie Days

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## Brueggeman places first at state UIL meet

Haskell High School advanced seven students to the 2012 State UIL Academic Meet held at the University of Texas May 21-22. They brought home eight state medals, including one gold, five silver and two bronze.

On Mon., May 21, the Calculator Applications team consisting of Garrett Brueggeman, Maci Colley, Cailey Foster and Madison Homeyer won second place team, with Brueggeman winning second place individual and Colley winning sixth place individual. Ashley Adams won fourth place individual in Feature Writing.

On Tues., May 22, the Mathematics team consisting of Brueggeman, Madison Mayfield, Kalyn Wheatley and Colley won third place team, with Brueggeman winning first place individual.



advancing to the State UIL Academic Meet in Homeyer; back row, Maci Colley, Kalyn Wheatley Austin May 21-22 were, front row, I-r, Cailey Foster, and Madison Mayfield.

HASKELL UIL STATE HONORS-Haskell students Ashley Adams, Garrett Brueggeman and Madison

### Wild Horse Prairie Days set this weekend

by Caron Yates

Seventeen years ago, after much planning and significant hours of labor from many different people, the first Wild Horse Prairie Days was deemed a huge success. It has continued each year since, even growing as new activities have been

The weekend of June 1-2 dining. will be filled with activity, "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting at 9 a.m. on Friday. encouraged to gather around the square for the WHPD parade. Pictures of each entry and plaques for first, second

contact Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

On both Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., inside the Civic Center, a Craft and Trade Show will be held. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. each night, inside the Civic Center for more comfortable

The main event, the beginning with the Sam rodeo, will begin at 7 p.m. both nights. Teams scheduled to compete on At 5 p.m., everyone is Friday night are returning teams from the Flowers Ranch, Hager Ranch, Nail/ Bar D Ranch, Sandhill Cattle Co., Spires Ranch, Veale and third places will be Ranch/Clark Cattle and WT awarded. Anyone interested Waggoner Estate. New teams

in having an entry should competing on Friday night Ranch, Sandhill Cattle will be Lazy 8 Ranch from Coleman, Prothro/Britten X CrossX/Adams Ranch located in Pampa.

Saturday's roster lists LaMejor/Tubhandle, Myers/ Mimms, Rocker B, Swenson Ranch, Thompson Ranch, Pitchfork Ranch, Tongue Days rodeo was the Sandhill Cattle Co.

Several of these teams are from local and area ranches, so you probably know some of these cowboys. Five of the competing teams, Hager

Co., Swenson Ranch and Crutch Ranch made it to Ranch from Kerrick and the World Finals last year. On the average four or five teams which compete in the WHPD, qualify for the finals each year in November. Consequently, competition will be stiff again this year.

A ranch horse competition River, NT/Hunter Ranch, will be held at 9 a.m. on Sat., Circle Bar and Crutch and the always exciting Jr. Ranch. Winning ranch for Ranch Rodeo with "Pokey" the 2011 Wild Horse Prairie the clown will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday's activities will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. featuring the Jim Sadler Band.

It takes many hands to put on a successful event of this magnitude. Any and all

appreciated. Contact Sammy Larned for more information or to volunteer your services at 864-2749.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building on the west side of the square.

A new event will also take place in connection with the WHPD. On Sunday, June 3, beginning at 1 p.m. a WTBRA Barrel Race competition will be held.

You won't want to miss any of these activities. So round up your family and friends and come be a part of the fun at the seventeenth annual

## Jr. ranch rodeo set

the Junior Ranch Rodeo with competitive goals. "Pokey" the Clown.

on Sat., June 2 in the grassy area by the Howard Hopkins Rodeo Arena. Spectators are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a ringside seat as young competitors from age 3 to 16, with each member receiving show off their skills.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the include a Pony Express Race, entertainment of children

Ranches, horse clubs, and also to enable them to families and anyone who experience some of the skills enjoys learning about the used by real working ranch skills used by working cowboys. The activities are cowboys on ranches, or just designed to encourage the likes fun competition, is youngsters to work together invited to come be a part of in teams to accomplish

Teams will consist of The fun begins at 11 a.m. four members and will be divided into four age groups. They include Super Peewee, ages 3-5; Peewee, ages 4-7; Junior, ages 8-11; and Senior, ages 12-16. An entry fee of \$20 is charged for each team,

Events for the junior rodeo Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. All events will involve the use of custom made wooden 'livestock,' and all will compete on beautiful, handmade stickhorses.

Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo next November.

For more information, entry blank and copy of the rules, call Larned Sales Center at 864-2749



NEW FFA OFFICERS-Haskell FFA installed new officers at the annual FFA awards program held Tues., May 22. New officers are, front row, I-r, Makenzie Gass-historian, Meghan Glover-vice president, Lucy Carmichael-secretary and Emily Fouts-reporter; back row, Crissy Bassett-student advisor, Reagan Hadaway-chaplain, Shelby Dunnam-treasurer, Carson Hadawaypresident and Kaley Mathis-sentinel. Not pictured is Madison Mayfield, parliamentarian.

## FFA installs new officers

Over 85 members and the final round of the Texas money and scholarships at the Haskell auditorium.

Chapter Degree recipients Scholarship for \$1,000. were also recognized.

and Krista McLemore were members had brought home and Reagan Hadaway, recognized for advancing to more than \$128,000 in prize chaplain.

guests were present at the FFA Scholarship process. from major stock shows this annual Haskell FFA awards These young ladies will be year. program held Tues., May 22 competing for scholarships FFA members that each. McLemore was also advanced to various state recognized for winning contests and placed at major the National FFA Ford stock shows were awarded scholarship for \$1000 State Qualifier and Top Hand and Kupatt was awarded Jackets. Greenhand and the National FFA Cargill

Kenny Cockerell

The 2012-13 officers were in the amount of \$16,000 installed and are Carson Hadaway, president; Meghan Glover, vice president; Lucy Carmichael, secretary; Shelby Dunnam, treasurer; Emily Fouts, reporter; Kaley Mathis, sentinel; Crissy Bassett, student advisor; Makenzie Gass, historian; Madison Seniors Kymbre Kupatt announced that Haskell FFA Mayfield, parliamentarian;

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## No magic wand can be used when it comes to debt management

bills in this very difficult economy. If you are, know that you are not alone. You may find yourself searching for answers to your problem after seeing ads from lenders, debt counselors and debt settlement companies. So which alternative is best? In reality, there is no magic wand that is going to work for everyone in every situation.

#### **Debt Consolidation**

This option typically involves a lender who is willing to make you a new loan to pay off several other loans or debts you have. This allows you to consolidate the money you owe into a single payment and perhaps extend the repayment period or lower the interest rate. A carefully crafted debt consolidation loan typically allows you to reduce your payments and to avoid late fees and extra charges. Lenders usually require additional collateral (think car or home) so you may have converted unsecured debt to debt secured by your home or auto and that may



Hours: M-F 10-6; Sat. 10-3

Millions of Americans pose additional problems 214-638-2227) that work payments. The bottom line is that you still end up owing the same amount of money, you just have longer to pay it off and usually at a lower

#### **Debt Settlement**

This option involves negotiating with your creditors to reduce the amount you owe, your interest rate, or both. In short, the creditor is going to accept less than what you owe them in hopes of getting at least a portion of that debt paid back. This usually works best if you have a lump sum to offer. You can work with your creditors on your own but if you don't have a lump sum you are probably going to have to work with an attorney or with a debt settlement company. The pros of a debt settlement is that you can satisfy the debt in full for less than what you owe and you are done with it. The cons are that it will appear on your credit report as a settled debt and you may have to pay taxes on any forgiven debt. You also need to make sure you are dealing with a reputable company so be sure to contact the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb. org or 703-276-0100) and check them out before you sign anything. Keep in mind that a debt settlement does not provide instant relief, can be expensive, and if you are not careful who you work with, may not be a solution at all and could make things

#### worse... much worse. **Debt Counseling**

There are reputable organizations like the Consumer Credit Counseling Service (www.cccs.net or

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are struggling to pay their if you can't make your loan to provide financial literacy education, help in managing budgets and also can help with a debt management plan that is essentially a debt settlement. Fees with a debt counseling service are usually much lower than a debt settlement company because most are non-profit. In some cases they may waive their fee if you can't afford to pay anything. Debt counselors work with you to get to the root of the problem, which is often inadequate budgeting skills and insufficient financial information. To find the nearest nonprofit counseling service, contact the National Foundation for

> nfcc.org 1-800-388-2227). There is no magic wand to get you out of debt. The real solution is changing your spending habits. That means reducing your expenses and or increasing your income and getting educated on handling your finances.

Credit Counseling (www.

Here are a few other tips to help you stay out of trouble: 1) If possible, always pay more than is required. Paying the minimum amount due on a credit card will keep you in debt and making payments for more than 30 years. 2) Don't be late-if you are, even one time, you may get hit with a high penalty rate. 3) Use debit instead of credit-debit cards draw the money out of your checking account so they don't allow you to overspend as easily as a credit card does. 4) Make saving a habit. Find a way to start saving something every month. If you can, establish an automatic or direct transfer to savings so you can start to establish a good habit and an emergency fund. 5) Remember, you did not get into debt overnight and you will not get out overnight either-it will take time and hard work!

### **ECC Menu**

Mon., June 4

Meatballs with tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, rolls, peach cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., June 6

Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salsa, chips, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Fri., June 8

Creamy mushroom steak, cream potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, jello, brownie, tea or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by

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## **Obituaries**

## Julie 'Judy' Gordy



JUDY GORDY

Graveside services were held Thurs., May 24 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell for Julie 'Judy' Gordy, 97, of Haskell with Rev. Jay Bearley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Gordy passed away May 21. She lived her life as a true Texan woman, living success in whatever business she put her hands too, all while raising four generations of children and maintaining a nearly perfect bill of health and self-sufficiency.

She was born in Cleburne Her formative years were

spent on a farm near Haskell, where she woke up nearly every day to make breakfast for her parents and seven siblings, before going out in the fields to work along side the men. At night she would help her mother with dinner and stay up late taking care of the household chores. During this time she also cared for her eldest brother Lester, afflicted with epilepsy, and her three younger siblings, showing tenderness to those harshness of farm life in the early 20th century.

In 1933, she married Quanah Gordy, a rode worker, and traveled all over the state of Texas with him, bearing two children in the process, Kenneth (Leander) peacefully at home, of and Barbara (Dallas). She congestive heart failure, opened her own short-order surrounded by family, Mon., restaurant, Mom's Cafe, in 1952, putting her cooking skills to use to great success. all across the state; having After two years, she sold the restaurant and decided to seek her fortune in the big city. Settling in Dallas, she worked a series of odd jobs to make ends meet. Eventually she earned a name for herself in Dallas's Garment District Feb. 7, 1915, the daughter as a seamstress, pattern of James and Hollan Harris. maker, and finally, designer. She remarried in 1956 to

Reuban Macdonald Magee and, in the 60's, began caring for her youngest grandchild, Tina Ann Coffey and later her great grandson, Patrick Duvall. As a caregiver, she was generous with her time and with her food (particularly her madeto-order chocolate pies), and found joy in remaking expensive designer clothes to perfection for those she was close to.

While she moved that needed her, despite the frequently, Gordy always considered Haskell her home. For many years she lived in the town, actively participating in the church and making a number of friends. In her spare time, she loved caring for animals, reading her bible, and was always willing to share stories from her nearly ten decades on this earth.

> Having outlived parents, two husbands, seven siblings, and their spouses, Gordy is survived by her daughter, Barbara Coffey of Dallas; son, Kenneth of Leander; granddaughter, Christina Haley of Plano; grandson, David Gordy of Leander; great grandson Patrick Duvall of Chicago; and four other great grandchildren.

> > PD. NOTICE

### Allen 'Wayne' Worley

82, of Brownwood were held Thurs., May 24 at First Baptist Church in Brownwood and state for 35 years as a District Director under the direction of Heartland Funeral for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Home of Early.

Brownwood.

was the son of Benjamin Franklin Worley for many years. and Bertha Elizabeth Allen Worley. He graduated from Rule High School in 1947. three brothers and three sisters. As a young man, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and strived to live a faithful children, Gary Worley and wife Donna, Carla life of service to the Lord.

They moved to Brownwood in 1963. Together, great grandchildren; three sisters, Geraldine they raised three children. A devoted family Triplett of Longview, Christine Hatfield of man, his first priority was always his wife Sayre, Oklahoma and Fay McBroom of Fort and family. His quiet strength resounded Worth; and many nieces and nephews. in wisdom and served as an example to his

Funeral services for Allen 'Wayne' Worley, children and grandchildren.

Professionally, he served his community ASCS, and he served as Brown County Mr. Worley passed away Tues., May 22 in Commissioner of Precinct 2 from 1992-98. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Born Dec. 2, 1929 in Haskell County, he Brownwood since 1963, serving as a deacon

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Survivors include his wife, Sue; his Lehrmann and husband Rick, Sara Killian He married Vera Sue Couch June 8, 1952. and husband Ken; seven grandchildren; four

## **Experience Works helps older** workers with employment

Commission (TWC) has announced that Experience Works has been selected to operate the state's portion of the federally funded Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in Texas from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The program enables low-income senior Texans to gain competitive job skills, acquire unsubsidized jobs and remain financially independent. Experience training, SCSEP offers: Works will operate SCSEP in 90 mostly rural counties.

SCSEP participants Employment Plans; nationwide earn minimum wage while training and contribute millions of community service hours each employment; year through assignments

and governmental entities. To qualify for SCSEP, job seekers must be aged 55 or older, unemployed, eligible to work in the U.S. and earn 125 percent or less than the federal poverty level annually. Since 2006, more than 3,260 low-income senior Texans have been served by TWC's SCSEP and about 1,350 seniors have obtained unsubsidized jobs.

In addition to on-the-job

- Assessment and
- •Supportive services to enable participants to overcome barriers to
  - •Health screenings;
- ·Basic skills training, such as English as a Second Language, reading and math skills, and General Educational Development classes;
- •Targeted occupational skills training such as keyboarding, computer and home health aide skills; and •Job search assistance and
- job retention support.

SCSEP addresses needs

The Texas Workforce with non-profit organizations of an increasing number of older job seekers desiring to remain in the labor force. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), workers aged 55 or older increased from 24.2 percent of Texas' civilian labor force in 2001 to 27.8 percent in 2011 and is the fastest growing age group in the workforce. Nationally, BLS predicts that the number of workers in this age group will increase 43 percent between 2008 and 2018.

In addition to the development of Individual TWC-administered SCSEP, Experience Works also provides workforce development services to older Texans in other mostly rural areas of the state. Four other organizations also offer federally funded SCSEP programs in Texas: AARP Foundation, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging, SER-Jobs for Progress National and Senior Service America. Visit www.texasworkforce. org/svcs/scsep/scsep.html for more information on SCSEP, or www.texasworkforce.org/ svcs/scsep/scsepcontact.html to find the SCSEP contact person by county.





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**About Texas:** 

## Nancy Stewart to begin new chapter in her life

by Caron Yates

Haskell High School English teacher Nancy Stewart, will embark on the next chapter in her life.

school personnel retire in the past two years, Stewart is the only one choosing to conclude her teaching career at the end of this school year.

Stewart has spent twentyone years in the teaching profession. At Rochester ISD, she taught Special Education for 4 1/2 years, Family and Consumer Science for 6 1/2 years, and English and Consumer Science for 3 years. After the Rochester and Haskell school districts consolidated, she continued as an English teacher for seven years.

While she has many cherished memories from her years of teaching, Stewart says seeing students who previously did not like to read, become avid and enthusiastic readers is at the top of the list.

There are of course, With the ringing of difficulties in any profession, the last bell on May 25th, but she feels budget cuts have certainly hurt our schools. She also stated that the No Child Left Behind Act, which plays Although Haskell County a significant role in Title schools have seen sixteen I schools, has hurt some students. "Trying to teach a student what they need to live productively in the world, but being required to teach them how to pass a state mandated test, is a very difficult part of teaching," says Stewart.

While she is open to whatever the future holds, she does have definite plans to spend more time with family. She and husband Danny, have six children. They are Angela and Patrick Burson of Clyde, Heather and Coby Wilheim from Stamford, Karmen and Jon Neal in Lubbock, Angela and Justin Stewart from Weatherford, Janet and Michael Adkins of Haskell and Ginger Adkins in Lubbock.

end of the summer, we will have fourteen grandchildren this next chapter in her life.



**NANCY STEWERT** 

and I plan to spend a lot of time at their sporting events, recitals and plays."

For most teachers, the motivation to keep coming back year after year, is the students. Teachers have a unique opportunity to touch the lives of their students. Stewart has, for the past twenty-one years, taken advantage of that opportunity by having a positive impact on the lives of many Haskell and Rochester students. Although it is a little sad, Stewart says, " By the and maybe even a little scary, she looks forward to

Teachers Association secondary ministry. As

Chapter of Texas Retired met Wed., May 16 at the inmates are moved to other Pit & Grill, with twenty facilities or released, they members and one guest in are sharing their hearts attendance.

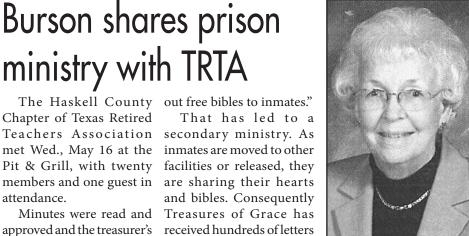
Minutes were read and Treasures of Grace has approved and the treasurer's report was given. Treasurer Nancy Toliver reported that it is very important that dues be paid before June, so members will receive all communications and benefits from the state level of the organization.

A memorial to the individuals and some Haskell County Library was given in memory of Vivian Roberson, a long time educator and member

Toliver presented the to Vida White. President "medical minute," which encouraged members to be aware of the sodium in their daily diets. Eating fruits and vegetables, rather than processed foods, is a good way to control salt

Joyce Ivy introduced speaker Linda Burson of Treasures of Grace Ministry. She, along with several others, are involved in a prison ministry at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail. Burson leads a weekly bible study, while Carolyn Herring shares her musical talent through songs. Yuvi Cadenhead serves as a translator.

Burson says, "We have shared the word with inmates for almost nine years. Foreign missions have come to us through this ministry. We also pass



**DOROTHY MYERS** 

## Myers to be honored

The children of Dorothy Myers of Munday will host her 85th birthday party Sat., June 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Munday.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Allow your attendance to be your

#### Tommye Jo Clark adjourned the group, which will meet only gift.

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## Veinert VBS set June 3-6

Weinert will hold a fourday Vacation Bible School beginning Sun., June 3 through Wed., June 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening for children age 3 through those who have finished sixth

protect skin from

God's Awesome Power, we are cleared for takeoff as we fly around the world from the Worship Rally Hangar to Bible Study at Victoria Falls, refreshments at Paricutin Volcano, missions under the afterwards. Northern Lights, music at the At Amazing Wonders Matterhorn, recreation at the Base Tan' will not

First Baptist Church of Aviation, Encountering Grand Canyon and crafts at the Great Barrier Reef.

Parent night will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wed., June 6 where everyone is invited to see what the kids have learned and enjoy refreshments

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#### Those tempted to kick off sunburns. This summer and summer by getting a "base tan" should be aware that Foundation recommends there is no such thing as a safe, healthy or protective prevention strategies: tan. The misconception that a base tan will protect the skin is dangerous; even for those who never burn, prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation can lead to skin aging (including wrinkles, lines and age spots) as well as skin cancer. In fact, about

sun damage

65 percent of melanomas and 90 percent of nonmelanoma skin cancers are associated with sun exposure. "Whether obtained by lying out in the sun or using a tanning bed, a tan damages

your skin," says Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "A tan is the body's response to damaged DNA in the skin cells-the skin darkens in order to prevent more damage but the person's risk of skin cancer is already

increased." Since sunburns are also associated with higher risks of skin cancer, especially melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer), it's important

to avoid both tans and

all year long, The Skin Cancer the following skin cancer

•Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. •Do not burn.

 Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.

•Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.

•Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

•Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

•Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.

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## **OPINION**

#### **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Panama Canal expansion: What will Texas do?

AUSTIN-Plans are in the works for a Texas role related to the Panama Canal expansion project slated for completion in 2014.

Last week, the Texas Department of Transportation announced the formation of a "Panama Canal Stakeholder Working Group" whose members will give input on road, bridge and port construction here in Texas because of a projected increase in land and sea traffic enabled by the canal

"Preparing the state's infrastructure for such an expansion, in terms of sea and land-based infrastructure, is crucial to accommodating this increased freight traffic," said state Rep. Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

TxDOT said port, agriculture, trucking, manufacturing, government, oil and gas, and rail industries have been invited to join the working group, and recommendations from it are due by year's end. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, a former state representative and former member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will serve as chair, and plans are for the working group to meet monthly for the next six months.

Work is under way in the Panama Canal to open new access lanes, build a third set of locks and deepen navigational channels, with more than \$5 billion in funding coming from the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, China, South Korea, most European countries and Israel.

Having reached its maximum sustainable capacity of ship traffic several years ago, the canal, which opened 100 years ago, was in need of the upgrades.

#### Texas primaries May 29 Secretary of State Hope

Andrade, Texas' chief elections officer, on May 21 put in a reminder to voters that May 25 was the last day to cast a ballot early in the May 29, 2012, Primary Elections.

Preliminary results of the primaries should be available on May 30.

Voter turnout for presidential primaries in Texas, like this one, has long trended higher than for gubernatorial primaries and runoffs, but still is quite low.

Recent history shows that in the March 2008 Primary Elections, 10.68 percent of all registered voters voted in the Republican primary and 22.54 percent voted in the Democratic primary. In March 2004, 5.60 percent of registered voters voted in the Republican primary and 6.84 voted in the Democratic primary. And in

March 2000, 9.70 percent voted in the Republican primary and 6.78 voted in the Democratic primary

#### Food, feeding are big issues

The House committees on Public Health and Human Services, whose responsibilities often intersect, met in a joint interim hearing on May 22.

Invited testimony was given by state agencies, charitable organizations and farmers in an effort to identify policies to alleviate food insecurity, increase access to healthy foods, and encourage better nutrition within existing food assistance

Topics ranged from how to eliminate "food deserts" and grocery gaps, encourage urban agriculture and farmers' markets, increase participation in the Summer Food Program, to incorporating standards in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Celia Cole, director of the Texas Food Bank Network, discussed progress in feeding more Texans, mentioning that not being able to afford a healthy diet remains a problem for many and "economic impacts of inadequate nutrition affect all of us," she said, citing diet-related illness and cognitive problems

Cole testified to the beneficial work of public and private partnerships, such as Texans Feeding Texans, a program linking the Texas Department of Agriculture with growers and food banks.

#### Campaign: abduction awareness

The Texas Department of Public Safety on May 24 announced its participation in "Take 25," a public awareness campaign developed by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to encourage parents, guardians, educators and other caretakers to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and ways to prevent abduction. Events were staged around the state and nation to make child safety a priority surrounding National Missing Children's Day on May 25.

In its announcement, the DPS said Texas records show more than 4,900 active cases of missing children up to 17 years of age.

### Drought emergency

continues Gov. Rick Perry on May 21 renewed his emergency disaster proclamation that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat to some 170 of Texas' 254 counties. The proclamation, which started in July 2011, states that conditions "continue to pose an imminent threat to public health, property and the economy." Disaster proclamations are effective for 30 days and renewable as

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## From Out of the Past

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#### 10 Years Ago May 30, 2002

Robbyn Tribbey, fourteen year old daughter of Robert and Lynette Tribbey, won the Our Miss Diamond competition held in conjunction with the Miss Abilene Contest.

The Rolling Plains Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association honored two deserving high school seniors with financial awards. They were Katie Thompson of Haskell High School and Matt Bellah of Throckmorton High School.

Members of the Haskell High School Class of '52, gathered in Granbury for a 50th reunion. Attending were James Fowler, Robert Reynolds, Nanette Perry, Doris Boney, Betty LaDu, Jane With, Margaret Williams, Clinton Baccus, Mary Latimer, Bobby Wilson, Keith Wheatley and Eldon Amonett.

#### 20 Years Ago May 28, 1992

Dusty Garison, minister of First Christian Church in Haskell, has resigned to accept a position with Milligan College as general manager of the campus radio station and adjunct professor of communications.

Top graduating seniors are Deanna Scheets and Kim Gilly, Haskell High School; Rodney Tsoodle, Jr. and George

Mayen, Paint Creek High School; and Jennifer Smart and Ross Shaver, Rochester High School.

At the Haskell High School All-Sports Banquet, Sarah Mullen and Tommie Isbell were recognized as Basketball Sweetheart and Hero, while Holly Hobgood and Mike Layland were crowned Football Sweetheart and Hero.

#### 30 Years Ago June 3, 1982

Haskell County 4-H will be represented at the State 4-H Roundup, by Rebecca Holt and Jill Jennings. They will compete in the Foods and Nutrition, Let's Speak Out

Midwestern State University School of Nursing was Cindy Brown Guess of Weinert.

Monnie Kile Hise of Haskell, has been commissioned as a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety in a graduation ceremony at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

#### 40 Years Ago June 1, 1972

Rule High School student Patti Simpson, has been selected to attend the 12th Texas Nuclear Science Symposium. She will be accompanied by teacher Linda Simpson, and is sponsored by West Texas Utilities

Company.

Buster Gholson, longtime grocery man in Haskell, announced the formal opening of Buster's Drive-In Grocery.

Jim Strickland, Paint Creek High School student, has been chosen as winner of the 1971 DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award, for outstanding senior in vocational agriculture departments.

Susie Hopkins placed first in barrels, poles and goat tying at the regular Play Night held at Stamford. Jo Overton placed third in flags and second in goat tying.

#### 50 Years Ago May 31, 1962

A tornado, followed by Graduating from the high winds and severe hail and rain, caused property damage in Haskell, estimated at more than \$3 million and may run as high as \$5 million. Several

businesses and numerous homes were demolished with debris scattered over an area extending up to ten miles

Weinert Elementary students in grades one through four, were treated to a year end picnic at the Haskell City Park. They were accompanied by their teachers Mrs. Mabel Derr and Mrs. Pauline Tucker.

#### 100 Years Ago June 1, 1912

Nevada Baker returned home this week from Denton, where she recently graduated from Denton Normal.

G.T. McCullough left Monday for Houston to attend the Democratic Convention as a delegate from Haskell County.

Miss Willie Jones spent several days this week visiting her sister, Miss Ruth, at Simmons College in Abilene.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office license and possession of during the week of May

Charles Anthony Sanders, fraud, forgery and terroristic threats, Class A.

Donna Kolene McCulloch, possession of controlled

substance, Hydrocodone. Jessie Lee Webb, no drivers

drug paraphernalia. Shayla Delashanette Sessions, possession of controlled substance, namely

gram, state jail felony. Britttany Jewell, surety

morphine sulfate under 1

withdrawal, theft by check. Dave Hunter Jr., motion to revoke TBC.

Penny D. Kaye, assault family violence. Tobye Dayle Sires, DWLI

with previous conviction, Throckmorton charges.

Tammy Helms, DWI, Odis Helms, public

intoxication. Stephen Michael Decker,

DWI, 3rd.

Casey Ryon McMinn, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., also possession of drug paraphernalia, lhrockmorton charge.

Larur Bogolin, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication, Throckmorton charge.

Forty calls were made



## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Editor's note: City Administrator Brandon Anderson takes the pen for the Ask the Mayor column this week in the absence of Haskell Mayor John Gannaway.

What a privilege for the Mayor to ask me to write his column for him this week. This is a very busy time of year. We attended our oldest son, Colton's graduation from Air Force Basic Military Training on May 18th and then had our middle son, Jim, graduate from Haskell High School on May 25th. Crammed in between was our youngest son, Cade's birthday on May 22nd. So after all these hectic events we are ready for a slower couple of weeks as we begin summer.

The Mayor asked if I would discuss a very interesting theory on what makes a community, which was discussed at the Texas Rural Summit, held in Austin on May 8th. Our luncheon speaker was Dr. Gene Theodori, Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at Sam Houston State University. He labeled himself as an economic psychologist and gave us his version of the difference between a place and a community.

functioning. Groups include such things as Government (City and County), our local economy, our Education system, recreation and quality of life opportunities, faith based organizations as well as other groups such as civic organizations. All these groups in a place work towards their goals as they set them out for their individual purposes; however, Dr. Theodori states that to become a community all the groups must band together for the common good of the whole and take action and work towards goals set forth. He states that until rural places have this type of relationship for the good of the whole county that you can never truly be a community.

We set forth our community goals on paper about a year and a half ago at our community forums. My challenge to our groups within Haskell County would be that we need to work harder together to achieve the community that ultimately we are all striving to have and make Haskell a community instead of just another place in rural Texas. To address this need the Development Corporation

defined groups that are hired a full time individual to help promote Haskell's Community Development along with numerous other duties. This individual is Mary Drury who came to us from Kansas with a very accomplished resume that we feel will help her take on this role of serving our two entities as well as maintaining and improving relationships with other groups. We are very pleased to have Mary on board and look forward to her starting the first of June.

While attending my son's graduation from BMT at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, I noted the U.S. Air Force Core Values: "Integrity First, Service before Self, Excellence in All We Do." These values are a welcome change from what is becoming more and more the norm of our society today. We can all learn a lot from these values and if we truly aspire to become a great community, we should all live by these values.

A s your City Administrator, I feel the great obligation of being charged to oversee the spending of hard earned tax dollars and I hope you understand that we as a city take this responsibility very seriously. We are fortunate in Haskell In a place, we have and the City of Haskell have to pay a low tax rate, low

water, sewer and garbage rate and still have a growing sales

tax base.

These combinations of positives are greatly dictated by the efforts of your City Council and your Development Corporation of Haskell. We will always have naysayers who feel they are overtaxed and burdened; however, compared to other communities our size we are fortunate and still growing. To continue this growth we must think and work to find affordable housing locally.

The city has torn down numerous dilapidated structures at no cost to landowners, so in turn, I would ask that these land owners keep these lots clean and consider putting these lots on the market. This will allow individuals to purchase and build homes to suit on property where infrastructure is located to help avoid future infrastructure costs involved with housing developments.

As I close, I want to end with a quote from Will Rogers, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." I have enjoyed adding my two cents and would encourage anyone who has any concerns on the direction of Haskell to feel free to call me or come by

## **USDA** celebrates 150 years

of Agriculture (USDA) commemorated the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed into law an act of Congress establishing the United States Department of Agriculture. President Lincoln established the USDA because he recognized the potential of America's farmers to the land with advances in research and technology, allowing them to provide a safe, ample food supply for our nation and the world.

In one of President State Agricultural Society in 1859, he said, "...no other human occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture." Two years later, in what would be his final annual message to the Congress; Lincoln called USDA "The People's Department." At that time, the population of the United States was about 31.4 million, and about half of all almost 313 million people, 2.1 million farms are operating in the U.S.

Over the past 150 years, USDA's work with landowners to resolve their food science, agriculture, economic development, science and research, natural resource conservation, community development and alternative energy sources fulfills Lincoln's vision "to touch the lives of every American, every day." The success of the agency can be shown daily as Americans benefit from the safety, security and maintenance of our food and water supply, land and forest resources, advancing school systems, mission remains Helping looking to the future. In and continually evolving People Help the Land, as the years to come, there rural communities. Twenty we celebrate this historic may be challenges for the million Americans are anniversary." employed through our food,

## don't eat the azaleas

Few things are as aesthetically pleasing as a beautiful garden. But many flowers commonly used for their beauty are toxic if eaten and could pose a threat to young children.

"Choose those beautiful yard plants carefully because some of them can be toxic if ingested. The joy of watching junior beginning to walk could be offset by a medical crisis if he eats those previously unreachable flowers," says Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, a medical toxicologist and emergency medicine physician at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Azaleas, caladiums, chrysanthemums, daffodils, hyacinth, hydrangea, iris, jonquils, morning glories, mums and periwinkles are all potentially harmful flowers. So stick with begonias, crape myrtles, gardenias, geraniums, honeysuckle, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, roses and zinnia, all of which are considered safe.

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United States Department have been created through of state and local offices. agricultural exports. USDA energy-saving technologies to farms, ranches and businesses.

Development (RD).

In 2011 alone, NRCS programs authorized related products and services that enable people to be good lands since 1935.

commitment and work in protecting Texas' natural natural resource issues," said Salvador Salinas, NRCS 90 percent of the land is privately owned, our farmers and ranchers are the leading stewards of the land and water, and USDA supports their work through technical assistance and conservation programs-applying the most

fuel and fiber industries, Development provided over the USDA will remain \$1.55 billion in funding to focused on the mission to recipients in 2011 through strengthen Americans rural programs designed to communities, continue to improve the economic help create jobs, and build stability of rural communities, on the success of America's businesses, residents, farmers farmers, ranchers and and ranchers and improve small businesses. For more the quality of life in rural information on the 150th areas. Rural Development anniversary of the USDA administers and manages or programs and services housing, business and offered through the agency, community infrastructure visit http://www.usda.gov/ and facility programs wps/portal/usda/usdahome.

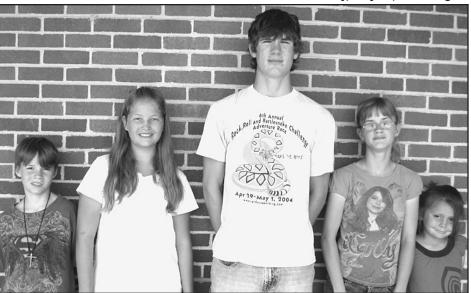
On May 15, 2012, the and almost 1 million jobs through a national network

"We are pleased to be an maintains a strong farm agency within the USDA that safety net to help keep has provided assistance to the American agriculture secure heart of America; our rural from the market and weather, communities, farmers and and is leading the way on residents, for 150 years," said renewable energy projects, Rural Development Texas implementing funding for State Director Paco Valentin. "Rural Development offers over 40 programs that provide the resources and assistance In Texas, the mission of needed to essentially build an find new ways to cultivate the USDA is upheld through entire rural community from the work of the Farm Service the ground up, and we will to Agency (FSA), Natural continue to provide support Resources Conservation to thousands of rural Texas Service (NRCS) and Rural residents and communities in the coming years."

Texas FSA promoted Lincoln's only speeches on worked with Texas farmers American agriculture by agriculture at the Wisconsin and ranchers to invest \$121.4 delivering nearly \$1.4 billion million in conservation in federal farm program payments and loans to through the federal Farm Texas farmers and ranchers Bill, to help protect water, soil during fiscal year 2011. and air resources, wildlife, FSA farm programs include forests and rangelands price support, commodity throughout the state. NRCS operations, conservation has provided conservation- and disaster programs that provide assistance and relief for producers. FSA also helps stewards of the Nation's soil, family farmers and ranchers water, and related natural by offering direct and resources on non-Federal guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans as "The USDA-Natural well as emergency loans to Americans lived on farms. Resources Service (NRCS) producers who cannot obtain Today, with a population of in Texas continues its commercial financing from a traditional lender.

"USDA agencies realize resources by working farmers and ranchers work one on one with private hard year-round in a risky, sometimes unforgiving industry; but, for the most part, the rewards outweigh Texas state conservationist. the risks. FSA considers it an "In a state where more than honor and a privilege to work with Texas producers and we look forward to working to meet the changing needs of agriculture and rural America for many years to come," said James Douglass, Acting FSA Texas state director.

As we commemorate 150 effective programs in the best years of accomplishments, places to achieve the best USDA is learning from possible result. The NRCS past experiences while economy, agriculture and Throughout Texas, Rural the Department. However,



ATTENDANCE WINNERS-73 students at Paint Creek School received Sonic gift cards for having perfect attendance during the sixth six-weeks grading period. The big winners of an iPod touch or iPod nano for having perfect or near perfect attendance were, I-r, Caedyn Proctor, Catherine Lemond, River McTasney, Brittany Melton and Alysha Mitchell. Not pictured is Cheyenne

## **Buckling up: The simple** choice that can save your life

of decisions every day. Most don't involve life or consequences. Choosing to wear a seat belt every time you're in a vehicle is one of those decisions. It's one act pickup truck drivers and that can save your life or the passengers. Since roughly And it's also the law.

or a passenger sitting in the law now requires everyone in a vehicle to be secured by a seat belt. Children under the age of 8 must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

buckling up, thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Click It or Ticket safety campaign. Every May, thousands of local law enforcement agencies join the Texas Department of Public Safety to ticket anyone who isn't wearing a aren't properly secured.

more drivers and passengers to buckle up. Since the Click It or Ticket campaign began eleven years ago, the state's seat belt use rate has steadily climbed, and now almost 94 percent of motorists in Texas buckle up. The net effect is fewer deaths and injuries. TxDOT's crash statics indicate that 95 percent of the 778,448 Texans involved wearing seat belts.

Texas now ranks seventh death matters, but there is in the nation for seat belt one simple decision that use. In spite of all the does have life-altering progress we've made, one group of motorists remains significantly less likely to buckle up. That group is life of someone you love. one out of every four vehicles registered in Texas is a pickup Whether you're the driver truck and pickups are twice as likely as passenger vehicles front seat or the back, Texas to roll over in a crash, that's cause for concern.

According to a recent study by the Texas Transportation Institute, only 80 percent of pickup truck passengers buckle up. Compare that to the more than 90 percent of Most Texans are passengers in all other types of vehicles who regularly put on their seat belts. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that half of pickup drivers who died in traffic crashes in 2010 were not wearing a seat belt.

Not buckling up doesn't seat belt or whose children make sense-financial or otherwise. While a ticket The threat of getting an for not wearing a seat belt expensive citation has been can cost anywhere from \$25 a powerful motivator to get to \$250 plus court costs that the law.

All of us are faced with in crashes in 2010 where drive up the expense even hundreds, if not thousands, there were no injuries were more, drivers and passengers who do not wear seat belts put themselves at risk for the greatest cost of all-serious injury or death. Depending on the type of vehicle, wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by up to 60 percent.

For motorists who need the extra incentive to buckle up, law enforcement will be out in force on Texas streets and highways between May 21 and June 3 looking for and issuing a citation to drivers and passengers who aren't wearing seat belts. It comes down to this: if you're not buckled up, expect to

It doesn't matter what kind of vehicle you're in. It doesn't matter where you're sitting. It doesn't matter if it's day or night. The smart choice is to buckle up, every time, everywhere, and to make sure everyone in your vehicle does the same. Buckling up is the one simple decision that all of us can make every day to save not only our own lives but also those of our loved

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# A CELL TOWER'S GOING UP NEXT DOOR OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?



Governments are required to publish their decisions in the newspaper – including their intent to build a structure nearby that you might not want. But some officials want to bury public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

> If it is not in the newspaper, how will you know?

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## Tips to teach children how to be financially responsible

encourages parents to take an opportunity to teach your children the importance of financial responsibility.

By making financial education a family priority, children will learn the importance of budgeting, saving, investing and using credit wisely. The path for financial success starts in the home and children learn best by watching the example their parents set.

The following tips are simple ways that parents can provide the foundation necessary for their children to make sound financial decisions for the rest of their

1. Teach children to save starting from a young age. Encourage young children

Association of Texas from grandma, coins they find on the car floor and other money in a piggy bank or a shoe box. Have them count the money at the end of every month so they can see how it grows.

> 2. Open a savings account for your children. Once your child is a little older and receives an allowance in addition to potentially earning money for doing household chores or babysitting, take them to the local community bank to open a savings account. Teach your child to set aside a portion of the money they earn every month to deposit into this account.

3. Have your children help manage household monthly bills. Teach your children about paying monthly bills

by having them assist with simple finance tasks. This could mean they open the monthly phone, electric or cable bill and assist with balancing the family checkbook after these bills are paid. Use this opportunity to begin teaching them how to budget by using your family expenses as an example.

4. Look for children's financial literacy programs in your community. Financial literacy programs are often sponsored by local community banks, and April is an ideal time to be on the lookout. Also, many schools are starting to add a financial literacy component to the curriculum. If this isn't offered in your child's school, ask the principal if it could be added.

5. Open a checking account for your children. Children in high school often have part-time jobs and therefore have money that can go into both a savings and a checking account.

The Independent Bankers to save their birthday money and balancing a checkbook. This is also a good time to discuss the importance of recording every deposit and withdrawal to avoid overdraft fees and other unnecessary charges that can come with a checking account. Help them set long-term goals for how much they want to put into savings and the remainder can go into their checking account.

6. Teach your older children how to create and stick to a budget. Once your children are close to going off to college, they must learn how to budget as they will soon be doing this on their own. Sit down with them and create a realistic budget, including expenses such as renter's insurance that they may not think about on their own. Emphasize the importance of living on less than you make and avoiding debt, if at all possible. Discuss how to responsibly use credit, look for low interest rates, and avoid late fees and interest payments.

## Parasols can protect skin from the sun

be creative and use parasols or soccer game. to protect delicate skin from the sun.

"Opening a parasol, or umbrella, on a blazing hot day continues to be a stylish and effective way to prevent skin cancer in many countries," said Susan Chon, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Dermatology at MD Anderson.

Parasols not only help keep women extra cool; they also protect skin from the early signs of aging.

"Sadly, not many people carry parasols in the United States, but in other countries, it is a way of life," Chon

The word "parasol" meaning "shade" or "shadow." Women around the world have been using the parasol for centuries to protect their delicate skin from the sun.

No one knows the exact date the parasol was invented. It began appearing as far back as ancient Egypt, the desert sun. People in ancient Greece and Rome used parasols made out of leaves or colorful feathers. China came up with the idea for the collapsible parasol.

Think of the parasol as a fashion accessory.

shopping for a parasol, their strongest. choose one that works purchase a few for activities such as:

•running errands or sitting at a sidewalk café,

poolside with friends,

•hanging out at a family barbecue, and

Women are encouraged to at a Little League baseball

Parasols also make great party favors, especially for outdoor weddings.

In many cases, women probably don't even need to buy a parasol. Most women already have an umbrella at home or in their car.

Look for specific features when picking a parasol.

Just keep in mind, certain parasols provide more benefit than others. "Skip parasols made of paper or extremely thin cloth," Chon said. "They offer little or no protection from the sun. Instead, get a parasol in thicker, darker colored fabric."

Many websites that sell Ultraviolet Protection comes from Latin roots Factor (UPF) clothing also have fun, colorful parasols. UPF indicates how much ultraviolet (UV) radiation can penetrate the fabric in clothing. Some of these parasols block as much as 95 percent of UV rays.

> Seeking shade isn't just about being cool.

"The amazing thing when pharaohs used parasols about parasols is that they as a way to get shade from are portable and offer shade to the entire top portion of your body," Chon says. "They cover your face, neck, shoulders and even the tops of your arms. And, unlike hats, they don't mess up your hair."

Chon suggests everyone Today, women easily can seek shade between 10 a.m. find both fashionable and to 4 p.m. when the sun's functional parasols. When ultraviolet (UV) rays are at

In addition to using a for multiple occasions or parasol, always wear sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapply regularly.

Skin cancer is the most •taking a walk on the common form of cancer in beach or chatting by the the United States. More than one million skin cancer cases are caused by overexposure to the sun, according to the

## •sitting in the bleachers American Cancer Society. **Check withholding to**

avoid a tax surprise

If you have too little federal tax withheld from income tax return. your pay, you could end up you file your taxes. If you withhold too much, you will get a large refund next year, but that means you gave up

"With 2012 half over, check your federal income tax withholding levels to make sure you don't face any filed next spring," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "It's fast and convenient to use the online withholding calculator at IRS.gov."

You may need to adjust your federal tax withholding with your employer. Evaluate your withholding if you have recently married or divorced, added a dependent, purchased a home, changed jobs or retired.

at IRS.gov can help you figure the correct amount of federal withholding and provide information you can use to complete a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Before you begin, have

these items: • Your most recent pay stubs.

Your most recent federal

Here are some tips for owing a lot of money when using the withholding calculator:

•Fill in all information that applies to your situation.

•Estimate when necessary. the use of your money for But remember, the results several months during the are only as accurate as the information you provide.

•Check the information there is no better time to links embedded in the program whenever you have a question.

•Print out the final screen surprises when returns are that summarizes your entries and the results. Use it to complete a new Form W-4 (if necessary) and give the completed W-4 to your employer. Keep the print of the final screen and a copy of your new W-4 with your tax records.

> For many people, the withholding calculator is a great tool that can simplify the process of determining your withholding.

However, if you are subject The withholding calculator to the alternative minimum tax or self-employment tax or if your current job will end before the end of the year, you will probably achieve more accurate withholding by following the instructions in Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, which is available at www.irs. gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).



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## This Week's Devotional Message:



## Whether you travel or stay home, God is there

budget will dictate where you will spend it. You may visit another part of the world, or just lounge around the house. In any case your vacation can be a very enjoyable and rewarding escape from the realities of are the Lord will be there to watch over home without it."

Like many of us, you may have a vacation you. Thank Him for His protection at any looming on the horizon, and of course your house of worship, and even if your travels take you beyond the orbit of civilization, there is always the Bible. Put it on your list of things to pack in your suitcase. In fact, that's a good idea no matter where you're going. To borrow the advice of a everyday living. Moreover, wherever you well-known TV commercial, "Don't leave

**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** 

Kev. Dr. Keith Paimquist, pastoi Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Sagerton

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 Omegs

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.

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## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**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. 6:30 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.

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**Weinert Foursquare Church** 

**Rev. Robert Harrison** 

Sunday 11 a.m

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-ROCHESTER-

**Church of Christ** 

Steve Wilis, minister

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

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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

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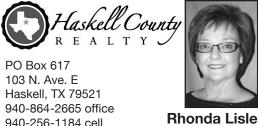
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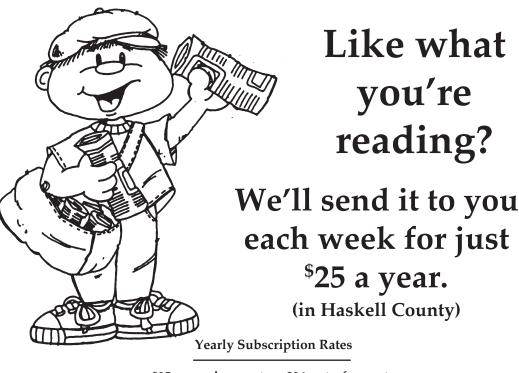


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LIBRARY CHANGES-Haskell County Librarian Joan Frazier, left, will be retiring July 31. Assistant librarian Marilyn Griffith will take over the duties of librarian.

## **Joan Frazier retires as Haskell County Librarian**

by Caron Yates

The Haskell County Library will be overseen by only its third librarian in over seventy years, with the retirement of county librarian Joan Frazier.

Frazier took over the job of librarian in August 1989, succeeding Mrs. Elsie McGee, who had served in the position for fortyeight years. After twentythree years, the changes that have come about for the Haskell County Library have been astounding. "In the beginning," Frazier says, "everything was done with paper and pencil, including writing by hand the cards in every new book that was received."

Frazier, hired by the Commissioners' Court, was one of several who applied for the job. In addition to having college hours, she had gained experience as librarian for the Rochester

The organization of the library changed over the years, as new programs became available, and Frazier was quick to embrace this progress. The first two computers, received from the Bill Gates Foundation, were very popular and remain in use. Of course, many more have been added. In fact, everything concerning library check out and check in, reports, ordering, reference materials and a multitude of other areas are now done through the latest enjoy more time with her technology.

About twenty years ago, it became obvious to many that the county library was in need of a new building. Frazier, along with many Friends of the Library and other individuals, began the huge undertaking of raising money to build a new library. Through her leadership, grant writing, and willingness to "ask" for donations, the new Haskell County Library became a reality in July 2008.

Libraries of old, were places to go to check out a book to read. Today's libraries are able to offer so much more. Frazier states, "People still check out books, but we also help them use the computers for reference information, filling out Texas Work Force information, State certification testing and licenses, just to name a few." They also have a big interest in the genealogy department, and a very inviting children's section. In addition, the library offers videos, audios and CDs. Their annual Summer Reading Program is also about to kick off.

Frazier says that after complete cuts in funding on the state and federal level, the library is solely funded by the county now. She has appreciated the Commissioners' Court and County Judge who have been so supportive of her efforts to improve and make the library the best one around. The Friends of the Library also help supplement programs

The importance and use of the public library is evident in the statistics Frazier recently put together for her annual report. For last year, the library inventoried 15,000 books, had 12,290 reference inquires, recorded 8,120 pieces of children's material, had 50,480 people use the library, and issued 3,000 library cards.

Frazier is looking forward to her retirement at the end of July, and has complete confidence in Marilyn Griffith, who will become the next librarian for the Haskell County Library. Griffith began working for the library part-time in May 1998, and became a fulltime assistant librarian in October 2001. Frazier says, "She is experienced and very capable, and will be wonderful at the job."

When asked what has been the most challenging part of the job, Frazier replied, "Getting the books returned. Also books are so expensive now, it a challenge to keep up with the new material and stay within the budget." She also says it requires many hours of previewing books, to be sure they are appropriate for the intended age group.

librarian? "Meeting people and seeing the kids eyes light up when they experience a new book," says Frazier.

After July, she plans to family, including her dad, Woody Frazier and children Amanda and Ronny Tekell, Emily and Justin; Brandy and Randy Huckabee, Koby, Rachell and Kevin Eldridge

and Harley; and James Loyd Strickland, Laken, Madison

Frazier says you will find her working in her yard, or dabbling in her antiques and collectibles business. While she is sure she will miss it, she is looking forward to having time to actually come to the library and read. A fitting retirement for one who has spent many years advancing the the Haskell County Library.

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the workers' compensation

and property and auto

"More than ever, the need to prevent losses and protect employees is critical because the fund's members are facing many challenges and making difficult choices," said Clem Zabalza, director of TASB Loss Prevention Services. "Vigilant of changing member needs,

Rule ISD has been resources through education resources that put priority awarded a loss prevention and providing monies for on preventing losses grant of \$4,000 for the identified exposures. The and elevating safety in fifth consecutive year from fund remains steadfast in the Texas Association of its commitment to continue School Boards' (TASB) Risk giving back to its members, Management Fund. Grant especially in these uncertain monies help implement financial times," he said.

Rule ISD awarded TASB

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The 2012 grants were initiatives to raise awareness awarded to 227 school of safety issues and reduce the districts, five regional potential for property losses education service centers, two county appraisal districts, seven community colleges, and one shared service to 242 Texas school districts arrangement. Workers' compensation grants focused on fall prevention, personal lifting devices, and personal protective equipment. Facilities security initiatives, driver improvement, and vehicle safety were the primary areas receiving grants under the property and auto programs.

> "This year's program was highly competitive, and the selection is always a hard task because applicants closely examine their exposures and who to best address their needs," Zabalza said.

"For the past 15 years, the fund board has made we have been successful this program possible by in protecting valuable its commitment to provide

The fund is dedicated to a strong partnership with our members to support their loss prevention and safety initiatives," he said. The TASB Risk Management Fund is the premier provider of risk management services for school districts and education entities in Texas. With more than 1,100 members, the fund is one of the oldest, largest and financially strongest risk pools in the nation. The fund provides coverage through its unemployment compensation, workers; compensation and property, liability and auto programs.

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signs often are so subtle that its victims don't seek medical attention soon enough to receive effective treatment, a UT Southwestern Medical Center neurologist says.

Dr. Mark Goldberg, chairman of neurology and neurotherapeutics at UT Southwestern, says too few people recognize the symptoms of a stroke. As a result, just 5 percent of stroke victims receive an effective clot-busting drug called tPA, which the Food and Drug Administration recommends be administered within three hours of a stroke. Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death in the U.S., killing more than 133,000 The best part of being the people annually. There are about 795,000 strokes reported nationally each year, and about 53 percent of those affected (425,000) are women.

"People must become more aware of the clinical symptoms of stroke so that they can seek treatment," Dr. Goldberg says. "Educating Americans about strokes and stroke care is so important."

Sudden problems with

A stroke's typical warning vision, walking, and speaking FAST to describe both what are stroke indicators, Dr. paralysis, droopiness, or numbness on one side of potential symptom is a sudden, severe headache that can be dizziness.

> The neurologist says most strokes don't immediately render people unconscious, so many victims simply think they are tired and in need of a nap.

have developed the acronym immediately.

should be done and the pace at Goldberg says. So is sudden which it should be undertaken. FAST stands for: •Face: Ask the person to

the face or body. Another smile. Does one side of the face droop?

•Arms: Ask the person to accompanied by vomiting or raise their arms parallel to the ground. Does one arm drift

> •Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or gibberish?

•Time: If any of these Stroke-victim advocates symptoms are present, call 911

