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Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 24. Anyone ages one year through 18 years of age may eat free. Adults are also invited to eat for the price of \$3.25 per plate.

Research help needed

The history of the American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221 in Haskell is being researched. If anyone has names and/or photos of the Commanders of the legion, please contact us so that their information may be included in this history. A display is planned for inside the building to honor all of these people. Please contact Brenda Frye at 940-864-2363 or by email cm2texas@windstream.net to share your information.

Reading program

The Haskell County Library will hold a Summer Reading Program for children Pre-K through third grade from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday in July. Come enjoy a guest reader, crafts, snacks and fun!

Mud Run

Celebrate the end of summer by having some fun in the mud. Plan now to run in the Mud Out Crime Mud Run, Sat., Aug. 9 at Stamford Marina on the south side of Lake Stamford. Sponsored by Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, the run will offer a choice of 5K or 3K courses. Register now at active.com. Reduced entry fees for early registration and for entering a team of 3 or more. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities welcome. Come out, have a good time, and help support a good cause. All proceeds go to efforts to make our communities safer.

Gun & Knife Show

The Haskell Gun & Knife Show will be held Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell. For more information contact Ernest Frye at 940-864-2363. Proceeds benefit the American Legion.

VBS at East Side

East Side Baptist will host VBS Aug. 3-7 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m. Aug. 3. VBS is for 4 year olds through those entering sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2738. Come out and learn how to be a Secret Agent for Jesus!

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Emergency haying approved for Haskell County

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director, Terri Klose announced that Haskell County is authorized for emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2014. FSA's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Unlike previous years, counties are not automatically approved for CRP emergency haying when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor-www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu. If there is a need for emergency haying, each local FSA Office must request approval from the Texas FSA

State Committee. Currently, 40 counties have received emergency haying approval. The 60-day emergency haying period for these counties will end Aug. 31, 2014.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres hayed or grazed during fiscal year 2012 or 2013 will be considered eligible for emergency haying if the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain haying.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency

haying of CRP must request approval from FSA before haying eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the NRCS that includes haying requirements," said Klose.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it

must remain unhayed and ungrazed for the benefit of wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay.

There will be no CRP annual rental payment reduction for 2014 emergency haying authorizations.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

Additionally, CRP land located within the Lesser Prairie Chicken Crucial

Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT) zones I, II and III will only be able to practice managed or routine grazing, managed harvesting, emergency haying or emergency grazing one out of every three years. This frequency regulation resets in 2014, meaning that any land hayed or grazed in prior years that meets the available forage requirement according to NRCS standards will be eligible for emergency use in 2014.

For more information and to request approval for emergency haying use of CRP acres contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864 2617.

Ventriloquist, storyteller to visit library July 17

by Caron Yates

We never know the potential impact, even the simplest choices we make each day, can have on our lives and our future.

That is certainly true of ventriloquist and storyteller Nancy Burks Worcester. Worcester had been working as a substitute teacher for a number of years. After her daughter started to school, she decided it was a good time to go back to school and get a teaching certificate.

One day, now some

twenty-four years ago, while volunteering at a library she came across a book entitled "Ventriloquism for Kids." She decided to take it home and teach herself the art, and the rest is history.

She feels that her decision that day set her on the path of what she was truly meant to do. Worcester has taught many important life lessons with her five puppets and voice fluctuations. Through her storytelling and live dialogue entertainment, she incorporates activities that

can transfer emotions and feelings and boost thinking, helping children learn to make good decisions and understand cause-and-effect. She tackles topics such as video games and fast food and reminds her audience to learn to be loving and giving.

Worcester says, "If I have a mission in my show, it's to teach children kindness. It's important to be kind."

Living in Granbury, she averages 200-300 performances a year. She has entertained audiences

of all ages from Mexico to Newfoundland and all throughout the United States, by bringing her puppets to life.

The Haskell County Library is proud to present Worcester and her newest puppet, Dr. Edistein Pascalileo, a hermit crab scientist. "Stand Back, We're Doing Science!" is scheduled for Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m. at the library. It is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Special guest, Dr.

Pascalileo, is looking for a new home since his "carapace has reached maximum capacity." Nancy and her gang teaches children to use their minds, hearts and emotions. They will discover that everyone has a POWER SOURCE, we all have an ONBOARD COMPUTER and we're all created for A PURPOSE.

Make plans to be at the Haskell County Library July 17, to be a part of this entertaining, educational and inspiring show.

Beef producers approve Checkoff Program for Texas

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has announced Texas beef producers have voted to establish a state-level Beef Checkoff program, which was approved by a wide margin of 66.79 percent of voters. Overall, 33.21 percent of voters opposed the measure. TDA conducted this referendum upon petition by cattle industry organizations under the authorities designated by the Texas Legislature.

"Texas is the largest cattle producing state in the nation, and our beef is among the highest-quality in the world," said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. "As Texas ranchers continue to grow and raise the bar to meet consumers' tastes and

preferences, it is my hope these funds will be used in a manner to enhance our producers' profitability and sustainability of food production. The Lone Star State is a national leader in agriculture, and I'd like to keep it that way."

Passage of the referendum establishes a producer-funded program without the use of tax dollars. The Beef Checkoff program will research ways to continue improving Texas beef quality, as well as educate prospective consumers of Texas beef around the world. Texas beef producers will pay a refundable assessment of no more than \$1 per head of cattle they sell.

Collection of the assessment will begin on Oct. 1, 2014 and continue until the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas (BPRCT) notifies cattle collection points to cease collection.

"I am proud of my fellow Texas cattlemen and women for standing up for our future," said Coleman Locke, BPRCT chairman and Brahman cattle producer from Hungerford. "As a life-long Texas cattleman from a long line of ranchers, I was confident our industry's consumer-focused heritage would result in this decision

to invest in our future. Our future success depends on our ability to meet the needs of consumers and reach those individuals with the facts about the quality product we produce, which is exactly what this program will accomplish. I look forward to working with those who supported and opposed this election to earn their confidence in their investment."

Voting on the measure took place June 2-6, 2014. Beef producers, regardless of age, who owned cattle in Texas between June 6, 2013 and June 6, 2014 were eligible to vote in the election. The Beef Checkoff program will be used for the promotion, marketing, research and educational efforts of beef and beef products for prospective consumers of Texas beef around the world.

As required under the Texas Agriculture Code, TDA conducted the referendum following a petition from cattle industry organizations on behalf of their members. After cattle owners voted, a canvassing committee of representatives from TDA and the Texas Secretary of State counted the votes. TDA conducted an eligibility audit of voters, which confirmed the vote results.

Summer Ag Update Meeting to be held July 22 in Haskell

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

A 2014 Summer Agriculture Update Meeting will be held July 22 beginning with registration at 8:00 a.m. at the Haskell Expo Center located at 200 S. Ave. B in Haskell. The meeting will be sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Haskell County.

Additional sponsors include Dow, Dupont and Farm Credit Bank.

The meeting will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. The line-up of speakers and topics for the meeting will include Dr. Calvin Trostle, Professor and Extension Agronomist, "Wheat Variety Update" and "Planting Dates and Timing for Top-Dressing N"; Dr. David Drake, Assistant Professor

and Extension Agronomist, "New World of Weeds"; Ralph Porter with Dow, "Dow Weed and Herbicide Update"; Gerald Hobson with Dupont, "Dupont Weed and Herbicide Update"; Dr. Stan Bevers, Professor and Extension Economist. "Farm Bill Decision Tool and Market Update"; and "Drift Minimization" by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

A lunch will be served and 3 CEU's will be given. Please RSVP by Thurs., July 17, if you want to be included in the head count for lunch. If no RSVP is called in, you may not get a lunch.

For more information regarding registration and to RSVP, please call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 29-July 6:

Crystal Lee Ann Mark, surety withdrawal burglary of a habitation.

Demetras Tamar White, out of county warrant.

Brandon Shane Long,

DWI 2nd.

Bryce Edward Ward, possession of a dangerous drug and driving while license invalid previous conviction.

Laura Kathryn Bensen, state jail felony.

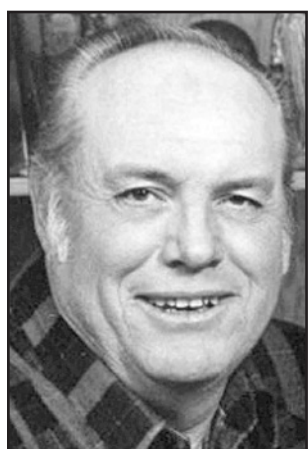
Ronald Dale Joiner, DWI 1st offense.

Thirty-three calls were made to 911.

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Obituaries

David Melvin Miller



DAVID MILLER

Funeral services for David Melvin Miller, 72, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Mon., July 7 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Morris Johnson and Charles O. Fisher officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Miller passed away Friday afternoon, July 4 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born March 12, 1942, in Haskell, he was the son of Juanita Jewel (Jenkins) and Jacob Melvin Miller. A graduate of Haskell High School, David married Sue Cox July 29, 1962, at the First United Methodist Church in Rochester. David enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved restoring old cars, racing stock cars, and flying. He made friends everywhere he went and never knew a stranger.

He was a devoted member of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church where he served as Deacon. David farmed and was retired from the City of Haskell as Director of Public Works.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, Melvin and Juanita Miller of Haskell.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 52 years, Sue Miller; his children, Tammi Hawkins and husband Steve, and Jay Scott Miller, all of Haskell; grandchildren, Lindsay Pannell of Canyon, Bailey Hawkins and Shelby Miller of Haskell; brother, Kenny Miller of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be given in David's name to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 or to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis Street, Suite 10, Abilene, Texas 79603.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Bennie E. Bland

Funeral services for Bennie E. Bland, 85, of Abilene were held Mon., July 7 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene with Rev. Jimmy Griffith of Belmont Baptist Church and Rev. Wes Terry of Broadview Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Willow Cemetery in Haskell.

Mr. Bland went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior Wed., July 2 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born in Haskell County Feb. 17, 1929, he was the son of Claude Edward Bland and Autie Olene (Coleman) Bland. He attended Sagerton High School and Tarleton State University. He married Bobbie LeMay Bland June 8, 1977. Bennie did farming in Haskell County in his early years. Later he and Bobbie owned several businesses in Abilene including Bland Hallmark, Ernst Limited Editions and The Prairie House. When he retired, his love for music sent him and his wife, Bobbie, to Branson, Missouri to work

and have fun with the many interesting people of the Branson Music Theatres.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Autie Bland; his sister, Josie Bland McClung; and his brother, Jimmy Doyle Bland.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Bobbie LeMay Bland of Abilene; daughter, Suzanne Elaine Bland Newton of Artesia, New Mexico; son, Thomas Edward Bland and wife Cheryl of Kansas City, Kansas; stepdaughters, Sherri L. Collins and husband Ronald, and Donna (Kathi) Graham and husband Gary, all of Abilene; stepson, Larry "Randy" Giddens and wife Becky of Walker, Louisiana; special nephew, Thomas Claude Bland and wife Julie of San Antonio; 18 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be posted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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Green beans and tomatoes

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
What you need:
Utensils:
•Knife
•Cutting board
•Small pot or skillet
•Can opener
•Mixing spoon

Ingredients:
½ small onion, chopped*
1 tablespoon of margarine
1 15 ounce can green beans, drained
1 16 ounce can chopped tomatoes
What to do:
1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Clean the tops of canned food items before opening them.
3. Wash and chop onion.
4. Cook onion in

margarine over medium heat for about 2 minutes.
5. Add tomatoes and beans. Cook for about 5 minutes or until heated.
6. Serve.
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 7 minutes
MyPyramid:
1 cup vegetables
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Be a role model for your children. Eat veggies and your kids will too.

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
Southern Oklahoma and North Texas continue to be in the grips of a multi-year drought and no one knows what the environmental conditions hold for the area, but agricultural producers optimistically plant crops and grow cattle, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist said.
Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in

Vernon, said forecasts for El Nino development offer some hope for this fall's wheat planting conditions and for the potential for fall grazing of stocker cattle.
In an effort to bring new research and technology based on these conditions to producers, the Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference will be held July 29 in Wichita Falls, jointly hosted by AgriLife Extension and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

Bevers said the conference offers the most up-to-date information on topics and tools that might help producers reach the conference's slogan, "driving your cattle to profits," although he said the last couple of years have made it tough to generate any profit.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Event Center, 1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls. Registration fee will include educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma cooperative Extension county educator, or by contacting Allison Ha at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension center in Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext. 225. The Haskell County Extension Agent is Jason Westbrook and can be reached by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-

864-2658.
The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University and AgriLife Extension economist from College Station. Outlaw frequently interacted with members of Congress during the recent farm bill debate and during its implementation across the country, Bevers said. His discussion will focus on the farm bill, the policy center's software decision aide, and how the farm bill impact will influence area wheat producer's income.

The program will also include the following speakers and topics:
*Bevers, Expectation for the wheat and stocker cattle markets.
*Dr. Chris Richards, Oklahoma State University department of animal science professor in Stillwater, Oklahoma, nutrition and health of stocker cattle.
*Dr. Mark Gregory, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension agronomist from Duncan, Oklahoma, update on wheat forage and varieties.

*Dr. Tom Hairgrove, a veterinarian and AgriLife Extension animal health specialist and program coordinator in College Station, stocker cattle health management and the use of antibiotics in food animals.
Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event. For more information on the event, go to <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

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Zucchini tomato bake

by DaLinda Black
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What you need:

- Utensils:**
- Knife
 - Cutting board
 - Large frying pan
 - Stirring spoon, heat-safe
 - Baking dish, 8-inch square
 - Measuring cups and spoons

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds zucchini*
- ¼ cup chopped onion*
- 2 cups canned tomatoes or 2 cups fresh sliced tomatoes*
- 1 tablespoon margarine or oil
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup shredded reduced fat mozzarella

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Preheat oven to 375°F.

3. Wash zucchini, onion and tomatoes (if using fresh).
4. Cut zucchini into ¼-inch slices. Chop onion and dice tomatoes.
5. In a large frying pan, cook onions in oil or margarine until tender, about 2 minutes.
6. Add squash and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes.
7. Add tomatoes and seasonings; cook 5 more minutes.
8. Put mixture into a baking dish and sprinkle with cheese.
9. Bake for 20 minutes.

- Prep Time:** 10 minutes
Cook time: 32 minutes
MyPyramid:
1 cup vegetables
¼ cup milk

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Tuna casserole

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

What you need:

- Utensils:**
- Cutting board & knife
 - Can opener
 - Large saucepan
 - Large skillet
 - Measuring cups & spoons
 - Mixing spoon

Ingredients:

- 2 cups 100% whole wheat elbow macaroni, uncooked
- ½ cup onion, chopped*
- 1 cup low-fat milk*
- 1½ cup low-fat cheddar cheese, shredded*
- 1 10-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 6-ounce can tuna in water, drained*
- 1 cup celery, chopped*
- 1 cup peas and carrot mixture, frozen

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Clean the tops of canned food items before opening them.
3. Prepare pasta according to package, drain water and set aside.
4. Wash and chop vegetables as needed.
5. In a large non-stick skillet, sauté onion for several minutes.
6. Add milk, cheese, soup, garlic powder and black pepper to skillet; mix until cheese is completely melted.
7. Lower heat to low and add tuna, macaroni, celery and peas and carrots mixture to skillet. Mix well and cook on low for 5 minutes
8. Serve immediately

- Prep Time:** 20 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
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Ice cream in a bag

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

What you need:

- Utensils:**
- 1 pint size zip-lock plastic bag
 - 1 gallon size zip-lock plastic bag
 - Measuring cups

Ingredients:

- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 cup low-fat milk*
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ cup rock salt
- 5 cups ice cubes

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Fill the large bag half full of ice and add rock salt. Seal the bag.
3. Put milk, vanilla and

sugar into small bag and seal it.

4. Place small bag inside of the large bag and seal again carefully.
5. Shake until mixture is ice cream, about 5 minutes.
6. Wipe off top of small bag, then open carefully and enjoy!

- Prep Time:** 10 minutes
MyPyramid:
½ cup milk
- NOTE:** To help get more fruit into your day, add your choice of any fresh or frozen fruit.

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Student in the News

Carson Hadaway, a 2013 Haskell High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List of the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources for both

the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters.

Hadaway, the daughter of Shane and Amanda Hadaway of Haskell, is a sophomore Agriculture Communications major.

Easy cheesy squash

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

What you need:

- Utensils:**
- Sharp knife
 - Cutting board
 - Skillet
 - Mixing spoon
 - Measuring cups & spoons
 - Can opener

Ingredients:

- 4 small zucchini, sliced*
- 2 fresh tomatoes, chopped*
- ¼ cup chopped onion*
- 1 finely chopped jalapeno*
- 1 teaspoon oil or non-stick cooking spray
- Garlic and pepper to taste
- 1 can (16 ounces) kernel corn, drained
- ½ cup reduced fat Monterrey Jack cheese or other favorite cheese, shredded*

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.

2. Clean the tops of canned food items before opening them.
3. Wash zucchini, tomatoes, onion and jalapeno. Cut vegetables as directed.
4. Heat skillet with oil or cooking spray over medium heat.
5. Add zucchini; cook until firmly tender.
6. Add tomatoes, onion, and jalapeno.
7. Season with garlic and pepper to taste.
8. Cook uncovered until veggies are tender.
9. Reduce heat and add corn and cheese.
10. Mix well and cook until cheese is melted

- Cook Time:** 20 minutes
Prep Time: 20 minutes
MyPyramid:
1 cup vegetables
1/4 cup milk

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Oven roasted vegetables

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

What you need:

- Utensils:**
- 13 x 9 inch baking pan
 - Knife
 - Cutting board
 - 2 Small bowls
 - Mixing Spoon
 - Measuring spoons

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice*
- ½ teaspoon dry rosemary
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon low sodium herb seasoning
- 6 cups fresh vegetables, chopped (potatoes, broccoli, carrots, green beans, zucchini, or cauliflower) *

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and

clean your cooking area.

2. Preheat oven to 450°F.
3. Mix oil, lemon juice, rosemary, black pepper, and herb seasoning in small bowl. Set aside.
4. Wash and chop vegetables.
5. Mix chopped vegetables with herb mixture to coat vegetables.
6. Place vegetables on a 13x9 inch ovenproof pan.
7. Bake for 10 minutes and stir vegetables.
8. Cook for another 10 minutes.
9. Serve immediately.

- Prep Time:** 15 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
MyPyramid:
¾ cup vegetables

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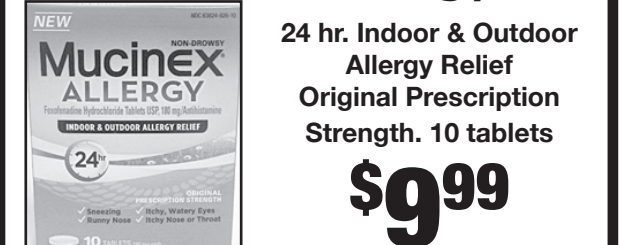
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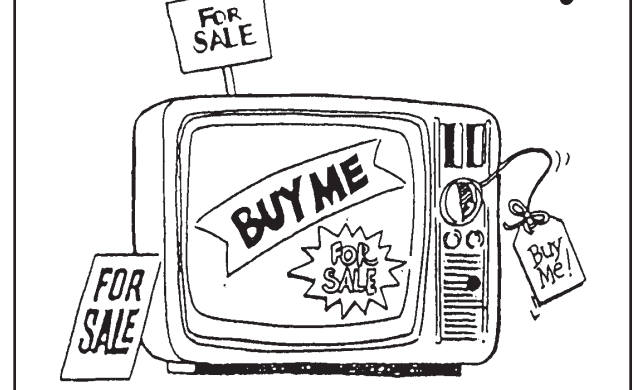
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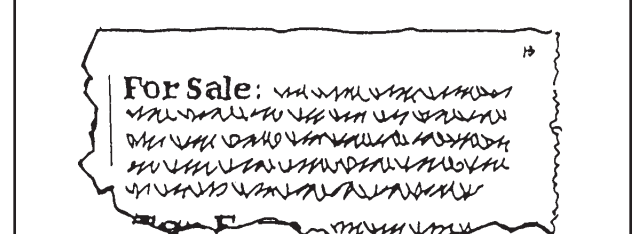
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Panel gets input on population influx at border
AUSTIN—A U.S. House Homeland Security Committee field hearing titled, "Crisis on the Texas Border: Surge of Unaccompanied Minors," was conducted in McAllen on July 3. Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw was among those who testified. He said unaccompanied Central American children are continuing to make the journey to the United States through Texas in record numbers; and

- U.S. Border Patrol detention facilities in the Rio Grande Valley and elsewhere are overwhelmed;
- Drug trafficking organizations are gaining power as a direct result of a porous border; and
- State troopers, agents and Texas Rangers are being deployed to the Rio Grande Valley "to conduct data-driven, multi-agency, ground, air and marine saturation patrols in high threat areas for sustained periods of time."

Gov. Rick Perry testified, too. Here are excerpts from what he said: "Last week I witnessed the difficult conditions these children are being housed in while they await action by Washington, whether it's the right decision to immediately deport them or the shortsighted and tragic decision to essentially turn them loose in the United States. Some might think allowing them to stay is a more humane option, I assure you, it is not. Nobody is doing any of these children the slightest favor by delaying a rapid return to their countries of origin, which in many cases is not Mexico."

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, listed more than a dozen areas of action the federal government is taking, one of which was public health screenings "for all those who come into our facilities for any symptoms of contagious diseases or other possible public health concerns."

Cost analysis is released
State Comptroller Susan Combs on June 30 announced the publication of an analysis of new school construction costs. Combs said the analysis, conducted by her agency, shows practices school districts can implement to save money, such as "architectural prototypes that suit elementary, middle or high schools, saving months of construction time and hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"Schools can be built efficiently and less expensively, but districts don't always choose to do so," Combs said. "Our report provides taxpayers and school districts with additional information to consider when making those choices."

Construction cost figures are

inflation adjusted and take into account regional differences in the price of materials and labor, Combs said.

Drought conditions persist
Gov. Perry on July 3 renewed for another month the drought emergency disaster he originally proclaimed on July 5, 2011, certifying exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas. This current proclamation extension applies to 118 of the state's 254 counties. "Rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster," the proclamation states.

Site shows impact of bases
Comptroller Combs on July 2 publicized a new source of information on the economic impact of military installations in the state.

TheTexasEconomy.org/military highlights how the state and local communities support military activities and families and gives examples of ways military activities spur economic development and innovation in Texas.

Texas military installations, which employ more than 255,000 military and defense-related civilian personnel, provide an impact "of nearly \$150 billion to the state economy and account for 6 percent of the state's economic activities," Combs said.

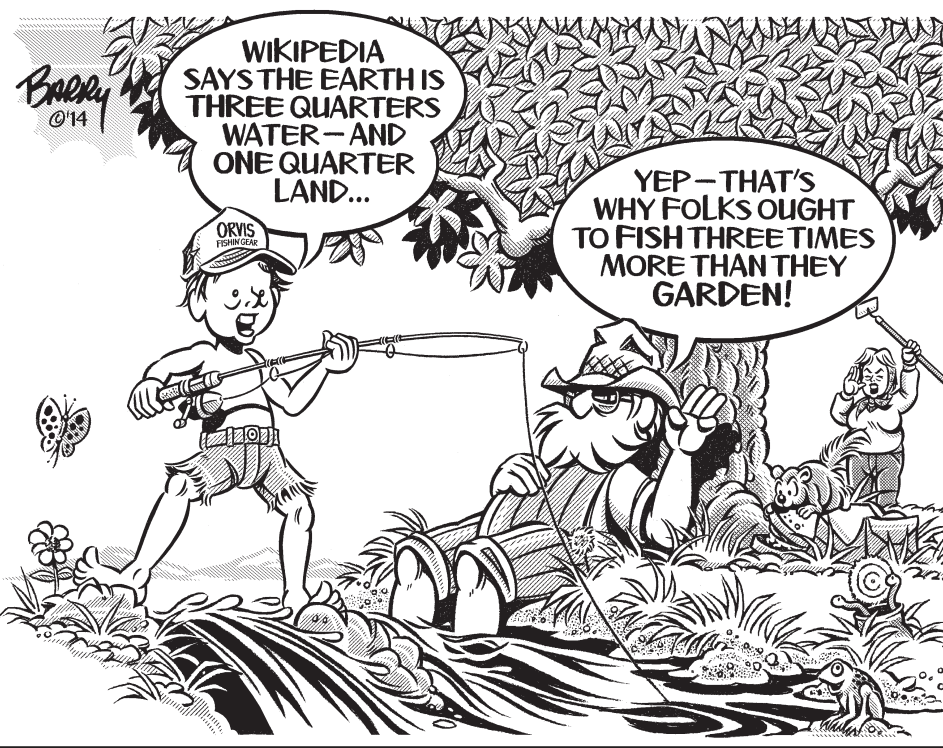
Anti-trafficking force meets
The Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, chaired by Attorney General Greg Abbott, met in Austin on July 1.

At the meeting, Abbott promoted a new publication titled "Introduction to Human Trafficking: A Guide for Texas Education Professionals."

He said the publication, available at oag.state.tx.us, would further the task force's efforts "to identify, investigate and prosecute human traffickers such as: the realities of human trafficking, federal and state laws defining and prohibiting human trafficking, human trafficking as a form of child abuse, risk factors for school-aged children, indicators of human trafficking, approaches to responding to an outcry, a mechanism to report human trafficking, and proactive approaches for school districts."

RRC offers BBQ tips
Texas Railroad Commission, the state's energy-regulating agency, on the day before the Fourth of July, made an announcement listing safety tips for Texas estimated six million "barbecue households" that own propane gas grills.

Among tips given was: "To turn the cylinder valve off or on, remember, Righty, Tightly... Lefty, Loosely."



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 8, 2004

The Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Department served funnel cakes and watermelon at The Anchor on July 4th. The fundraiser was held to help raise money to replace the fire department's building that was lost during the tornado.

Haskell Elementary third graders collected personal items for the Noah Project of Haskell, as a Learn and Serve Project. Accepting the donations were Noah Project representatives Donna Sue Anders and Janis Brzozowski.

20 Years Ago July 14, 1994

Haskell native Fred Rike has been named head basketball coach at Tyler Junior College. He is the son of John Sam and Mary Rike of Haskell.

Sons of Hermann Lodge 241 in Haskell made history when eleven members were presented 50-year membership pins. Receiving recognition were Francis Fischer, Evelyn Moeller, Lydia Klose, Lillie Peiser, Erna Peiser, Leona Seelig, Elton Klose, Wilbert Klose, Walter Kretschmer, Leonard Weise and Wilton Weise.

New members of HHS Quill and Scroll are Treci Burson, Jennifer Comedy, Janeen Jordan, Katy Martin, Natonia Anderson, Kelly Nanny, Cynthia Halliburton, Blake Henshaw, Christy Cadenhead, Michelle Miller, Amy Cunningham, Melanie Michaels and Sarah Cothron.

30 Years Ago July 12, 1984

Three new members were added to the thirty-one member Rochester Hobby Club since last month. They are Mattie Lou Cole and Ardell Beason of Rochester, and Oleta Fitzgerald of Knox City.

Representing Haskell FFA at the State FFA convention will be Val Simms, Area II winner in Public Speaking Contest; Joey Kimbrough, David Adams and Todd Harris, Lone Star Farmer recipients; Joey Thomas and Mickey Dunnam, voting delegates; Duane Gilly and James Bevel, sponsors.

Christie McAdams Leedy, a 1976 graduate of Haskell High School, received a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McAdams of Abilene and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. C.T. Jackson of Haskell.

40 Years Ago July 11, 1974

Capitol City Trap Club of Oklahoma City held its 75th annual State Trap Shoot. Winners from Haskell were Steve Ellis, Class B Doubles Champion; and Wallace Wooten, short of the Handicap Championship by one target.

According to County Extension Agent Barbara Elliott, nine 4-H'ers completed a third-year sewing project. They are Ember Miller, Sonja Tidrow,

Lynn Weatherly, Vicki Wallace, Janet Wallace, Julie Wallace, Kathy Campbell, Lorie Reynolds and Cam Klose.

The local county Farm Bureau sponsored Susan Lewis of Rule and Reeva Hamblin of Rochester, to their 12th annual Citizenship Seminar, held in Waco.

50 Years Ago July 9, 1964

Two Haskell County scouts were presented awards at Camp Tonkawa. Bobby Black, of Haskell Troop 36, earned Scouting's Bronze Palm, while Ronnie May of Rule Troop 44 received the Gold Palm.

Ordained and installed as new pastor of the Youngblood Memorial Presbyterian Church in Waco, was Haskell native David Duncan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Duncan of Haskell.

Attending the Small Schools Workshop in Austin, were Weinert school personnel Supt. Douglas Myers, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. R.S. Sanders, Mrs. D.L. Moody and Mrs. J.C. Yeary.

100 Years Ago July 8, 1914

Judge Joe Irby was a passenger on the Wichita Valley a few mornings ago, on his way to Wichita Falls.

J.A. Cockerell and wife, of Weinert, visited with Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Williams the first of the week.

Mr. W.A. Whatley left Munday for Dallas, to get a Mitchell car, he has sold to a party at Seymour.

Calendar

Ventriloquist to visit Haskell Co. Library Thurs., July 17

Haskell County Library will sponsor Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester, at the Library Thurs., July 17, at 10 a.m. Children in the area wide community are invited to attend. Worcester has been performing in Abilene for the past 15 years. Worcester, a professional ventriloquist and puppeteer, said she got into the business 24 years ago while working toward her teaching certificate. She was helping in schools with music, storytelling puppetry when she began volunteering at a library. One day a book titled "Ventriloquism for Kids" came across her desk and she took it home to teach herself the art and as they say, the rest is history.

Children's ministry

The Haskell Church of Christ Wednesday night Children's Ministry will continue throughout the summer. The regular schedule is: Sunday Bible classes 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., service groups and children's Bible hour 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday classes for all ages at 7:00 p.m.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, weather permitting.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be the first Monday of September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell water customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Al-Anon meets on Thursdays

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Texas confirms state's first Chikungunya case

The Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed the state's first human case of chikungunya, a viral disease that can cause fever and severe joint pain and is spread to people by mosquitoes.

The patient recently returned to Texas from a trip to the Caribbean where chikungunya has been causing human disease since late 2013. To date, no local spread of the virus has been reported in the continental United States, though imported cases make local spread possible because the mosquitoes that can transmit the virus are found in Texas. The Texas case is a Williamson County resident.

Chikungunya is not transmitted from direct person to person contact, but a person with the disease

can be the source of the virus for mosquitoes that can then transmit the virus to others through a bite. To prevent the spread of the disease, people with chikungunya illness should be especially careful to avoid exposure to mosquitoes during the first week of illness.

Infections are rarely fatal but can cause severe joint pain, high fever, head and muscle aches, joint swelling and rash. Symptoms usually begin three to seven days after being bitten by a mosquito. There is no vaccine or treatment for the virus. Most people feel better within a week, though some people may develop longer-term joint pain.

DSHS encourages people to protect themselves from mosquito bites at home and while traveling. The Aedes mosquitoes are active and bite during the day. Precautions include:

- Use an approved insect repellent every time you go

outside, and follow label instructions.

- Drain standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Wear long sleeves and pants when outside.
- Use air conditioning or make sure doors and windows are screened to keep mosquitoes outside.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with recent outbreaks in the Caribbean and the Pacific, the number of chikungunya cases among travelers visiting or returning to the United States from affected areas will likely increase. Cases have occurred in Africa, Southern Europe, Southeast Asia, and islands in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Because the symptoms are similar, DSHS encourages physicians to consider both chikungunya and dengue infection in patients with acute onset of fever and joint pain and who have recently visited areas where at least one of the viruses is present.

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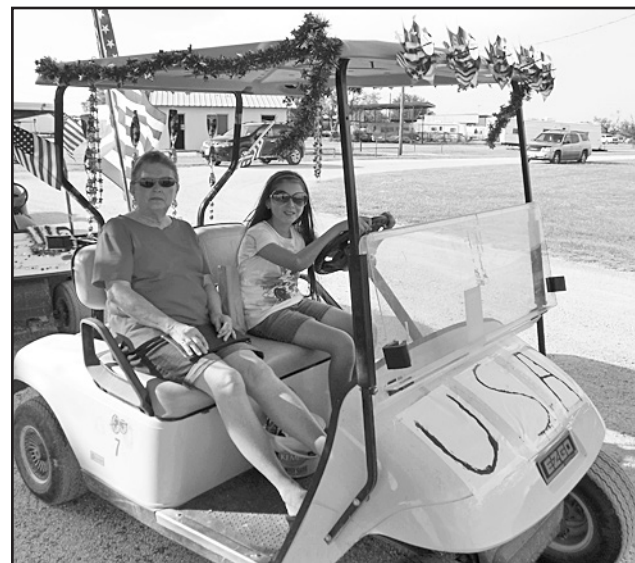
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4th of July parade held at The Anchor

The annual fourth of July parade was held at The Anchor at Lake Stamford beginning at 6:30 p.m. Golf carts gathered at the store and traveled up and

down each street at the campgrounds. Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens led the parade. Proceeds from the event

will help make repairs to the see-saw at the County's playground. Fireworks followed at dark.



Carmen Gilley and Mia Lawson



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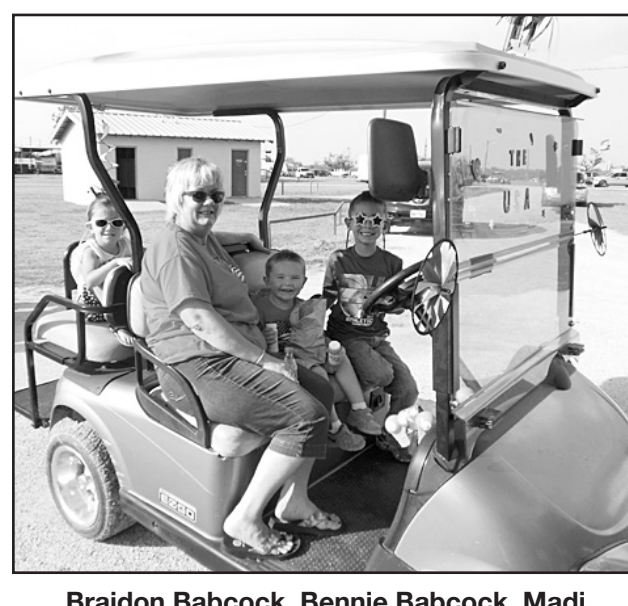
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USDA reminds producers of 2014 acreage reporting requirement

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Haskell County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director Terri Klose reminds agricultural producers that July 15, 2014, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2014. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

“Although some federal farm program enrollments have not yet arrived, timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA

office, are important to ensure program eligibility,” said Klose. Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Perennial forage crops intended for grazing or haying were required to be reported last fall, whereas perennial forage crops with an intended use of cover only, green manure, left standing, or seed, must be reported by July 15.

Although July 15 is the most common deadline to report acreage for spring seeded crops, this date may be different in locations with climates that are warmer or cooler than average. Producers should

contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about acreage reporting deadlines. Klose said that failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop and that prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the applicable crop.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

This information was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while

achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



Sheena, Carter and Colton Crosson

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Tax breaks for job hunters

Summertime is the season that often leads to major life decisions, such as buying a home, moving or a job change. If you are looking for a new job that is in the same line of work, you may be able to deduct some of your job hunting expenses on your federal income tax return.

"Folks who have lost their jobs and who spend time updating résumés and attending career fairs should look into the possibility that they may qualify for a deduction," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Although most people probably aren't thinking about their next tax return while they're on the job hunt, it's important to remember to keep records that will give you the information needed to figure the deduction—hold on to canceled checks or account statements and receipts."

The expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation to be deductible. You may not deduct expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupation.

Employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation are deductible, but if your employer pays you back in a later year for employment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year.

"You can usually deduct amounts you spend for preparing and mailing copies of your résumé to prospective employers as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation," Sanford added.

If you travel to an area to look for a new job in

your present occupation, you may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. However, you can only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job. Job search expenses are not deductible if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you begin looking for a new one.

In order to be deductible, the amount that you spend for job search expenses, combined with other miscellaneous expenses, must exceed a certain threshold. To determine your deduction, use Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. Job search expenses are claimed as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. The amount of your miscellaneous deduction that exceeds two percent of your adjusted gross income is deductible.

For more information about job search expenses, see IRS Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions. This publication is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

'Watch Your Car Month' informs drivers about preventing vehicle crimes

What is important to you? Is it your family, home, pets, money, security or other possessions? Did you know that if your vehicle is stolen or burglarized, all those things can also be threatened? In other words, crimes against a vehicle may be only the first in a string of criminal acts that directly affect you.

In 2012, vehicle thefts in Texas totaled 64,982, which means a car was stolen every eight minutes. Any vehicle is a potential target, and those most stolen are at least five years old. In 2013, the most targeted makes/models in Texas included: 1) Ford Pickup, 2) Chevrolet Pickup, 3) Dodge Pickup, 4) Chevrolet Tahoe and 5) Honda Civic.

Vehicle thieves are looking for opportunities. And unfortunately, many drivers aid thefts by leaving doors unlocked and keys inside. Once a vehicle is stolen, any number of additional offenses could take place. The vehicle may be used to commit another crime. It may be operated erratically and involved in an accident. It may be dismantled so the parts can be sold to fund other crimes ranging from

drug use to terrorism.

In 2012, reported vehicle burglaries in Texas totaled 221,023, which means parts or contents were stolen every two minutes. Much like thefts involving the entire vehicle, drivers often unintentionally assist burglars with their crimes by leaving belongings visible. Items left behind can result in a number of additional offenses. Keys or garage door openers can provide thieves access to homes, where belongings, money, and personal information could be taken. If a pet or child is left unattended in a vehicle, they could become additional victims of a thief. Items such as purses, briefcases, bags, electronics, clothing, or accessories can be stolen, leading to financial ruin, identity theft or resale of items to other unknowing victims.

Historically, more vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas during summer months, which is why the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) has declared July "Watch Your Car Month." During "Watch Your Car Month," representatives within 29 vehicle crime task

forces funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers that they must protect their vehicles and all possessions inside to avoid falling victim to thieves. If drivers are leaving themselves vulnerable to theft, they are encouraged to change their behavior in order to avoid vehicle criminals. In addition, drivers should recognize that thieves want to strike in locations where we are most likely to leave belongings and be separated from our vehicles for longer periods of time. Those places may include homes, malls, gyms, movie theaters, hotels, ... even places of worship! Anywhere! In other words, thieves are looking for the biggest financial payoff that can be gained in the shortest amount of time and with the greatest ease. So always be aware!

To view the latest ABTPA PSA, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuGyyx8F0s>. For additional tips on preventing vehicle crime, information on "Watch Your Car Month," or to contact your local task force, call 800-CAR-WATCH.



This Week's Devotional Message:

The Bible contains a timeless recipe for the good life

Despite the march of progress and all the latest inventions that mark our ever-changing lifestyles, there are some things that remain constant; because they cannot be improved upon. One of these is a good recipe that has been preserved intact through the years, because it is made from the finest ingredients. However, the most famous of all classic recipes is found not in a cookbook, but in the Bible; where we learn that ideal human

behavior has not changed through all the centuries of recorded history. Even in our space age, there is no replacement for honesty, kindness, industry, a spirit of cooperation, compassion for the less fortunate and the love and worship of God; among other things. This recipe for a good life appears in any version of the Scriptures, with easy-to-follow directions; and any further explanation you might need is available at your house of worship.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Shawn Smith
Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Galvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
940-863-4405

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; 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.m., 10:55 a.m., 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., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m.
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Bishop Helsley, 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.; Wed. 7 p.
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
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296

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

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 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.
O'Brien

What's the buzz on West Nile Virus? Mosquito expert provides tips

Mosquito bites can trigger more than just irritated, itchy skin. They can signal the beginning of potentially harmful diseases such as West Nile Virus. Richard Duhrkopf, Ph.D., biology professor in Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences, provides several tips on how to avoid being bitten and reduce the number of mosquitoes buzzing around.

"In any location, there are hundreds of different types of mosquitoes with different characteristics. Some are more likely than others to transmit diseases like the West Nile Virus. Mosquito populations are associated with heat and rainfall. So, if we have regular rainfall, we will have mosquitoes," Duhrkopf said.

He said eliminating

standing water is crucial in reducing mosquito populations that could be carriers of disease.

"Any object that can hold water can become a mosquito breeding site. Five-gallon buckets have become popular to hold gardening materials and a variety of things in a yard," Duhrkopf said. "These can also hold water and breed mosquitoes. But, it does not have to be something that large. A soda can is able to collect enough rainwater to foster

the breeding of mosquitoes." Duhrkopf, regional director for the national American Mosquito Control Association, said one of the most effective ways to prevent mosquito bites is awareness.

"Anyone can help to reduce mosquito populations by simply being aware of the places mosquitoes breed. Getting rid of mosquitoes will greatly decrease the chance you and your family have for getting West Nile," Duhrkopf said.

Tropical fruit dip

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
What you need:
Utensils:
•Measuring cups &

spoons
•Mixing bowl
•Mixing spoon
Ingredients:
2 cups fat-free yogurt
1 cup crushed or pureed canned pineapple in 100% juice
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
Fresh fruit or graham crackers for dipping (optional)
What to do:
1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine yogurt, pineapple brown sugar and cinnamon.
3. Serve immediately or refrigerate.
Prep Time: 15 minutes

ECC Menu
Mon., July 14
Meatballs, potato salad, blackeyed peas, cornbread, strawberry cake, tea or coffee
Wed., July 16
Hamburgers and fixings, pinto beans, chips, jello, cookie, tea or coffee
Fri., July 18
Beef a roni, hominy, beets, garlic toast, white cake, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Randy Phelps, Manager

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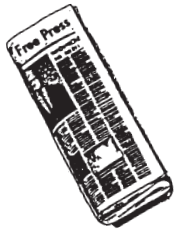
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Help Wanted

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COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: July 10, 2014
City of Haskell
P.O. Box 1003
Haskell, TX 79521
940/864-2333

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Haskell.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 28, 2014, the City of Haskell will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Water System Improvements, for the purpose of constructing a new water well; chlorination facility; instrumentation & controls; 10,000 LF of 10" water line; bore & encasement. Project located northwest and north of the City of Haskell, 500' east of FM 2163. Possible alternates include drilling of additional wells and/or constructing additional water appurtenances in support of primary facility.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Haskell has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human

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environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Haskell City Hall, 301 S. 1st, Haskell, TX, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration to the City of Haskell to the Office of the Mayor. All comments received by July 25, 2014, will be considered by the City of Haskell prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Haskell certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, that John Gannaway in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Haskell to use HUD Program funds.

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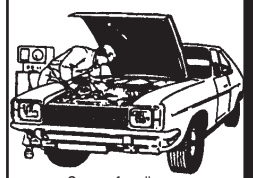
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RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Haskell certification received by August 14, 2014, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Haskell approved by the Department; (b) the City of Haskell has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12847, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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HASKELL RESIDENTIAL
1105 5TH ST. - 3 bedroom brick home. \$52,000 - **NEW**
116 EAST AVE. J - Large 3/2 with double garage and metal roof on corner lot. \$82,500 - **NEW**
105 N. AVE. M - 2/1 - **SOLD**
1018 N. 6TH - 3/1.5 move in ready, CH/A, beautiful hardwood floors and many upgrades. \$47,500 - **NEW**
504 N. 11TH - 2/2, abundant parking and storage building. \$37,500 - **NEW**
806 S. 1ST - 2/2 - **PENDING**
7204 U.S. HWY. 380E - **SOLD**
1107 N. AVE. H - **PENDING**
1400 N. AVE. L - **PENDING**
1022 N. 6TH - 3/2 with immaculate backyard. Hardwood floors. \$54,500 - **REDUCED**
707 N. H - Beautiful 4/3 with office, hardwood floors and large shop. Motivated Seller - **REDUCED**
1001 N. G - Beautiful historic 3/3 with wonderful yard. \$169,000 - **REDUCED**
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1208 N. THIRD - **PENDING**

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1150 WEST EDEN, MUNDAY - 3/2 with new CH/A and a metal roof. \$77,500 - **NEW**
923 EARLES CAMP - 3/2 One of the nicest lake houses around with dock house. \$54,500 - **NEW**
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111 W. M - MUNDAY - 3/2 Double living areas and large yard. \$65,000 - **PENDING**
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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Mon., June 23 with County Judge David Davis, and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Tiffen Mayfield and Neal Kreger present.

All bills, including the registration fee for the County Clerk and Deputy Clerk for continuing education on E-Filing, were approved to pay.

Approval has been given to state on Project CERTZ. Sheriff Winston

Stephens reported to the Commissioners that Dan Kaszuba is no longer employed by the Sheriff's Department as of June 17.

An order regulating the presence of animals on county property was approved. County Attorney Kris Fouts will draw up a resolution.

Judge Davis made a motion to approve the resolution opposing the proposed new rule to define "Waters of the United States" in that it increases

the need for burdensome and costly permitting requirements, infringes on private property rights, and circumvents the legislative process, thus, the will of the people. The motion passed.

A bid from William Walker for \$600 for a 1995 Ford truck from Precinct 2 was accepted.

The budget for the Haskell County Appraisal District was approved.

No action was taken concerning a burn ban.

4-H'ers compete at district horse show held in Vernon

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Top young riders throughout the Rolling Plains District participated June 18-21 in the 47th annual Rolling Plains District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon.

More than 150 4-H'ers competed in Showmanship, Roping, Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Futurity Classes.

Four local 4-H'ers represented Haskell County.

The following is the placing of each 4-H'er.

River McTasney placed seventh in 3 Year Old Futurity Reining, seventh in 3 Year Old Futurity Trail, sixth in Futurity Pleasure and seventh in 3 Year Old Futurity Overall. River also participated in the Stock Horse Pleasure, Stock Horse Showmanship, Cow Boxing and Stock Horse Trail.

Zhenia McTasney placed fourth in Hunter Under Saddle, third in Hunt Seat Equitation, fifth in Hunter Showmanship, third in 3 Year Old Futurity Reining,

fifth in 3 Year Old Futurity Trail, fifth in 3 Year Old Futurity Pleasure and fifth in 3 Year Old Futurity Overall. Zhenia also participated in the Stock Horse Pleasure, Stock Horse Horsemanship, Reining, Western Pleasure, Cow Boxing and Stock Horse Trail.

Kaley and Kameryn Mathis participated in the Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and the Stakes Race.

These four 4-H'ers will go on to the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene which will be held July 19-26 and participate there.

Cool veggie pizza

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

What you need:

- Utensils:**
- Cookie sheet
 - Mixing bowl
 - Measuring cups & spoons
 - Rubber spatula or spoon
 - Cutting board & knife

Ingredients:

- 1 8-ounce can refrigerated reduced fat crescent rolls
- ½ 8-ounce package fat free cream cheese
- ½ package dry ranch dressing mix
- 1 tablespoon fat free milk*
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup sliced carrots*
- 1 cup chopped green bell peppers*

1 cup quartered zucchini slices*

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Preheat oven to 375°F.
3. Unroll the crescent rolls onto an ungreased cookie sheet.
4. Pinch together the perforations and press the dough out to fill the pan.
5. Bake the crust for 10-12 minutes until golden and let crust cool completely.
6. In a bowl, combine cream cheese, ranch dressing mix, milk, garlic powder, and pepper; mix well.
7. Cover bowl and chill for 10-15 minutes.
8. Wash, and slice vegetables.
9. Using a rubber spatula

spread the cream cheese mixture over the cooled crust.

10. Arrange the vegetables over the pizza.

11. Cut into six pieces and serve immediately.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 10-12 minutes

Chill Time: 10-15 minutes

MyPyramid:

1 ounce Grains

½ cup Vegetables

Note: Cover and store all leftovers in the refrigerator. The vegetables can be varied (examples: broccoli, red bell pepper, onion), but there should be 3 cups of vegetables for the recipe.

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