

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., July 31 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., July 24 at 4:30 p.m.

### Men's breakfast

A men's free breakfast will be held Sun., July 27 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. All men in the community are invited.

### Basketball camp

The 2014 Rising Stars-Maiden Basketball Camp will be Mon., July 28 through Wed., July 30 at the Haskell High School gymnasium. Incoming third-sixth grade will be from 9:00-12:00 and incoming seventh-ninth graders will be from 1:30-4:30. For more information about registering, call Blake Eddleman at 940-249-3111 or check the Haskell Athletic Boosters Facebook page.

### 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.

### 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.

### Dance

A benefit dance will be held Sat., Aug. 2 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Cottonwood Cowboy Band will present the music. Cost is \$10 per person. All 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.

### Mud Run

What do mud, old tires, telephone poles, sandbags, and a Ninja Board have in common? All will be part of the challenges at the Clear Fork Crime Stopper Mud-Out Crime Mud Run, Sat., Aug. 9 at Lake Stamford Marina. Register at ACTIVE.COM. Early registration ended July 22. T shirts are guaranteed for those who register early. Runners and walkers can choose between a 3K and 5K course with runners starting at 9 a.m. and walkers at 10 a.m. Come on out to the lake, enjoy the fun, and help keep our communities safe. All proceeds benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers.

### 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. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

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## Haskell FFA members attend state convention

The 86th Annual Texas FFA Convention was held July 14-18 in Fort Worth and was proudly represented by fourteen Haskell FFA members who brought home several state awards and scholarships.

Traveling in from all across the state of Texas were over 10,000 FFA members, all dressed in their blue corduroy FFA jackets. It was a great week for our students to participate in leadership development, community relations, and social outreach. The week was filled with speaking competitions, talent shows, notable guest speakers, state officer elections, award presentations and a convention dance.

Representing Haskell FFA were Lucy Carmichael, Meghan Glover, Kaley Mathis, Makenzie Gass, Reagan Hadaway, Kourtney Howard, Sarah Campbell, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Pryce Stewart, Sam Fouts, Hayden Hudson, Daphni Leonard, Katie Newberry and Alye Stewart.

The highlight of any student's FFA career is the opportunity to apply for scholarships. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of FFA involvement, leadership, academic achievement and financial need. Three outstanding Haskell FFA members were awarded scholarships

administered through the Texas FFA. Lucy Carmichael and Meghan Glover each received \$18,000 scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Kaley Mathis was awarded \$10,000 from the Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate Scholarship.

The highest FFA degree a student member can be awarded on the state level is

the Lone Star FFA Degree. The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have been active FFA members for at least three years, maintain a supervised agricultural experience program, demonstrate leadership skills and are highly involved in FFA activities and competitions. Haskell FFA members

Makenzie Gass, Reagan Hadaway and Reed Lee each received their Lone Star FFA Degree while in Fort Worth.

Haskell FFA member Kourtney Howard was also honored by being awarded the Area II FFA Star Chapter Farmer in Agricultural Placement. This past year, Howard worked with Red Creek Cattle Company, a

diversified cattle ranch and farming operation. She also participated in FFA Public Relations, Livestock Judging, Public Speaking and raised show steers. The Star Chapter Farmer in Agricultural Placement is awarded to the top student as evidenced by their experiences, record books, application and interview process.



**STATE CONVENTION**—Fourteen Haskell FFA members attended the 86th Annual Texas FFA Convention July 14-18 in Fort Worth. Members attending include, front row, l-r, Makenzie Gass, Daphni Leonard, Alye Stewart and Sarah Campbell; back row, Hayden Hudson, Pryce Stewart, Sam Fouts, Morgan Nava-Munoz, Reagan Hadaway, Katie Newberry and Kourtney Howard. Not pictured are Lucy Carmichael, Meghan Glover and Kaley Mathis.

## Texas sales tax holiday is Aug. 8-10

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Fri., Sat. and Sun., Aug. 8-10.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Families gearing up for the new school year will not pay any sales tax for

many back-to-school items ranging from pens to blue jeans," Combs said. "When the back-to-school list is long and the money is short, it can be difficult for Texas families. We hope this tax break will help ease that burden."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [www.TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://www.TexasTaxHoliday.org).

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$82.7 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

## Weinert VBS is Aug. 7

First Baptist Church of Weinert will hold a one-day SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School Thurs., Aug. 7,

from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. at the new fellowship hall, just north of the church, and will continue until 2:00 p.m. when parents may pick up their children on the fellowship hall porch.

Bible study, crafts, music and recreation will combine to provide a study of 1 Corinthians 13, the Love Chapter.

Snacks and lunch will be provided. All area children age 3 through those who finished sixth grade are invited to attend.

Call 940-673-8310 or 940-673-8269 for more information or to let us know you plan to attend.

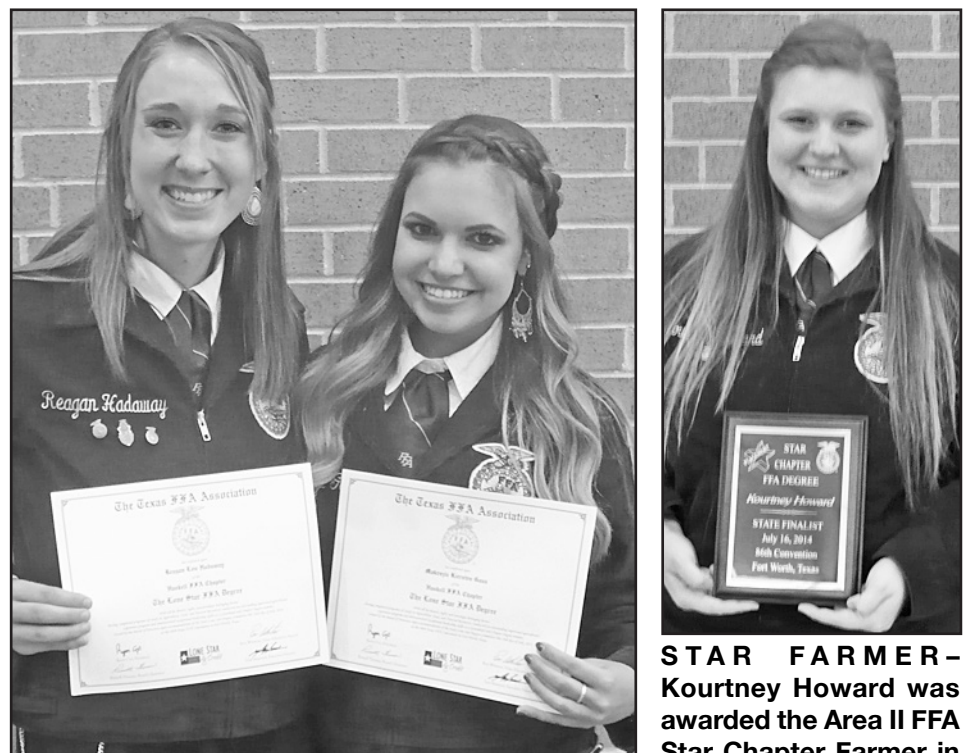
## Weather

by Kim Hutto  
National Weather Service  
Volunteer Co-op Observer  
Temperature

Mon., July 14 ..... 72°/100°  
Tues., July 15 ..... 72°/85°  
Wed., July 16 ..... 70°/94°  
Thurs., July 17 ..... 68°/94°  
Fri., July 18 ..... 67°/81°  
Sat., July 19 ..... 64°/100°  
Sun., July 20 ..... 74°/101°

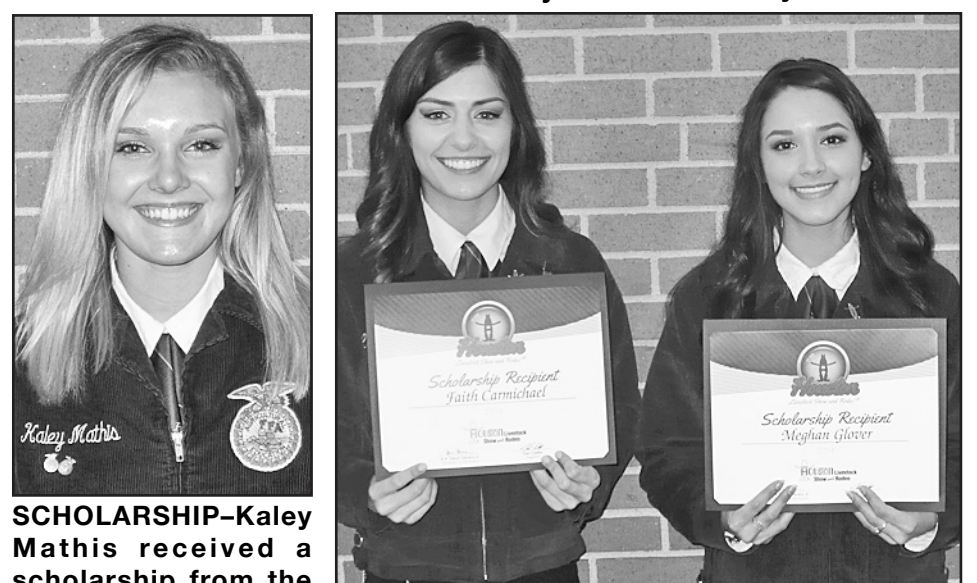
### Precipitation

Mon., July 14 ..... 3.26" rain  
Wed., July 16 through  
Thurs., July 17 ... 3.28" rain



**LONE STAR DEGREE**—Reagan Hadaway, left, and Makenzie Gass, along with Reed Lee, not pictured, received the Lone Star FFA Degree at the annual Texas FFA Convention held in Fort Worth July 14-18.

**STAR FARMER**—Kourtney Howard was awarded the Area II FFA Star Chapter Farmer in Agricultural Placement at the annual Texas FFA Convention held in Fort Worth July 14-18.



**SCHOLARSHIP**—Kaley Mathis received a scholarship from the Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate while attending the annual Texas FFA Convention held in Fort Worth.

**RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS**—Lucy Carmichael, left, and Meghan Glover each received a scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo while attending the annual Texas FFA Convention held in Fort Worth July 14-18.

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# Obituaries

## Mary Yvonne King



**YVONNE KING**

Funeral services for Mary Yvonne King, 79, of Haskell were held Fri., July 18 at the Haskell Church of Christ with Robert Mansker and Kevin Roberts officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. King passed away Tues., July 15.

Born Nov. 30, 1934 in Stamford, she was a daughter

of the late Thomas Lindsey and Julia (Coker) Cox. She married Deward Gordy, Sr. in 1951 and to this union were born three sons, Joseph Lindsey Gordy, Deward Wayne Gordy, Jr. and Thomas Rodney Gordy. She later married Olen Bruce King and to this union was born a son, Michael Bruce King. Yvonne worked throughout her lifetime in the Haskell and Stamford area in public service. These places included Texas Instruments, various restaurants and the home healthcare industry. In her younger years, she played softball and enjoyed sitting down and playing dominoes with her family and friends. Yvonne also liked to go camping, but her greatest passion was loving and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wanda Ruth Owens; and a

brother in law, Royce Speck.

Family left to cherish Yvonne's memory are her sons, Joe Lindsey and Billie June Gordy of Gardendale, Rodney and Raquel Gordy of Odessa, Deward and Becky Gordy of Haskell, Michael King and wife Holly of New Waverly; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; a brother, Walter and Sue Cox of Omaha, Texas; two sisters, Linda and Herbert Camp, Jo Speck, all of Lubbock; a brother-in-law, Donnie Owens of Medford, Oklahoma; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

The family requests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 808 W. Missouri Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

Online condolences may be given at [www.kinneyunderwoodfuneralhome.com](http://www.kinneyunderwoodfuneralhome.com). PD. NOTICE

## Mayre Lena (Tubbs) Wiseman



**MAYRE WISEMAN**

Funeral services for Mayre Lena (Tubbs) Wiseman, 94, of Haskell were held Tues., July 22 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell officiating. Interment was at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Wiseman went home to our Lord Sat., July 19 in Haskell.

Mayre Lena Tubbs, the second child of Mayre Jewell (Churchwell) and John L. Tubbs was born in Stamford, July 14, 1920. Her brother, John L. Tubbs, Jr. was born May 31, 1919, and died the same day. Mayre grew up in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1937. During this time she played the piano, organ, violin and clarinet in the high school band and orchestra. In the fall after her graduation, she attended Texas State College for Women in Denton, majoring in Business Administration. She married the love of her life, Roy Dee Wiseman, Nov. 17, 1939.

They made their home on a farm west of Haskell. Trained in bookkeeping and office management, Mayre began very early working in the office of Emergency Crop and Feed Loan in the payroll department. In addition, Mayre was deputy clerk in the District Clerk's office, County Clerk's office, secretary for the County Judge, and Clerk in the Agriculture Adjustment Administration in Haskell County. After the birth of their second son, Mayre worked as bookkeeper and clerk with the Stamford Production Credit Association and later asked to help out for one year at the Duncan Gin Company in Haskell. That one year became one of several as Office Manager. In 1979, Mayre was appointed Assistant County Auditor something that she held for two years.

Mayre's busy life also included being a Den Mother, official scorer in Little League and Teenage baseball, involvement and president of the PTA, president of Band Parents, and any other activities her son volunteered her for. She was a member of Haskell Chapter #891, O.E.S. holding several offices and past Matron. In addition, at the First Presbyterian Church in Haskell she was organist, teacher, treasurer, elder and Clerk of the Session.

She maintained the farm operations for seven years after the death of Roy Dee on June 16, 1977. In 1983, she moved to Wichita Falls where she remained active as a chapter member and second

president of the North Texas Genealogical Association in Wichita Falls; a member of the Major Francis Grice Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; member of Rebecca Jane Fisher, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Wichita County Historical Commission and Heritage Society, as well as member of the First Presbyterian Church. Due to health issues, Mayre moved back to Haskell in 2008 to be closer to her son.

In addition to her husband, Roy Dee, Mayre is preceded in death by her parents, John and Mayre Tubbs; and her two sons, James Roy Wiseman and Randolph Gary Wiseman.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Meg Shuttleworth and husband Bill of Albuquerque, New Mexico; grandson, Gary Wiseman and wife Annique of Little Elm; great granddaughter, Maggie Shuttleworth; great grandson, Tyler Wiseman; and daughter-in-law Bobby Wiseman of Haskell.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Everett, Roger Moeller, Dr. D. Davis, David Adams, Jerry Don Klose and David Frierson.

If desired, memorials may be given in Mayre's name to the Haskell Education Foundation School Fund, P.O. Box 305, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Online condolences can be shared at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com). PD. NOTICE

## Tommy Leroy Westerman



**TOMMY WESTERMAN**

Funeral services for Tommy Leroy Westerman, 76, of Haskell were held Tues., July 22 at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope with Rev. Randy Estes officiating.

Burial was at Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Abilene, directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

Mr. Westerman passed away peacefully Sat., July 19 at an Abilene hospital.

Born Sept. 1, 1937, in Farmer, he was the son of the late, Tommy C. and Irene E. Elliott Westerman. Leroy was known as a loving and generous father, husband, brother and grandfather with a big heart. He always had a way to make you laugh or at least put a smile on your face. He will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Maxin Smith and Mary

Gardner.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 35 years, Mary J. Westerman of Haskell; three sons, Greg (Christina) Westerman, Tommy (Lisa) Westerman and Mathew (Linda) Westerman, all of Abilene; one brother, T.C. (Mary) Westerman of Haskell; a sister, Wanda (Billy) Goswick of Abilene; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Online condolences and guest book may be signed at [www.abilenefuneralhome.com](http://www.abilenefuneralhome.com). PD. NOTICE

## Preston Harlan Weinert

Funeral services for Preston Harlan Weinert, 89, of Houston, formerly of Weinert, will be held Thurs., July 24 at First United Methodist Church of Haskell with interment immediately following at Willow Cemetery.

Mr. Weinert passed away in Houston Sat., July 19.

Harlan grew up in Weinert, attended Tarleton State University, and served in the Army in World War II. Returning home after the war, he was a successful farmer for

most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Preston Ferdinand and Margaret Marr Weinert; wife, Jimmie Lou Weinert; and sister, Nadine Weinert Denton.

Survivors include his sister, Joella Weinert Perkins; and numerous other loving relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Haskell or a charity of your choice. PD. NOTICE

## Josephine Parish Atterbury



**JOSEPHINE ATTERBURY**

Funeral services for Josephine Parish Atterbury, 89, of College Station will be held Fri., July 25 at First Christian Church in Bryan with Rev. Jesse Myers officiating. Interment will follow at Aggie Field of Honor in College Station. A time for family to receive friends will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thurs., July 24 at Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan.

Mrs. Atterbury passed away peacefully at her home Sun., July 20.

Born Sept. 10, 1924, she was the daughter of Elam and Annice Fields Parish of Haskell. Josephine was valedictorian of her elementary school and an honor student in high school. She took, "expression," tap dancing and violin throughout her school days. When someone had a party or shower and needed entertainment they called on Josephine to either recite or dance.

Josephine met her husband to be, John, Jan. 26, 1941. John entered Texas A&M in Sept. 1941, and she entered TSCW in Sept. 1942, majoring in speech.



She played in the school orchestra. She was also in the Caparettes, the school dance team.

Josephine and John were married June 20, 1944, five days after John graduated from Infantry school. They were married in the Little Chapel in the woods on the TSCW campus. Dr. Messenger, minister of First Christian Church in Denton performed the ceremony. Both John and Josephine were members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since childhood which undoubtedly contributed to their 70 years of happy marriage.

John and Josephine were active in a Christian Church wherever they lived. The last nineteen years before retiring they were members of Southshore Christian Church in Corpus Christi. When they left, Josephine was made a deaconess emeritus. Since November 1985 they have been active members of BCS First Christian Church. Josephine became known as the "Brownie Lady" for the quality and quantity of brownies furnished at church

dinners.

Josephine devoted her life to her family. She was a loving wife, a great mother and grandmother. When asked her occupation, she would say housewife and she was top of the line in that profession. The grandchildren particularly remember years of snacks she fed them and the games she played with them. The family often heard, "it's not as good as Tina Mom's" when someone else fixed a similar dish.

Her strokes and dementia greatly reduced her quality of life the last few years. She took a turn for the worse July 18, 2014 and passed away quietly July 20th.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Olive; and brother, Wallace.

Survivors include her husband, John; her children, Joan, John III, Jim (and wife Stacy), and Jane; grandchildren, Lauren and Bethan Atterbury (John's children), Julie, Jason (and wife Kasey), and Brittany Atterbury (Jim's children), Jeremy Cunningham and Leslie Kelly (and husband Al) (Jane's children); and great grandchildren, James and Katlyn Cunningham (Jeremy's children), Madelyn Kelly (Leslie and Al's child), Grace Atterbury (Jason and Kasey's child).

The family wants to thank Hospice Brazos Valley for all their care and the members of First Christian Church for their concern and prayers.

Please share memories and tributes to Josephine at [www.hillierfuneralhome.com](http://www.hillierfuneralhome.com). PD. NOTICE

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at [hfpnews@lycos.com](mailto:hfpnews@lycos.com) or [hfp@valornet.com](mailto:hfp@valornet.com)

## Haskell Memorial Hospital

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## Dr. Ruth Ebangit



*Dr. Ebangit will join our medical staff and community in August 2014.*

*Dr. Ebangit completed her residency in June at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and is board certified in Family Medicine. She has a special interest in women's health and general family care.*

*Dr. Ebangit will be accepting new patients starting August 11th and appointments can be made by calling the Hospital Clinic at 864-8513.*

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**4-H CAMP**—4-H Day Camp held Tues., July 15 included learning about measurements. Attending were, l-r, Brayden Brzozowski, Bailey Hawkins and Trinity Black. They made ice cream in a bag and homemade gak practicing the new skills they learned.



**VISIT CENTER**—Fourteen students of Haskell Early Learning Center visited Majestic Living Center Haskell last Tuesday and brought handmade cards and dream catchers for the residents. All enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments. Children attending were Colton Crosson, Kennedy Buchanan, Casen Thompson, Carter Crosson, William Penman, Lyric Pittman, Rebekah Cunningham, Ryleigh Thompson, Korbyn Rowden, Heston Tatum, Payden Wheat, Grant Lackey, Tre Thompson and Jake Casey. They were brought by Sheena Crosson, owner and director of the learning center and Kasey Duniven, assistant director. Residents attending the party were Vera Smith, George Fouts, Bonnie House, Kathryn Buske, Melva Sellars and Edith Hobert.



**ATTEND CHEERLEADING CAMP**—The 2014-2015 Haskell Junior High cheerleaders, l-r, Krislyn Tatum, Areli Torres, Madysen Moore, Allie Adress, Kaelyn Bevel, Autum Gibbs, Kourtney Gibson and Kobie Walker, participated in a UCA Home Camp at Haskell High School July 15-16.

## New Hantavirus cases trigger precaution reminder

Two recent cases of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome were confirmed in residents of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, bringing the year's total to three.

Texas had one case in 2013. No cases were reported from 2009 to 2012.

The disease is severe and sometimes fatal, prompting the Texas Department of State Health Services to remind people to protect themselves from the virus that causes HPS. A case confirmed earlier this year was a resident of the Panhandle.

Hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice that shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva. The virus can be transmitted to people when nesting materials or dust contaminated by infected rat or mouse urine, droppings and saliva are stirred up, allowing the virus to be breathed in by humans. The illness is rare, but HPS cases are frequently associated with spring cleaning.

DSHS recommends general safety precautions that apply to Hantavirus as well as other infectious diseases:

- Seal openings that may allow rats and mice to enter homes and workplaces.

- Remove brush, woodpiles, trash and other items that may attract rats and mice.

- Tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers and other food sources.

- Before cleaning up nests or droppings found inside, open windows and doors to ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes.

- If any dust will be stirred up, goggles and a HEPA or N-95 mask are recommended.

- Wear protective gloves to handle dead mice and rats or to clean up nesting areas, urine or droppings.

- Do not stir up dust by sweeping or vacuuming. Dampen areas before cleanup with either a 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture or another effective disinfectant, in order to eliminate dust and begin inactivating the virus. After 30 minutes, apply the viricide again and immediately begin the cleaning process.

- Use the same viricide and apply to dead rodents, nests, urine and droppings before cleaning, with the same 30 minute interval and reapplication process.

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection include fatigue, fever and muscle aches. These symptoms may be accompanied by headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Later symptoms include coughing and shortness of breath. If hantavirus is suspected, people should contact their health care provider immediately and inform the practitioner of exposure to rodents, their waste, or their nesting material.

A total of 41 HPS cases have been confirmed in Texas since 1993, the first year it was reported. 14 of those cases resulted in death.

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## ECC Menu

Mon., July 28

Sloppy joes, pork and beans, chips, pickles, onions, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Wed., July 30

Lasagna, whole kernel corn, coleslaw, garlic bread, jello, choco chip cookie  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Calendar

### Al-Anon

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

### 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.

### Storm sirens

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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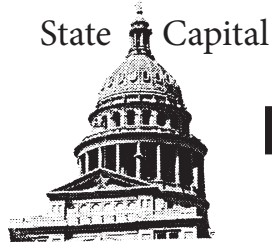
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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### Dewhurst appoints Senate Finance chair

AUSTIN—Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on July 17 appointed Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, as chair of the powerful, state budget-writing Senate Finance Committee. The two-year state budget totals close to \$200 billion.

Nelson, the first woman in the history of the state to chair the committee, called the appointment “a tremendous honor and responsibility” and pledged that under her leadership the committee would “keep the Texas miracle moving full steam ahead.” She has served as a member of the committee for seven legislative sessions, including the current session. The committee soon will be at work, as state agency legislative appropriation requests pour in.

Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate, also named additional members of the committee: Sens. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville; and Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown. Those senators replace Sens. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, who resigned to take a position with Texas A&M; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, who was defeated in the March Republican primary elections; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who resigned to become chancellor of Texas Tech University; and Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, who is running for state comptroller.

Dewhurst also appointed Nelson and three senators to another powerful panel, the Legislative Budget Board. The three are Sens. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler; Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls; and Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen. The board is a body of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives. The body sets the constitutional spending limit and develops the draft appropriations bill.

Dewhurst’s term of office ends Dec. 31. Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, and Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, are vying to be the state’s next lieutenant governor. Whoever wins will have the power to appoint all Senate committees.

#### Election law case is heard

A state House redistricting plan passed by the 2011 Texas Legislature was challenged in a San Antonio U.S. district court last week.

The lawsuit, brought by minority voting rights plaintiffs and joined by the U.S. Department of Justice, alleges the Texas Legislature intentionally diluted the voting strength of minorities in several districts. Also in question is whether Texas should return to the federal voting rights law’s

“preclearance” requirement that the state had been subject to since the law was passed in 1965—until 2013—when federal preclearance of election laws passed by covered entities such as Texas was struck down in a 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Shelby County (Alabama) v. Holder*.

Later this summer, the court will hear other cases over the Texas Legislature’s 2013 House redistricting plan and 2011 and 2013 congressional redistricting plans. A decision by the three-judge court panel is to be rendered after all of the cases have been heard.

#### Texas adds jobs in June

**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION** on July 18 announced the state economy added 19,100 seasonally adjusted total non-farm jobs in June for a total of 371,000 jobs added since June 2013.

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was 5.1 percent. In June 2013 the rate was 6.4 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate for June 2014 was 6.1 percent, an improvement of 1.4 percent over the previous year, as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### Ranger reaches high rank

Texas Department of Public Safety on July 17 announced the promotion of Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman to the rank of lieutenant, making her the highest-ranking woman in Texas Ranger history, according to an agency news release.

The promotion is effective Aug. 1. Wakeman joined the DPS as a highway patrol trooper in 1998. She became a DPS narcotics sergeant in 2003 and moved to the Texas Rangers in 2008.

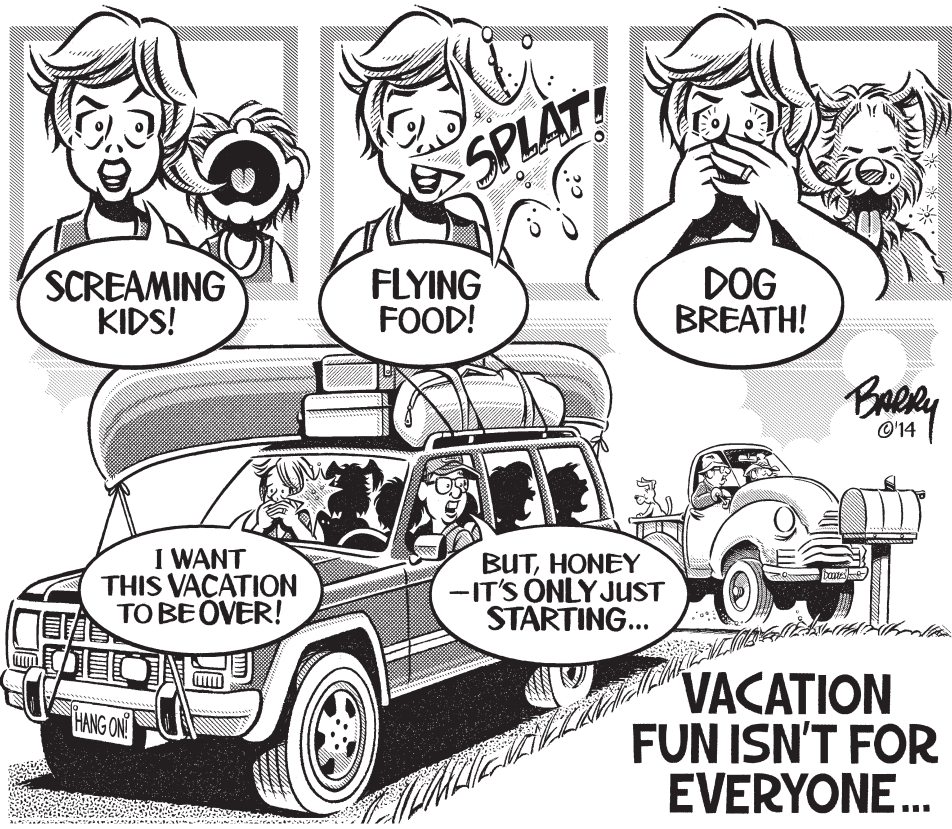
#### Council rejects proposed ban

Denton City Council, at its July 15-16 meeting, voted down a citizen-driven proposed ordinance to ban hydraulic fracturing by the oil and gas industry within city limits. A citizen petition, however, gained enough signatures to put the proposal on the November election ballot.

#### Court OKs admissions policy

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision on July 15, ruled the University of Texas’ method of achieving racial diversity in selecting incoming freshmen did not violate the constitutional rights of a white student who did not gain admission to the institution in 2008 and sued.

Heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2012, the case was remanded to the Fifth Circuit for “strict scrutiny,” that is, to determine if the university’s policies were necessary and effective toward enrolling a “critical mass” of minority students.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago July 22, 2004

The 39th annual Haskell Singing School, conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ drew 163 students from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama, Wyoming, Georgia, Colorado and Tennessee.

Buckle winners of the Casey Mathis Memorial Steer Riding at the Texas Cowboy Reunion were Dalton Mathis of Stamford, Stormy Rasberry of Roby and Cedar McLlwin of Haskell.

Area 4-H’ers attending the Teen Leadership Lab held at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood, were Kiel Rowan, Emery Dudensing, Robbyn Tribbey, Kellye Tidrow and Chambray Bartley.

### 20 Years Ago July 28, 1994

Heather Hobgood, daughter of Bobby and Debbie Hobgood, made the NCA All-American Cheerleading Squad during cheerleading camp at Tarleton State University. She is the senior head cheerleader at Haskell High School.

Mary Martin and Sue Miller were honored with a reception in recognition of ten years of service on the Haskell County Child Welfare Board. Presenting the plaques were board member Julian Estrada and CPS supervisor Linda Haynes.

Varsity twirlers at Haskell

High School for the 1994-95 school year will be Shelly Palacios, Jessica Bridwell, Vanessa Miller, Shannon Jordan, Kimberly Skiles, Brandi Briles and Tenille Mathis.

### 30 Years Ago July 26, 1984

County officials Judge John Wayne McDermett and Sheriff Garth Garrett, both submitted their resignations to the Haskell County Commissioners’ Court during the regular meeting.

Organizers of the First National Bank of Haskell were on hand when a temporary building was moved into place, while an official building is being constructed. Organizers are Mabry Brock, Joseph Thigpen, Burnell Gilleland, Doyle High and Lonnie Hollingsworth.

Kevin Mathis of Rule FFA, had the champion Chianina heifer at the Panhandle Parade of Breeds, held in Plainview. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Mathis of Rule. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Becker of Haskell.

### 40 Years Ago July 25, 1974

Larry Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hartsfield of Haskell, has received an assistantship at Southern Illinois University. He recently completed work on a Bachelor’s Degree in English at Abilene Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Green have purchased the

fabric shop from Alton and Nadine Middleton. Mrs. Opal Letterman will assist Mrs. Green in the operation of The Fabric Boutique.

Haskell Girls’ Softball All-Stars are Irene Benevides, Sonja Tidrow, Martha Chavez, Kelei Sefcik, Sheila Bartley, Doro Arrendonda, Edgwyna Medford, Alice Acosta, Kim Hale, Lori Johnson, Kim Lane, Lisa Myers and Sheila Johnson. Manager is Glenda Drinnon and Nelda Lane is the coach.

### 50 Years Ago July 23, 1964

Hassell Hunter, a Haskell native, has accepted a position with the Atomic Energy Commission and recently began his duties in Las Vegas, Nevada, as drilling management engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Raughton were at Paint Creek visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Overton and Mrs. Lorene Raughton. They have completed their work toward degrees at Sul Ross Teacher’s College in Alpine.

### 100 Years Ago July 25, 1914

Mr. and Mrs. Cogdell returned the first of the week from a trip to New Orleans and Cuba.

S.L. Roberson went to Mineral Wells the first of the week, to be with his brother from Alabama, who is at that resort for his health.

Mrs. Burwill Cox and children returned Monday from a visit to the old home in Arkansas.

## Haskell Co. Commissioners’ Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners’ Court met in a regular meeting with all members present.

A motion to pay all bills including a bill from Smith’s Funeral Home passed.

Sheriff Winston Stephens announced that he would like to hire a new dispatcher. Claire Adams will be leaving the department.

County Treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted the monthly and quarterly reports, along with the County Attorney’s bank reconciliation report. All were accepted.

Ways to cool the small room where the copier that is used by the District Clerk and the County Attorney were discussed.

Penny Anderson addressed the court on conduct towards her office by Judge Davis. She submitted a letter written to them which was filed with the minutes.

A resolution and Interlocal Agreement between Haskell CISD and Haskell County was made. A motion to remove a structure at the Elementary School property passed.

A motion to combine polling places for the November General Election was rejected.

A retainer agreement with Allison, Bass and Magee LLP to help with TxDOT County Road Grants passed.

A motion to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for Information Technology Services with Texas Agrilife Extension passed.

A resolution supporting Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for veterans with brain injury so that Texas Veterans may benefit from this effective treatment passed.

## Wheat, Stocker Cattle Conference set July 29

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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# County Committee nominations sought

U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan Garcia reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that Aug. 1, 2014, is the deadline for local FSA county committee nominations.

County committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers elected to local committees share their opinions and ideas on federal farm programs.

"There's still time for eligible farmers and ranchers to get involved in this year's county committee elections," said Garcia. "Nominate yourself or a candidate of your choice to serve on the local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they work closely with county executive directors and make decisions on disaster and conservation

programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). Forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 1. The newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

# Comments sought on conservation program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales announced that a public meeting will be held Aug. 4 at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock to solicit comments on a recently completed draft analysis that examines the potential environmental impacts of changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enacted by the 2014 Farm Bill.

CRP encourages farmers and ranchers to establish long-term vegetative species, such as grasses or trees, on environmentally sensitive farmland to help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. The draft environmental analysis was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1970 which requires federal government agencies to review the environmental effects of proposed federal actions.

FSA has scheduled public meetings to provide information on the draft analysis and to provide opportunities for public comment. Stakeholders interested in farmland conservation are invited to attend, and FSA representatives

will be available to answer questions.

The draft environmental analysis can be reviewed online at: <http://crpspeis.com>. For questions, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at [http://crpspeis.com/Resources/Documents/CRP\\_SPEIS\\_Draft\\_NOA.pdf](http://crpspeis.com/Resources/Documents/CRP_SPEIS_Draft_NOA.pdf) and [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

The announcement 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](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

# Paint Creek FFA attends convention

Last week nine Paint Creek FFA students attended their first Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth. Along with 12,372 other Texas FFA members and guests, Paint Creek FFA members attended the Texas FFA Rodeo, listened to keynote speaker Gabe Salazar, toured the Texas FFA Agriscience Fair, watched the state Junior Prepared Public Speaking Contest, elected the 2014-2015 Texas FFA State President and First Vice President and much more.

Paint Creek FFA had the

honor of having not one, but two Star Greenhand State finalists. A Greenhand is a first year agriculture student degree that is obtained through superb record keeping in the FFA. Corey Mengwasser and Zhenia McTasney were each in the top ten Texas Star Greenhands for their categories.

FFA members attending were Dakota Mayor, Caitlyn Douglass, Corey Mengwasser, Zhenia McTasney, Sara Edwards, Ashley Crossley, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond and Dylan Webb.



**GREENHAND AWARDS**—Corey Mengwasser, left, and Zhenia McTasney hold their FFA Star Greenhand State finalist plaques.



**ATTEND CONVENTION**—Nine members of Paint Creek FFA attended the Texas FFA State Convention held in Fort Worth. Attending were, l-r, Dakota Mayor, Caitlyn Douglass, Corey Mengwasser, Zhenia McTasney, Sara Edwards, Ashley Crossley, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond and Dylan Webb.

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**NEW BANNER**—A new banner for the upcoming Gun and Knife Show, an American Legion Fund-raiser, has been installed in front of the American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221 in Haskell. The banner was made by Nemir's Custom Graphics of Haskell and Cliff Morris donated the materials and constructed the frame.



**NEW FIRE TRUCK**—The Rochester Volunteer Fire Department received a new small brush truck with help from Texas A&M Forest Service. Pictured are, l-r, Jim Cooper, ACRFC, Texas A&M Forest Service; Sid Smart, Fire Chief, Rochester VFD; Rick Russell, Bill Hester, Larry Weston, Cole Turner, secretary/treasurer, Rochester VFD; Milton Flores, president, Rochester VFD; and Charles Tice, RFC, Texas A&M Forest Service.

## Rochester VFD acquires small brush fire truck

After being inactive for a number of years, volunteers sought help from the Texas A&M Forest Service to get Rochester Volunteer Fire Department back on its feet. The VFD acquired a new small brush truck paid for with a grant administered by TFS in the amount of \$118,000.

"We really needed this to be able to better protect our area," Rochester VFD Fire Chief Sid Smart said. "We had been operating with an old military truck that ran about 28 miles an hour."

Before obtaining the new truck, the VFD was operating with retired

military trucks also given to them by TFS.

"TFS sent us a couple of retired trucks and we operated them and kept them running," Turner said. "Now that we have this new truck we were able to send those back for another fire department to use."

The truck comes equipped with a compressed air foam system to help volunteers more efficiently fight fires.

"This will be the first new truck Rochester VFD has had since 1968," TFS Regional Fire Coordinator Charles Tice said. "This grant allowed them to get needed equipment that will

help build their department's capacity."

TFS passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state every year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

"Fund-raisers and grants such as this one from TFS are just about the only way a rural VFD can operate in Texas," Turner said. "The only way departments like ours can have anything to protect the people in the community are through programs like these. Now we are able to respond very quickly when we are needed."

## Wheat Conference set Thurs., Aug. 14 in Abilene

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.  
Farm bill decision making will headline this year's Big Country Wheat Conference, organizers said. The conference, conducted biennially by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will be held Aug. 14 in the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Exposition Center grounds, 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene. On-site registration will start at 8:30 a.m. The conference will start at 9 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. "The current farm bill has undergone a considerable

overhaul from previous legislation, which has caused no small amount of confusion among many producers," said Robert Pritz, AgriLife Extension agent in Taylor County. "We have heard a lot of speculation concerning how the newest version is to be interpreted, so our goal for this year's Big Country Wheat Conference will be to help wheat growers determine fact from fiction while offering them the best possible decision-making tools to better equip them for making the tough choices they will face in the coming

months." Farm bill interpretations will headline the biennial event. Along with the emphasis on the farm bill, Pritz said this year's conference will include the following topics and presenters:  
• World Wheat Outlook, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, College Station.  
• Future of Texas Wheat Production, Steelee Fischbacher, director of policy and marketing, Texas Wheat Producers Board, Amarillo.  
• 2014 Farm Bill Update and Decision Making, Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station.  
• Data Requirements for Sign Up/Decision Aid and the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Program, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo.  
• Wheat Variety Performance, Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist, College Station.  
• Weed Control Recommendation in Wheat, Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.  
• Soil Fertility Management for Wheat Production, Dr. Mark McFarland, AgriLife Extension soil fertility specialist, College Station.  
• Short-Term and Long-Term Weather Forecasts, National Weather Service, San Angelo.  
Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units one general, one integrated pest management and one laws and regulations will be available for private pesticide applicator license holders.

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### This Week's Devotional Message:

When you visit God's wilderness, keep it clean

Whenever you pay a visit to the home of friends or relatives, you naturally remember your manners and do your best to keep the place as neat and clean as possible. By the same token, if your plans take you to a wilderness or camping area, this is also a good place to remember your manners. It's really a form of "love thy neighbor," because you do this out of consideration for others who may share the place with you. Another reason is that you are God's guest there. In any wilderness area you can see all the beauty which He has provided for your enjoyment. Think of it as an outdoor extension of your house of worship, and respect it as you would any place where you are an invited guest. In this case, the 'guest room' is all God's creation.

**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 Calvario**  
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.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
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**—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**  
Paul Leonard, 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.  
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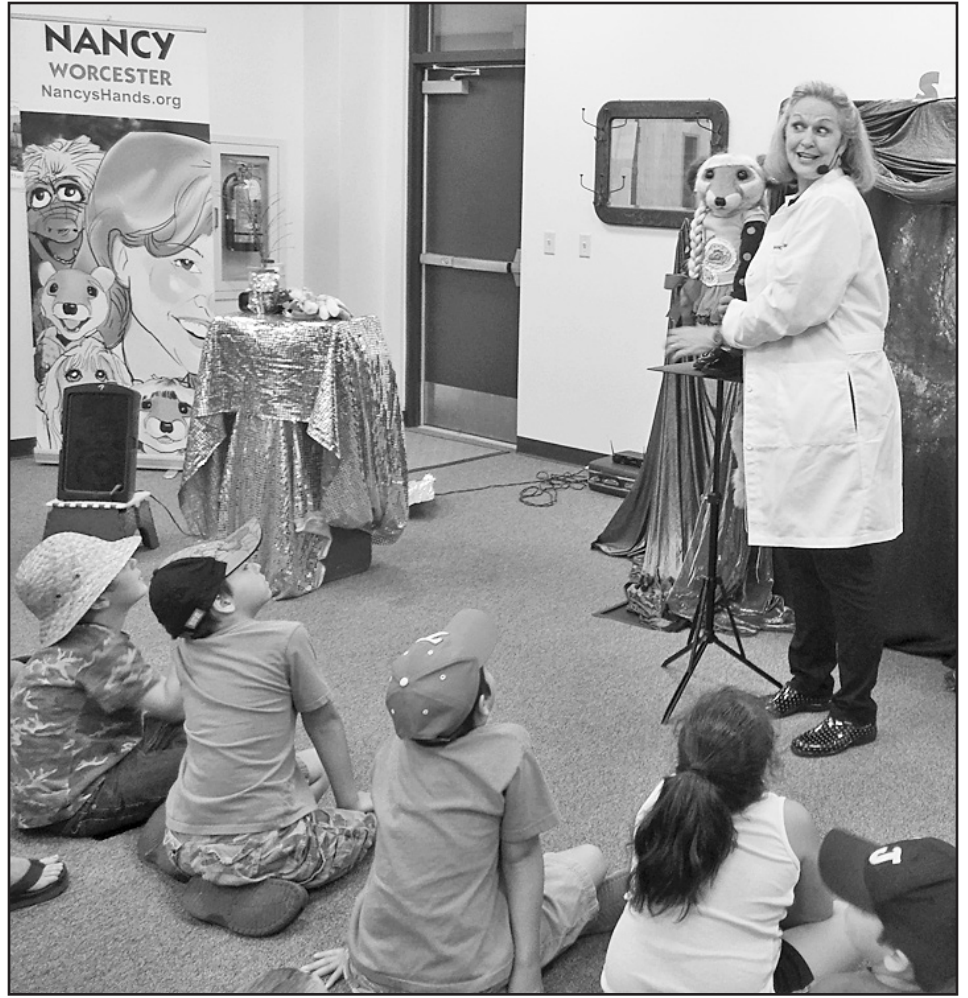
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**100 POINT CLUB**—Rule ISD Elementary students celebrated earning 100 or more points in AR with a party. Students who earned 100 or more points were Diego Amaya, Jelena Martinez Alvarez and Kyleik Mason, first grade; Shelby Saffel, second grade; Taaron Scrogum, third grade; Kurt Leek and Jaelle Martinez Alvarez, fourth grade; Fette Jackson, Jysela Martinez Alvarez and Eric Perkins, fifth grade.



**READING FUN**—Ventriloquist Nancy Worchester entertained a room full of children and adults last Thursday at the Haskell County Library. Children learned about topics a library can offer, especially in the field of science, with the help of her puppet friends.

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**Public Notices**  
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROSS BRITT, DECEASED  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of William Ross Britt were issued on July 16, 2014, in Cause No. 4541, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Brooke Andhor.  
The address of the Independent Administrator is Brooke Andhor, 5400 College Avenue, No. 110, Snyder, Texas 79549.  
All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
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**2014 Jogging for Jillian/Sprinting for Spence**  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a huge part of the success of the 2014 Jogging for Jillian/Sprinting for Spence 5K Run/Walk held this year at Redbud Park in Abilene on May 24. We were blessed that the weather was so cool and pleasant. It could not have been any more perfect for the event. We had a great turnout of walkers and runners and awarded medals for 1st through 3rd places in four different age groups, as well as a six month membership to Golds Gym for the top male and female overall winners. Also, in the youth division we awarded a \$100 gift card to Primetime of Abilene. T-shirt sales also went very well this year.

Just to give you an update as to where all the proceeds are going, in 2013 the Jillian Hope Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at Abilene Christian University. This is an annual scholarship of \$1000 to a student in the field of Speech Pathology, which was Jillian's Master degree. This fall 2014 we will award the second scholarship. In addition, this year, two \$1000 scholarships were awarded at Haskell High School through the Jillian Hope Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund. This will also be an annual scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors.

In 2013, the Spencer Brian Labrie Scholarship was established at Wylie High School with two \$1000 scholarships being given to graduating seniors. This year a \$1000 scholarship as well as two \$500 scholarships were awarded. In addition in 2013, the Spencer Labrie Memorial Scholarship was established through the Air Force ROTC program at Texas Tech University. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a cadet in honor of Spencer who was pursuing a career as a pilot through Air Force ROTC.

It takes approximately \$25,000 to get each of these scholarships endowed, which means they will fund themselves perpetually forever. We are working toward that goal, and want to share that vision with you all as our sponsors. It simply would not be possible to undertake something of this magnitude without the love and support of generous friends such as yourself. We cannot express our thanks and gratitude to you enough. But by letting you in on our vision to help out career driven students achieve their goals perhaps together we can help contribute to the success of a few young adults who will go on to affect the lives of so many others. Again, thank you so much for all you have done to help.  
Sincerely, The families of  
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# Update provided by USDA; ELAP sign-up deadline nears

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack provided a 12-week progress report on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs today, announcing that USDA has processed 106,000 payments to farmers in 40 states across the country who suffered livestock and grazing losses between October 2011 and passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers who waited two and a half years for a Farm Bill are now getting some relief," said Vilsack. "We met the very ambitious goal to get these programs up and running in just 60 days. Now, thanks to our dedicated staff in offices across the country, we've provided more than 106,000 payments to farmers and ranchers in 40 states who suffered drought, blizzard, and other weather related losses."

A quick implementation of the disaster assistance programs has been a top priority for USDA. In February, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that enrollment for four disaster assistance programs would begin April 15, 2014, 60 days from the date the programs were reestablished by the 2014 Farm Bill. After the 2008 Farm Bill, it took over one year for the programs to get up and running.

Since then, dedicated full-time FSA staff, as well as temporary employees hired to expedite the application process, have processed over \$1.2 billion in payments

to qualifying farmers and ranchers. The first payments were sent out to farmers and ranchers within two weeks of enrollment. USDA estimated that roughly \$2.5 billion would be provided in disaster relief to cover losses from October 2011 through September 2014. If those estimates prove accurate, it would mean nearly half of all disaster payments have already been provided.

While disaster relief is a critical lifeline that can prevent farmers and ranchers who do not have access to crop insurance from being wiped out by weather-related losses beyond their control, most producers only receive support equal to 60 percent of their actual losses.

USDA disaster programs include:

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides payments for grazing losses due to drought and livestock deaths due to adverse weather.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides assistance for livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), weather, wildfires and colony collapse disorder, or for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and

nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines that were lost or damaged by natural disasters.

Specific program deadlines are as follows:

2011-2013 ELAP: Fri., Aug. 1, 2014

2011-2014 LFP: Fri., Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 LIP: Fri., Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 TAP: Mon., Feb. 2, 2015

Producers affected by adverse weather should contact their FSA county office to make an appointment and learn if they are eligible for disaster assistance. For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office.

Vilsack also highlighted that more than \$270 million in disaster assistance has been paid to farmers and ranchers in USDA StrikeForce counties experiencing chronic poverty. "Farmers and ranchers in these counties have extraordinary challenges. Through USDA's StrikeForce initiative, we can get federal support to areas that need it the most," said Vilsack.

The StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative works to address the unique set of challenges faced by many of America's rural communities. Through the StrikeForce, USDA is leveraging resources and collaborating with over 400 community organizations, businesses, foundations, universities and other groups to support 80,300 projects with more than \$9.7 billion in USDA investments into rural America. StrikeForce currently serves 20 states that include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 14-20:

Jennifer Alexy Acosta, motion to revoke theft.

Emma Armenia, motion to revoke driving while intoxicated.

Garner Jayse, evading arrest of detention motor vehicle.

Apollo Velazque, possession controlled substance meth under 1 gram.

Ricky Lynn Wilson, driving while intoxicated 3 or more.

Bruce Renfro, aggravated assault second degree felony  
Lisa Frame, theft by check state jail felony.

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**Kellogg's Cereal**  
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