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Football
HASKELL
 JV-V Indians vs Roscoe Scrimmage
 Fri., Aug. 16, TBD
 at Haskell
PAINT CREEK
 Pirates vs Vernon Northside Scrimmage
 Sat., Aug. 17, 9:00 a.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
 Bobcats vs ACHS Scrimmage
 Fri., Aug. 16, 6:00 p.m.
 at ACHS

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Aug. 22 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 15 in Haskell. DSHS is offering immunizations for children with Medicaid and no health insurance or health insurance that does not pay for vaccines. If your child is eligible for vaccines, you must call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 17 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Brisket lunch

A brisket lunch with all the fixings will be held Sun., Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rule Lions Club building. A bake sale will also be conducted. Donations benefit Jerry Don Myers and his family.

Hamburger meal

Haskell Co. 4-H Club will hold a hamburger meal fund-raiser Fri., Aug. 16 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Haskell High School football field concession stand. The meal will include a grilled hamburger/cheeseburger, all the trimmings and homemade fries. Drinks and candy will be available from the Haskell Indian Booster Club, also at the concession stand. The Haskell JV and varsity football squads will hold their first scrimmage.

Spaghetti lunch

Haskell National Bank will hold a chicken spaghetti lunch Wed., Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00. Proceeds benefit Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation. Please drop by and purchase your tickets in advance.

Men's breakfast

A men's breakfast will be held Sun., Aug. 25 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. All men are invited to this special time of fellowship.

Youth rally

A back to school youth rally will be held Sun., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church sanctuary. Chad Geslin will speak. All youth are invited to attend.

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Mission group makes 30th trip to Mexico

by Caron Yates

Thirty years and counting! That is how long the First Baptist Church of Haskell has been making their annual mission trip to Mexico.

This year's group, which was again organized and led by Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, consisted of twenty-six people, including seven youth. They conducted three Vacation Bible Schools each day, which were attended by at least 250 children and adults.

For Dr. Wayne and Yuvi, their passion for this mission work began back in 1977, when they went to Mexico on their first medical mission trip. Each year the First Baptist Church of Plainview sponsored a medical group,

which included doctors, nurses, dentists and other volunteer personnel. While Dr. Wayne treated patients, Yuvi did the necessary admitting paperwork.

After moving back to Haskell, they felt the call to continue this work. On medical missions, there is very limited time to talk to the patients about Christ, and they wanted to do more evangelical work.

It was in 1983, that local master plumber Rocky Gonzales from Calvary Baptist and Dr. Wayne began talking about a joint effort for the two churches. The rest, as they say, is history.

After several years, Calvary Baptist had the opportunity to work in a

different part of Mexico, so they began taking a separate mission trip.

While each year, the makeup of the group differs, there has been a core group that make the trip annually. In addition to the Cadenheads and their children, Ford and Donna Cole and children, along with Steve and Phoi McGuire and children return year after year. Another important part of the group is Toni Bookman, who along with her husband, is the resident missionary for that area.

Groups have been as small as eleven and as large as sixty-seven. They come not only from the Haskell area, but also from Anson, Stamford and Abilene. It is

very helpful when they have five or six in the group that are bilingual.

They conduct the bible schools each year in July, because that is the time all children in Mexico are out of school. For several years, they have concluded each day with a snow cone treat for each child.

For almost eight years, they stayed at a Baptist camp in Mexico. This was very difficult, because they had to take their drinking water and other essential supplies. For over twenty years they stayed in Del Rio and went across the border to hold their schools. The last seven years the group has stayed in Eagle Pass at the First Baptist Church.

For many years, they conducted Vacation Bible Schools during the day and revival services at night. Unfortunately in more recent years, they have been warned by customs agents that they should not be across the border after dark. It is too dangerous. In fact they are the only group that still ministers across the border.

Still wanting to bring God's love and hope to adults, as well as children, they adjusted their bible schools. They now hold adult bible school, which was led this year by Rev. Jim McCurley, pastor of First Baptist Church. The group saw almost forty people saved, including an eighty year old woman.

They prepare and take with them all materials needed for the bible schools, but try to encourage the local people to help do the teaching.

This year the mission group returned to Tepeyac for the eighteenth year. Yuvi said, "One lady of the church there had prayed for ten years for God to send a mission group to their village." Her prayers are being answered year after year. They also held schools in Nava and San Carlos.

The Cadenheads are thankful for the opportunity to have made this trip over the past thirty years. Yuvi commented, "We have seen so many miracles from God over the years." While anyone who has made a mission trip knows they are certainly touching the lives of many as they spread God's love, they also know that they too are being touched.



MISSION TRIP—Those making the annual Mexico Mission trip include, front row, l-r, Jackson Oliver, Tanya Steele, Tillie McGuire, Macy Colley, Donna Cole, Haley Macias, Yuvi Cadenhead, Grace Colley, April Colley and Jeremy Cadenhead; back row, Ford Cole, Erma Lopez, Melissa Davis, Jim McCurley, Barbara Harrison, Phoi McGuire, Cindy Martin, Cade Colley, Kent Colley, Jake Goza, Robin Goza, Wayne Cadenhead and Wendy Cadenhead. Not pictured are Steve McGuire, Americo Rovelo and Susan Carver.

Schools set registration, back to school events

Haskell Elementary Paint Creek

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held on the following days and times:

Tues., Aug. 20: third grade at 5:30 p.m., fourth grade at 5:30 p.m. and fifth grade at 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 22: Head Start at 5:30 p.m., PPCD at 5:30 p.m., Prekindergarten from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Kindergarten at 5:30 p.m., first grade at 6:30 p.m. and second grade at 6:30.

Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork. Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 26. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Haskell Jr. High

Haskell Junior High School will hold registration for grades six through eight Tues., Aug. 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Junior High building, on the north end of

the high school.

The Paint Creek faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 27.

The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title 1 and parent involvement in the academic success of their children.

We encourage all students and parents to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

Rule

Rule ISD will hold registration for junior high and high school students Mon., Aug. 19 and Tues., Aug. 20 in the school cafeteria.

Mon., Aug. 19 will be for seniors at 1 p.m. and juniors at 2 p.m. Tues., Aug. 20 will be for sixth through eighth grade students at 10 a.m., sophomores at 1 p.m. and freshmen at 2 p.m.

Parents or legal guardians of students in grades sixth through eighth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

Registration for elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the classrooms of each grade level. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through fifth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- A copy of the child's Social Security card.
- A copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Current immunization records.
- Any records from the child's previous school district.
- A copy of the parent or guardian's driver's license.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-

997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the Teachers and Meet the Bobcats" night for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m.

This event will give students and parents the opportunity to enjoy ice cream and meet the 2013-2014 Bobcats, returning teachers and new teachers at Rule ISD.

After a short assembly in the auditorium about the upcoming school year and

the Title I program, students will be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to be ready for the first day of school.

Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year.

There will be information about Booster Club and sign up forms for booster club activities.

Come enjoy this event in preparation of an exciting 2013-2014 school year.

Hunter's education course to be held

A hunter's education course will be offered at the community room of First Bank Texas in Haskell from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Aug. 23 and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Aug. 24

Any hunter born on or after September 1, 1971 is required to have a hunter's safety course prior to hunting in Texas. Minimum age for certification is nine years old. All students 9-11 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult for

the classes. All students under 17 years old will need a parent or guardian present to sign the registration paper.

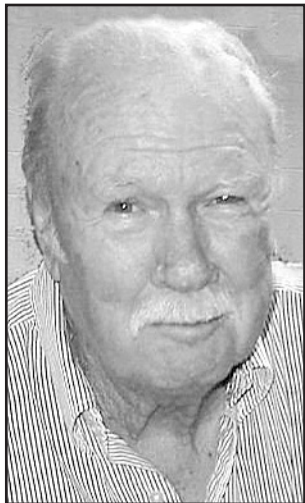
Please bring an ID and social security number. Both classes are mandatory for certification. Class tuition is \$15. Supplies needed are a pen/pencil and a highlighter. All other materials will be provided.

For more information and to register, contact Ernest Fry at 940-864-2363.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Obituaries

Andrew Lavern 'Treetop' Rogers



LAVERN ROGERS

Funeral services for Andrew Lavern 'Treetop' Rogers, 75, of Rochester were held Fri., Aug. 9 at Rochester Baptist Church in Rochester with Pastor Joseph

Barrett officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mr. Rogers died Tues., Aug. 6 in a local hospital.

Born Dec. 11, 1937 in the Mattson Community in Haskell County, he was the son of Hershel and Evelyn (Ayers) Rogers. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1956 and attended Draughon's Business College. Lavern married Patsy Tibbets Feb. 7, 1959 in Rochester. He was a man of many talents. He built residential homes for over thirty years, was in the cable TV business for several years and retired as a postal mail carrier in 2010. He also

served as a volunteer and chief on the Rochester Fire Department for thirty-five plus years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Tamara Strickland.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Rogers; daughter, Venetia Strickland and husband Paul; son, Craig Rogers and wife Sammie, all of Rochester; five grandchildren, Shane, Colton, Macy, Alexandra and Bryce; and two great grandchildren, Seth and Bree.

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.starbuckfuneralhome.com.

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Dovie Joyce White



JOYCE WHITE

Graveside services for Dovie Joyce White, 86, life time resident of Haskell, but most recently of Jacksboro, were held Sat., Aug. 10 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. White passed away

at 5:30 a.m. Wed., Aug. 7 at the Jacksboro Health Care Center in Jacksboro.

One of four children, Dovie Joyce Holley was born in Haskell May 14, 1927, the daughter of Walter and Dora (Carruth) Holley. She married Frank White in Guthrie Oct. 27, 1946. The couple moved to Haskell where they remained until Frank's death on Dec. 30, 2002. She then moved to Jacksboro to be closer to her family.

Joyce was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and was a friend to any one she met. She had a kind hearted soul and was a faithful member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell. She was a homemaker.

Along with Frank, she was preceded in death by

her parents, Walter and Dora Holley; brother, T-Bo Holley; and sister, Dorothy Blair.

Joyce will be missed by her son, Frank White and wife Diana of Jacksboro; daughter, Dora Reding and husband James of Seymour; brother, Bill Holley of Clyde; four grandchildren; Tammy McDorman and husband Gaylon, Stacie Owen and husband Shayne, Frankie Joe White and wife Stephanie and Nathan White and wife Danielle; and eight great grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be give in Joyce's name to the Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell, 1404 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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

PD. NOTICE

Janie Juana Flores



JANIE FLORES

Funeral services for Janie Juana Flores, 53, of Fort Worth were held Sat., Aug. 10 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Fr. George Romey officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Rosary was

read Friday evening Aug. 9 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Flores passed away at her home Sun., Aug. 4.

One of nine children, she was born Jan. 18, 1960 in Coolidge, Arizona. She was raised in San Saba, but has lived in Fort Worth the last 35 years. She worked in the receiving unit of an airport imports company.

Janie enjoyed reading and she loved her family and adored her dogs. She was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bisente and Frances Flores; a brother, Joe Flores; and sister, Connie Flores.

Survivors include her four sisters, Lydia, Irma and Sallie Flores, all of North Richland Hills, and Rebeca

Lovelace and husband Don of Roanoke; two brothers, Henry Flores and wife Edgwyna of Haskell, and Emeterio Flores of Fort Worth; six nieces, Kira Poteet, Gabriella and Tiffany Estrada, Bre'Ana and Taylor Lovelace, and Isabella Flores; five nephews, Travis Poteet, Daniel Flores, Jonathan Estrada, and Zakarey and Lukas Jones; one great niece, Mya Estrada; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Jackie Escobedo, J.R. Estrada, Rajelio Estrada, Travis Poteet, Henry Flores, Chavo Calderon and Daniel Flores.

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

PD. NOTICE

Truman Earl White, Sr.



TRUMAN WHITE SR.

Memorial services with full military honors were held for Truman Earl White, Sr., 77, of Albuquerque, New Mexico Sun., June 30 at the AL Post 49, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

White went to be with his Heavenly Father Wed., June 26.

Born May 15, 1936, he was the son of Thomas Earl White and Sally Carter White. He was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He retired from the United States Air Force and was devoted to the American Legion Post 49 and their mission.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beautiful daughter, Mary Ellen Lee; sisters, Ruth Salazar, Ann Barler, Donna Sasseen and Phyllis White.

Survivors include his children, Melanie Vaughn and husband, Michael of Buckeye, Arizona; Marilyn Hedglin and close friend, Mark Littleton of San Diego, California; and Truman White Jr. and wife, Laura of

Myersville, Maryland; son-in-law, Ed Lee, the husband of the late Mary Lee, of New River, Arizona; one brother, Johnny White and wife, Marilyn of Farmington, New Mexico; two sisters, Sue McGee and husband, Ben of Haskell; and Linda Honer and husband, John of Corpus Christi; nine grandchildren, Thomas Lee, Ann Gill, Lerie Taylor, Christina Brown, Michael Vaughn Jr., Lindsey White, Truman White III, Carter White and Parker White; five great grandchildren, Isis Barrack, Matthew Gill, Pandora Gill and Anthea Brown; also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and a host of friends.

Donations may be made to AL Post 49, 11005 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123.

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James Paul Barnes

Memorial services for James Paul Barnes, 59, of Haskell were held Sat., Aug. 10 at God Loves You Ministries with Donna Banks and Bro. Mark Wallace officiating.

Mr. Barnes passed away Tues., Aug. 6 in Knox City.

Born March 23, 1954 in Knox City, he was the son of Claude and Rosa Lea (Clower) Reynolds. He attended Benjamin High School and worked in the oil field. He married Sandra Hawkins Aug. 17, 1978 in Benjamin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Rosa Lea Reynolds; and two brothers, Claude Matthew Reynolds and Walter Thomas Barnes.

He will be missed by his wife, Sandra

of Haskell; daughter, Kimberly Reid and husband, Erich of Haskell and their children, Nathan and Eathen; three sons, James Paul Barnes, Jr. of Haskell and his children, Braxton Jackson, Isiah Barnes and Kaylee Barnes; Jason Lee Barnes and his wife Sara Hunt of Haskell; and Claude Wade Barnes of Haskell; two sisters, Barbara Lee Wardwell and family of Stamford and Cindy Faye Ashley and family of Abilene; and a brother, Wilbur Barnes and family of Rowlett. He will also be missed by many friends.

If desired, memorials may be made in James Paul's name to the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700, New York, NY 10006.

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USDA announces efforts to assist ranchers with drought

As severe drought conditions persist in certain regions throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has announced temporary assistance to livestock producers through FSA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Under limited conditions, farmers and ranchers affected by drought will be allowed to use certain additional CRP acres for haying or grazing under emergency conditions while maintaining safeguards to the conservation and wildlife benefits provided by CRP. In addition, USDA announced that the reduction to CRP annual rental payments related to emergency haying or grazing will be reduced from 25 percent to 10 percent. Further, the sale of hay will be allowed under certain conditions. These measures take into consideration the quality losses of the hay and will provide needed assistance to livestock producers.

"Beginning Aug. 6, state FSA offices were authorized, under limited conditions, to expand opportunities for haying and grazing on certain

additional lands enrolled in CRP," said Garcia. "This local approach provides both the appropriate flexibility and ability to tailor safeguards specific to regional conditions. States must adhere to specific guidelines to ensure that additional haying and grazing still maintains the important environmental and wildlife benefits of CRP. These safeguards will be determined through consultation with the state conservationist, state fish and wildlife agency and stakeholders that comprise the state technical committee."

CRP is a voluntary program that provides producers annual rental payments on their land in exchange for planting resource-conserving vegetation on cropland to help prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitat and improve the environment. CRP acres enrolled under certain practices can already be used for emergency haying and grazing during natural disasters to provide much-needed feed to livestock. FSA state offices have already opened haying, grazing or both in 432 counties in response to natural disaster

this year.

Given the continued multi-year drought in some regions, forage for livestock is already substantially reduced. The action will allow lands that are not typically eligible for emergency haying and grazing to be used with appropriate protections to maintain the CRP environmental and wildlife benefits. The expanded haying and grazing will only be allowed following the local primary nesting season, which already has passed in many areas. Especially sensitive lands such as stream buffers are generally not eligible.

FSA also has taken action under the Emergency Conservation Program to authorize additional expenditures related to drought response to be eligible for cost share, including connection to rural water systems and installation of permanent pipelines. In addition, given the limited budgetary resources and better long term benefits, FSA has increased the maximum cost share rates for permanent practices relative to temporary measures.

FSA encourages all farmers and ranchers to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Center to report damage to crops or livestock loss. In addition, USDA reminds livestock producers to keep thorough records of losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchased due to lost supplies.

For further information about CRP program benefits and regulations, go online to www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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RECEIVES AWARD- A Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission was presented to the Knox County Historical Commission Mon., Aug. 12. Representing the Commission are Board members, l-r, Charles Griffith, Doris Crownover, Dennis Duke, Mary Cartwright, Mary Birkenfeld, Jan Kilgore, Mary Jane Young and Judge Travis Floyd.

Knox County Historical Commission receives award

A Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission was presented to the Knox County Historical Commission Mon., Aug. 12, at the Knox County Commissioners Court meeting by County Judge Travis Floyd.

The Knox County Historical Commission board members attended the award presentation. These men and women volunteer

their time and hard work to preserve our county's history by presenting programs that educate citizens and generate interest in Knox County history. They also plan and bring about the fund-raisers for the Wichita Brazos Museum where our historical items and information are held. Many volunteer hours are spent by these diligent board members.

There were 88 counties out of the 254 in the State of

Texas to receive this award from the Texas Historical Commission.

The Knox County Historical Commission appreciates the hours of work and participation by the citizens throughout the county who help with our fund-raisers and support our efforts to maintain the Wichita Brazos Museum. This Distinguished Service Award is also an award to each of you.

Thomas family reunion held

On Aug. 3, the descendants of Clifford Adell Thomas and Annie Josselet Thomas met at the Civic Center for their annual reunion. Forty-six were in attendance. All of the seven original brothers and sisters were represented by immediate and extended family members.

The day was spent visiting, looking at old and new photographs and catching up on recent family happenings. There was laughter yet there were also tears as three beloved family members were very much missed, a wife, mom and grandmother Joyce Thomas; a beautiful, gifted full of life daughter, sister and granddaughter Jillian Thomas; and one of the original Thomas siblings, youngest sister, also mom, sister and grandmother Marie Thomas Cole. Yet we grieve not as those who have no hope, we will see them again, but we miss them.

The family enjoyed a catered meal of BBQ with all that goes along with that, fried chicken and a variety of wonderful desserts brought by the families.

Then came the after-dinner auction led by C.A. III and capably assisted by Kaylee Scheffel. Many interesting items had been brought, some memorabilia, some handmade and some store bought. Gary and Reda Thomas brought two items of interest. Butterflies having a special meaning to

them they designed two yard decorations each consisting of a metal stake with four horseshoes welded on top to resemble a butterfly. Both received eager bids.

One family member, who shall remain nameless, succeeded in bidding against herself which resulted in some mirth among the group. Later, when this same person was asked about one of her donated items, being obviously still confused she tried to claim that it was handmade by her. However the error was quickly discovered when snickering ensued and a tag was seen clearly dangling from the object.

The auction did continue uneventfully after that, until a virtual bidding war broke out on the final item. C.A. Thomas III donated an 1897 Winchester 12 gauge shotgun which had been owned by his granddad C.A. Sr. It was passed down to his dad, Clifford Jr., who passed it down to him. Two grandmothers present had their eye on said shotgun to give to a grandson. Well, the room fell silent when the bidding got more intense and increased in fervor and size until the final winning bid! The family broke the silence with applause as the grandmas hugged, both gracious in victory and in defeat.

Family members representing the late John

Thomas were Don and Christene Du Bois of Magnolia; DeLin and Taylor Konicki of Spring; Gary and Reda Thomas, Eden and Micah with guests Shelby Dunnam, all of Haskell, and Skyler Smith of Abilene.

Roberta Mae Thomas Carroll of Forney was unable to attend. She was well represented though by Jean Taylor, and Bobby, Taylor and Sherry Kelly, all of Forney; guest Barry Shaw of Paint Creek, and Ryan Taylor and guest Liz Ogle of College Station. Sandra Blair came with Bruce, Jill and Hunter Blair, Dana, Curtis, Colton and Piper Rasbury, Travis Pollard and guest Manuel Gonzales, all of Forney. Jerry and Lana Bass came from Weatherford.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas of Haskell and Jerry and Mary Ann Thomas Wheatley of Cleburne.

Mike and Marijon Mills Motheral of Lubbock represented the late Helen Thomas Mills.

The late Clifford Thomas was represented by C.A. Thomas III and wife Kay of Wichita Falls and Cindy Thomas Porter of Petersburg.

Daughter Gaylen Chanslor of Irving and Jesse and Christi Chanslor of Quinlen came to represent Marie Thomas Cole. Their guest was Rhonda Nelson of Irving.

Lewis Thomas of Haskell attended with Ricky and Debbie Thomas Scheffel and Kaylee of Lubbock.

After more visiting, a little sightseeing and some shopping too, the family ate the plentiful left-overs for supper, cleaned up and dispersed, prayerfully looking forward to reunion 2014.

Scheets family to gather Aug. 16-18

The Scheets family reunion will be held from noon Fri., Aug. 16 until noon Sun., Aug. 18 at the Haskell Civic Center.

A pot luck meal will be served at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Families are asked to bring their favorite foods and desserts, along with tea

or colas.

Families are asked to bring games, like dominos, horseshoes, washers, etc.

All friends of the Scheets family are welcome to come join us for lots of fun and visiting.

For more information, call Jerry Scheets at 956-639-6930.



STOCKS REUNION-Forty-one members of the Stocks family attended the annual reunion Sat., Aug. 10 at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Stocks siblings include, middle row, l-r, J.D. Stocks, Wanda Lancaster, A.M. Stocks and Jerry Stocks. Dean Stocks and family were unable to attend.

Stocks family holds reunion

Forty-one descendants of the Audie E. and Lydia Dake Stocks family gathered over the weekend at the Haskell Civic Center for a get together.

Attending were Wanda Lancaster of Irving; and Al Lancaster of Irving;

A.M. Stocks of Haskell; Randy and Lisa Shaw of

Haskell; Jason, Sara, Seth and Max Shaw of Abilene; A.J., Sarah and Audie Shaw of Haskell; Josh, Sara, Kyle, Avalynne and Tyler Stocks of Hughes Springs; David, Stephanie, Natyleigh and Brooklynn Boatman of Claremore, Oklahoma; Phillip and Joyce Stocks, Justin Stocks, Kristen Rau

and Brandon Butts, all of Robinson;

J.D. and Karen Stocks of Grandfalls; Jesse, Misty, Jaci and Ashlyn Acosta of Odessa; James and Jennifer Stocks of Odessa;

Jerry and Betty Stocks of Haskell; Rusty, Holly, Alyssa and Brynlee Stocks of Haskell; Cody Stocks of Lawn.

Cason's Crew events set Aug. 24

If you haven't registered yet for the 4th Annual Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy 5K Run/Walk or Golf Tournament, it is time to do so.

This year's event, held in memory of Casen Riley and in support of all families affected by Cardiomyopathy, will be Sat., August 24 at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

The 5K Run/Walk registration/check-in is at Maxwell Golf Course from 6-6:45 a.m., with the run beginning at 7 a.m. Early registration before August 17 is \$20 and after that time is \$25. You can register online at active.com, or by calling Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379. Awards will be made to the top three finishers in eight age divisions.

The 4 Man Scramble golf tournament will take place the same day, with registration and cart pick up at 7 a.m. The Shotgun Start will be at 8 a.m. Cost is \$75 per person and \$300 for a foursome. The fee includes green fee, cart, range balls and a hamburger meal. First, second and third place cash awards will be given, along with prizes for the closest on #9 and the longest drive on #10.

For an entry form, more information on the event, Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, or for Casen's story visit www.casenscrew.com or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379. Proceeds go to Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation.

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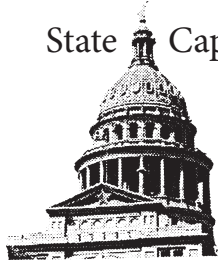
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Road-funding legislation finally passes

AUSTIN—A third called session of the Texas Legislature began July 30 and ended Aug. 5 with the task completed: passage of legislation to create a new funding path for transportation projects.

Given the contentiousness of the two previous called sessions that each lasted a full 30 days, lawmakers plowed their way to comparatively quick votes to give Gov. Rick Perry what he wanted. It's a two-part solution.

First, Senate Joint Resolution 1 by Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, is a proposed constitutional amendment that voters will see on the November 2014 ballot. SJR 1, should voters approve it, would take 50 percent of the state's oil and gas severance taxes that normally are deposited in the state Economic Stabilization ("Rainy Day") Fund and instead put that revenue into the state highway fund.

Second, House Bill 1 by Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, establishes a select committee on transportation funding, expenditures and finance. Committee membership would be made up of five House members and five Senate members to be appointed by the presiding officers of their respective chambers. The select committee will set a minimum balance each fiscal biennium for the Rainy Day Fund. Whatever the panel suggests as an amount then would need final approval by majority vote of both House and Senate. HB 1 also requires the Texas Department of Transportation to find a way to save at least \$100 million in funds appropriated to the agency for 2014-15 and that money would be used to pay down the agency's debt.

Gov. Perry on Aug. 5 said the Legislature's action "moves our state closer to securing a strong economy well into the future by providing more resources for building and maintaining a transportation system that will keep our economy growing and our population moving."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said, "This plan enables us to relieve congestion on Texas roadways while protecting our state's 'AAA' bond rating with a healthy balance in the Rainy Day Fund. To protect our Rainy Day fund, I am recommending a floor of \$6 to \$7 billion for the next two years."

During debate action on Aug. 5, lawmakers in both chambers expressed concern over the condition of rural

roads in their districts that are heavily traversed by oil and gas industry vehicles. They said the repair and restoration of those roads should be high priority.

Tax revenue increases
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Aug. 7 announced that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.2 billion, up 7.3 percent compared to July 2012.

"Texas sales tax revenue has increased for 40 consecutive months," Combs said. "The retail trade sector bolstered the latest growth in monthly revenue, and collections from the construction and the oil and natural gas sectors continued to show strength."

Combs said her agency would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their August local sales tax allocations totaling \$671 million, up 6.2 percent compared to August 2012.

'Fracking' is credited
Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick last week told the American Legislative Exchange Council about the importance of hydraulic fracturing technology during the lobbying group's annual meeting in Chicago.

Among her comments, Craddick said "fracking" is estimated to be used in about 80 percent of new wells completed in Texas today, and, "For almost 50 years, OPEC has manipulated oil markets, holding the United States captive to their supply-and price-setting whims. Thanks to fracking technology, America is moving closer to fulfilling its energy needs domestically."

Driver law toughens up

Current law requires drivers to move over and slow down for law enforcement, fire and emergency vehicles, but effective Sept. 1, drivers also must move over or slow down to 20 miles an hour below the posted limit when approaching Texas Department of Transportation workers and vehicles that are stopped with overhead flashing blue or amber lights, the agency announced last week.

TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson lauded the Legislature for passing a law that recognizes the dangers agency employees face each day. "We are hopeful that this new protection for our crews will lead to fewer preventable deaths and injuries," Wilson said.

On roadways with posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less drivers must reduce their speed to 5 miles per hour and violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

10 Years Ago August 14, 2003

Candace Brister won first place in the Haskell Country Club Junior Golf Tournament, in the 11-12 year old girls' division.

Gary Kuehler purchased the first automobile from Bailey Toliver Ford-Mercury. The Bill Wilson Ford dealership was recently purchased by the Tolivers.

Ross Hairgrove chose for his Eagle Scout Award project, the refurbishing of two rooms in the children's department at Haskell First United Methodist Church.

20 Years Ago August 19, 1993

Two Haskell postal employees received Special Achievement Awards.

City carrier Cindy Kendall received recognition for her efforts in assisting an elderly woman on her route, who had fallen and broken her leg. Rural carrier Randy Phemister received an award for his efforts in attempting to save a customer's burning

home.

Mike Guess has been appointed vice president and Stamford branch office manager for Rolling Plains Production Credit Association. A graduate of Texas Tech University, he has been with PCA since 1986.

Michael Rodriguez, son of Joe and Janie Rodriguez of Haskell, received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Mathematics, from the University of North Texas during summer commencement exercises.

30 Years Ago August 18, 1983

Randolph Wilson was honored with a retirement party hosted by his children. He retired after working with the Haskell ISD for ten years.

Weinert ISD superintendent H.L. Guess has announced the roster of teachers for the upcoming school year. New teachers to the district this year are Kelly Perry, kindergarten and 7th Language Arts and Kerri Urbanczyk, Vocational

Homemaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Andress of Stamford, announce the arrival of their daughter, Judith Michelle. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Andress of Haskell.

40 Years Ago August 16, 1973

Debbi Beauchamp of Rochester, sponsored by Penman Butane of Rochester, was crowned Miss Hey Day Queen 1973. First runner-up was Joan Barnett, sponsored by Parker's Supermarket; second runner-up was Rene Abbott, sponsored by Dad 'N' Lad; and third runner-up was Eugene Lane, sponsored by Furrh-Lane Agency.

Bob Connel, minister of the Church of Christ in Haskell, announced he will be moving to Post to serve as pastor there. He and wife Edie and their children have been in Haskell for the past five years.

Kyle Wilfong of Haskell,

Carol Dudensing of Sagerton and Susan Lewis of Rule, represented Haskell County 4-H as they were a part of the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour in Washington D.C.

50 Years Ago August 15, 1963

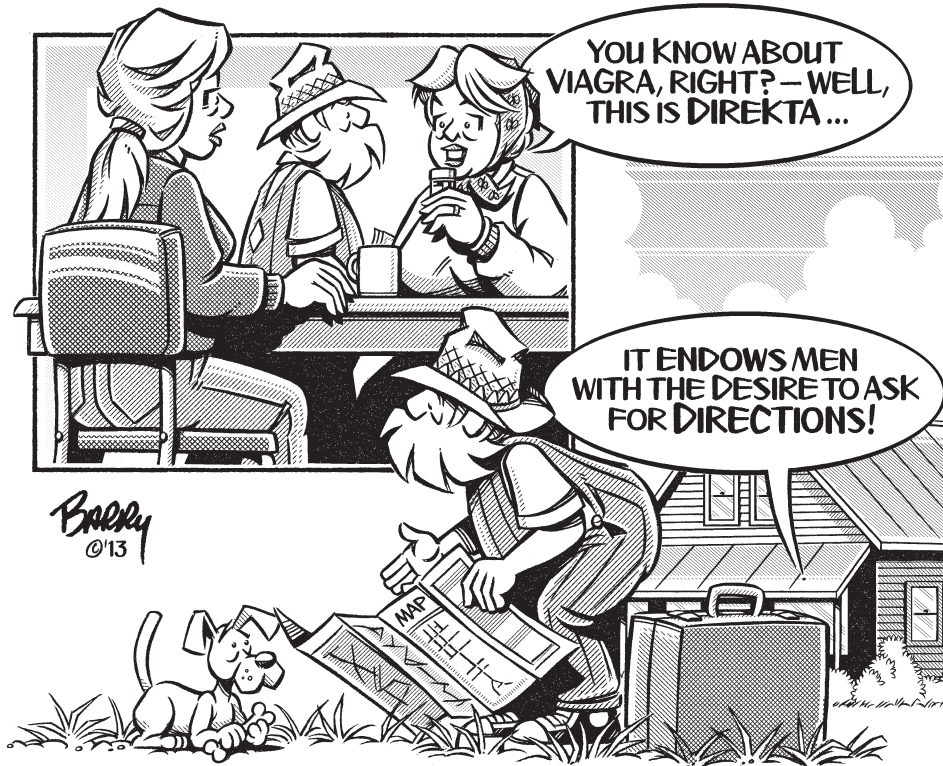
Cadet Woody Turnbow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Turnbow of Haskell, was one of more than 1800 Reserve Officer Training Corps candidates attending the general military science ROTC camp at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, to become future Army officers. He is a student at Midwestern University.

A jet aircraft from Carswell Air Force Base, dropped a couple of wing tanks deep into rugged country southeast of Haskell. Sheriff Garth Garrett led a crew from Dyess Air Force Base to the L.B. (Tubby) Jones Ranch, where the ejected 320 gallon jet fuel tanks were found in a pasture.

According to Buck Turnbow, Weinert Gin manager, Weinert received its first bale of cotton for the season when W.C. Curd brought in cotton which turned out a 480 lb. bale.

100 Years Ago August 16, 1913

A contract has been let for the drilling of an oil well at the junction of Paint Creek and California Creek. The contract for the first well has been let to E.W. Morgan, an experienced driller. A carload of coal has been ordered by wire for fuel and inside of ten days, three carloads of derrick timber, drills and machinery will be unloaded at Haskell. Arrangements for the transportation of the equipment by wagon from the railroad to the site have been made.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

It is good to be home and see for once "the green, green grass of home." We re-visited Ruidoso as it was the annual R&R trip for the Ya-Yas and their Yo-Yos. Gossiping, grieving, golfing along with racing, running and resting were the agenda of the week and the ever-present eating, lots of it. Diets postponed indefinitely; lots of laughter and memories of younger days. Gratitude that we've all made it this far into our seventies. Looking forward to enjoying them as we all move toward our eighties and more.

I may write a book entitled: Adventures of Gerontology including chapters on glasses searched for and found on top of the head; keys seemingly raptured, raccoons in the rafters of the carport and certainly including the latest incident. When we arrived home, the one who cleans our house and kept Sadie and Mister watered and fed while we were gone, came by to tell of "the incident." She said that Sunday night perhaps a squirrel must have gotten into our bedroom. It knocked over things, broke a vase and a bowl (thank goodness none of Teta's), left

blood in several spots on the carpet. Thursday night we were awakened by Sadie and Mister's growling, barking, etc. They were standing in front of the bathroom door. I looked inside and spotted a gray squirrel hiding behind the toilet. So outside, up the ladder to secure the squirrel trap I keep on the fence. I tried to re-set it and ascertained it was broken, but not before I noticed the interloper was not a squirrel but a possum! We shut the door and waited til the morning for help. Meantime I couldn't sleep so I checked the internet for methods of capturing a possum. The information said, "Pick up the possum by the tail." Really...they didn't say what the head was going to do while holding it by the tail! I have either read or been told that a possum can hang by its tail. If it can do that, it also might well be able to just roll right up that tail and chomp those 50, yes 50, teeth into my hand or arm—not a very pleasant thought. Two of our trusty good friends arrived about 11 that morning with a cage and a long handled instrument with a loop on one end. It seemed no small

matter for them to secure the possum and dispose of it, but they didn't grab it by its tail. We're thinking the little visitor made his home inside the new couch during the daytime. I'll tell you one thing: if I'd gone to the bathroom in my usual groggy state and seen those two big eyes and that mouth full of teeth looking at me I'd either messed myself or wound up in Willow Cemetery. This would definitely be a chapter in said book.

Every time we return home we eagerly go to the square to see if any changes have been made. This time we were delighted to see the vacant lot next to Haskell County Insurance had been leveled and cars were already parking there. When we left, it was still a mess. Thanks to Bill Hester, Commissioner of Precinct One, and Trey Burson who supplied the water from his water well for the project. Now I'm going to keep my fingers crossed that the big, old tree survives all the trauma.

Speaking of trees: We have a lot of dead ones in town. I have one and one-half in my own front yard. This drought that we are experiencing is taking its toll on a lot of trees around the area.

Took time the other day to stop by and meet our new County Extension Agent, Jason Westbrook. He is busily developing programs that will be beneficial to all of us. If you have a spare minute or two, drop by the Extension Office and make him feel

welcome.

Homecoming is rapidly approaching. I'd like to encourage all citizens but especially those businesses in town and around the square to begin to "spruce up". It's always good when the exes are proud of us.

I'd also like to encourage all of us to participate in the Homecoming activities. Maybe because we live here and work hard on Homecoming we feel like we don't need to or have to pay the homecoming dues. We really do need to pay the fees as it becomes increasingly more expensive each year. So sign up to attend and put that check in the mail!

We're still receiving encouraging notes via mail and phone and they are all appreciated. I'm determined to remember to do the same for others.

Notices have gone out to homeowners who have lots and yards that are grown-up due to the rains that we have recently enjoyed. The rain not only brought up the weeds, it also brought out the mosquitoes. Our city employees are doing the best they can to keep them under control but they also need our help. Make certain you don't have any pans, buckets or pots filled with water sitting around because these are excellent breeding sites. Meantime, be sure that you protect yourself from these critters by spraying thoroughly and often with a repellent. And all this to say we sure could use some more rain.

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Water conservation tips for homes and landscapes

by Jason Westbrook
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Water conservation begins at home, and we must all do our part. We need to develop an attitude of conserving water so we will be conscious of using less water in all aspects of our lives. This will be the first of a two part series on home water conservation.

The first step is to make sure your home is leak-free. Check indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks. Many silent leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain.

Dripping faucets that are leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Not only is this a waste of water, it adds to the size of your water and sewer bill, or it puts a strain on your septic system.

Toilet tank leaks account for much of the water wasted in homes. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes (flush as soon as you finish the test). Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available, and easily installed.

Another large water waster can be irrigation system leaks; fix these leaks quickly.

Examples of possible behavior changes that could save water in the bathroom include: taking 4-minute showers; turning the water off while shampooing your hair in the shower; turning water off while shaving or brushing teeth; and never using the toilet as a waste basket.

Other simple behavior changes can save a lot of water in the kitchen and laundry area. In the kitchen: keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool; thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than running hot water over it; scrape rather than rinsing dishes when loading the dishwasher; and add food waste to a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal. In the laundry area, wash only full loads of laundry, or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Outside your home, consider sweeping sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them off; use soaker hoses rather than sprinklers to avoid evaporation; and wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.

Replace your equipment with water-efficient equipment

Homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30 percent of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills (EPA). Below are some examples of changes that can be made.

The toilet is the largest

water user in your home. Most toilets installed before 1992 do not have the water-saving 1.6 gallon per flush. For those toilets that do make the flush efficient, hold the lever down to complete the flush cycle, which alleviates the need for a second flush.

Make sure each showerhead releases 2.5 gallons per minute or less. Today, all showerheads sold are regulated to meet the 2.5 gallons per minute maximum requirement. To make the flow feel like more water is coming out, turn the head dial to reduce the number of sprays or inner spray settings.

Replace your clothes washer—it is the second largest in-home water user. Energy Star™ rated washers, which also have a Water Factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35 to 50 percent less water and 50 percent less energy per load (EPA), saving you money on both water and energy bills.

Reduce water use in the landscape

From 50 to 75 percent of a home's total water use during the growing season may be for outdoor purposes. It's important that you develop a plan or convert your current landscape to include plants and design that are appropriate for your climate conditions.

If you have an irrigation system, it also needs to be regularly adjusted and checked for leaks.

Select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions. Having a yard with 100 percent lawn turf area in a dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Also consider Xeriscape™ and a more natural landscape. Use only the amount of water that your plants need.

Water during the coolest part of the day. Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs. Don't water plants that do not need the water. Be attentive to your watering time.

Maintain your irrigation system. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device. Water trees and shrubs longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants. Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and to cut down on weed growth.

New home designs should make sense

Water Sense labeled new homes are designed to reduce residential water use indoors, as well as outdoors, compared to typical new homes. The Water Sense label (EPA) on bathroom sink faucets, showerheads, toilets, etc. makes it easy to find and select water-efficient products.

The placement of water heating systems is another design issue. Gallons of water are wasted while waiting for hot water to get to the shower in many homes. In new homes, this can be addressed by placing hot water heaters near points of hot water use. In older homes, one may simply need to catch

the cold water and use it for watering plants or doing laundry. The waste may be as much as 3 gallons for each shower taken. Tankless water heating systems may save energy, but where they are located determines whether they save water or not.

Remember: What you do affects the quality and quantity of the water you have available. By keeping that in mind, you are helping protect water resources now and in the future. Help save Texas' water, and make every drop count.

Water Conservation Commitment

For each person in Texas, water must always be a vital concern. Water is a limited and fragile resource. The water used to irrigate landscapes is considered a luxury use of water by many people. Nonessential use of water implies a special responsibility to efficiently use the resource and to protect its quality.

Water conservation in the landscape does not mean planting a harsh cactus and rock garden. It means common sense landscaping to protect water quality and quantity. It also means following the principles of water conservation to insure continued prosperity for the residents and businesses of Texas.

Watering

Of the tremendous amounts of water applied to lawns and gardens, much of it is never absorbed by the plants and put to use. Some water is lost to runoff by being applied too rapidly, and some water evaporates from exposed, unmulched soil; but, the greatest waste of water is applying too much too often.

In addition to over watering the plant, excess irrigation can leach nutrients deep into the soil away from plant roots, increasing the chances of polluting

groundwater.

Similarly, runoff caused by excess irrigation can carry polluting fertilizers and pesticides to streams and lakes. The waste or pollution of high quality water through inefficient irrigation practices can be eliminated through proper watering techniques.

Lawns

Most lawns receive twice as much water as they require for a healthy appearance. The key to watering lawns is to apply the water infrequently, yet thoroughly. This creates a deep, well-rooted lawn that efficiently uses water stored in the soil.

To know when to water the lawn, simply observe the grass. Wilting and discoloration are signs of water stress. At the first sign of wilting, you have 24 to 48 hours to water before serious injury occurs. Apply 1 inch of water to the lawn as rapidly as possible without runoff. Watering only when needed and watering thoroughly produces a deep-rooted lawn which is more water efficient and drought enduring.

Trees and Shrubs

All trees and shrubs need more frequent watering from planting time until becoming well rooted, which may take two growing seasons. Once established, plants can then be weaned to tolerate less frequent watering. Proper weaning develops deep roots and makes the plants more drought enduring.

As with lawns, water established trees, shrubs and groundcovers infrequently, yet thoroughly. In the absence of rain, most trees and shrubs benefit from a once-a-month thorough watering during the growing season. Remember, normal lawn watering is not a substitute for thorough tree and shrub watering.

The feeding root system of a tree or shrub is located within the top 12 inches of

the soil and at the "dripline" of the plant. The dripline is the area directly below the outermost reaches of the branches. Apply water and fertilizer just inside and a little beyond the dripline, not at the trunk. Simply lay a slowly running hose on the ground and move it around the dripline as each area becomes saturated to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. For large trees, this watering technique may take several hours.

Irrigation Systems

The goal of any irrigation system is to give plants a sufficient amount of water without waste. By zoning an irrigation system, grass areas can be watered separately and more frequently than groundcovers, shrubs and trees. Both sprinkler and drip irrigation can be incorporated to achieve water conservation in the landscape.

Sprinkler Irrigation

Sprinkler irrigation is the most commonly used method of landscape watering.

The two most common types of sprinkler irrigation systems are the hose-end sprinkler and the permanent underground system. Even though a permanent sprinkler system can be more water efficient than a hose-end sprinkler, both systems require little maintenance and apply large volumes of water in a short time.

If you have a permanent sprinkler system, make sure the sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways. Also, a properly adjusted sprinkler head sprays large droplets of water instead of a fog of fine mist which is more susceptible to evaporation and wind drift.

With either hose-end sprinklers or permanent systems, water between late evening and mid-morning to avoid excessive waste

through evaporation.

Drip Irrigation

Drip irrigation offers increased watering efficiency and plant performance when compared to sprinkler irrigation. In areas of the state with poor water quality (i.e., high salt content), drip irrigation also allows safer use of "salty water" in the landscape and garden.

Drip irrigation slowly applies water to soil. The water flows under low pressure through emitters, bubblers or spray heads placed at each plant. Water applied by drip irrigation has little chance of waste through evaporation or runoff.

Seeking professional irrigation advice and experimenting with available drip irrigation products in small sections of the landscape are the best ways to become familiar with the many benefits of this watering technique.

Mulching Conserves Moisture

Mulch is a layer of nonliving material covering the soil surface around plants.

Mulches can be organic materials such as pine bark, compost and woodchips; or inorganic materials, such as lava rock, limestone or permeable plastic, not sheet plastic.

Use a mulch wherever possible. A good mulch conserves water by significantly reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. Mulch also reduces weed populations, prevents soil compaction and keeps soil temperatures more moderate.

Proper Mowing and Fertilizing Conserves Water

Mowing grass at the proper height conserves water. Mow St. Augustine grass and buffalograss at 3 inches; for Bermudagrass mow at 1 inch; for centipedegrass and Zoysiagrass mow.

NOTICE OF 2013 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of Haskell, City of Rochester, City of Weinert, and Haskell Memorial Hospital. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of Rochester	City of Weinert	City of Haskell	Haskell Mem. Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 26,627.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 446,097.00	\$ 810,317.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 26,627.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 446,097.00	\$ 810,317.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,856,732	\$ 3,476,718	\$ 84,873,913	\$ 315,666,799
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.6904/\$100	\$ 0.5321/\$100	\$ 0.5256/\$100	\$ 0.2567/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 26,626.00	\$ 18,499.00	\$ 446,097.00	\$ 810,316.00
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,895,330	\$ 3,628,640	\$ 86,522,843	\$ 307,564,912
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.6835/\$100	\$ 0.5098/\$100	\$ 0.5155/\$100	\$ 0.2634/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 26,626.00	\$ 18,499.00	\$ 569,410.00	\$ 810,316.00
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,895,330	\$ 3,628,640	\$ 86,522,843	\$ 307,564,912
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.6835/\$100	\$ 0.5098/\$100	\$ 0.6581/\$100	\$ 0.2634/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.7381/\$100	\$ 0.5505/\$100	\$ 0.7107/\$100	\$ 0.2844/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.7381/\$100	\$ 0.5505/\$100	\$ 0.7107/\$100	\$ 0.2844/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate			\$ 0.1418/\$100	
= Adjusted Rollback tax rate			\$ 0.5689/\$100	
+ Additional rate for pollution control			\$ 0.0004/\$100	
= Rollback tax rate			\$ 0.5693/\$100	

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.683500 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$52.00.

If the City of Weinert adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.509800 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$1.00.

If the City of Haskell adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.515500 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$1,858.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist. adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.263400 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2012 taxes by \$1,526.00.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed
City of Rochester	\$ 0.00
City of Haskell	\$ 0.00
City of Weinert	\$ 0.00
Haskell Memorial Hospital District	\$ 0.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICES: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX

The City of Haskell estimates that it will receive \$123,313 in additional sales and use tax revenues

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas 79521.

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City of Haskell Residential Yard Watering Schedule

DAY TO WATER:	HOUSE NUMBER ENDING IN:
Monday.....	0 or 1
Tuesday.....	2 or 3
Wednesday.....	4 or 5
Thursday.....	6 or 7
Friday.....	8 or 9

Residential yard watering is restricted to the period from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.



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- If your skin is dry, rub lotion on your feet after you wash and dry them. Do not put lotion between your toes.
- File corns and calluses gently with an emery board or pumice stone. Do this after your bath or shower.
- Cut your toenails once a week or when needed. Cut toenails when they are soft from washing. Cut them to the shape of the toe and not too short. File the edges with an emery board.
- Always wear slippers or shoes to protect your feet from injuries.
- Always wear socks or stockings to avoid blisters. Do not wear socks or knee-high stockings that are too tight below your knee.
- Wear shoes that fit well. Shop for shoes at the end of the day when your feet are bigger. Break in shoes slowly. Wear them 1 to 2 hours each day for the first few weeks.
- Before putting your shoes on, feel the insides to make sure they have no sharp edges or objects that might injure your feet.

ALWAYS REPORT ANY ABNORMALITIES TO FEET TO YOUR PHYSICIAN!!

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Aug. 5-11:

Frank Jerome Austin, public intoxication.

Joshua Redding, aggravated assault on peace officer with deadly weapon, evading arrest with vehicle.

Azalea Andrade, theft, more than \$50 less than \$500.

Tony Catarino Garcia, violation of probation ten days no bond.

Trinidad Rodriquez Jr., fraud theft by check, also motion to revoke DWI second.

Miranda Lucille Holmstrom, minor in possession of alcohol Class C.

Salvador Rodriquez, Jr., minor in possession of alcohol Class C.

John Edward Applin, minor in possession alcohol Class C.

William Hopkins, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shannon Michele Harlan, driving while license invalid Class C

Forty-seven calls were made to 911.

4-H Club hamburger supper set August 16

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Haskell County 4-H Club will sponsor their yearly fundraiser hamburger meal Fri., Aug. 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hamburger meal will be held at the Haskell High School football field's concession stand.

The cost of the meal will include a grilled hamburger/cheeseburger with all the trimmings and homemade fries.

This will be held during the first Haskell JV and varsity football scrimmage/game. Drinks and candy will be available from the Haskell Indian Booster Club which will be on one side of the concession stand.

Call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. Jason Westbrook or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

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SUMMER READERS-This group of children attended the Haskell County Library's Summer Reading Program with Wallace Emerson, center back, presenting the day's book.

Sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.2 billion, up 7.3 percent compared to July 2012.

"Texas sales tax revenue has increased for 40 consecutive months," Combs said. "The retail trade sector bolstered the latest growth in monthly revenue, and collections from the construction and the oil and natural gas sectors continued to show strength."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their August local sales tax allocations totaling \$671 million, up 6.2 percent compared to August 2012.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax

quarterly. Haskell County had a 4.98 percent increase for August 2013 of \$49,566.61 in comparison to \$47,211.71 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$365,665.61 reflect a 4.80 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$348,904.70.

The City of Haskell had a 5.29 percent increase for August 2013 of \$45,353.84 in comparison to \$43,072.36 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$341,785.31 reflect a 5.18 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$324,929.23.

The City of O'Brien had a 61.40 percent increase for August 2013 of \$317.97 in comparison to \$197.00 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$2,326.78 reflect a 29.73 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of

\$1,793.47. The City of Rochester had a 9.89 percent decrease for August 2013 of \$542.86 in comparison to \$602.47 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$3,390.10 reflect a 13.64 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$3,925.98.

The City of Rule had a .05 percent increase for August 2013 of \$3,076.99 in comparison to \$3,075.43 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$16,152.73 reflect a 1.70 percent decrease over 2012 payments to date of \$16,432.27.

The City of Weinert had an 3.97 percent increase for August 2013 of \$274.95 in comparison to \$264.45 for August 2012. 2013 payments to date of \$2,010.69 reflect a 10.25 percent increase over 2012 payments to date of \$1,823.75.

Motorists required to move over/slow down when approaching TxDOT crews

September not only brings the start of fall, but also the start of a new requirement for Texas drivers. The state's Move Over/Slow Down law, which traditionally has required drivers to yield to police, fire and emergency vehicles, has now been expanded to provide that same protection for Texas Department of Transportation workers.

Effective Sept. 1, drivers must move over or slow down when approaching TxDOT workers and vehicles that are stopped with overhead flashing blue or amber lights.

"We are very pleased the Legislature recognizes the dangers our employees face each day while working to maintain and build the state's vast highway network," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT's executive director, noting that more than 100

TxDOT employees working in construction areas have been struck and killed by motorists since 1938. "We are hopeful that this new protection for our crews will lead to fewer preventable deaths and injuries."

The new addition to the Move Over law requires motorists to move out of the lane closest to the TxDOT

vehicle when possible or reduce their speed to 20 miles per hour below the posted limit. If the road does not offer multiple lanes, the driver must slow down. On roadways with posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less, drivers must reduce their speed to 5 miles per hour. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

Calendar

PC addresses needed

Addresses of Paint Creek High School graduates, faculty, employees or administration are sought by the Paint Creek homecoming committee members. Please send your information to Homecoming Chairman, Phyllis Coleman at philly5030@yahoo.com. Paint Creek High School's homecoming will be held Sept. 28.

Paint Creek back to school event

The Paint Creek faculty

would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 27. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children. We encourage all students and parents to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

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Beware of tax scams based on bogus credits, deductions

The Internal Revenue Service has become aware through various sources that taxpayers are being victimized by individuals pretending to be legitimate tax preparers. These “preparers” are luring taxpayers into filing fraudulent returns by promising larger than normal refunds while charging exorbitant fees. The IRS issued its annual “Dirty Dozen” list of scams in March which once again, included return preparer fraud.

Reports received indicate that the typical victim is usually not required to file a return in the first place but is lured in by the promise of a large refund. The “preparers” will create false income, deductions or credits to maximize the refund. Recently, the IRS learned of a scam involving bogus claims for veterans’ disability benefits. Last year, promoters falsely claimed that they could obtain a tax refund or nonexistent stimulus payment for their victims based on the American Opportunity Tax Credit, even if the victim was not enrolled in or paying for college.

Taxpayers are legally responsible for what’s on their returns even if it was prepared by someone else. Taxpayers can be liable for additional tax, interest, and penalties due and subject to criminal prosecution, if complicit in the scheme. In addition, victims who obtain refunds illegally could put some federal

benefits to which they may be entitled to at risk.

“While most return preparers provide honest service to their clients, the unscrupulous prey on unsuspecting taxpayers by luring them into filing returns promising large refunds,” said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. “These preparers ask for little or no documentation, do not provide copies of returns, and may be long gone by the time the victims realized they have been duped.”

The IRS wants to remind taxpayers to be careful when choosing and hiring an individual or firm to prepare their return. Among many factors to consider when hiring someone to prepare your return, the IRS says to use only preparers who:

- Sign the return as the preparer,
- Enter their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN), and
- Provide you with a copy of the return

For tips about choosing a preparer, red flags, details on preparer qualifications and information on how and when to make a complaint, taxpayers can visit www.irs.gov/chooseataxpro. IRS.gov also has general information on reporting tax fraud. More specifically, you report abusive tax preparers to the IRS on Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. Download Form 14157 and fill it out or order by mail at 800-TAX FORM (800-829-3676). The form includes a return address.

Child Find program seeks kids

Screening for children ages 3-5 whose parents have concerns about their child’s developmental level for those residents of the school districts of Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O’Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD or Rule ISD will be held by appointment.

Parents with children who are age 3 or older and not yet in kindergarten who have concerns about their child’s development in the areas of mental, learning, speech, motor, and/or

emotional skills should call Haskell-Knox SSA at 940-658-3587 and schedule an appointment. Bring your child’s birth certificate, social security card and immunizations record with the child on the day of the appointment.

If your child is under the age of 3 years old and you have concerns with their development, you are encouraged to contact Little Lives-ECI at 1-800-852-2193 for their program.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com



NOTICE

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas on August 22, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed rate is **\$.0198** per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase taxes in the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 0.00%.

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Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group will hold the next meeting Tues., Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Indian tickets

Football reserved seats for the Haskell Indians are on sale at the Haskell High School Office.

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@

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.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester homecoming will be held Sept. 27-28.

Rochester homecoming

Rochester homecoming will be held Oct. 11-12. A homecoming meeting will be held Mon., Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Rochester School cafeteria.

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2013 PIRATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Vernon Northside Scrimmage	Paint Creek	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 24	Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
Aug. 30	Woodson	Woodson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Trent	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Lueders	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Aspermont (Dbl. header w/JH)	Aspermont	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Rule (Homecoming)	Paint Creek	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Moran	Moran	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Knox City	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*Bryson	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Crowell	Crowell	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	*Throckmorton	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	OPEN		

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 12	Lueders	Paint Creek	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Aspermont	Aspermont	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Rule	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Moran	Paint Creek	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	*Knox City	Paint Creek	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*Bryson	Paint Creek	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Crowell	Crowell	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Throckmorton	Throckmorton	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	OPEN		

*District Game

COACH: Ben Smith
PRINCIPAL: Richard Cumby SUPT.: Don Ballard

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2013 INDIAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Haskell	TBD
Aug. 22	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Merkel	6 p.m.
Aug. 30	Archer City	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Seymour	Seymour	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Baird	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Electra	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Olney (Homecoming)	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	City View	City View	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Forsan	Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*Stamford	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Anson	Anson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	*Winters	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	*OPEN		

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Haskell	TBD
Aug. 22	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Merkel	6 p.m.
Aug. 29	Archer City	Archer City	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Seymour	Haskell	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Baird	Baird	Follows 8th grade
Sept. 19	Electra	Electra	Follows 8th grade
Sept. 26	Olney	Olney	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 3	City View	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 10	*Forsan	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 17	*Stamford	Stamford	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 24	*Anson	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 31	*Winters	Winters	Follows 8th grade
Nov. 7	*OPEN		

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 12	Baird	Baird	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Sept. 19	Electra	Electra	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Sept. 26	Olney	Olney	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 3	City View	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 10	*Forsan	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 17	*Stamford	Stamford	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 24	*Anson	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 31	*Winters	Winters	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Nov. 7	Merkel	Haskell	5 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game

*District Game



AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES—Majestic Senior Living invited residents and workers of Haskell Healthcare Center to an afternoon of snacks and dominoes Wed., Aug. 7. Playing at the table above are, l-r, Faye Gray, Michael Kierepka, Patsy Wilson and Frank Cross. Playing at the table below are, l-r, Ashley Flanary, Mary Aguilar, Boyce Ellison and Joyce Williams.



Urich is top ranked in standings

Aaron Urich of Rochester and his team took first prize in the Double Mugging event at the White Deer Rodeo in White Deer July 27. Aaron is a senior at Haskell High School.

Stewart Urich of Rochester, won first place in the Ranch Bronc event at the Seymour and Lamesa Rodeos, placed second at the Seminole Rodeo, and is currently ranked number one in the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association Ranch

Bronc standings.

They are the sons of Ricky and Faye Urich, and grandsons of Sharon

Mullino, all of Rochester, and grandsons of Ann Lindsey and Jerry Clem, both of Jayton.



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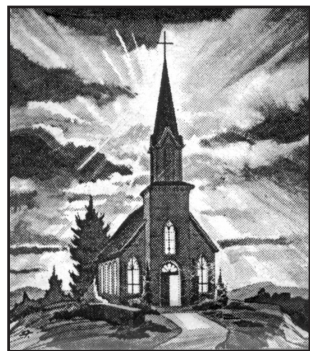
ECC Menu

Mon., August 19
Chicken patty, gravy, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, choco chip cookies, tea or coffee

Wed., August 21
Lasagna, Long John Silver slaw, misc. dessert, garlic toast, tea or coffee

Fri., August 23
Chicken enchilada, hominy, garden salad, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Every prayer should contain a word of gratitude

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a 'shopping list' of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and will grant

the things that are right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Shawn Smith, Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Phillip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
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.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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**
Clovie Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- SAGERTON—**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

- Faith Lutheran Church**
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

- RULE—**
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

- Church of Christ**
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

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

- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, 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.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

- PAINT CREEK—**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Lamb validation tags due

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
It is time to order lamb/goat validation ear tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb as an animal project, that lamb must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until Fri., Aug. 23.

The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

You may come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell to order the tags. If you have any questions, call Jason Westbrook, Haskell County Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

State Fair entry tags due

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, entries for the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Thurs., Aug. 22 by 5:00 p.m.

The entry forms are

available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fair and show call Jason Westbrook, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

DSHS offers hot weather precautions

As summer temperatures soar, the Texas Department of State Health Services urges people to be aware of the signs of heat illness and to take precautions to protect themselves from heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The elderly, young children, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most at risk.

Staying in an air conditioned area, either at home or at public places like malls, libraries or community centers, is the best way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open windows, pull down shades to keep out direct sunlight and use fans to cool rooms.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Stay cool, drink plenty of fluids, wear cool clothing and limit strenuous outdoor activities. Other precautions:

- Take action at the first sign of heat illness. Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People experiencing these

symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation. If symptoms don't improve, seek medical attention.

- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a parked vehicle—even for a short time. Vehicles can heat up to deadly temperatures within minutes. Cracking the windows does little to keep temperatures down. If your child sits in the back seat, put your purse, briefcase, wallet or another essential item behind you so you'll notice your child is there before exiting the vehicle. Young children are particularly vulnerable to heat. Call 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a vehicle.

- Check frequently on older friends, neighbors and family members. Visit at least twice a day and watch for signs of heat illness. Assist them with transportation to places with air conditioning and make sure they know what to do if they experience heat illness. Most deaths caused by heat stroke occur in people older than 50 years old. They are more likely to have a medical condition or be taking medication that can interfere with the body's response to heat.

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Water Meter Readings and Water Leaks

We have received a few concerns regarding citizens' water bills and their readings. The city would like to address a few of these issues for all to see.

We do meter readings once per month. All of our meters are read "by hand" (with the exception of book nine that is read by an electronic wand) and it takes two employees three to four days to do the readings. After the readings are done, they are turned into the Water Clerk who enters them into the system. The report is then generated and the Water Clerk looks through the list for unusual or high readings. We then get that same staff to do re-reads

as needed. We have had a few mistakes, and we are happy to fix those errors.

The meter readings only reflect the water that went through your meter. We are not billing people more because of the recent and unfortunate leaks we have had. The city has to absorb that loss. We are not unlike any other town in how this process is done, and our sister cities are experiencing similar situations.

There is a way to fix it all, and we have looked at this system. It is a fixed base or drive-by meter reading service that would take meter readings to a couple of hours' process for one person instead of the current 42-52 man-hours that are currently being spent. The fixed base system would take

a meter reading every hour of the day and would account for water by the gallon as opposed to the 1000 gallon readings currently done. The fixed base system would be managed at one computer terminal by the Water Clerk and would give daily readings on suspected meters that have been tampered with, residences that may have a leak as detected by water flow, and we could turn water on and off from the computer as well. The drive-by system would read meters in an area as you drive by in a vehicle; this system would also implement all new meters and give readings by the gallon. Our current meters roll over on the 1000 units so if you only use 2800

gallons in a month your reading is 2000; if you use 3200 gallons your reading would be 3000 gallons.

We, as city staff, understand that our meter readings are important, and we are doing everything in our power to ensure our meter readers are doing their jobs. Some meters have dirt in them and to get the reading we have to dig into it. Some citizens have produced pictures of their meters stating that there is no way the meter is being read. Especially in the current water situation we are in, we are stressing to our employees to do an accurate and good job.

The water leaks are an evil that have always been with us. We have a live system that if shut

down would require us to issue "boil water notices" and when we power the system back up would cause more leaks and stress on our old infrastructure. We need to start understanding that this is an entire city issue. Aging infrastructure is something that needs to be addressed; however, that would require a substantial increase in water rates to achieve this and would be a long and continuing process to achieve.

One option is to put together a bond package and take to the voters that would ensure enough dollars to do substantial upgrades all at one time. Both of these options will cost this community dollars. The fixed base or drive-by system comes

at a hefty price as well. We have discussed and are currently discussing all of these issues at the Administration level and with the Council.

Communication is key in everything that we do with the city and issues with meter reading are no different. If you have a question or concern, please contact city hall so that your concerns can be addressed. Any other type of complaint is futile and does not address the problem; it only grows public resentment. Your city employees and governing body are water customers as well. So don't vent among yourselves; let us know your complaint. If we don't know of your problem, how can we fix it? We're all in this together.



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THOMAS RETIRES—Bill Thomas is honored by the Development Corporation of Haskell for 13 years of service on their board. He is congratulated by, l-r, Randy Hise, Lonnie Meredith and Joey Kimbrough.

Bill Thomas retires from DCOH board

At the Aug. 9 meeting of the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) board, Bill Thomas was honored by DCOH board members and staff for his 13 years of service and leadership on the DCOH board.

Thomas, a retired accountant and semi-retired

farmer and rancher, was asked to serve on the DCOH board in 2000 by Mayor Ken Lane. During his service on the board, Thomas has overseen economic development projects including the Rolling Plains Detention Facility development, prospective bio diesel and cotton seed

crushing plants, and most recently the renovation of the old Haskell National Bank building for Encore Visions and DRIVE magazine.

In his letter of resignation to the board, Thomas wrote that, "the members of this board and the associated leaders of the city of Haskell are some of the finest people I have ever known...it has truly been a pleasure working with all of you as we strived to improve our community."

Thomas and his wife Grace have lived in Haskell since 1983. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

The Development Corporation of Haskell is a five member board that meets monthly to review and fund economic and community projects to benefit Haskell. For more information on the board and projects that they are able to assist with, visit www.haskelltexasonline.com.

Photos needed

A planned homecoming display will feature a teepee covered with pictures of graduates who have elected to retire in Haskell as well as those who have continually lived here.

At least one member of the couple should have graduated from Haskell High School. Each couple should send a 4x6 color (if possible) picture. On the back of the picture, please print in this order: man's

name and year of graduation ('59) and spouse's maiden name and year of graduation ('61) and then surname. This information will be added to the photo and then placed on the teepee. This is an effort to encourage exes to come back to Haskell for their retirement and shows them all of their friends who currently live in the city.

Send your photos to Jan Gannaway, 706 N. Ave. L., Haskell, Texas 79521.

Haskell Co. LWG to meet August 16

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Haskell County and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their 2013 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting Aug. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Haskell USDA Service Center.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Haskell County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Haskell County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Haskell County are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Cody Mathis, District Conservationist, at 940-864-8516 ext. 4. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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