

## Calendar

### Research help needed

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

### Church in the Park

Church in the Park will be hosted Sun., June 29 at 10 a.m. at the pavilion at the City Park by First Baptist Church in Haskell. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served after the service. Everyone in the community is invited. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this special time together.

### Fifth Sunday Singing

The First Baptist Church of Rule will host the Fifth Sunday Singing Sun., June 29, at 5 p.m. All in the community are welcome to attend and also participate with their musical talent.

### TCR hamburger lunch

The TCR Old Timers Association will hold a hamburger lunch during the Texas Cowboy Reunion on July 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds benefit the building maintenance fund.

### Eastern Star

Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., July 3, in the Rule Masonic Hall at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and a stated meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

### Fiddler's contest

The TCR Old Timer's Association is sponsoring the annual Fiddler's Contest Sat., July 5 at 10 a.m. at the Round Up Hall in Stamford. There are three age groups with a cash prize to each group and an overall cash prize winner. For more information contact DeDe Jones at 325-660-4302 or Jan Muehlstein at 325-773-2001.

### Teen Challenge

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will host the Teen Challenge of Texas program Sun., July 6 at 10:30 a.m. for area youth. Check out Teen Challenge on Facebook or at <http://teenchallengetxt.org/> or call 940-841-1695 for details. This is a faith based program focusing on taking control of addiction. Come early for doughnuts.

### Friends of the Library

Friends of the Haskell County Library will meet Mon., July 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the library conference room.

### Mud Run

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

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## American Legion Post seeks history

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**YOUNG READERS**—Approximately 25 readers participating in the Summer Reading program at the Haskell County Library were outside Tues., June 17 working on a project involving the exposure of a treated paper to the sun. Various items, including hands, were used to create the pattern on the paper. The reader for the day was Amber Corzine of Stamford.

## Ventriloquist and puppet guest to make appearance at Haskell Library

by Caron Yates

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

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

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

She feels that her decision that day set her on the path of what she was truly meant

to do. Worcester has taught many important life lessons with her five puppets and voice fluctuations. Through her storytelling and live dialogue entertainment, she incorporates activities that can transfer emotions and feelings and boost thinking, helping children learn to make good decisions and understand cause-and-effect. She tackles topics such as video games and fast food and reminds her audience to learn to be loving and giving.

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

Living in Granbury, she averages 200-300 performances a year. She has entertained audiences of all ages from Mexico to Newfoundland and all throughout the United States,

by bringing her puppets to life.

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

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

Make plans to be at the

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

## Future of water discussed at special meeting

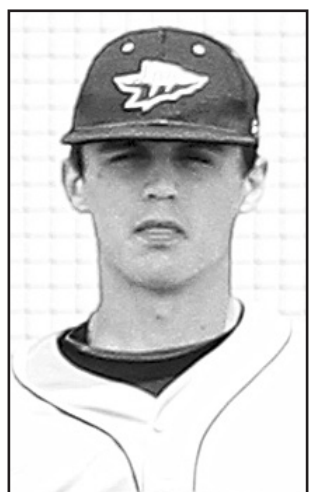
Several Haskell residents were in attendance of the special called meeting of the Haskell City Council where a presentation by David Kuehler, Executive Director of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, was heard.

A joint project with NCTMWA, the cities of Haskell, Knox City, Munday and Goree using federal grant funds, will help secure an alternate water source for current and future drought occurrences.

Kuehler stated that funds will enable a project headed by the NCTMWA to drill water wells to supplement the water drawn from Millers Creek. The project will drill two wells in the Knox City area, two in the Haskell area, and four to eight wells in Munday where the City of Munday owns two properties on which the wells will be located.

Other wells will be constructed pending easements and TCEQ approval.

Construction is set to begin about August 1 and take from 60 to 90 days to completion. Well water is



CADE COLLEY

## Colley named to All-Big Country baseball team

The All-Big Country baseball team for 2014 has been announced by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Area coaches nominated players, provided stats and praise for their best performers, and then the sports staff of the Reporter-News chose the 30-player roster they consider to be the Big Country's best players.

The Haskell Indians placed one on the honorable mention list. Junior Cade Colley was named honorable mention pitcher, in addition to his All-District First Team selection.

Congratulations to this young man on his efforts and accomplishments.

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# Adjust withholding to avoid tax surprises

Many taxpayers have more taxes withheld from their pay than necessary. You should try to have your income tax withholding match your actual tax liability, especially if you normally get a large refund and you would like more money in your paycheck. If not enough tax is withheld, you will owe tax at the end of the year and may have to pay interest and a penalty. If too much

tax is withheld, you will lose the use of that money until you get your refund. The withholding calculator at IRS.gov can help you figure the right amount of federal withholding and provide information you can use to complete a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Life brings constant changes to individual financial situations. Things

like marriage, divorce, a new child or home purchase can all be reasons to adjust your withholding. The earlier in the year you check your withholding, the easier it is to get the right amount of tax withheld.

"Check your withholding if you prepared last year's tax return and got a refund that's larger than you wanted or had a balance due that's more than you can comfortably pay," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

Before you begin, you need to have a few items handy: Your most recent pay stubs and your most recent federal income tax return.

Here are some tips for using the withholding calculator:

- Fill in all information that applies to your situation.
- Estimate when necessary. Remember, the results are only as accurate as the information you input.
- Check out the information links embedded in the program whenever you have a question.
- Print out the final screen that summarizes your input and the results. Use it to complete a new Form W-4 (if necessary) and give the completed form to your employer. Keep the print of the final screen and a copy of your new W-4 with your tax records.

For many people, the withholding calculator is a great tool that can simplify the process of determining their withholding. Also, see Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, available at IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

# When can my child ride in the front seat?

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

We are all guilty of occasionally rewarding our children's good behavior with special indulgences. Think about the extra candy bar or the special trip to the fast food restaurant to be entertained with not so healthy treats. But perhaps the most dangerous reward parents give their children is letting the child ride in the front seat!

The truth is that the back seat is always a safer choice—not just for children but for everyone! Most crashes are frontal crashes, so just by virtue of being in the back seat you are further away from the point of impact. Children are not just small adults. Their bones and ligaments are still developing, and they are more vulnerable to crash forces than a full-grown adult. Studies have shown that restrained children in rear seats have the lowest risk of dying in fatal crashes. Even in side-impact crashes, properly restrained children

in the back seat do better than children sitting in the front. Frontal air bags can also pose a danger to children, just as they can to small adults.

So what is the minimum age when a child can ride in the front seat? The American Academy of Pediatrics continues to recommend that children under 13 years of age sit in the back seat for the best protection. Children under 13 are always safer buckled up in the back seat in the appropriate car seat for their age or a seat belt if they are big enough to fit correctly.

Unfortunately, the law in Texas does not address seating positions. The law simply states that children under age 8, unless taller than 4'9", must be in a child safety seat according to manufacturers' instructions. The law is always the minimum. Parents and caregivers want the maximum safety for their children.

DaLinda Black, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent in Haskell

County, reminds parents and caregivers to keep children rear-facing until age two or until the limit of their rear-facing convertible seat is reached, which is usually 35-40 pounds. Also, children should stay in a 5-point harness system until they are mature enough to ride in a booster seat. Booster seats are for children who are at least age four and 40 pounds or more. Finally, keep children in a booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly. This is usually sometime between ages 8 and 12 years old when the child reaches 4'9" tall and the lap and shoulder belt fit correctly. The average child reaches 4'9" at age 11!

Next time you are thinking about rewarding your child, think about treating them like a VIP and keeping them in the back seat! Explain how the back seat is more protective, buckle them up correctly, and take them out for a healthy fruit smoothie!!

Remember, children under age 13 are safest in the back seat buckled up on every trip!

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 16-22:

Edward Pedroza, driving while intoxicated third or more.

Robert L. Powell, Jr., driving while intoxicated 1st, open container, fail to comply

w/req. striking/fixture/landscaping, Throckmorton charges.

Glenda Zavala, motion to revoke driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.

Jamarian Delce, parole violation and failure to identify.

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.



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## Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2015 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the appraisal district office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$358,120.00
The total amount of <b>decrease</b> over the current year's budget.	-\$35,437.75
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	4/1 (full-time/part-time)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5 (full-time)

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

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

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

**Haskell County Appraisal District**  
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Haskell, Texas 79521  
(940) 864-3805

## From the AG By Greg Abbott

### Privacy is not for sale in Texas

The Texas Attorney General's Office works constantly to protect Texans' privacy. Two bankruptcy cases we recently intervened in are illustrative of that effort. Most Texans are unaware that the personal information they provide during their interactions with a business may one day have potential value in a bankruptcy asset sale. Fortunately, the skilled lawyers at the Attorney General's Office are familiar with this reality—and know how to spot a potential problem before it's too late.

Within the last few months, the Attorney General's Office successfully thwarted an online dating site's plan to sell its customers' sensitive personal information as part of its bankruptcy asset sale.

### TRUE Love?

Millions of Americans have ventured into the world of online dating websites that typically offer subscribers the ability to be connected with persons with whom the site determined they are compatible. In order to provide these services, dating websites often ask subscribers to provide a variety of personal information—including their age, education, profession, financial information, income, and personal interests, among other categories of information.

As of October 2013, 43 million individuals—including about two million Texans—had shared exactly that type of sensitive personal information with True.com, an online dating service owned by Plano-based True Beginnings. Despite its huge market share, TRUE found itself seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and had proposed to sell its database of 43 million customers' information to a third party—a Canadian-based online dating service. In negotiating this proposed sale, neither TRUE nor its proposed purchaser recognized the rights of TRUE's customers to decide whether—or how—their

private information could—or could not—be shared.

The proposed purchase price was \$750,000—so ultimately, the Canadian-based dating service was proposing to pay a penny-and-a-half for each customer's information. The Attorney General's Office recognizes that customers' sensitive data is priceless and immediately launched an investigation.

Some quick research revealed that under the terms of TRUE's published privacy policies, its customers had a legal right to notice that their private information was about to be sold to a third party. Perhaps more importantly, customers had a legal right to object to the sale of their personal information.

At a time when privacy is an issue of grave concern to so many, the Attorney General's Office filed an enforcement action against TRUE to prevent it from selling customers' personal information without their consent. Our legal action asked the bankruptcy court to require TRUE and its bankruptcy trustee to seek customers' permission to sell their private information to a third party—and not allow the sale of that information to proceed until TRUE fulfilled the court's order.

### Privacy and Safety

In addition to privacy concerns, our legal team explained to the court that TRUE was in violation of the Texas Internet Dating Act. In the interest of consumer safety, the State's Internet Dating Act requires dating services either to conduct full criminal background checks on members or disclose to customers that they do not conduct such checks.

TRUE made misleading representations to customers that the company conducted criminal background screenings. In reality, the Office of the Attorney General's investigation found that TRUE's "screenings" did not comply with requirements for criminal background checks. TRUE was in fact doing the bare

minimum and conducting only limited sex offender screenings and did not screen for other types of felonies. TRUE's failure to run full criminal background checks violated the Texas Internet Dating Act.

Our legal team also found language on TRUE's website stating the company shared members' billing information (debit and credit cards) with post-transaction third-party sellers—a practice that violates the federal Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act.

In the face of the State's objections to TRUE's proposal to sell its customer lists and data, the Canadian-based dating service withdrew its offer, and TRUE agreed to settlement terms that addressed the State's concerns and protected the privacy rights of millions of Texans. TRUE and the State of Texas formalized the terms in a court agreement filed in December 2013. As a result, TRUE's Texas customers' sensitive data was protected during the company's bankruptcy asset sale.

### Precious Currency

Our privacy protection team was again called into quick action in February 2014 on a privacy issue in a Dallas-based bankruptcy case involving Mulligan Mint, a production and manufacturing mint that offers privately minted medallions in silver, copper, and gold to customers. The bankruptcy trustee sought to sell all of the company's assets—which included business records, customer lists and sensitive data customers had provided to the mint. As with the case against TRUE, investigators with the Attorney General's Office found that Mulligan Mint's published privacy policy clearly stated it would not sell customers' data without the customer's express consent.

The growth of the Internet has greatly facilitated the unprecedented collection of massive amounts of information about customers. Recognizing that all Texans are concerned about their privacy rights, the Attorney General's Office stands ready to ensure that consumer protection and identity theft prevention laws are strictly enforced. In Texas, privacy is not for sale.

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**4-H ROUND-UP--Attending the District 3 4-H Round-Up in Vernon May 13 were, l-r, Lori Beth Rodgers, Cash Bassett and Riley Sloan.**

## Haskell Co. youth among top winners at District 4-H Round-Up

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.  
Over 400 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Tues., May 13 at the annual District 4-H Round-Up. Youth had an opportunity to participate in twenty-four competitions during the one day event held at the Wilbarger County Auditorium and the Vernon Boys & Girls Club. Awards were sponsored by American Electric Power and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Three Haskell County 4-H youth participated in the 2014 4-H Round-Up with

one placing in the top five of their competition. Results of Haskell County participants were:  
**Educational Presentations**  
Public Speaking, Intermediate Division, ("What Do You Think?"): Riley Sloan, second place.  
**Consumer Decision Making**  
Intermediate Division: Lori Beth Rodgers.  
Junior Division: Cash Bassett.  
Also attending were County Agents, Jason Westbrook and DaLinda Black. Attending from the Haskell TEEA Club

and helping judge were Pat Jenkins and Dolores Medford.  
4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System. For more information about this event or the 4-H program, contact Jason Westbrook County Extension Agent-Ag., at the Haskell County Extension Office, 940-864-2658.

## Fouts wins WHPD scholarship

In the past, many events, festivals, rodeos, etc. had a queen's pageant, and Wild Horse Prairie Days was no exception. The Queen's event has been a part of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo since its inception, the purpose being to provide scholarship and involve the young ladies of Haskell County, as well as the participating ranches. However, times change and the event had to change as well. The queen's contest has transitioned over the years away from the stereotypical pageant concept... excluding the onstage modeling the young ladies used to do, and traded the evening gowns for more event related western attire. Queen selection was based only on application and interview, and even though the scholarship has substantially increased over the years, it was still difficult to get young ladies to participate. In fact, about three years ago, a parent casually commented that she wished her college-bound son could apply... don't worry, the contest has changed, but not that way. No young fellows were crowned. In fact, last year was the final time anyone was crowned with the "Queen" title while being presented with a bouquet of flowers.

This year the WHPD Committee and The

Committee to Help Haskell County are pleased to announce the scholarship program was open to any male or female high school student from Haskell County or from one of the participating ranches. Anyone wanting to make donations to the scholarship for next year may do so by contacting Susan Cockerell, at 940-864-2851 or #1 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas 79521. Thanks to the generous donations from Modern Way, Richardson's TrueValue, Wild Horse Prairie Days Committee, First Bank Texas, Haskell Chamber of Commerce, The Drug Store, and Justin and Megan Cox, the scholarship awarded this year was a grand total of \$1,500.00.

To enter, the student submits an application with a \$25 sponsorship fee. If the student needs assistance obtaining a sponsor, the committee has businesses and individuals willing to

help. The winner is chosen based upon their application and an interview with judges from out of town on the afternoon of the sponsor's dinner. Gift sponsors were Rolling Plains Regional Detention Center and The Committee to Help Haskell County. Photos were donated by Terry Weise. Applicants and their sponsors for the scholarship this year were Crissy Bassett, State Farm Insurance; Max Weise, Jeff Robertson Cattle Company, LLC; Ashlyn Bevel, Farm Girl Diva; Emily Fouts, Fouts Law Firm; Reagan Hadaway, Wallace Farms.  
The 2014 WHPD scholarship winner is Emily Fouts, daughter of Mike and Kris Fouts. She is a 2014 graduate of Haskell High School with plans to attend Texas Tech University, seeking a degree in Ag Communications and eventually a law degree.

## TEEA Club news

The Haskell County TEEA met June 12 in a meeting called to order by Chairman Kathryn Schonerstedt. Ten members were present. The opening exercise was given by Schonerstedt titled, "We Need Each Other." Roll call was answered with, "What is the most useless thing, I have ever bought at a bargain sale?" Committee reports noted that the 4-H scholarship was awarded to Emily Fouts. Both Fouts and Kaylee Mathis applied. The birthday calendar chairman for year 2015 is Tammy Parham. Parham gave the agent report in absence of DaLinda Black, who was attending the State 4-H Round-Up in college Station with Emily Fouts. Fouts competed in the Fashion Show division. She won a scholarship. Sat., June 14, 4-Hers made salsa for Father's Day to be sold to make 4-H money. The District 4-H Round Up in Vernon was held May 13. 4-Hers participating were Riley Sloan, Cash Bassett and Lori Beth Rodgers. Sloan placed second in Public Prevention. Two Haskell volunteers helping with the judging were Dolores Medford and Pat Jenkins. Fourteen 4-Hers were in Iowa Park May 17 for the District Shooting Sports. Fourteen 4-Hers attended the year-end pizza party May 18. Riley Sloan attended

the Teen Leader Lab with Jason Westbrook, agent, as chaperon May 16-18. Other summer camps are, Horizons and Prime Time attended by Lori Beth Rodgers. Kaley and Kameryn Mathis, River and Zhenia McTasney attended the District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon June 18-21. They will attend the State Horse Show in Abilene July 19-26. Record Books, County Awards and Special Awards applications (Gold Star, Silver Star, Rookie and Clover) are due in the office June 26. Six more meetings for the program "Step Up-Step Down" will be held at the fitness shop. Remember-If there is a need in the community-please let DaLinda Black, agent, know. Members are reminded to start making plans to attend the State Conference Sept. 9-10 in Wichita Falls at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC). Registration is due by July 1. Membership dues need to be paid to the treasurer by Aug. 14, the next meeting. The June program "Google, Googles, Social Media," by Sue McGee was very interesting. Refreshments were served by Dolores Medford and Phoi McGuire. The next meeting is Aug. 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the extension kitchen. No meeting will be held in July.

## Food protection training course offered July 21-22

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Taylor Co.  
A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held July 21-22. It will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo grounds in Abilene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The training will allow food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. The exam being used is the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to

personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Jones, Runnels, and Taylor Counties and the Environmental Section of the City of Abilene. Cost for the class is \$125, which includes the course book and exam. Registration deadline is Tues., July 1. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048, or the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

**Top officials order surge to secure border**  
AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus on June 18 jointly directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to begin law enforcement surge operations on the Texas-Mexico border.

“To combat the flood of illegal immigration into the state in the absence of adequate federal resources to secure the border” was the reason given by Perry, Dewhurst and Straus. They authorized the DPS to fund the surge at approximately \$1.3 million per week and instructed DPS Director Steve McCraw to have the agency:

- Provide an operational plan and detailed cost estimate to their offices;

- Establish metrics and collect all necessary data to enable the measurement of the impact and effectiveness of the operation; and

- Report monthly on significant developments or impacts resulting from the operation.

“In this current security and humanitarian crisis, the federal government’s failure to secure our border is resulting in serious consequences for Texas,” Speaker Straus said. “To immediately address these issues, today I join with Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst to direct the Texas Department of Public Safety to use the appropriate resources to keep our state safe.”

The joint directive came less than a week after Attorney General Greg Abbott requested \$30 million in federal funds to help secure the border and to assist with the influx of children crossing the Rio Grande into Texas. Detention facilities at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio are being used to house unaccompanied minors who have been apprehended in recent days.

“The Department of Public Safety will have the tools and resources it needs to curtail illegal smuggling, horrific human trafficking and cartel imported crime,” Abbott said in a June 18 statement in support of state funding for border operations approved by the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker.

In other news on June 19, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times published a report that dozens of bodies had been found and were being exhumed in Brooks County, where undocumented people seeking work to the north are known to cross brush country on foot to make their way around a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint.

**Unemployment rate drops**  
Texas Workforce Commission on June 20 announced the addition of 56,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in the month of May, and that 383,100 jobs have been added in the past 12 months, making it the largest

over-the-year job increase in Texas in nearly 17 years.

Also, the agency noted, Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 percent in May, down from 5.2 percent in April and employers from all 11 major industries in the state expanded their payrolls in May.

“We continue to work with our workforce and education partners to ensure that Texas workers have the in-demand skills required to bolster this impressive job creation,” said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Andres Alcantar.

Gov. Perry lauded the news in a separate news release: “By virtually every measure, the Texas job creation machine is firing on all cylinders,” he said.

**Panel to study incentives**

Texas House Speaker Straus on June 20 announced appointees to his newly created Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives.

“Texas has been very successful in attracting job creators and fostering economic opportunity,” Straus explained. “We owe it to taxpayers to take a detailed look at what has worked and what can be improved. Some incentive programs may need retooling and others may have outlived their usefulness. I’m confident that this committee can supply the answers that will help the full House prepare to address this issue in next year’s session.”

Rep. Angie Chen Button, R-Richardson, will serve as chair and Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, as vice chair. Also named to the committee were Reps. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin; Joe Deshotel, D-Port Arthur; John Kuempel, R-Seguin, Jodie Laubenberg, R-Murphy; J.M. Lozano, R-Kingsville; Borris Miles, D-Houston; Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass; René Oliveira, D-Brownsville; Mary Ann Perez, D-Pasadena; Drew Springer, R-Muenster; and Jason Villalba, R-Dallas.

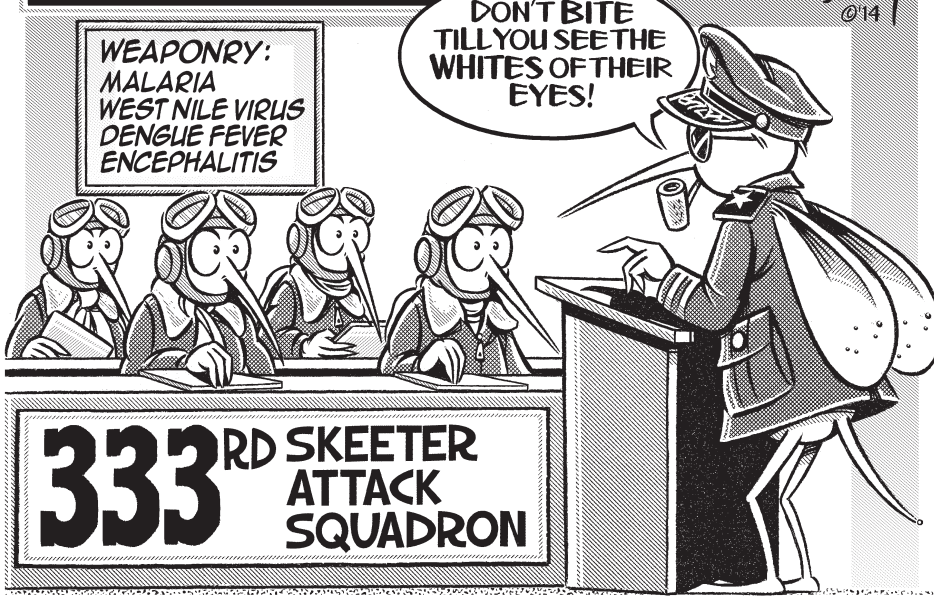
**Distractions driving discussed**

Small business owners, corporate executives and state officials joined the Texas Department of Transportation at Circuit of The Americas raceway in Austin on June 17 to consider solutions for reducing driver distractions that caused more than 95,000 traffic crashes last year in Texas.

Doing any of the following while driving is considered distracted driving: texting, checking e-mail, eating and drinking, grooming, reading, programming a navigation system, adjusting a radio, CD player or other audio device.

“With distracted driving responsible for one in every five crashes in Texas, we want to help business leaders understand what they can do to protect their employees, themselves and other motorists on the road,” John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director said in an agency statement.

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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago  
June 24, 2004**

Haskell High School students attending the 30th annual Speech-Debate-Broadcast Camp in Lawton, Oklahoma were Caleb Hudgens, participating in Advanced Team Cross Examination Debate; Andrew Long and Kristen Martinez, participating in Beginning Team Cross Examination.

Luke Terry, son of Leland and Pam Terry of Haskell took 3rd place at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Market Steers, Class 2 Light Medium Weight division.

Lee McDonald, daughter of Pam and Barry McDonald, has been named valedictorian of Andrews High School. She is the granddaughter of Golda Colbert of Haskell and attended primary school in Haskell.

**20 Years Ago  
June 30, 1994**

Installed as officers of the newly organized Haskell County Hospital Auxiliary were Jenny Collins, president; Mozelle Fletcher, vice president; Abigail Salinas, secretary; Ruby Martin, treasurer; and Doris Butler, historian. They also announced the opening of a thrift store on the east side of the square.

Jo Nored Lane, county program technician with the Haskell County Farmers Home Administration office, received a 30 year service award. She began her career with FmHA in Haskell in

1963, but also worked in the Abilene and Spur offices.

Representing Haskell County at the 32nd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo were Casey Thompson, Jennifer Burson and Jonathan Lefevre.

**30 Years Ago  
June 28, 1984**

Tom Watson and Chester Hodgin were re-elected Chief and Assistant Chief of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department during the annual election.

Two Haskell County students were named to the Dean’s Honor Roll at Angelo State University for the spring semester. They are Debbie Hutchinson of Weinert and Gena Peel of Rule.

Attending the National Cheerleaders Association camp held at Tarleton State University were HHS cheerleaders Mindy Smith, Kelly Wallace, Stephanie Browning, Rhonda Adams, Denise Burris and Holly McBroom.

**40 Years Ago  
June 27, 1974**

Picked for the Haskell Little League All-Star Team for 1974 are Daniel Riley, outfield and pitcher; Mike King, first base; Monnie Hise, shortstop; Johnny Fuentes, catcher; Ricky Drinnon, fielder, Tommy McAdams, pitcher; Ricky Kennedy, pitcher; Abel Gomez, pitcher; Rocky Young, hitter; Joe Wheatley, fielder; Steve Foster, first base; Jeff Hatfield, hitter; Albert Enriquez, fielder; and Jackie Escobedo, catcher.

Marijane McAdoo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAdoo of Haskell, and Larry Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cunningham of Weinert, were united in marriage in a ceremony held at First United Methodist Church in Haskell.

Larry Gilliam has been appointed the new Consignee for Texaco Oil Co. He has been associated with Texaco most of his career.

**50 Years Ago  
June 25, 1964**

Roy Johnson, vice president of Haskell National Bank, received the gavel as new president of the Rotary Club. He succeeds Ira Hester.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fouts, Sr., were honored with a golden anniversary tea, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fouts of Haskell. They have operated a dry goods store in Haskell since 1920.

Pvt. Donald Urban, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urban of Haskell, has been assigned to Headquarters Battery, 5th Missile Battalion, 56th Artillery where he will perform duties as a medic.

**100 Years Ago  
June 24, 1914**

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Hunt left Wednesday for Wichita Falls, where they have purchased a good home.

Col. F.G. Alexander made a trip to Fort Worth the first of the week.

Mamie Cunningham of the Ballew community, has returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas.

## Students in the News

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, has named more than 1,300 students to honors lists for the spring 2014 semester. Of that total 470 were named to the President’s List and 857 students were named to the Dean’s List.

Those named to the President’s List must have a GPA of 4.00 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Students from Haskell named to the President’s List include Kelsie Adams, a senior Education Generalist major and Madison Mayfield, a sophomore Accounting major.

Those named to the Dean’s List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Students from Haskell named to the Dean’s List include Denise Hibbitts, a senior Graphic Design major.

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James C. Bowers of Haskell was named to the Provost’s Honor Roll List for the Spring 2014 semester at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

The TSTC Provost’s Honor Roll recognizes the accomplishments of full-time students who achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 in a semester.

Bowers is a second-year student pursuing a degree in Computer Networking and Systems Administration.

## Weather

by Kim Hutto

**National Weather Service Volunteer Co-op Observer Temperature**

Mon., June 16	.....75°/97°
Tues., June 17	.....76°/97°
Wed., June 18	.....76°/91°
Thurs., June 19	.....77°/90°
Fri., June 20	.....72°/90°
Sat., June 21	.....70°/91°
Sun., June 22	.....74°/94°

## Triticale offers grazing benefits, options

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

There are many advantages to triticale as a forage over wheat or oats in the Rolling Plains, according to Jason Baker, Texas A&M AgriLife Research senior research associate in Amarillo, who has been conducting trials since 2002.

Baker, ([http://youtu.be/Rqee-ckrc\\_MBaker](http://youtu.be/Rqee-ckrc_MBaker)), has worked with forage trials in both the Lockett and Chillicothe areas, first while he was stationed at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Vernon and continuing now with the AgriLife Research wheat breeding program at Amarillo.

Triticale is a cross between wheat and rye,

Baker explained. It was first developed in the late 1800s, but the first commercial releases were not available until the 1960s. Triticale grows taller and remains green longer than wheat.

“We’ve been working several years here to make better varieties for the Rolling Plains,” he said during a recent field day near Chillicothe. “We don’t see triticale competing for the wheat acres. It’s really a complement to dual-purpose wheat. We are trying to use the triticale more for grazing and not put as much pressure on our wheat, allowing us to use the wheat more for grain and triticale for forage.”

“Anyone who grazes wheat or uses wheat for hay might want to at least

have some triticale in their program,” he said. “You can plant the triticale earlier and turn cattle in and save the wheat for grain later on. If you have a lot of growth, you can graze the wheat some, but use the triticale as your main focus for grazing.”

Working with about 20 experimental lines and 100 commercially available triticale lines in breeding trials at Vernon, Baker said he also has compiled eight years of forage yields data comparing triticale, wheat, oats and barley.

The most recent three-year total average resulted in the triticale varieties yielding 2.09-2.11 tons per acre dry matter, compared to 1.69-1.93 tons per acre for wheat, 1.61-1.79 tons per acre for oats, and 1.54-2.01 tons per acre on barley.

In 2014, the triticale—after three clippings—yielded considerably better under drought and late freeze conditions, he said. The triticale yields were 1.92-2 tons per acre compared to wheat at 1.26-1.58 tons per acre, oats at 0.88-1.17 tons per acre and barley at 1.13-1.44 tons per acre.

“Triticale tops that test here in the Rolling Plains,” he said at a recent field day near Chillicothe. “Our breeding plots have oats and wheat planted next to the triticale, and you can look at the difference—oats had a lot of freeze damage. The wheat is shorter and just produces less forage.”

Baker said the two Texas A&M AgriLife varieties in the forage trial are TAMcale 6331 and TAMcale 5019, “but if you took any good commercial triticale variety, you will get the same results for grazing, hay or silage. They produce a much greater quantity.”

“Many triticale varieties have disease and insect resistance that wheat and oats don’t have, allowing us to plant a little earlier in the year,” he said. “We can get cattle on sooner by taking advantage of some of the late summer rains that we might get and go ahead and get it in the ground and get a good stand.”

In addition to the earlier stand in the fall, Baker said triticale offers two to three weeks longer grazing time in the spring.

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# Debit or credit?

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In addition to a credit card, most of us also have a debit card attached to a personal checking account. With all these payment choices, how do you know which one is the best to use, and when? First, know the difference between the two cards.

A debit card allows you to quickly access your money by using an automated teller machine (ATM) to withdraw cash, or by using the card at retailers, grocery stores, and gas stations. Every time you use your debit card, you pull directly from your checking account balance.

A credit card is obtained from a bank or a merchant. The provider of the credit card decides your credit line, the maximum amount you can charge using that credit card, based on your financial information. A credit card allows you to

“borrow” money from the card provider and then pay them back over time with interest on the amount you owe.

To help you determine when to use which card, let me share a story. When my daughter started driving, my husband and I decided to give her a credit card with a small credit line so she could put gas in her car. We then would pay the credit card bill out of her allowance. When we got the first bill, we both hit the floor! As you have probably guessed, she maxed out the card.

My husband and I are accountants, so we were at a loss for words on how our child could have done such a thing. When we asked our daughter how she planned on helping us pay back the large balance, she just stared at us with a look that said “we have to pay that back?” Was she that clueless? Well, actually, yes. And, so are many of us when it comes to educating ourselves, and our children, about the world of debit and credit cards.

Credit cards are a

convenient way to buy things today and pay for them later. However, if you are using the credit card for things you cannot really afford, you will drown in interest payments, and it will take you years to pay down the full credit balance. But, if you can afford your purchases and just want the convenience of using the credit card, it can be a great option. Just pay more than the minimum balance, and if possible, pay the credit card balance off every month so you owe minimal or no interest. If you want to pay for something immediately, have a small purchase to make, or you are not disciplined at paying off debt, the debit card is the way to go.

Both debit cards and credit cards are conveniences that help us live our lives more efficiently. If you are honest about your spending habits and disciplined in paying off debt, you can use a mix of both debit and credit cards to effectively implement your payment strategies which will allow you to buy things when you want them, responsibly.

# Texas Chiefs see amazing aerobatic show at fly in

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club held a successful open house Sat., June 21 at the Haskell Model Airport.

Bob Talkington, an Amarillo modeler, came the longest distance to the meet. The wind was more than the pilots preferred but there was lots of flying. Three

pilots from Abilene made the trip together and they put on an aerobatic show that had to be seen to be believed. Flying large aircraft they did torque rolls, hovering, knife edge and tail walks. If you missed it, they plan to be back Aug. 16 for National Model Aviation Day.

Also flown were

helicopter, electric, glow, gas, diesel and sail planes. One young boy got to try his hand at flying a radio controlled model through the assistance of Justin Trosser.

No planes were damaged despite the wind and when you take a complete model home, it has been a good day.

# Canola offers benefits for wheat producers when included in rotation

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Wheat producers looking for a rotational crop to help clean up weeds and boost yields might find answers with winter canola, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Dr. Paul DeLaune, AgriLife Research soil agronomist at Vernon, and Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains and oilseed specialist in College Station, discussed winter canola pros and cons at a recent field day near Chillicothe.

“Canola is a higher maintenance crop but also a higher value crop, as much as \$2 per bushel higher than wheat, and if you use it as a rotational crop, you can get a higher yield out of your wheat the following years,” DeLaune said.

Canola variety trials have been conducted through the AgriLife Research station at Chillicothe since 2004, consisting of as many as 90 varieties, both experimental and commercial lines.

“Winter canola has received a lot of interest lately,” DeLaune said. “We’ve seen increased acreage in the Rolling Plains and Oklahoma. We are up to about 40,000 acres in Texas, with the majority of acreage within a three-county area of the Rolling Plains.”

He said the U.S. Canola Association has a goal to increase acreage from the current 400,000 acres to 1.5 million acres by 2018 in the Southern Great Plains, which would include Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado.

“Canola is a good rotational crop with wheat,” DeLaune said. “That’s something wheat farmers have struggled with for years, finding rotational crops.”

He said disease and weed pressure can be an issue with continuous wheat systems, which is the predominant practice in the Texas Rolling Plains. With canola, grass-based herbicides can be applied to take care of the grass issues, “so that’s definitely a benefit.”

Additionally, DeLaune said research data from Oklahoma State University shows wheat following canola has as much as a 32 percent increase in tillers; 21 percent increase in forage production

and at least a 10 percent increase in wheat grain yields following canola.

Canola is a brassica, a family of crops known to release chemical compounds that may be toxic to soil-borne fungal diseases of plants upon decaying, he said. This biofumigation process can lead to a healthier root system for subsequent grain crops and increased nitrogen use efficiency.

DeLaune’s current study includes continuous wheat, a wheat-canola-wheat rotation and a canola-wheat-wheat rotation to determine agronomic and economic benefits. The project is funded by the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

His other canola studies, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, include effects of tillage, planting date, row spacing, seeding rate and variety selection on production. <http://youtu.be/mTL3sTyyMQ>

An issue facing canola the past few years has been exceptional drought conditions, he said, which has some farmers waiting to see what the potential production is in this area.

“Those who are adopting canola in the area are typically no-till producers, and an issue they have is maintaining a stand throughout the winter,” DeLaune said.

He said canola’s growing point is above ground. No-till conditions will have more thatch, so the hypocotyl of the plant as it starts to grow is a bit longer, and therefore the growing point is higher and more susceptible to freeze damage.

“We determined planting date and variety selection were the two keys to making a crop this year under some very harsh conditions,” DeLaune said. “Even four or five days made a difference. The optimum planting time is around Sept. 20 in this region. Anything we planted after Oct. 1 had complete

winter kill.”

When selecting a variety, producers will need to consider winter hardiness and the Roundup Ready trait, he said. Another management decision will concern row spacing; most producers are going to 30-inch rows for better residue management for the no-till planter. Neely said canola tends to be a higher maintenance crop.

“You are almost guaranteed to have some sort of an insect problem and producers need to scout their canola on a regular basis,” he said.

Aphids are the No. 1 pest, including cabbage, green peach and turnip aphids, he said. Diamond back moth larvae can be a concern when the crop is stressed from a drought or freeze because the insect moves down into the crown and does more significant damage. Harlequin bugs, false chinch bugs and flea beetles also can be a problem.

But Neely said there are good products on the market to control most of the insects, including Prevathon, Brigade, Transform and Beleaf.

A couple of other management issues Neely mentioned concern harvest.

“Canola is not like wheat, where you can wait a week or so after it is ready to harvest to get to it,” he said. “When canola is ready to be harvested, you need to have the equipment ready and harvest because it can shatter, unless producers are prepared to swatch prior to harvest.

“It’s also important to have the ideal moisture content—8-10 percent—at harvest time, because canola is high in oil and does not store very well above that,” Neely said.

Canola does have proven advantages as a rotational crop and producers are making it work, but DeLaune said, “With the conditions we’ve had, drought and a very cold winter, the jury is still out for some about canola and its adoption.”

# DSHS urges precautions as West Nile Season nears

The Texas Department of State Health Services advises the public to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites that may lead to West Nile illness. As we enter the warmer months, the risk of exposure to virus-carrying mosquitoes increases.

The intensity of West Nile activity in Texas fluctuates from year to year and depends on a variety of factors including the weather, the numbers of birds and mosquitoes that maintain and spread the virus, and human behavior. The season can last until the first hard freeze of the year.

To reduce exposure to West Nile virus people should:

- Use an EPA-approved insect repellent every time they go outside and follow the instructions on the label. EPA-approved repellents contain DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and certain oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-

menthane-diol products.

- Regularly drain standing water, including water collecting in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes that spread West Nile virus breed in stagnant water.

- Wear long sleeves and pants when outside, especially around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

- Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.

Symptoms of the milder form of illness, West Nile fever, can include headache, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue.

People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks. Symptoms of the more serious form of illness, West Nile neuroinvasive disease, can include those of West

Nile fever plus neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Up to 80 percent of people infected with the virus will have no symptoms.

There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus infection. People over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill or dying when they become infected with the virus. If people have symptoms and suspect West Nile virus infection, they should contact their healthcare provider.

There are no confirmed human cases of West Nile virus so far this year. Last year, there were 183 reported human cases of West Nile illness in Texas, including 14 deaths. West Nile case counts by county will be posted at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/updates.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/updates.shtm).

# Central Texas Farm Credit names board directors

Stockholders of Central Texas Farm Credit recently re-elected Mike Finlay of Lohn and Robby Halfmann of Ballinger to the cooperative’s board of directors. Also elected to the board was Steven Lehrmann of Sagerton.

Finlay and Halfmann have been on the Central Texas Farm Credit Board since 2008, and this will be Lehrmann’s first term. He was elected to the seat formerly held by Chairman Jerry Don

Klose of Haskell, who retired in May.

Halfmann and Lehrmann will serve three-year terms, and Finlay will serve a one-year term. Other members on the Central Texas Farm Credit Board include Kenneth Harvick of Comanche, Philip Hinds of Coleman and Burl Lowery of Brownwood.

Central Texas Farm Credit provides financing for all types of rural real

estate, including farms, ranches, rural homes and recreational property in its 20-county area. The co-op also finances livestock, equipment and the working capital needs of farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. The Coleman-headquartered cooperative has branch offices in Brady, Brownwood, Coleman, Comanche, Haskell and San Angelo. It is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.



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**WINS SCHOLARSHIP**—Emily Fouts, center, won the \$20,000 San Antonio Livestock Exposition scholarship. She is pictured with, l-r, Rusty Collier, Clint Swindell, Jackie Simmonds and Joe Hutchinson.

## Emily Fouts wins San Antonio Livestock Exposition scholarship

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.  
Emily Fouts of Sagerton has won the \$20,000.00 San Antonio Livestock Exposition scholarship. Fouts, a member of Haskell

4-H, plans to attend Texas Tech University. More than 65,000 Texas youth are members of 4-H community clubs in the state. The program, part of Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension, prepares youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through educational experiences in leadership, citizenship and life skills.

## Paint Creek students named on honor rolls, perfect attendance list

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students on the A and A-B honor rolls, along with the names of students appearing on the A honor, A-B honor and perfect attendance lists for the 2013-14 school year.

On the A and A-B honor rolls for the sixth six weeks of school were:

First grade: A honor roll, Harry Boyd, Abigail Castorena, Andrew Castorena, Zeke Cisneros, Evan Cisneros, Melanie Clary, Cayden Rogers, Audie Shaw and Delaina Todd; A-B honor roll, Dylan Campbell and Aubrie Payne.

Second grade: A honor roll, Mark Hall, Cowan Rogers and Phaiden Spikes; A-B honor roll, Krissie Booe and Lane Garcia.

Third grade: A honor roll, Damian Salinas; A-B honor roll, Gus Blair, Brennan Jordan, Levi Rhoads, Austen Sanford and Cheyenne Wright.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Josh Blake, Ivy Cumby and Mark Garcia; A-B honor roll, Chris Acosta and Ana Hall.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Zak Elkins, Haylee Garcia and Isidro Salinas; A-B honor roll, William Bogle, Steven Crain, Danica Elias, Alfredo Flores, John Grand and Brianna Yanez.

Sixth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta and Jaclyn Snelling; A-B honor roll, Bailee Thomas.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, George Bogle, Bailey

Hawkins, Daniel Salinas, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz; A-B honor roll, Katelyn Jenkins and Caleb White.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Corey Mengwasser; A-B honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Buddy Trotter.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Asheley Crossley, Ethan Harper, Jarrett Lopez, Dakota Mayor and Paige Ramirez.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Joey Bosnjak and Caitlyn Mengwasser; A-B honor roll, Stormy Darnell, Kellie Jenkins, Brandon Luevano, Alondra Munoz and Wyatt Smith.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Kadie McCord and Tarah Trotter; A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Hunter Hollingsworth, Haley Jackson, Baleigh Lopez, Cody Mayfield, Shawn Myers and Dalinne Reed.

Students whose names appear on the A and A-B honor rolls for the entire year are:

First grade: A honor roll, Andrew Castorena; A-B honor roll, Harry Boyd, Zeke Cisneros, Evan Cisneros, Melanie Clary and Cayden Rogers.

Second grade: A honor roll, Cowan Rogers; A-B honor roll, Lane Garcia and Phaiden Spikes.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Levi Rhoads and Austen Sanford.

Fourth grade: A-B honor

roll, Josh Blake and Ivy Cumby.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Zak Elkins; A-B honor roll, Steven Crain and Haylee Garcia.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Desiree Acosta and Jaclyn Snelling.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz.

Ninth grade: A-B honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Corey Mengwasser.

Eleventh grade: A-B honor roll, Joey Bosnjak, Brandon Luevano and Caitlyn Mengwasser.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Kadie McCord; A-B honor roll, Shawn Myers and Tarah Trotter.

Students listed on the perfect attendance roll for the entire year are:

First grade: Zeke Cisneros and Evan Cisneros.

Second grade: Roland Cisneros.

Fourth grade: Josh Blake.

Fifth grade: Brianna Yanez.

Sixth grade: Jaclyn Snelling.

Seventh grade: Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

Eighth grade: Felicity Hannsz.

Ninth grade: Zhenia McTasney and Corey Mengwasser.

Tenth grade: Dalton Einhaus.

Eleventh grade: Bryant Booe, Brandon Luevano and Caitlyn Mengwasser.

Twelfth grade: Hunter Hollingsworth and Baleigh Lopez.

## New testing to certify ag pesticide applicators, weights and measures techs

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

In an effort to provide better service for Texans, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced convenience testing to certify agricultural pesticide applicators and weights and measures service technicians will soon be available at 22 sites across Texas. The new exam system increases access for candidates who must pass a certification examination before being issued a pesticide applicator or service technician license.

“At the Texas Department of Agriculture, we are always looking for more efficient ways to serve our constituents,” Commissioner Staples said. “Moving to this examination process makes common sense in today’s marketplace. With the option to take exams daily, we are providing greater opportunities for pesticide applicators and service technicians to get the certifications they need to run a safe and reliable business. This move also allows us to better utilize our limited resources by giving our inspectors more time to focus on risk-based inspection priorities, customer service and improving their response to complaints, rather than hosting testing sessions.”

TDA has contracted services with PSI Services LLC to administer exams necessary to license agricultural pesticide applicators and service technicians in 22 sites across the state. Additionally, examination sites will be open most days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exams will now be scheduled on a date and time that best fits the applicant’s

schedule.

Each year, TDA administers approximately 8,000 exams related to pesticide licensing. Expanding the number of testing opportunities eliminates the need for an applicator to wait for a scheduled testing date or for a TDA inspector to be available to conduct a testing session. Approximately 100 service technicians test each year at the TDA metrology lab or regional offices.

“Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county extension agents and specialists statewide will work cooperatively with TDA staff to ensure agricultural applicators receive accurate information on pesticide safety education training and testing,” said Dr. Douglas Steele, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service director. “For more than 40 years, our agencies’ mutual goals have been to train and prepare agricultural applicators to make informed, lawful, science-based decisions when using pesticides to produce wholesome, nutritious food, to protect the environment and to protect the public’s health. Those wishing to order manuals or take the private applicator training can contact any of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s county offices, as this educational and training component remains as it currently exists.”

Extension resources may be obtained at [www.aes.tamu.edu/](http://www.aes.tamu.edu/) or by calling 979-845-1099.

Pesticide applicators will not experience an increase in the cost to take an exam for the first time, and the fee for the service technician exam

will actually decrease.

Another benefit of this convenience examination process is the automation of exam scores, thereby improving turn-around time for an applicant to receive a license. Agricultural pesticide applicators already licensed will not be affected by the testing changes. The new convenience exams began June 1, 2014.

TDA is designated as the state’s lead agency in the regulation of pesticide distribution and use. TDA is responsible for licensing pesticide applicators, compliance monitoring, registering pesticides for sale in the state and minimizing unnecessary impacts to agriculture.

TDA’s weights and measures program is responsible for protecting consumers and businesses by ensuring all commercial transactions involving determinations of quantity are fair and accurate. A service company employs service technicians to place devices such as scales, liquid measuring devices and gas measuring devices into service or remove out-of-order tags for noncompliant devices.

For more information on convenience testing, click here or you may call 800-TELL-TDA. For more information about convenience testing locations and availability, visit [PSIexams.com](http://PSIexams.com).

### ECC Menu

Mon., June 30

Sloppy joes, pork and beans, chips, pickles, onions, misc. dessert, tea or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### The learning process is a lifetime curriculum

Your education began the day you were able to notice all the shapes, colors and sounds of the world which you had just recently entered. It continued through school, and culminated during a ceremony when someone handed you a sheepskin scroll which proclaimed that you were ready to step out into the world on your own. However, there is much more

to education than just the skills of your everyday life, as you will learn at your house of worship. It also means a study of the faith we live by and the word of God, who put us here and endowed us with the intelligence to wonder about these things. There is no graduation from this course, because it continues throughout our lives and enriches them in the process.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

#### East Side Baptist Church

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

#### Christian Church

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

#### Church of God

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

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

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

#### Iglesia Bautista

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

#### First United

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

#### First Assembly of God

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

#### St. George

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

#### Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Trinity Baptist Church

Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

#### Hopewell Baptist Church

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

#### Greater Independent

#### Baptist Church

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

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

#### Cornerstone Fellowship

Baptist Church  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

#### God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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#### Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
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#### —ROCHESTER—

#### Church of Christ

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

#### First Baptist Church

Bishop Helsley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
Rochester

#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy. 6, Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

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

#### —RULE—

#### First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

#### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

#### Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
811 Union, Rule

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

#### Sweet Home

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

#### West Bethal

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

#### —PAINT CREEK—

#### Paint Creek

Baptist Church  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek

#### —O'BRIEN—

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.  
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# Texas Quail Index takes flight to monitor quail dynamics

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The Texas Quail Index, a statewide effort by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to monitor wild quail population dynamics, has taken full flight, said the effort's coordinator.

"There are going to be more ears cocked skyward listening to the bobwhite's iconic whistle this month than ever before," said Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo and statewide coordinator for the Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative.

"The scope of the Quail Decline Index is impressive—it's a mass effort to help landowners and

other 'students of quail' understand what I refer to as the 'quail equation' on their respective properties.

"We've spent the last month training AgriLife Extension agents and volunteers who are now implementing the demonstrations on 50 separate sites located across the state."

Rollins said the index was initiated in April in 43 counties and seven Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife management areas. AgriLife Extension agents were among some 50 index leaders who were trained in the proper methods of counting quail and assessing habitat at the Rolling Plains Quail

Research Ranch near Roby last month.

Participating AgriLife Extension agents will be the leaders and points of contact in their respective counties. Rollins said they are well-versed in implementing the index, which involves multiple counts of quail, including whistle counts, roadside counts and the measurements of related habitat conditions.

The ultimate goal is to determine if any of the various counts will reliably predict how successful the upcoming quail season will be, he said.

Rollins said the various index protocols being implemented are comprehensive in scope. "Along with the counts, we'll

be assessing nesting habitat, a key limiting factor for quail, using what are called dummy nests. At each site AgriLife Extension agents will oversee the placing of 24 of these simulated nests and check their status at 14 and 28 days. They'll use game cameras along the transects to depict what the predator community is at each site. Then, they'll post the results and pictures from each of the 57 sites as they come in."

Rollins said funding for the work is part of a special appropriation made to AgriLife Extension through a partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department during the 83rd Legislature to address the decline of

bobwhite and scaled quail in Texas. He said the funds were allocated to address both research issues and outreach education. To date, 13 different research proposals have been funded.

AgriLife Extension outreach efforts include both adult and youth education efforts. The Quail Appreciation Days being held across the state join the Texas Quail Index as two of the adult educational components, while the youth educational efforts include such activities as the Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camps.

"We're really excited about the Texas Quail Index and the enthusiasm the project has garnered

thus far," Rollins said. "The concern for the declining population of bobwhites and scaled quail means a lot to our local ranchers, business economy and area hunters."

"Past AgriLife Extension studies have shown that a typical quail hunter from Dallas spends about \$8,500 annually in pursuit of his or her sport with about half of that being spent in the local economies. So when quail hunting drops off, the ripple effects impact lots of folks."

For more information about the Texas Quail Index, see <http://wildlife.tamu.edu/quail/texas-quail-index> or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TAMUQDI](http://www.facebook.com/TAMUQDI).



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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL I, Belia Abila, County Clerk of County Court for Haskell County, Texas do hereby certify that the attached pages contain a true document and correct copy of the following: Application for Letters of Independent Administration and Petition to Determine Heirship.

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF WILLIAM ROSS BRITT, DEC'D

GREETING: You are hereby

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commanded to appear before the Probate Court of Haskell County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation by filing a written answer to a petition filed in said Court on June 19, 2014 in Cause No. 4,541, styled, In the Interest of the Estate of William Ross Britt.

A brief statement of the nature of the petition is as follows, to-wit: Petition to determine heirship, as is more fully shown by the petition on file in this

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cause.

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Said original documents and probate proceedings are on file in Cause Number 4,541, styled William Ross Britt, Deceased on the Probate Docket and of

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record in the Probate Minutes of the County Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Haskell, Texas, this 19th day of June, 2014.

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## Ventriloquist to visit

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

## Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 24. No meals will be served June 30-July 4. Anyone ages one year through 18 years of

age may eat free. Adults are also invited to eat for the price of \$3.25 per plate.

## Gun & Knife Show

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

## Reading program

The Haskell County Library will hold a Summer Reading Program for children Pre-K through third grade from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in June and every Thursday in July. No program will be held the week of July 4. Come enjoy a guest reader, crafts, snacks and fun!

## Children's ministry

The Haskell Church of Christ Wednesday night Children's Ministry will continue throughout the summer. The regular

schedule is: Sunday Bible classes 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., service groups and children's Bible hour 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday classes for all ages at 7:00 p.m.

## Society to meet

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

## Storm sirens

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

## Al-Anon

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

## Vet office open

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

## 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.

# Haskell National Bank receives award

BauerFinancial, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's bank rating firm, commends Haskell National Bank, for proving once again that it is a steadfast and invaluable partner to the communities it serves.

The FDIC touts the benefits of community banks, saying they are "important providers of credit to small businesses and serve hundreds of counties and thousands of communities that are overlooked by larger noncommunity institutions." (FDIC Quarterly 2014, Volume 8, No. 2). Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, added, "Community banks, like Haskell National Bank, that have been able to earn and maintain Bauer's top rating for strength and security reflect that deep-rooted sense of loyalty to the local community."

Haskell National Bank's latest 5-Star rating is based on March 31, 2014 financial data and signifies that it is one of the strongest banks in the nation. What's more, having earned and maintained this top 5-Star rating for 89 consecutive quarters, puts Haskell National Bank in an even more elite group of "Sustained Superiority Banks." Only seven percent of the nation's banks have earned Bauer's top rating for so long and with such consistency.

Haskell National Bank was established in 1890 and has been a dedicated and reliable community partner for 124 years. It currently operates through two conveniently located branch offices in Abilene and Haskell. Haskell National Bank is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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