

# Happy Fourth of July

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## Calendar

### Pink Ladies to be closed

Due to late arrival of materials for work to be done in the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), the closing dates have been changed. Donations will not be accepted after Thurs., July 23. The Pink Ladies store will close Sat., July 25, at 4 p.m. It is suggested that persons wishing to donate items may do so to the Pink Ladies in Stamford or the Pink Ladies in Knox City. We apologize for the inconvenience, but it is necessary for renovations to be made. The Pink Ladies will re-open Thurs. Sept. 3 with regular hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the regular first of the month bag sale.

### Eastern Star

Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., July 2 at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

### Golf

A 1 person Mulligan will be held at the Haskell Country Club Sat., July 4. Register at 1 p.m. Tee time is 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 entry fee and will be flighted.

### July 4th parade

The annual golf cart parade will be held Sat., July 4 at 6 p.m. at the Anchor Marina at Lake Stamford.

### Friends of the Library

Friends of the Haskell County Library will meet Mon., July 6 at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Library. Guests are always welcome.

### Summer reading

The Haskell County Library will hold storytime for children ages infant through 4 years on Tuesdays through July 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. The summer reading program for children ages Kindergarten through fifth grade will be held Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ending July 30.

### Medical fund

A medical fund for Janice Smith has been established at Haskell National Bank in Haskell.

### Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.

### Medical fund

A medical fund for Tammy Parham has been established at First Bank Texas and The Drug Store in Haskell.

### Dedication

First Baptist Church, Haskell is raising money for a playground in honor of Maxine Miller and her years of service in the nursery. This site will be dedicated Sat., July 4 at 1:30 p.m. while Maxine is in town celebrating her 90th birthday. It is hoped to have all the money raised and the playground up by fall.

### Homecoming

Haskell-Mattson-Rochester-Weinert homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26.

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## Indians named to All-Big Country baseball team

The All-Big Country baseball team for 2015 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 Abilene Reporter-News chose the 30-player roster they considered to be the Big Country's best players, across all division levels.

The Haskell Indians placed four players on the All-Big Country Honorable Mention list. Those selected were senior Kade Colley, pitcher; senior Henry Smith, infielder; junior

Garret Tatum, catcher; and freshman Rocky Haggard, designated hitter.

Colley, Smith and Tatum were earlier chosen for the All-District 2nd

Team, while Haggard was listed on the All-District 1st Team.

Congratulations to all these Indians on this well deserved recognition.



KADE COLLEY



GARRET TATUM



HENRY SMITH



ROCKY HAGGARD

## DPS increasing DWI patrols for July 4th holiday

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for a 12-day period that includes the July 4th holiday. From June 26-July 7, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"As Texans make their plans for the Fourth of July, DPS is urging everyone to enjoy the holiday responsibly,"

said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Driving while impaired can have deadly consequences, so Texans who plan to drink alcohol should always designate a sober driver or choose alternate forms of transportation. During the holiday, DPS troopers will be increasing patrols to help keep travelers safe and take dangerous drivers off the road."

During the 2014 July 4th

enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,050 DWI arrests during the enforcement period. Of those arrests, 219 were the direct result of a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant, which allowed increased patrols in high-

risk locations during times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. During the same period, DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations and more than 2,500 seat belt/child safety seat citations.

According to TxDOT, in 2014 more than 1,000 people in Texas were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving a driver who was under the influence of alcohol, accounting for 29 percent of the year's total traffic fatalities.

## Fireworks safety urged during July 4th holiday

It's that time of year when fireworks stands open and big plans are made for the July 4th holiday. If fireworks, grilling or hanging out by a campfire are part of your celebration this year, Texas A&M Forest Service urges caution.

"According to the National Fire Protection Association, July 4th has the most fires reported than on any other day and fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause of fire," TFS Wildland Urban Interface Department Head Bruce Woods said.

Due to the recent rains in May and June the potential for wildfire has decreased across much of

the state. However, TFS encourages everyone to use caution and stay safe this Independence Day.

"Though the rains have helped decrease wildfire potential, it has produced a lot of tall grass across the state this summer. It's best to play it safe and avoid these areas if possible for your fireworks fun; especially when using aerials," Tom Spencer, TFS predictive services department head said.

Fireworks safety tips:

- Before you celebrate, always check with local government officials to ensure fireworks and outdoor burning are allowed in your county. Be sure to comply with all restrictions.

- Read and follow all warnings and instruction labels on fireworks.

- Use fireworks only under close adult supervision and in safe areas away from structures, dry grass and brush.
- Keep a hose, bucket of water and wet towels nearby in case of a malfunction or fire.

- Dispose of used fireworks in a bucket of water.

- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.

## Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program opens enrollment

The Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program is gearing up for round two. This eight-month leadership series will be packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more. The Knox County Visioning Group (KCVG) and the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) are sponsoring the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program.

Each class will include curriculum elements such as communication, conflict management, dealing with difficult people/situations, diversity, leadership styles, customer service and team building to name just a few. In addition, there will be local tours of businesses,

museums, and other places that make each county unique. These tours will help participants learn more about their community and the region.

The leadership series will be open to 20 people. Those participating will attend an orientation Sept. 18. Monthly sessions will be held on the first Friday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting October and going through May 2016 in Knox and Haskell County. The group will take a trip to Austin in February 2016. And, each group will launch a community project upon completion of the training in May.

The program costs \$275 and may be paid by the

employer or by individuals. Each participant will receive 4.8 CEUs from Vernon College. This fee includes all travel, food, a t-shirt, the overnight trip to Austin and all supplies. Applications are available to Knox County residents at the Knox County Visioning Group office in Benjamin, TX, or downloaded at <http://www.thescopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com>. For Haskell County residents, applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded at [www.haskelltx.us](http://www.haskelltx.us). Application deadline is Sept. 1, but sooner is better because space is limited.

For more information call the KCVG at 940-459-4121 or the DCOH at 940-864-3424.



AREA LEADERSHIP CAMP-This past week the Haskell FFA Chapter was proudly represented by seven students at the Area II Leadership Camp. The three day camp was held on the campus of Howard College at Big Spring. Area II student officers guided students through leadership development sessions, Area planning meetings, recreation and social mixers. Haskell FFA members in attendance included, l-r, Kameryn Mathis, Jaycee Ferguson, Daphni Leonard, Alye Stewart, Kylie Adams, Kenna Ferguson and Katie Newberry.

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# New law establishes rules and definition for autocycles

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is informing Texans about a new motor vehicle designation created by the 84th Texas Legislature

through SB 449, which defines an autocycle and establishes requirements for titling, registration and operation. The law went into effect May 22, 2015.

An autocycle constitutes a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that is:

- designed to have when propelled not more than three wheels on the ground;
- equipped with a steering wheel;
- equipped with seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride the seat; and
- manufactured and certified to comply with federal safety requirements for a motorcycle.

The bill also specifies an autocycle is required to be titled and registered as a motorcycle. Additionally, an autocycle can be operated under a Class C driver license (the standard license for operating a motor vehicle).

Autocycle requirements:

- Headgear: helmet requirements and exceptions for autocycles are the same as those for motorcycles
- Safety inspection: required
- Title required
- Insurance required
- Motorcycle training is not required

For a more detailed chart related to autocycle rules along with title, registration, licensing and headgear requirements, see <http://dps.texas.gov/msb/documents/VDRchart.pdf> and <http://dps.texas.gov/msb/documents/autocycleFAQs.pdf>.

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## Haskell Memorial Hospital Walk In Clinic

Welcomes

### Jeanne Cason, FNP

Jeanne Cason, FNP will join our medical staff July 1, 2015. Ms. Cason has been a Family Nurse Practitioner since February 2007 and worked at the Stamford Hospital clinic until the summer of 2014. She has many years of experience in both the clinic and emergency room setting and we are very excited to have someone with her background join us at our walk in clinic.

Ms. Cason will be seeing patients starting July 1 at the walk in clinic which is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Obituaries

### Vic Milliman



VIC MILLIMAN

Funeral services for Vic Milliman, 59, of Lafayette, Louisiana were held Sat., June 13 at Fountain Memorial Funeral Home in Lafayette with Rev. Beau Dore' of Crossroads Church in Lafayette officiating. Interment was in Fountain Memorial Cemetery in

Lafayette under the direction of Fountain Memorial Funeral Home of Lafayette.

Mr. Milliman passed away Wed., June 10 of a sudden illness at Terrebonne General Medical Center in Houma, Louisiana.

Born June 19, 1955 in Haskell, he was a long-time resident of Acadiana, Louisiana. He worked as a Wireline Engineer Consultant and was self-employed for 40 years. Vic valued the oil and gas industry and had a great work ethic. He started working at the age of 15 with his father's wireline and perforating company, which was located throughout the Gulf Coast. Vic was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed gardening and anything outdoors. Vic loved grilling, cooking and having

friends and family over. He will always be remembered for his generous spirit and his big heart, but most of all for his love for Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nathan "Cotton" Milliman, Sr.

Survivors include his mother, Pat Milliman; two daughters, Victoria and Laura Milliman; one son, Matthew Milliman; one grandson, Brennan Milam; two sisters, Trish Knight and her husband, Mark and Pam Nagata; two brothers, Nathan Milliman and his wife, Jennifer 'Jo' and Rit Milliman and his wife, Sherri and numerous dear nieces, nephews and friends.

Online obituary and guest book may be viewed at [www.fountainmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.fountainmemorialfuneralhome.com).

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### Oma Jean Hollingsworth



OMA JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH

Funeral services for Oma Jean Hollingsworth,

83, of Rule were held Sat., June 27 at Faith Chapel in Rochester with Pastor Randy Hollingsworth officiating. Burial was at Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Hollingsworth passed away Wed., June 24.

Born March 12, 1933, in Munday, she was the daughter of Eugene and Oma (Graham) Brazell. On April 5, 1950, she married O.C. Hollingsworth in Knox City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene Victor and Oma Victoria

Brazell; daughter, Billie Jean Reynolds; five brothers, Loyd, Buddy, Harold, Virgil and Charles Brazell; and sister, Pasty Brazell.

Survivors include her husband, O.C. Hollingsworth; daughter, Penny Green; seven grandsons; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters; three brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be shared with the Hollingsworth's family at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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## Renew license online, skip trip to DPS office this summer

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to get ahead of the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months tend to be one of the busiest times at driver license offices, and many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov.

"Texas driver license offices are especially busy during the summer when students and families are on vacation," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "During these busy months, DPS encourages eligible customers to take advantage of our convenient options for online and phone renewal of driver licenses and identification cards or visit a DPS driver license mega center—if they are required to visit an office."

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the major metro areas should consider visiting mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega

centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line telephone.

In addition, DPS encourages customers to take advantage of this same technology to get in line before arriving at an office, which is available at several other locations across the state. To find an office that offers this option, see <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

In order for a customer to be eligible for online renewal, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card

cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20-character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit [http://dps.texas.gov/administration/driver\\_licensing\\_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm](http://dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriveTest.htm).

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>

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# Cason's Crew fund-raisers set Aug. 22

by Caron Yates

While it began as a tribute and celebration of what would have been Casen Riley's first birthday, the annual event has evolved into a major fund-raiser for Pediatric Cardiomyopathy.

In memory of Casen Riley and in support of all families affected by Cardiomyopathy, the 6th Annual Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy is scheduled for Sat., August 22, at the Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

The six month old son of Casey and Heather (Steele) Riley, both graduates of Haskell High School, passed away in March 2010, after being diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Cardiomyopathy, is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that can present in four forms. In children, the disease can be either acquired or inherited. It is estimated that 30,000 children have this disease. This "silent disease" is the leading cause of sudden deaths and heart transplants in children under the age of 18. Because the disease may present itself without obvious symptoms, it often goes undiagnosed. Unlike other congenital heart conditions, there is no surgical treatment or cure that can repair the damaged heart or stop the progression of the disease. More research is essential.

All proceeds go to the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation and families affected by the disease. Since its beginning in 2002, the CCF, a non-profit organization, has grown into a global community of families, physicians and scientists focused on improving diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for children with cardiomyopathy. CCF is involved in all aspects of the disease from research and education to patient support, awareness and advocacy. Every dollar counts and every dollar makes a difference. This disease remains severely underfunded

by federal sources and pharmaceutical companies, given its severity. However, with CCF-funded research, progress is being made in understanding and improving survival rates for children with Cardiomyopathy.

Searching for a way to honor and remember their precious son, the Rileys in 2010 organized a fund-raiser to help raise awareness of this disease.

This year Casen's Crew is holding a 4 Man Scramble Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Maxwell Golf Course, located at 1002 S. 32nd in Abilene. The desk opens and cart pick up begins at 7 a.m. The Shotgun Start is at 8 a.m. The entry fee of \$75 per individual or \$300 per foursome will include green fee, cart, range balls and a hamburger meal. Cash awards for first, second, third, closest to #9 and longest drive on #10, will be presented after the meal.

The fourth annual 5K Run/Walk will begin with registration and check-in from 6:00-6:45 a.m. The event will kick off at 7 a.m. at the Maxwell Golf Course. Awards for overall winner in the male and female divisions, as well as first, second and third places in eight different age divisions will be presented. Entry fee is \$20 before Aug. 15 and \$25 thereafter. You may register online at [www.casenscrew.com](http://www.casenscrew.com).

Events such as this are only successful with the help of individual and corporate sponsors, the many participants and, of course, the wonderful volunteers. The Rileys are very appreciative of the past support they have received and look forward to another successful fund-raiser for a very important cause. For registration forms, more information on the event, information on the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Casen's Story or how you can help support this cause, visit [www.casenscrew.com](http://www.casenscrew.com) or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379.

# Professional food manager certification training course set August 17-18

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Taylor Co.

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in six Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness. If under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Jones, Taylor and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 Aug. 17-18 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification

examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is Aug. 1.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
  - Improved relationships with health officials
  - Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
  - preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
  - teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
  - complying with government regulations
  - maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
  - controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called

"Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Jane Rowan at 325-672-6048. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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Michelle Johnson  
RN

### Heat related illness

The human body typically functions best within a temperature range of 97.7-99.5° F. The body is equipped with mechanisms which help keep the temperature within this 'normal' range. For example, when the environment is cold, shivering generates heat to keep temperature from dropping. On the other hand, when it is hot, perspiration helps to cool the body so that the body temperature does not rise to dangerous levels.

In extreme conditions or with certain physical problems, the body may be unable to maintain its normal body temperature. When this happens, body temperature can rise or fall to the point that serious medical problems occur.

### Risk factors

- **Age:** The elderly are at high risk because their temperature regulation mechanisms are not as effective.
- **Disease processes:** People with heart or lung problems are at higher risk because of increased oxygen needs.
- **Medications:** Some medications interfere with the process of perspiration and other mechanisms that the body uses to cool itself.
- **Environment:** Heat combined with high humidity is dangerous because perspiration does not evaporate well and cooling is not as efficient.

More on heat-related illness in the next article.

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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# OPINION

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago**  
**July 7, 2005**

Haskell County 4-Hers Kiel Rowan and Ashton Rutkowski were top winners in the District 3 4-H Horse Show. Rowan was named All Around Champion Roper, with first place wins in tie down and breakaway roping. Rutkowski was named All Around Speed Champion, placing in the stakes race, barrel race and pole bending.

Martha Toliver of Haskell, has on loan an unusual Bible Calendar that was hand printed on a 2'x6' long scroll by Faye Terrell of Lubbock. The detailed genealogy and timeline includes dozens of Biblical characters, events and dates. Toliver hopes to have it copied and preserved for display.

**20 Years Ago**  
**July 6, 1995**

Darold and Maxine Roberson were presented a plaque from the Western Auto Company for 30 years of service with the company. They took over the Western Auto Store in Haskell in July 1965.

Haskell County winners in the District 3 4-H Fashion Show were Jennifer Comedy, first in Intermediate Construction; Ross Bullinger, first in Speciality Junior Construction; and Jenny Goudeau, second in Dressy Junior Construction.

Haskell High School Vocational Agriculture teacher James Bevel, attended a Land, Range and Pasture workshop at Tarleton State University. It was sponsored by the Department of Agricultural Services and Development.

**30 Years Ago**  
**July 4, 1985**

Mindy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith, Jr., was named the Haskell Lions Club Sweetheart. Newly elected club president Phil Harris made the announcement.

Several area students attending Angelo State University were listed on the Dean's Honor Roll. Those named from Haskell were Don Kretschmer, government major; Wilton Weise, animal science; Robert Geilhausen, health and P.E.; and Jeff Robertson from Weinert, business.

Haskell's Shane Hadaway

and former Haskell star Fred Rike of Tulia, will once again unite on the basketball court, as they have both been selected to participate in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game.

**40 Years Ago**  
**July 3, 1975**

Danny Johnson of Rule, has been notified that he qualified for a seat at the President's Round Table of Tom's Foods, Ltd., based on his outstanding sales performance this year. Earlier this year, he received the "Salesman of the Year" award for the state of Texas.

Sp/4 Gary Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Black formerly of Haskell, has graduated with honors from special forces at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He wears the paratrooper's wings, expert rifle badge and overseas merit badges.

Debbie Aycock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Aycock of Haskell, placed first in poles at the District 3 4-H Horse Show in Vernon. The win qualifies her to compete in the State 4-H Horse Show to be held in Ft. Worth.

**50 Years Ago**  
**July 8, 1965**

The talented Ken and Lon Barnett presented the program for the Lions Club noonday meeting. Introduced by Hugh Ratliff, the brothers played several selections on the accordion and bass fiddle.

Johnnie Adkins of Haskell has accepted the managership of the Rule Co-Op Gin Co. He has several years experience in the ginning business.

**100 Years Ago**  
**July 3, 1915**

Last week Mrs. Jas Goodwin happened to a painful accident, in which one ankle was fractured. We understand that Mrs. Goodwin was engaged in milking at the time and that in some manner she turned her foot, breaking the ankle bone.

City Marshal Alex Edwards has for some time, been out with a large force clearing the streets and alleys of weeds. This week his attention has been directed along the lines of street repairs incident to the recent storms.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Jones motored over from Rule Thursday morning.



## Campfire tales, star gazing at Ft. Griffin

On Sat., July 18 Fort Griffin State Historic Site will be offering several programs, designed to both educate and entertain the entire family. These include a guided fort tour in the morning, longhorn program in the afternoon, campfire tales in the evening, and a star gazing party after dark.

The guided fort tour will begin at 10 a.m. and will involve visitors taking an extensive tour of the historic military fort, while hearing from a tour guide the stories of soldiers, Indians, outlaws, legends and heroes of Fort Griffin and the nearby town known as The Flat.

Visitors can enjoy a 30 to 45 minute longhorn program at 2 p.m., providing an opportunity to get an up-close view of animals from the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd. Visitors will also learn some uncommon facts about the unique cattle breed that helped shape the West.

Campfire Tales will commence at 8:30 p.m. with tales and lore of the cattle drives, longhorn cattle, and frontier adventures from the 1870's.

Following campfire tales will be Fort Griffin's monthly astronomy program, planned around the new moon in order to provide optimal viewing conditions under one of the darkest public skies in the state. Astronomers from Abilene and elsewhere will be bringing their astronomy equipment and knowledge of the night skies to share with the public.

For more information about programs, camping fees, facilities, or other activities Fort Griffin has to offer, visit their website at [www.visitfortgriffin.com](http://www.visitfortgriffin.com) or find them on Facebook. For camping reservations call 325-762-3592.

## Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service



by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

### by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co. WHITE HOUSE FORUM ON ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

The White House recently convened representatives of over 150 food companies, retailers, and human and animal health stakeholders to discuss plans over the next five years for addressing problems with antibiotic resistance. This forum continues earlier efforts by the Administration in this area such as the National Strategy on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, a report on proliferation of antibiotic-resistant infections by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria. At the same time the recent conference was held, the President signed a memorandum directing Federal agencies and departments to favor meat and poultry products produced with what the memo refers to as "responsible antibiotic use". Also, the Presidential Food Service will now serve only meat and poultry that has not been treated with antibiotics or hormones.

A wide range of organizations and companies was involved in the gathering of over 150 groups, examples being The American Medical Association, the National Cattleman's Beef Association, The Evangelical Good Samaritan Society, McDonald's, Tyson, and GOJO Skin Health and Hand Hygiene. In addition to NCBA, producer representatives at the meeting included the National Chicken Council, National Milk Producers Federation, National Pork Board, National Pork Producers Council, and National Turkey Federation. Continued

involvement by such organizations is necessary for animal agriculture to have any voice in such matters.

### TRENDS IN CATTLE FEEDING

At one time cattle feeding was concentrated in what was called the Corn Belt, especially in Iowa and Illinois. This was done largely by farmers feeding their own corn crop and had been done for many years. Later, with the advent of large-scale irrigation of corn, large commercial lots developed in the '60s in the Southern Plains, particularly the Texas Panhandle. And with those large lots came large packing plants. But various factors have changed feeding over the last 10-15 years. Nebraska is now the largest feeding state with Texas still a close second and Kansas third. Texas has lost about 400,000 head in feeding capacity while Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota together have increased about 250,000 head and Nebraska about 90,000 head.

Also changing over the last several years is the pattern of carcass quality grades. Nationally, percent of carcasses grading USDA Choice or Prime was 52% in 2006, 56% in 2008, and 69% in 2014. Increasing emphasis on high-quality branded beef has probably been a factor in these changes. But the increase has not been uniform over regions. In 2006, cattle out of Nebraska packing plants averaged 59% Choice/Prime but that figure was only 42% out of Texas plants and 43% from Kansas plants. In 2014, compared to 2004, Kansas increased to 67% (56% higher) and Texas increased to 58% (39% higher); Nebraska increased to 74% but that is only 24% higher.

One reason for these higher grades overall, along with genetic selection, is longer feeding to produce

heavier carcasses, prompted by favorable beef:corn price ratios. And days on feed may be a factor in regional grading trends. Texas and Kansas feedyards average feeding about 15-20 days longer now than five years ago, while Nebraska yards are feeding only a few days longer. Current days-on-feed for steers started at 650-800 lb is around 180 days for all three states.

### EFFECT OF BREED/TYPE ON CARCASS TRAITS

Records collected from a state feedout program over 13 years were available on 3,554 steers of known breed origin from different sources and backgrounds. Upon arrival at the feedyard, cattle were sorted into feeding groups based on weight, frame size, and body condition. Cattle were sent to slaughter when a group was estimated to have 1/2 inch fat cover. For analyses, data were adjusted to a common age and were grouped into four types: British (6 breeds), Continental (11 breeds), American (6 breeds), and Brahman. Sufficient numbers were available of Angus, Beefmaster, Brangus, Polled Hereford, and Red Angus for a separate breed analysis.

The British group had higher fat cover, numerically higher (lower percent lean) USDA Yield Grade, higher marbling score, and higher USDA Quality Grade. Among the five breeds analyzed separately, there were slight differences in fat cover and no difference in Yield Grade. Angus were higher in marbling score and Quality Grade, with Red Angus and Brangus intermediate, and Beefmaster and Polled Hereford lowest. These results are in general agreement with other research reports and industry observations on carcass characteristics of varying breeds and types.

## FSA Co. Committee nomination period now open in Haskell County

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Shawn Ferguson, announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 15. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Haskell County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 3, 2015.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said Ferguson.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA)

where they are nominated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 2, which includes areas of Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule and Sagerton. More specifically, LAA-2 is the southwest third of the county within a boundary which begins at the western county line on Hwy. 380 and then east to Haskell where FM 600 meets Hwy. 380 East, and then south on FM 600 to the southern county line.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available

online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said Ferguson. "All producers, including women and minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov.

9. Ballots are due back in the Haskell County FSA Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 7, 2015. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2016.

"Nominating potential county committee members, voting for candidates and serving on the committees are truly services to your community and the agriculture industry," said Ferguson. "County Committee members make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve local needs and interests."

For more information about county committees, please contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 opt. 2 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

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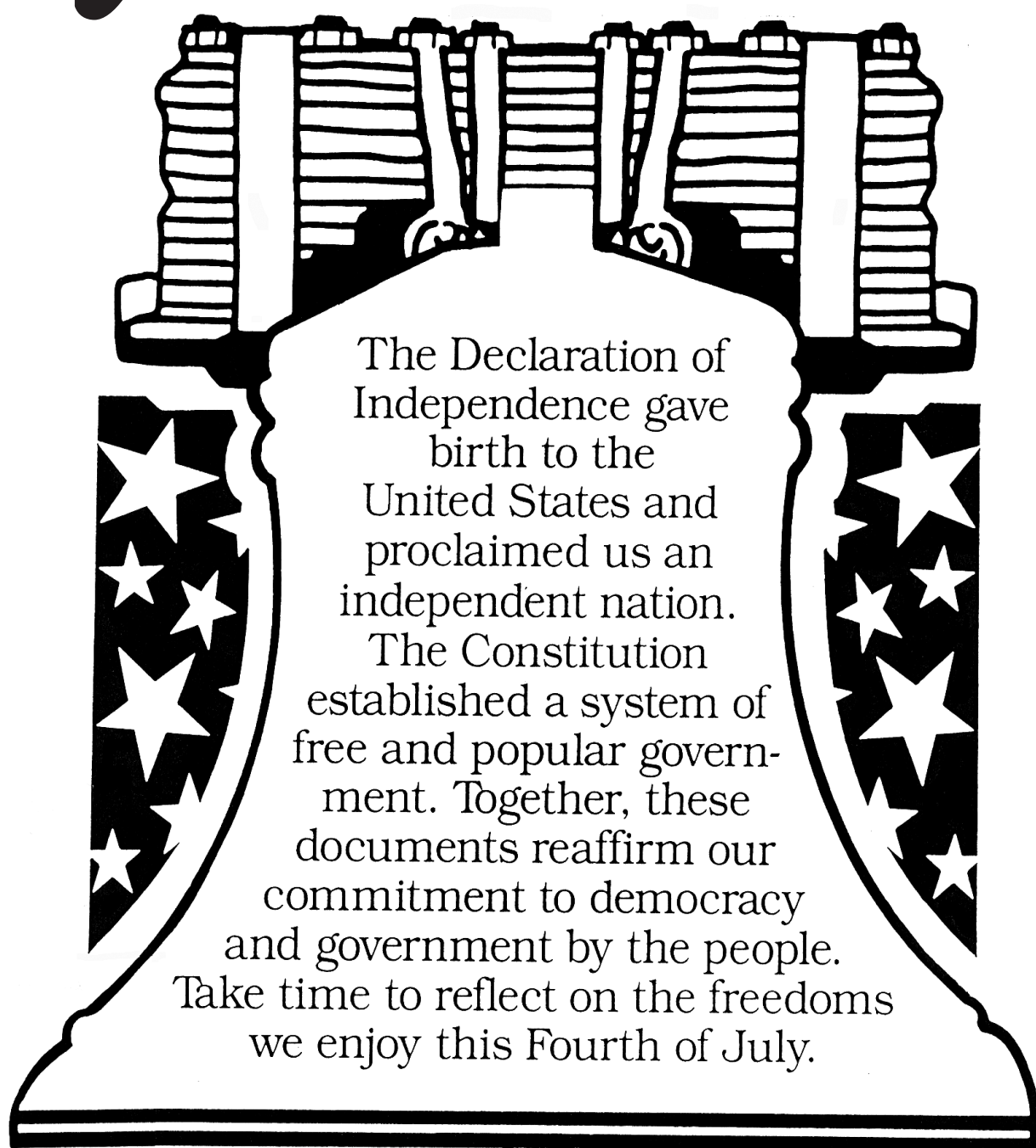
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# JULY 4<sup>th</sup>



The Declaration of Independence gave birth to the United States and proclaimed us an independent nation. The Constitution established a system of free and popular government. Together, these documents reaffirm our commitment to democracy and government by the people. Take time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy this Fourth of July.



This July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, please be extra careful in your summer activities . . . and please don't drink and drive. Remember to buckle your safety belt.

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## Calendar

### Haskell city pool

The City of Haskell will be opening the City Pool as soon as everything is ready. Staffing, repairing and upgrading will be done prior to the opening date of the pool.

### Wheat/stocker conference

The Cattle Trails Wheat and Stoker Conference will be held Tues., July 28 at the Great Plains Coliseum, 920 SW Sheridan Road in Lawton, Oklahoma. Contact Jason Westbrook, Haskell County CEA/Ag at 864-2658 or the OSU Area Extension Office at 580-255-0546 for registration details.

### 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](mailto:Haskell_vaso@yahoo.com).

### Water conservation

The City of Haskell has dropped all water restrictions for water customers as of June 1. We have been blessed with rain and do not anticipate the need to continue restrictions at this time.

### Water conservation

The City of Rule has lifted water restrictions for water customers. However, the council urges citizens to voluntarily conserve water when possible.

### CFBC Wed. programs

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church invites the community to new Wednesday night classes from 7 to 8 p.m. for all ages. Kids Club, for children attending 4 year old Pre-K through fifth grade, will include music, missions and Bible lessons. Adults will study "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" with topics including: the origin of the universe, the age of the earth and dinosaurs. Childcare will be provided for younger children of parents attending the adult study. For more information call 940-864-5557 or email [pastor@cornerstonehaskell.org](mailto:pastor@cornerstonehaskell.org).

### Storm siren tests

The City of Haskell Emergency Management will test the tornado sirens every Friday at 11:30 a.m. barring bad weather during storm season. The tornado sirens will be used in conjunction with storm watchers and the Code Red phone notification system. Should you have any questions please contact 940-864-2333. You can read more in the City's Emergency Handbook located at [www.city-of-haskell-texas.org](http://www.city-of-haskell-texas.org).

### Deadlines

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

# HNB earns 5-Star Superior rating

Haskell National Bank proudly announces it has earned BauerFinancial, Inc.'s highest 5-Star rating for strength and stability. Achievement of this coveted 5-Star Superior rating puts Haskell National Bank in an elite category as one of the strongest banks in the nation.

BauerFinancial, the nation's premier bank rating firm, has been evaluating and rating banks since 1983. Earning a 5-Star Superior rating means Haskell National Bank excels in areas of capital, loan quality, profitability and more. By achieving this 5-Star Superior rating for the most recent 93 consecutive quarters, Haskell National Bank has earned an even more elite status of Sustained Superiority. Fewer than 10

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According to Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, "Haskell National Bank's achievement is a result of its commitment to community banking and values. By focusing on the financial needs of local families and businesses, Haskell National Bank has in turn, charted its own path. It is a symbiotic relationship: the more success customers have, the more success the bank will have. It is built on a commitment to each other and is what all banks should strive for."

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## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 22-28:

Destiny Santell Hartwick, possession of controlled substance

methamphetamine, under 1 gram state jail felony.

Robin Rae Loyd, capias DWI 2nd.

Darrell Demond Hodge, failure to ID.

Thirty-seven calls were made to 911.

## Eight tips to protect against West Nile virus

In Texas, May turned out to be the wettest month on record as Central Texas slogged through 25 consecutive days of rain, while state rainfall totals reached an astonishing 35 trillion gallons. Those heavy rainfalls have not only affected communities across Texas but have significantly impacted mosquito populations.

"Mosquito populations are at all-time high levels because of the recent rains," said Richard Duhrkopf, Ph.D., regional director for the national American Mosquito Control Association and associate professor of biology in

Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences.

"The rains last month have given us larger populations than I have seen in a long time. The rains from Tropical Depression Bill will keep those populations active," Duhrkopf said.

With the increase of mosquito populations comes the threat of West Nile Virus. Although it is impossible to predict the occurrence of West Nile, Duhrkopf said, current weather conditions may be conducive for the spread of the disease.

"You never can predict how things will go, but conditions are setting up for serious disease transmission," Duhrkopf said.

Duhrkopf said that mosquitoes typically infected with West Nile need very dirty water, and the excess rain might provide that opportunity.

"The mosquitoes that transmit West Nile tend to breed in foul water. When you have rains like this, the foul water tends to get washed away. So, the incidence of West Nile actually goes down," Duhrkopf said. "However, as the season progresses, the water tends to pool and get stagnant. That is when we see the increase in West Nile Virus. The sheer numbers of mosquitoes right now make the threat highly likely."

Even with the increased threat for West Nile Virus, Duhrkopf said there are simple steps that can help with mosquito abatement. He offers the following "8 Tips to Protect Against West Nile Virus:"

1. Do...
1. Get rid of temporary standing water
2. Reduce breeding around permanent standing water
3. Keep artificial containers clean
4. Dry up natural containers
- Don't...
5. Be outside around dusk and dawn
6. Let general household maintenance slide
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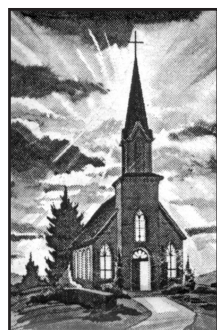
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safety, they literally pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" in exchange for the many freedoms which you enjoy today, including the right to worship God in any way you choose. Avail yourself of this privilege for which they gave everything they had. Attend and support your church.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

#### East Side Baptist Church

Terry Bunch, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

#### Christian Church

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

#### Church of God

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

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

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

#### Iglesia Bautista

#### El Calvario

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

#### First United

#### Methodist Church

Rev. David Johnson, 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 Angelo Consemينو  
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

Jim Reid, interim pastor  
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

Jim McCurley, 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.  
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#### Church of Christ

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

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

#### Sweet Home

#### Baptist Church

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

#### West Bethal

#### Baptist Church

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

#### —PAINT CREEK—

#### Paint Creek

#### Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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#### —O'BRIEN—

#### O'Brien Baptist Church

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ROLLING PLAINS Detention Center is hiring a RN. Job responsibilities include providing nursing care to offenders at the facility. Education and certifications: If a nurse: must be registered as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational/Practical Nurse in the state or a state that recognizes reciprocity through the Nurse Licensure Compact; Two years of nursing, correctional health or clinic administration. Contact Rolling Plains Detention Center for application information.

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### Help Wanted

NURSERY WORKER: First Baptist Church in Rule is accepting applications for a nursery worker (paid position). Call the church office at 997-2321 for more information.

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APPLICATIONS for an office receptionist are now being accepted. The successful applicant will provide supervised administrative and clerical support for the accounting staff in the Haskell Branch office of Davis Kinard & Co., PC, Certified Public Accountants. This position is responsible for answering phones and directing clients that enter the office and will process all client correspondence, maintain the filing system and keep track of office supplies and business necessities. The candidate must be able to multitask, be well organized and detail oriented. Experience with multi-line phones, computers and Microsoft office is helpful. Applicants may apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to Tammy Cunningham at tcunningham@dkcpa.com or coming by the Haskell office at 316 N. 1st. 27-28c

### Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT  
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Upper Strawn Formation, Devon-Rinn Lease, Well Number 7.

The proposed injection well is located 4 miles SE of Rule, in the Overby (Strawn, Upper) Field, in Haskell County.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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### Public Notices

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Edward Hansen, City Manager.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://gis3.tceq.state.tx.us/swav/Controller/index.jsp?wtrsr=>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww.tceq.texas.gov/DWW>

Source Water Name:  
SW FROM NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS  
CC FROM TX1380009 NORTH  
Type of Water: SW  
Report Status: Complete  
Location: Miller Creek Lake

## 2014 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water

Our goal at the City of Haskell is to provide you with high-quality, safe drinking water that exceeds every federal and state standard. As mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), this "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR) details our water sources, the results of our water tests and other information. For quality tap water, you can count on the City of Haskell to provide its citizens with only the best.

We are glad to report that the water provided by the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority (NCTMWA), water treatment plant meets or exceeds water quality standards.

### Overview

The City of Haskell receives its water supply from the Miller Creek Reservoir located in Baylor and Throckmorton Counties on FM 1608 approximately 10 miles southwest of Gore.

This CCR report is based on tests conducted in the year 2014 by the City of Haskell. The City of Haskell collects a sample each month which is 12 per year. One random sample was taken for a business and results were good. This is to ensure the safety and quality of our water. These samples are to ensure microbiological contaminant. Lead and copper tests are conducted every three years.

### Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in drinking water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminant. The presence of a contaminant does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminant and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environment Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4781).

The City of Haskell along with North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority is proud to announce that we do have "A Safe Water for Drinking." This CCR was developed in accordance with part 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Consumer Confidence Reports. This CCR document was prepared as requested by the City of Haskell.

Terms used in Water Quality Table and in other parts of this CCR are defined as follows:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG allows for a margin of safety.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of Copper and/or Lead which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

  
Edward Hansen, City Administrator

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

CITY OF HASKELL purchases treated Surface Water from North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority which treats water from Miller Creek Lake.

For more information regarding this report contact:  
Name: Edward Hansen, City Manager  
Phone: 940-864-2333

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (940) 864-2333.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### City Council Meetings

Date: Second and Fourth Monday of each month

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: City Hall, 301 South 1st, Haskell, Texas 79521

Phone Number: 940-864-2333

### Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

•Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

•Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

•Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

•Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

•Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Information about Source Water Assessments

The TCEQ has completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report.

### Coliform Bacteria Sampling

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	0	*	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

\*Presence of Coliform bacteria in 5% or more of the monthly samples

### Disinfection (Chloramine) Sampling

Type of Treatment	Year of Range	Disinfectant Used	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Source of Chemical
MRDL	2014	Chloramines (ppm)	2.1	0.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	Disinfectant used to control microbes

### Lead and Copper\*

Definitions:  
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.  
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2010	1.3	1.3	0.405	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2010	0	15	12.6	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

\*Lead and copper samples were not collected during 2014 as required by TCEQ. We are planning to collect these samples as soon as possible to correct this violation of TCEQ rules and regulations.

### 2014 Regulated Contaminants Detected

#### Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

Avg:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:

MFL

na:

NTU

pCi/L

ppb:

ppm:

ppt

ppq

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. million liters per liter (a measure of asbestos) not applicable. nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity) picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L) parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

### Regulated Contaminants in the Haskell Distribution System

Disinfectants and Disinfectant By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2014	36	6.7 - 67.4	No goal for the total	50	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	123	88.2 - 180.5	No goal for the total	80	ppb	Y	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	0.264	0.264 - 0.264	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

### Regulated Contaminants Detected in the Source Water we Receive from North Central MWA

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2014	3.85	3.85	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2014	0.251	0.251	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2014	0.752	0.752	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	0.017	0.017	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2014	6.9	6.9	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

\*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Combined Radium 226/228	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2013	1.0	1.0	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

### 2014 Water Loss Audit Information

Time Period Covered by Audit	Estimated Gallons of Water Lost During 2014	Comments and/or Explanations
January to December 2014	6,000,000	Most of the water lost during 2014 was the result of flushing to maintain water quality or leaks in the distribution system

### Violations Table

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)	01/01/2014	03/31/2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)	04/01/2014	06/30/2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)	07/01/2014	09/30/2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

### Lead and Copper Rule

The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	10/01/2013	2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	10/01/2014	2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

### Public Notification Rule

The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	02/13/2014	04/15/2014	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	08/19/2014	2014	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	10/01/2014	2014	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	12/11/2014	2014	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.

### Violations Table

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MONITORING (TCR), ROUTINE MAJOR	08/01/2014	08/31/2014	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

### Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MCL, LRAA	07/01/2014	09/30/2014	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.
MCL, LRAA	10/01/2014	12/31/2014	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.

### Violation Explanations--

- Chlorine Testing Reports to TCEQ**— Policy and procedures have been updated and employees have been properly trained concerning the submission of the disinfectant level quarterly operating reports.
- Lead and Copper Rule**— Lead and copper samples were not collected during 2014 as required by TCEQ. We are planning to collect these samples as soon as possible to correct this violation of TCEQ rules and regulations.
- Public Notification Rule**— Policy and procedures have been updated and employees have been properly trained concerning the proper technique to follow in order to assure that the public is properly notified concerning violations of the drinking water regulations.
- Total Coliform Rule**—During August 2014 we failed to collect our four routine coliforms samples. Policy and procedures have been updated and employees have been properly trained concerning the importance of submitting all coliform samples as required by TCEQ.
- Total Trihalomethane (TTHM)**— Due the recent drought the water level in Miller Creek Lake had dropped to a very low level resulting in a dramatic increase in the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) levels in the remaining lake water. Once TOCs come in contact with disinfectants, like chlorine, TTHMs are produced (the higher the levels of TOCs the higher the levels of TTHMs). These elevated TOC levels proved to be very difficult to reduce to a level that would not result in elevated levels of TTHMs.