

Calendar

Booster Club kickoff

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club Kickoff is set Sat., Aug. 1 at the Haskell Country Club. The Indians and Maidens will be honored at a family meal and golf tournament. The golf tournament will begin at 1 p.m. The fish fry will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$12 per plate. The 3 Man/Woman Scramble is \$150 per team, which includes dinner. Contact Roger Roewe at 325-669-8848, Kristi Gibson at 940-256-1421 or Chris Tatum at 325-864-3192 for more information.

Scheets-Hilliard

The Scheets-Hilliard family reunion will be held all day Sat., Aug. 1 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Family and friends are welcome.

Hamburger benefit

A hamburger fundraiser will be held Sat., Aug. 1 on the square to benefit the medical fund of Janice Smith. Donations will also be accepted.

Vacation Bible school

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell will host Vacation Bible School Aug. 2-6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m. for ages 4 through those entering sixth grade. This year's theme is "Journey Off the Map."

Band Boosters to meet

The Haskell Band Boosters will meet Tues., Aug. 4 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center to elect new officers for the 2015-16 school year and sign up for concession stand duty. Parents of all sixth-twelfth band students are asked to attend.

Rule Chapter #989

Rule Chapter #989 will meet Thurs., Aug. 6, at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting of Rob Morris and Rule Chapter birthday. Members are reminded to bring items for the kitchen. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present for the meeting.

HHS registration

Haskell High School will hold registration for new high school students Tues., Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. til 4 p.m. in the high school office.

HJH registration

Haskell Junior High students (sixth through eighth grades) will register Wed., Aug. 19 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All new and returning students and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Medical fund

A medical fund for Tammy Parham has been established at First Bank Texas and The Drug Store 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. A practice session will be held on the Thursday night before the musical at HTS.

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OWL STUDY-Children attending storytime, lead by Kenny and Wanda Thompson, at the Haskell County Library Thurs., July 23 learned about snow owls. In the craft session, snow owls were made from pine cones. Attending were, front row, l-r, Owen Daniels, Jameson Daniels and Paige Scheets; back row, Kenny Thompson, Caden West, Colby West, Reagan Daniels, Ada Pierson and Wanda Thompson.

Haskell 4-H banquet, BTS dance set Sat., Aug. 22

The Haskell County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Aug. 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Building. All 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend.

A 4-H Back to School Dance will be held after the banquet from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Admission for the dance will be \$5.00. Drinks and candy will be available for purchase.

4-H members should bring a six pack of water. The 4-H dress code will be enforced for all that attend.

Haskell, Paint Creek, Rule schools set registration

Haskell

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 10, Tues., Aug. 11 and Wed., Aug. 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2014-2015 school year at Haskell Elementary.

Parents should bring their drivers license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

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

Tues., Aug. 18: Kindergarten and first grade 5:30 p.m.; second and third grades at 6:30 p.m.; and fourth and fifth grades at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 20: Head Start, PPCD, Prekindergarten through 3 year olds and Prekindergarten through 4 year olds all at 5:30 p.m.

It is important for parents/guardians to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the

teachers and fill out necessary paperwork. Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 24. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Paint Creek

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2015-2016 school year Thurs., Aug. 13. Please come by the school office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork. Schedules for high school students will be given at this time.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2015. To attend Pre-K, a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2015.

For all new incoming students, parents should bring their driver's license,

their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

The first day of school will be Aug. 24.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 940-864-2868.

Rule

Rule ISD will hold registration for elementary, junior high and high school students Tues., Aug. 18.

Elementary registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Junior high and high school registration will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please enter the building at the east entrance by the superintendent's office for further instructions.

Parents or legal guardians of students in grades pre-K through eighth grade, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the

upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

Transfer students will be considered from surrounding areas.

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

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

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host their annual Title I meeting and "Meet the Teachers and Meet

the Bobcats" night for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., an assembly will be held in the auditorium to address the required Title I information and to present the Parent Involvement Policy for the 2015-16 school year. At the conclusion of the Title I meeting, parents and students will have the opportunity to enjoy ice cream and meet the 2015-2016 Bobcats, returning teachers and new teachers at Rule ISD.

Elementary students will also be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to be ready for the first day of school. Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year.

Come enjoy this event in preparation for an exciting 2015-2016 school year.



ATTEND CAMP-Haskell High School and Jr. High cheerleaders attended UCA camp recently. Those attending included, front row, l-r, Kourtney Gibson, Abby Andress, Krislyn Tatum, Kobie Walker, Autum Gibbs, Madyson Moore, Kiannah Luce and Chambray Phemister; back row, Instructor Tiger, Ryanna Rodriguez, Allie Andress, Areli Torres, Jacee Guess, Briana Rodriguez, Kameryn Mathis, Jaylea Seeliger and Instructor Cassidy. Not pictured is Ashlyn Bevel, Kaelyn Bevel and Kaylee Walker.

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tools to help efficiently and effectively implement land operations.

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A unique feature of the Plan My Land Operation tool is that it is also useful to hikers and outdoor enthusiasts. Users can map out their trail and it will show the distance, elevation and slope of that trail. While

full capability of the tool is statewide, this function is available nationwide.

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Pink Ladies closed

The Pink Ladies is closed for renovations. Donations will not be accepted at this time. 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.

Obituaries

Jeffie L. (Turnbow) Stapp



JEFFIE STAPP

Graveside services for Jeffie L. (Turnbow) Stapp, 84, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Sat., July 25 at Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Stapp passed away Thurs., July 23.

Born June 1, 1931 in

Haskell County, she was the daughter of Jeffery D. 'J.D.' Turnbow and Mattie Ann (Brown) Turnbow. She married Melton George Stapp Aug. 1, 1946 in Anson. Melton Stapp died May 25, 1985. She worked at Haskell Memorial Hospital as a CNA. She traveled all over before retiring in Rule. She enjoyed gardening, quilting and loved working as a caregiver. She was also an excellent cook and a member of Haskell Foursquare Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jeffery 'J.D.' and Mattie Turnbow; her husband, Melton George Stapp; four brothers, Buck Turnbow, C.A. 'Bud' Turnbow, George Turnbow and Bob Turnbow; five

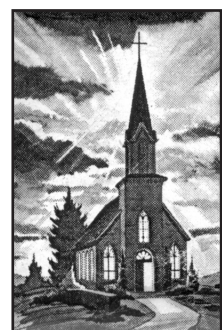
sisters, Loney Linton, Oma Mae Herricks, Ocie Garrett, Feba Jo Stout and Sue Frier.

Survivors include her daughter, Jana Pringle and her husband Terry of Breckenridge; son, Roy Stapp of Tuscola; sister, Jessie Couch of Haskell; two grandchildren, Tara Pringle of Breckenridge and Chelsea McReynolds and her husband Tommie of Weatherford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be given in Jeffie's name to the Haskell Memorial Hospital, 1 Ave. N., Haskell, Texas, 940-864-2621.

Online condolences may be shared with Jeffie's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com. PD. NOTICE

This Week's Devotional Message:



Brighten your life with the Golden Rule

Do unto others, the Bible has said.
As you'd have others do unto you;
And if you will follow this passage you've read.
You will find it is certainly true
That in business, your home life or simply with friends.
It is easier getting along
If you'll never be forced into making amends,
Just because you have done someone wrong.
So to learn more about this unfailing advice
That will frequently serve as a warning.
You should go to your church, where it's only the price
Of an hour on next Sunday morning.

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
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 Consemmino
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

Ollie Pierson, 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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—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.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

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

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home

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

West Bethal

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

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek

Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—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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Wed., Aug. 5

Chicken spaghetti, blackeyed peas, beets, Parmesan toast, lemon cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 7

Hamburger with all the trimmings, jello, sugar cookie, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Homecoming

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

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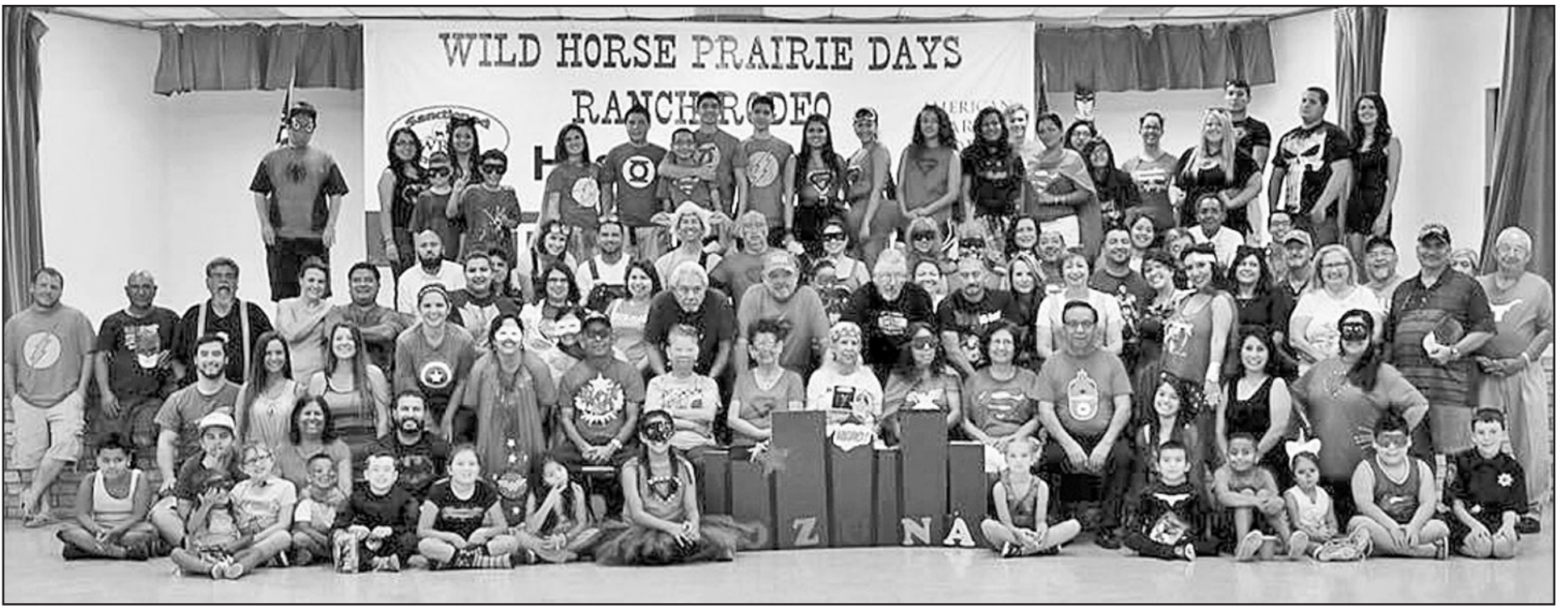
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OZUNA REUNION—The Ozuna Family Reunion was held July 17-19 at the Haskell Civic Center, in honor of the late Silvestre (J.B.) and Aurelia (Amelia) Ozuna. This year's theme was Super Heroes. Present were the families of Domingo and Dolores Ozuna of Dallas, Christy Ozuna Bryant of Haskell, Armando and Candy (Ozuna) Galindo of Dallas, Larry and Susie (Ozuna) Gonzales of Dimmitt, J.B. and Dominga Ozuna of Denton, Betty (Ozuna) Martin of Haskell, Danny Ozuna of Vernon, and Tim and Janie (Ozuna) Alexander of Haskell.

Enrollment open for leadership program

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.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com>. For Haskell County residents, applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded at www.haskelltexasusa.com. 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.

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

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Sheep and goat tags

Orders for sheep and goat tags for the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and the Texas major shows for the 2015/2016 year are now being accepted.

4-H or FFA members planning to show a sheep or goat project will need to order a tag. Haskell County uses a state validation tag as identification for show

animals. The state tag will allow the showing of the animal in the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show or a major Texas show.

Market lambs, market goats, wether dams and wether does will cost \$10.00 per tag. Registered sheep and registered boer goats will be \$7.50 per tag.

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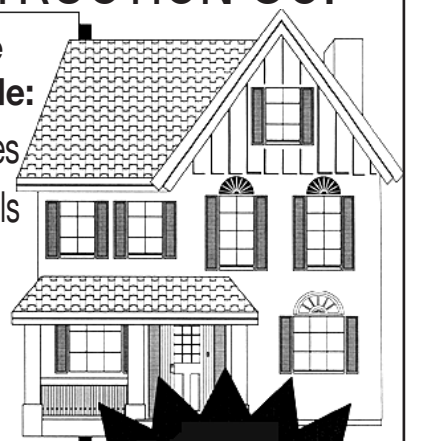


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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 4, 2005

Haskell native, Dr. Frank Spencer of New York, renowned pioneer in coronary bypass surgery, recently established a scholarship foundation at North Texas University to aid capable students from sparsely settled counties in Texas, including Haskell County.

Lee and Meg McManamon Petty of Ransom Canyon announce the birth of their daughter Tanah Rae, weighing in at 6 lbs. 1oz. Grandmother is Betsy McManamon and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Fouts, all of Haskell.

Approximately 55 descendants of Will and Bettie Mullins, early Haskell settlers, attended the eighth annual family reunion. The oldest person attending was 88 year old Maple Thomas of Haskell.

20 Years Ago August 3, 1995

Several new employees have been hired at Haskell CISD for the coming year. At the elementary will be Tiffany Thomas, Peggy Darden, Cindy McCulloch, Donna Waggoner, Tonya Cypert, Ofilia Salazar, Mylta Kimbler, Judy Washburn, Dena Zarate and Martha Nava. New to the secondary campus are Bryan McCulloch, Teresa New, Randy Waggoner, Kenneth Jowers, Jeremy Cadenhead, Kelly Reid, Norma Richardson, Sue Medford and Louis Kimbler.

Earl and Tempie Lee Alvis of Rochester were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner, hosted by their children and grandson. They both graduated from Rochester High School and he is a retired banker and president of Home State Bank in Rochester.

30 Years Ago August 1, 1985

Dr. William J. Kemp has been appointed by Gov. Mark White to a six year term on the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. He has served on the board for a total of 20 years, appointed by five different Texas governors.

Ronald Campbell of Paint Creek played in the Six Man Coaches Association All-Star football game, while Kevin Meier of Rule participated in the All-Star basketball game. The games took place on the campus of Tarleton State University.

Blue ribbon winners in the District 4-H Record Book judging were: Clothing, Jennifer Shaver and Shanna Murphy; Food & Nutrition, Emily SoRelle, Kim Gilly, Jill Jennings and Heather Stewart; Swine, Brian Holmes; Achievement, Michelle Scoggins; Beef, Dalyn Gilly; and Gardening & Horticulture, Janet Quade.

40 Years Ago July 31, 1975

Haskell Girls Little League All-Stars played in the final sectional game in Waco. All-Stars are Alice Acosta, Sheila Bartley, Dora Arredondo, Martha Chavez,

Lynelle Billington, Karen Koehler, Gina Brooks, Sharon Turner, Cindy Everett, Tonya Roberts, Shelly Long, Kim Lane, Lorie Johnson, Kiersta Lane and Cloa Tatum. Coaches are Cliff Morris and Charlene Dumas.

Charlene Therwhanger of Haskell, has been selected for the Outstanding Young Women of America Award.

50 Years Ago August 5, 1965

Haskell County students attending the Citizenship Seminar held at Sam Houston State Teachers College, are Marsha Shaver of Rochester and Riley Couch and Stephen Cothron of Haskell. They are sponsored by the Haskell County Farm Bureau.

Winners in the 4-H Dress Revue were Diana Davis and Kathy Hager, junior division; and Janice Moeller, senior division. All are members of the Mattson 4-H Club.

Airman Third Class Thomas N. Stiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stiver of Haskell, has been selected for technical training as a communications-electronics specialist at Lackland AFB.

100 Years Ago July 31, 1915

Rev. Groom, pastor of the Baptist Church in Haskell, has returned from Sagerton where he held a meeting at the Baptist Church there. He reports an excellent meeting, with 25 conversions and restorations.

W.A. Whatley announced he will have a carload of 1916 Mitchell Automobiles for sale in Haskell in a few days.



Watch kids around water

Lakes are full and rivers are flowing and Texans are heading to the water for fun and to escape the heat. But don't let your summer end in tragedy: watch children at all times when they are around water.

Already, 36 children have drowned in Texas this year, including three siblings—ages 9, 10 and 11—who were pulled from an apartment pool in Irving recently. Apartment pools can provide quick and convenient relief from the heat for their residents, but they typically don't have lifeguards on duty so extra caution should be exercised. Children should always be watched around pool gates and enclosures.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area continues to lead the state with 12 child drowning deaths so far this year, followed by the Houston area with seven.

With the state's recent widespread rainfall, water levels in lakes and rivers are high. Stream and creek beds are now flowing, posing more danger to children—particularly toddlers—who are not properly supervised. In rural areas, stock ponds can also be dangerous.

"Drowning is not what you think—it's quick and silent and happens before you know it," said Judge John Specia, commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). "I urge all Texans to keep a very close watch on children as they head outdoors this summer. And watch a child closely any time around water."

More than 400 children drowned in Texas in the last five years, most of them between Memorial Day and Labor Day. And a

child can drown wherever there's water: so far this year, children have drowned in backyard and apartment swimming pools, ponds, bathtubs, a hot tub, a lake, at a marina on Galveston Bay—even in a septic tank.

That's why DFPS is urging all parents, caregivers, and adults "watch kids around water"—all summer long, and year-round.

"We can all make a difference just by being more aware of what is happening around us," said Judge Specia.

Children under the age of one year most often drown inside the house, while older children most often drown outdoors. Outdoors, children most often drown in pools, especially backyard and apartment pools. Most young children who drown in pools were out of sight less than five minutes and were in the care of one or both parents at the time. Indoors, the bathtub is the most dangerous location.

Basic Water Safety Tips

Inside the house:

- Never leave small children alone near any container of water.
- Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.
- Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason. Get what you need before running water, and take the child with you if you must leave the room.
- Warn babysitters or

caregivers about the dangers of water and emphasize the need to constantly supervise young children.

- Make sure small children cannot leave the house through pet doors or unlocked doors to reach pools or hot tubs.

Outside the house:

- Never leave children alone around water whether it is in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, creek, pond, or lake.

- Constantly watch children who are swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard watching and within reach.

- Secure access to swimming pools with fences, self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.

- Completely remove the pool cover when the pool is in use.

- Store and secure water toys away from the water when not in use, so they don't attract a small child.

- Don't assume young children will use good judgment around water.

- Be ready for emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers handy and learn CPR.

- Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have pools.

For more statistics and information on water safety for kids, visit WatchKidsAroundWater.org.

Canine flu spreading in Texas

How to Curb the Contagion: The Canine Influenza has been spreading throughout the continental United States, including Texas, so the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has some information and tips to help dog owners better understand the virus. "What we need to keep in mind is that humans can physically transmit the virus—which can stay on our clothes for up to 24 hours—so it is important to be careful about interacting with any unknown dogs," says AVMA spokesperson Dr. Aspros, "With proper education, we can do our best to minimize the spread."

What is canine influenza? Canine influenza (CI), or dog flu, is a highly contagious infection caused by an influenza A subtype H3N8 virus first discovered in 2004.

What are common symptoms of the infection in dogs? In the mild form, the most common sign is a cough that persists for 2-3

weeks. However, some dogs can develop signs of severe pneumonia, such as a high-grade fever (104°F-106°F) and faster breathing. Other signs in infected dogs include nasal and/or ocular discharge, sneezing, fatigue, and refusing food.

Is every dog at risk of infection? All dogs, regardless of breed or age, are susceptible to infection.

How does it spread? Canine influenza is spread from dog to dog through the air, contaminated objects (kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes), and people interacting with infected and uninfected dogs. On surfaces, the virus is alive and can infect dogs for up to 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours, and on hands for 12 hours.

Can veterinarians test for canine influenza? The most reliable and sensitive method for confirmation is serologic testing. Antibodies to canine influenza virus can appear in blood as early

as 7 days after symptoms begin, and the virus may be identified in nasal or pharyngeal swabs during the first 4 days of illness.

Any treatment options? In May 2009, the USDA approved the first influenza vaccine for dogs. Trials have shown that it can significantly reduce the duration of illness, including the incidence and severity of damage to the lungs. Dog owners should consult with their vet to determine whether the vaccine is appropriate for their dog.

Can canine influenza infect people? There is no evidence that the virus can be transmitted from dogs to humans.

Health Department searches for people who had contact with rabid puppy

The Texas Department of State Health Services and Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District are searching for anyone who came into contact with a litter of puppies in Henrietta within the last month. One of the puppies, a shepherd mix, was later found to have rabies.

The puppies were advertised on Craigslist and were located at a home on FM 1197 in Henrietta, near Wichita Falls, beginning in mid-June. Anyone who came into contact with the puppies should contact the DSHS regional office in Arlington at 817-264-4920 or their health care provider to determine whether they should receive

treatment.

Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District has located eight of the nine puppies in the litter, but one has not been located. Anyone who suspects they know where that puppy is should contact DSHS at the number above.

Rabies is a viral illness that can be transmitted to humans through an infected animal's saliva. The illness can be prevented with treatment before symptoms begin. However, once a person has symptoms, the disease is almost always fatal.

More information on the possible exposures is available at <http://health.wichitafallstx.gov>.

Hantavirus case prompts precaution reminder

Texas health officials confirmed the state's first case of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome this year in a resident of the Texas Panhandle. The Texas Department of State Health Services reminds people to protect themselves from the virus that causes HPS. Although the person recovered from the infection, HPS is often severe and sometimes fatal.

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

- Seal openings that may allow rats and mice to enter homes and workplaces.
- Remove brush, woodpiles, trash and other items that may attract rats and mice.
- Tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers, and other food sources.
- Before cleaning up nests or droppings found inside, open windows and doors to ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes.
- If any dust will be stirred up, goggles and a HEPA or N-95 mask are recommended.
- Wear protective gloves

to handle dead mice and rats or to clean up nesting areas, urine or droppings.

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

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

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

Including this case, a total of 45 HPS cases have been confirmed in Texas since 1993. Half of the reported cases were residents of the Panhandle or South Plains areas. Of the 45 cases, 15 resulted in death.

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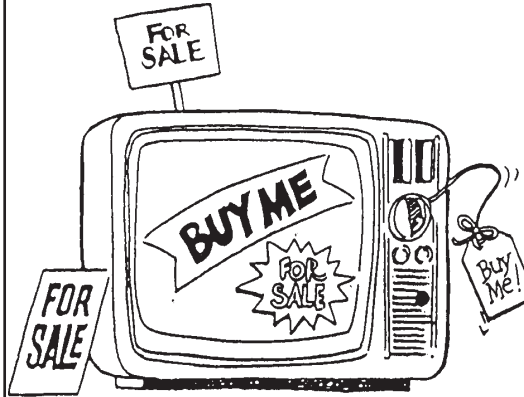
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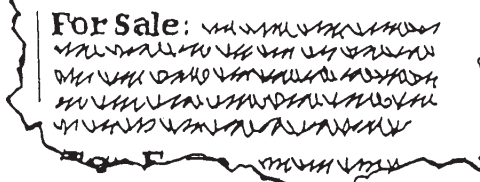
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Casen's Crew fund-raising events set Sat., Aug. 22

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.

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 or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379.



Five ways to know if there's an IRS imposter on the phone

The Internal Revenue Service issued a consumer alert providing taxpayers with additional tips to protect themselves from telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due. Bottom line—they try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus

IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

"In many cases, the caller becomes aggressive and rude," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "If the victim refuses to cooperate, they may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license."

The IRS reminds people that they can know when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call you about taxes you owe without first mailing you an official notice.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the

opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason

to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or at www.tigta.gov.

If you've been targeted by this scam, also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 20-26:

Christopher Jarred Roberts, public intoxication.

Robin Ray Loyd, city ordinance dog at large warrant.

Forty-nine calls were made to 911.

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

Announcing...



Smith Family Funeral Homes is proud to announce that **Shelby Thomas** is now licensed to sell Pre-arranged Funeral Plans and is also here to help with monument sales.

Shelby is currently a student at the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, and she is working full time with us as an Apprentice Funeral Director. She will graduate this December with a degree in Mortuary Science.

Shelby was born and raised in Haskell, she is a 2013 graduate of Haskell High School, and she recently married Micah Thomas. Please come by and visit with Shelby, she can help answer any questions you may have.



TRUST BOARD—The Big Country Electric Cooperative Trust Board of Directors, from left, standing: Ginny Rasberry, Carl Bursleson, Dickie Cooper, Fred Cross, Debbie Hailey and Mary Drury. Seated: Nancy Sparks and Paula Stegemoeller.

At Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC), we love our communities and believe in the power of working together to make good things happen, and to take care of people. Our Operation Round Up program, administered through the Big Country Electric Cooperative Trust, allows the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide financial assistance to those in need locally. This program is supported by co-op members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. Operation Round Up funds are distributed to individuals and organizations for charitable purposes only in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.



Applications are considered and funds are awarded by the trust's Board of Directors—not Big Country EC board members or employees—but your peers and neighbors, who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to making decisions that will positively impact lives in our communities. The directors on this board proportionately represent our service area from north to south, and east to west. Decisions are made without regard or preference to location and each application gets thorough review, discussion, and consideration. You do not have to be a BCEC member to receive assistance. Food needs and food banks, shelter, health needs and rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways your small donations help our local communities.

If you have questions about Operation Round Up or know of an individual, family, or organization who could benefit from this wonderful program, please contact Sarah McLen at (325) 776-3803 or smclen@bigcountry.coop, or share this contact information with the interested party. You may access information and download applications on our website, www.bigcountry.coop, and selecting the Operation Round Up icon pictured here. Applications will be handled with the utmost confidence and respect. Applicants desiring consideration at the next meeting should be submitted by Thursday, August 27, 2015.

