

Calendar

Library reading

The summer reading program will continue at Haskell County Library Thurs., July 26 with Mary Murphy and Tues., July 31 with Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson as presenters. The event will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Ages K-fourth grade are invited for reading, crafts and cookies.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 27. Anyone ages six months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are also invited to come and eat for the price of \$3.00 per plate.

Vet office open

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

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage one of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage one calls for a voluntary 10% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Application Assistance

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank is holding an application assistance site Fri., Aug. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Library. Assistance with filling out any application for public assistance such as SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Womens Health Program or CHIPS will be available. Contact Alice Canales-Flores, Social Services Outreach Coordinator at 940-636-8240 or 940-766-2322 and leave a brief message including your name and phone number.

Chicken spaghetti

Haskell National Bank will be having a chicken spaghetti lunch Wed., Aug. 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation. Please stop by Haskell National Bank and purchase your tickets in advance.

Bible school

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host its annual Vacation Bible School Sat., Aug. 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for children entering grades K-6. This year's theme is "His World, His Word, His Way" and will include Bible stories, music, game shows, crafts, recreation, lunch and snacks. To register early or for more information, contact the church office at 940-864-5557 or email jomcguire@rocketmail.com.

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Jordan puts finishing touches on project

Hunter Jordan of Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148 has recently completed his Eagle Scout project. He led fellow Scouts and parents

in a large project around the grounds of Paint Creek School.

The group painted and repaired all the pipe around

the school and football field, painted the goal posts on the football field, rebuilt and painted the piping that borders the south side of

the football field along the highway, painted the posts around the tennis courts, repaired and painted the elementary students' outside

basketball goals, backboards and replaced the nets.

The project has taken many hours and sessions since last September.

Those helping Jordan with the project were Laura Rock, Micah Waggoner, Johnny Jones, Stormy Darnell, Billy Jones, Deanna Jordan, Leiza McTasney, Cheyenne Buerger, Nikki Jordan, Seth Rock, Brennan Medford, River McTasney, Kendall Medford, Larry Trotter, Bryant Booe, Shawn Myers, Dalton Einhaus, Bayden Graham, Gabriel Todd, Justin Bailey, Brenda Walker, Sha Deen, Drew Deen, Sandy Sanford, Austin Sanford, Brennan Jordan, Shawn Jordan, Jim McTasney-Scoutmaster, Michael Waggoner-Assistant Scoutmaster and from Girl Scout Troop 1081, Zhenia McTasney and Melisa Rock.

Those contributing to the project were Pate's Hardware, Richardson's, Earl Neatherland Inc., Bulldog Machine, L&N South Paint Creek Ranch and JCS.

After completing his project, Jordan is a candidate for a Board of Review tentatively set for August.



JORDAN'S WORK CREW-Armed with paint brushes, paint gloves and lots of sunscreen to help Hunter Jordan of Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148 complete his Eagle project last Thursday were, front row, l-r, Laura Rock, Micah Waggoner, Johnny Jones, Stormy Darnell, Billy Jones and Deanna Jordan; back row, Leiza McTasney, Seth Rock, Cheyenne Buerger, Brennan Medford, Hunter Jordan, River McTasney and Nikki Jordan.

Early voting ends Friday, July 27

by Caron Yates

The Texas Primary Run-off Election has been set for Tues., July 31. Both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will hold elections.

The only contested race on the democratic ballot for our area will be the U.S. Senate race with Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough going head to head.

The republican ballot has several races to be decided. Vying for the U.S. Senate are Ted Cruz and David Dewhurst. Warren Chisum and Christi Craddick are

running for the railroad commissioner nomination, Greg Parker and Barry Smitherman are in a race for the unexpired term of Railroad Commissioner and the Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 is being sought by David Medina and John Devine.

Trent McKnight is running against Drew Springer for State Representative of District 68, which includes Haskell County.

Early voting for both parties will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse, near the west door, though

July 27.

There has been a change of location for registered voters able to vote in the Republican Run-off. On election day, voters will cast their ballots on the second floor of the Haskell County Courthouse in the Commissioners' Court room. It is located on the east end of the courthouse.

For the convenience of Haskell County Democratic voters, polling places will be open in each of the regular voting precincts throughout the county. Democratic voting locations are: Box 1, St. George's Catholic Church;

Box 2, Assembly of God Church; Box 3, Extension building; Box 4, Experienced Citizens Center; Box 5, Rule High School Library; Box 6, Rochester Fire Department; Box 7, O'Brien City Hall; Box 8, Weinert School; Box 9, Paint Creek School Library; and Box 10, Sagerton Community Center.

All polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Voters are reminded that if you voted in either the republican or democratic primary in May, you are only allowed to vote in that same party run-off election.

However, if you did not vote at all in the May primary, you may vote in the run-off election of your choice. All registered voters are eligible to vote in the general election to be held on Nov. 6.

It is important to bring your voter registration card or other acceptable form of identification to the polls.

Being an informed voter, and then going to the polls and voting, is one of the most important freedoms we as Americans have, and it should not be taken for granted, lest we someday lose that right.

91 students attend local singing school

The Haskell Church of Christ held their annual camp for students who range in age from ten to adult recently. Ninety-one students attended from Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. They arrived on Sunday afternoon, July 8 and were met by their host

families and local church.

This year's camp was under the direction of Thomas Chapin. Instructors were Eugene Chapin, Tom Chapin, John Connel and Randy Daw. Assisting the instructors was Joe Chase.

Many traditions have continued and are enjoyed daily by the students and

staff. Each morning the campers assemble for a time of devotion and the daily joke contest. Daily sessions for all campers include a variety of classes for beginners to those who are more advanced in training. The students had sessions of rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading, song writing, hymn

appreciation, music theory and voice harmony.

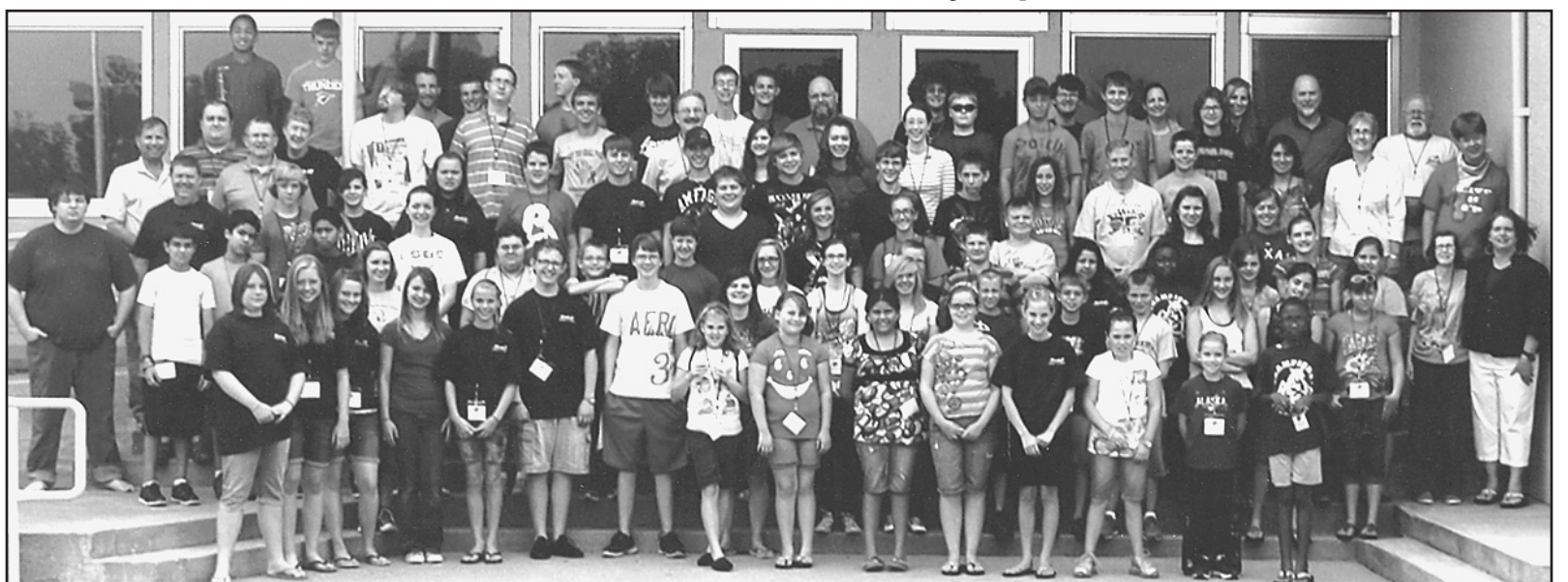
Lunch was catered each day to the church activity building. Evening activities were focused on preparation for the closing program and a time of devotion. An area wide youth service was held Tuesday evening with guest speaker, Wes Horn of

Stamford.

The week concluded with a closing program Friday evening featuring new music. Family and friends attended.

Philip Sims is the church minister. Charlotte Peiser is the secretary and registrar.

The 2013 camp is planned July 7-12.



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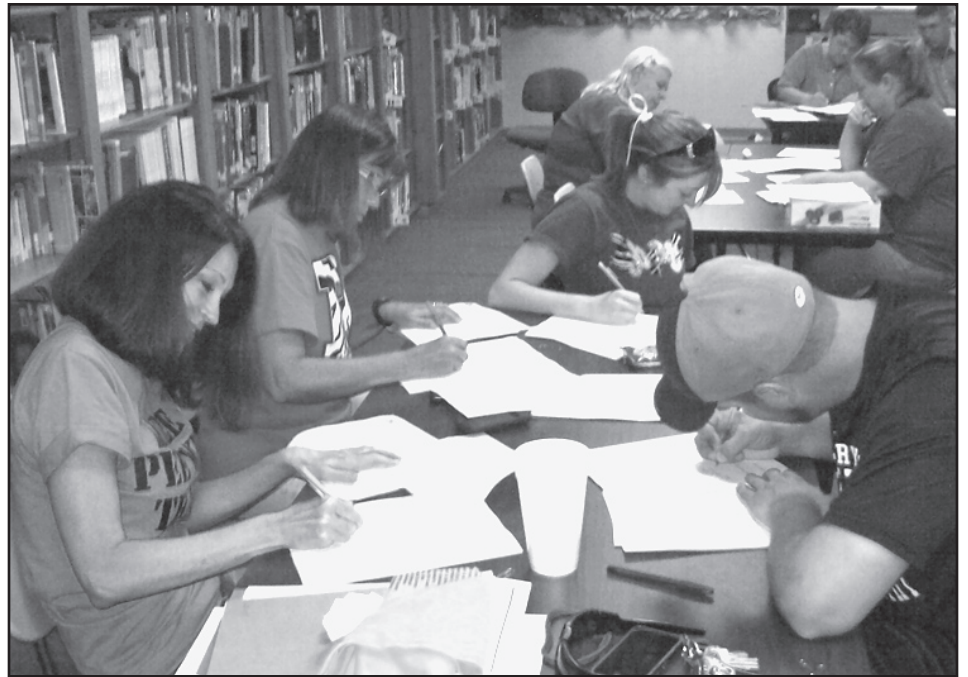
Juan Garcia named new FSA Administrator

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the appointment of Juan M. Garcia as Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator, effective July 15.

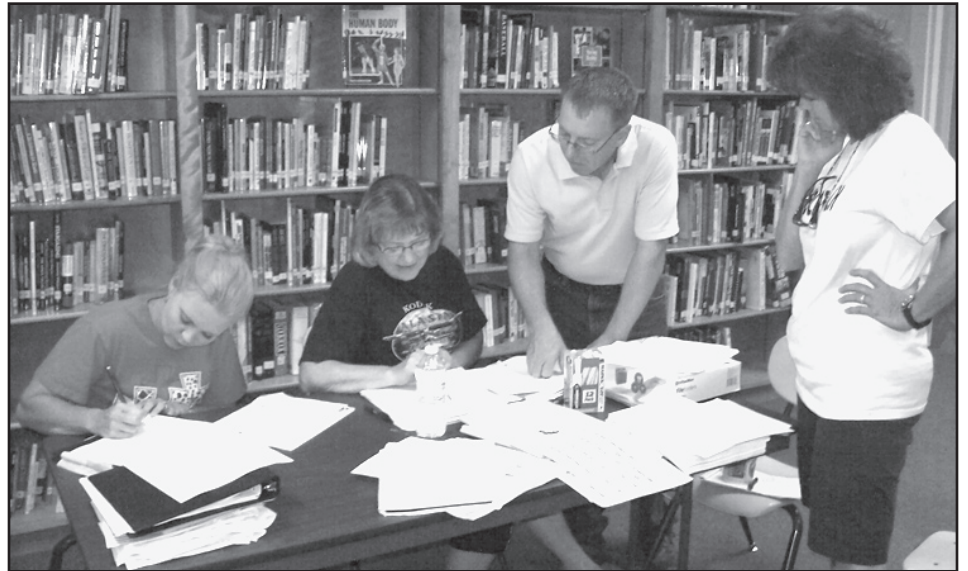
Garcia previously served as deputy administrator for Farm Programs where he managed all FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, and Price Support Division.

Garcia served as state executive director for Texas and as the agricultural program manager (APM) for the Farm Service Agency in Texas. Prior to his selection as the APM, Garcia worked as a district director and served earlier in his career as county executive director. During his 35-year career with USDA, Garcia has received numerous honors and is a three-time recipient of the prestigious FSA Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

A native of Lyford, Garcia was raised on his family's 500-acre farm. Garcia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas A&I in Kingsville (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and was recognized as the College of Agriculture's 2010 Hall of Honors Alumnus. Garcia and his wife, Belinda, have three grown children.



PLANNING FOR NEW YEAR—Rule ISD teachers, l-r, Janice Qualls, Jill Brown, Lauren Fine and Josh Conner are hard at work creating Individualized Instruction Plans for every student in the school.



TEACHER WORK DAY—Rule ISD teachers, l-r, Joni Manske, Leigh Sims, Principal Barry McBroom and Fonda Newton are working hard focusing on the needs of each student during a workshop to create Individualized Instruction Plans.

Rule School implements individualized instruction plans

Rule ISD teachers met for two days in June to create Individualized Instruction Plans for every student in the school. Data was gathered and teachers discussed the best ways to help each student in each academic area as well as socially and behaviorally. A plan was made for each student who attends Rule ISD.

The plan includes the student's present level of performance and the expected level of performance attained by the end of the upcoming school year as well as expectations of the student, the teacher, and the parent. Parent conferences will be held early in the school year and during the

second semester so that teachers and parents of Rule students can formulate and implement a plan of success for each student.

Principal Barry McBroom says "We have the rare advantage of small class sizes at Rule, and this allows us more time to focus on individual students and their needs. We have outstanding teachers at Rule who love kids and who take the time to get to know each student as a person and figure out what works best for them. Our teachers want to find the best approach for each student as a unique individual. We believe that our students are more than the numbers on a report card or a set of test

scores. The Individualized Instruction Plans will help focus our efforts in the right direction to ensure the success of each of our students."

Al-Anon

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

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. The meeting will be held on Tues., Aug. 14. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

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Library Notes

By Joan Frazier

The Haskell County Library is proud to announce that the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon accepted Haskell Library's application for new books for children. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the U.S. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$3 million worth of new children's books to more than 2,200 libraries in 48 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The Friends of the Haskell County Library donated \$350 towards the grant and the Libri Foundation matched this amount on a 2-1 ratio. Plus, the library received \$350 in extra books that pertain to math and science on an elementary level.

The foundation sends a list of some 700 books to choose from. All of these books are award winning books and reflect the very best of children's literature. A book plate is placed in each book saying, this book given to the Haskell County Library by the Friends of the Library and the Libri Foundation. This is the second time our library has been chosen to participate in this grant program. The library will be able to apply again for this grant in three years.

These books have been very popular with the children in our summer reading program.

There are a few of the books that can be considered stories for older young people, also.

The library is now four years old and if you haven't taken the time to drop by, please do so. The library has a new librarian and a new library assistant. Marilyn Griffith in the new librarian and Paris Pittman is the new assistant. Come by and tell them hello.

The library catalog is now on the Net so patrons may check from home to see if the library owns the book and if it is checked out or is on the shelf. Patrons may call and reserve a book, if it is found in the catalog, and it will be put on hold for 24 hours.

Joan Frazier, retiring librarian, takes this opportunity to thank all of the library patrons, especially those who are diligent about returning their books on time, for the many years of encouragement and just good times had at the Haskell Library. When Frazier started in 1989, the library was only open in the afternoon and two hours on Saturday. We've come a long way in these twenty something years and she has enjoyed every year of it! And, Frazier would like to thank the Friends of the Library Board, the County Judge and the four commissioners for being so supportive of the library. We could have never done all we have without their support and dedication!

See you at the library!

Summer reading programs end July 31

The Haskell County Library will conduct the annual summer reading program titled, "Summer Reading Time-Yippi!" through July 31 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The program is geared to ages Kindergarten through fourth grade. Volunteers may come help with the crafts for the kids.

Reading this summer will

be: July 26, Mary Murphy; July 31, Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson.

Reading program presenters include teachers, preachers, clowns, judges, attorneys, photographers, homemakers and extension agents.

Reading time will be followed by crafts and cookies.

Sales tax holiday to be held Aug. 17-19

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on everything from pens, jeans and shoes to backpacks and other items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19.

"Shoppers across Texas can take advantage of the three-day sales tax holiday and save extra money for their budgets," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Families gearing up for the new school

year would not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items from clothing and footwear to school supplies during that weekend."

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

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$64.8 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Garden checklist offered for August

- Trim off faded flowers on crape myrtles to encourage later re-bloom. The more modern hybrids of the old-fashioned Lagerstroemia indica and L. faureii have larger, more conspicuous panicles of flowers, but these often tend to turn to heavy seedpods which discourage reblooming later in the season. They can be cut off, if practical.

- Evaluate the volume of water delivered from lawn sprinklers to ensure healthy, stress-free grass during the heat of the summer. One thorough watering which will deliver one inch of water at a time is better than several more shallow sessions. The amount of water available through flower bed sprinklers may be checked by placing several shallow pans among shrubs or flowers.

- Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of one-third to one-half pound per 100 square feet of bed area, and water thoroughly.

- Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now

until midwinter. Severe pruning at this time will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

- Sow seeds of snapdragons, dianthus, pansies, calendulas, and other cool-season flowers in flats, or in well-prepared areas of the garden, for planting outside during mid-to-late fall.

- Plant bluebonnet and other spring wildflowers. They must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop good root systems, and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Plant seed in well-prepared soil, one-half inch deep, and water thoroughly. Picking flowers frequently encourages most annuals and perennials to flower even more abundantly.

- It is time to divide spring-flowering perennials, such as iris, Shasta daisy, oxeeye, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopse, and ajuga.

- Make your selections and place orders for spring-flowering bulbs now so that they will arrive in time for planting in October and November.

- Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture.

• A late-summer

pruning of rosebushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy growth. Cut back all, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

- It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals, such as marigolds, zinnias and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should provide you with color during late September, October and November.

- Establish a new compost pile to accommodate the fall leaf accumulation.

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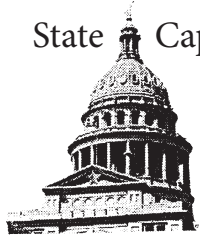
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Mansion restored in multi-year effort

AUSTIN—The Texas Governor's Mansion is fully restored, Gov. and Mrs. Rick Perry announced last week.

According to a July 18 governor's office news release, the restoration was made possible by a \$21.5 million appropriation by the Texas Legislature and a private fundraising effort led by first lady Anita Perry that raised more than \$3.5 million from thousands of Texans.

Restoration included a new roof, repairs to the exterior masonry, restoration of columns and porches, renovations to the kitchen and installation of a "geoexchange" system to provide energy efficient heating and cooling. Private funds were used to pay for an addition to the west side, restoration of historical features, improved accessibility and the completion of landscaping and historical documentation, the governor's office stated.

On June 8, 2008, the front porch of the 156-year-old structure was fire bombed. Flames spread, causing catastrophic damages. Authorities still are hunting for a suspect who was caught on camera throwing a Molotov cocktail at the mansion.

Time to get 'Water Smart'

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on July 19, along with state and local leaders, asked Texans to conserve more water by following the Texas Water Smart program.

Recent rains may have eased some immediate drought concerns, but as the state's population continues to grow, conservation is key to ensuring Texans have sufficient water for decades to come, Staples said.

Texas Water Smart is a public-private coalition that encourages households and businesses to adopt everyday habits to curb wasteful water usage. The state water plan dictates nearly 25 percent of our future water needs will be met through water conservation.

For more information, visit www.TexasWaterSmart.com.

State of drought continues

Gov. Perry on July 13 renewed the current drought disaster proclamation for another month.

The effects of last year's historic drought continue to plague Texas residents and businesses. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 77 percent of the state is still suffering from some degree of drought and 96 percent of the state is considered abnormally dry, the Texas Department of Agriculture noted.

Run-off voting begins

Primary run-off elections are July 31. Early voting began July 23 and runs through July

27.

Early voters may vote at any polling place in their county of residence. Voters who participated in the May 29 primary elections must vote in the same party's run-off election. Voters who did not cast a ballot in the primary elections may vote in either party's run-off election, Secretary of State Hope Andrade said.

A valid voter registration card without additional photo identification as required in Senate Bill 14 will not be required in Early Voting or on Election Day.

Also, Andrade, the state's chief elections officer, announced July 17 that Texas has been named one of 15 states recognized as an all-star "for promoting and protecting the voting rights of America's military service members and their families, especially through legislative efforts to streamline the federal ballot application process."

The recognitions were made by the Military Voter Protection Project, an organization that tracks each state's:

(a) use of electronic and web-based services to send election materials; (b) legislative efforts to eliminate barriers to military voter participation; and (c) record of making sure absentee military ballots are sent out no later than 45 days before the election and efforts to resolve violations.

In other news, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and a former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz, who are vying to become the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate seat to be open on the retirement of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison engaged in a televised debate July 17 and are scheduled for a third and final debate on July 23. Also competing in a run-off race for their party's nomination are Democrats Paul Sadler of Henderson Grady Yarbrough of Tyler. Sadler is a former state representative and Yarbrough is a retired educator.

June jobs report arrives

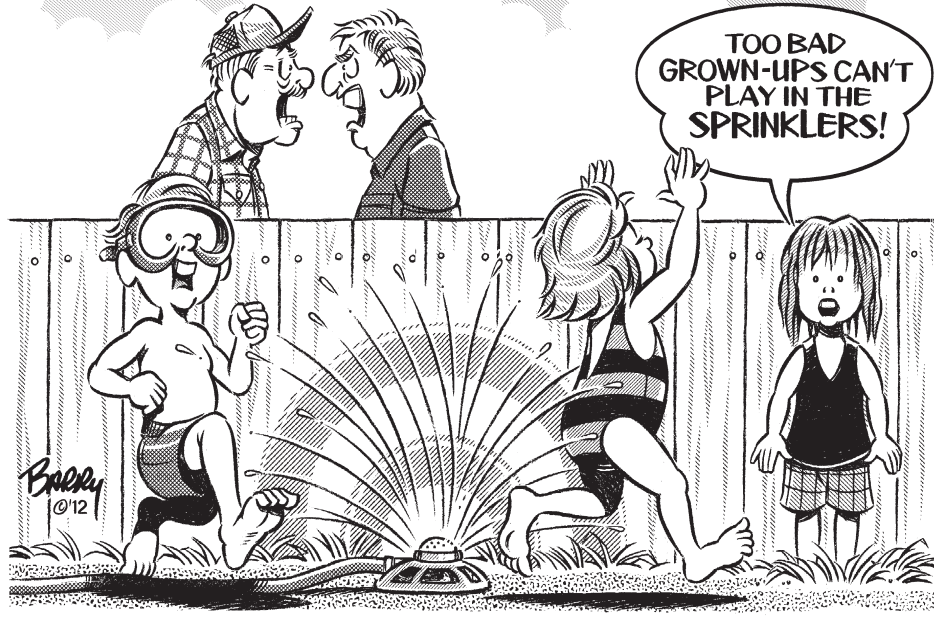
The Texas economy added 12,900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in June and has added 282,000 private sector jobs since last year, the Texas Workforce Commission announced June 20.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.0 percent in June, slightly higher than the 6.9 percent reported for May, but down from 8.1 percent a year ago.

Study gives Texas firsts

The 2012 Top States for Business study conducted by CNBC ranked Texas first overall and showed Texas first among the states in the infrastructure and transportation categories for the second year in a row, the Texas Department of Transportation announced last week.

HOT TEMPS HEAT UP TEMPERS...



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 25, 2002

James Elam, director of the Development Corporation of Haskell, announced that the city of Haskell was notified that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has signed an agreement to allow INS Detention Services to begin using the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center.

Bill and Lennie Ruth Blankenship of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at First Baptist Church in Haskell in 1952. The couple has three daughters.

After winning the Texas Teenage Junior Boys League District 3 tournament, the team made up of Haskell youth ages 13 to 15, will compete in the state playoff tournament. Coaches are Cliff Short, Jeff Blanks and Jerry Coker.

20 Years Ago July 23, 1992

Susan Jarred and Paul Gibson of Haskell are members of the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir. The group performed at Walt Disney World.

Mindy Ballard of Rochester, Kim Gilly of Haskell and Leigh Ann Reel of Paint Creek, all representing Haskell County 4-H, will advance to the State Fashion Show.

Rule High School cheerleaders for the upcoming season will be Lisa Macias, Christy Mathis,

Angela Hisey, Kenna Tanner, Julie Saffel and Laurie Boger.

30 Years Ago July 29, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sorrells were honored with a surprise reception on their 25th wedding anniversary.

In the open class Big Fish Contest, held in conjunction with the Third Annual Carp Tournament at Lake Stamford, Claude Payne won first place with his 10.1 fish.

Steve Horton of Haskell, was one of two Boy Scouts from the nine county Chisholm Trail Council to be awarded a Stephen Sapaugh Memorial Scholarship.

40 Years Ago July 27, 1972

Attending another meeting with the College Coordinating Board in Austin, were Haskell residents J.B. Gipson, H.T. Wilkinson, Royce Adkins, Leonard Weise, Abe Turner and Bill Comedy. The series of meetings is in regard to Haskell getting an extension of West Texas College in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carmack of Rochester, were honored by their son and family, with an Open House in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Riva Hitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hitt of Rochester, participated in the Miss Texas Teenage Pageant, held in San Antonio.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Sammy Kelso and their children

have returned to Wiesbaden, Germany, after spending a three week vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.N. Foil and grandsons Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Kelso and Mrs. Callie Shelley.

50 Years Ago July 26, 1962

The old Haskell County jail building, erected in 1910 on the southeast corner of the square, is soon to be razed and the site cleared as possible future location of a modern county office building.

Shirley Jean Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Young, and Dickie Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sloan, were married in a ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Haskell. She is a graduate of Haskell High School, and he graduated from Rochester High School.

100 Years Ago July 27, 1912

Mrs. T.M. Murray has returned from Childress, where she was visiting her husband who is handling fruit. She says there were five cars of watermelons, one of peaches and one of bananas at that place.

Uncle Dick Williams and family of the Foster community, have returned from a visit to East Texas.

Mr. Sowell has a letter from his son-in-law, D.B. English, stating that Mrs. English had undergone an operation for appendicitis and is convalescing nicely.

Filing for unemployment is free

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for unemployment benefits through TWC is always free.

Claimants who sign on for so-called "fee-for-filing" scams could later discover unemployment claims were never filed on their behalf. They also may have given their Social Security number to someone they believed to be a TWC employee.

Claimants should always seek online UI information through www.texasworkforce.org or by using the email form found on TWC's website at <https://services.twc.state.tx.us/UBS/contactUs.do>.

TWC wants to ensure that UI benefits only go to those who qualify and that no one is taken advantage of by fraudulent business operators illegally posing as a TWC staff member.

UI claimants also are reminded that TWC unemployment specialists never make home visits, ask for Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) or use text messages to contact claimants. Claimants should only give personal information when filing for benefits online at www.texasworkforce.org or when speaking to an unemployment benefit customer service representative on the Tele-Center phone filing system. It is imperative that UI claimants do not pay for a government service that is free.

The UI program, funded through employer taxes, provides temporary, partial-income replacement to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. TWC administers and oversees the collection of taxes from employers and the payment of UI benefits to qualified claimants.

To report possible fraud, call the TWC Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at 800-252-3642.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Editor's note: Mary Drury of the Development Corporation of Haskell takes the pen for the Ask the Mayor column this week in the absence of Haskell Mayor John Gannaway.

Greetings from the Development Corporation of Haskell and the City of Haskell! I am delighted to accept Mayor Gannaway's invitation to visit with you in this week's column and to share some of the tasks I've been working on in regards to our community.

I've been officially on the job as Director of Community Development for Haskell for nearly two months now. Throughout this time, I've met with

several of Haskell's civic groups, churches, businesses and area organizations to gather their information for Haskell's new online community calendar—www.haskelltexasonline.com.

The feedback we've received on the launch of the community calendar has been 100-percent positive thus far. The calendar is updated daily and is free of charge for everyone to view and post information on. While there are still several groups that I am reaching out to this month in order to gather their information for the site, we have a great start and the resource is established and

relevant. If you are among one of the groups that needs to post their information to the site, please don't delay. I can be reached at haskelltexasonline@gmail.com or 940-864-3424 and I am ready to post your event and information.

In addition to the monthly calendar, the www.haskelltexasonline.com homepage also includes a link where residents can sign up to receive periodic email updates on monthly events. If you haven't signed up for the periodic email updates yet, please do. It only takes a minute and will keep you informed about fund-raisers and events, opportunities to volunteer and school activities.

In addition to meeting with groups and individuals to collect their information for the community calendar, during my visits I've also gathered their input on how we can improve Haskell. Our conversations have included discussions ranging from: "What should we do to build enthusiasm in Haskell?"; "What can we do to engage our youth?" to "What are

the future plans for your business, church, or civic group?" As I continue to meet with folks—as well as use the information that was collected from the strategic planning session of January 2011—I am hopeful that I can aid in connecting people with projects and opportunities that will lift up our community as a whole.

In closing, it did not take me long to realize that Haskell residents are optimistic and hopeful in their desire to continue to do things that will bring life to our downtown square, pursue recreational activities for our residents and youth and to keep Haskell "Alive." Yes, there are 101 ideas on exactly what that should be, but people are thinking about it and are eager to share their thoughts. That sets Haskell apart—and that is what makes me proud to be a part of our community.

Thank you each for the warm welcome that you have extended to me this first year. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and continuing to work on your behalf.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

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

Jacob Alexander, secure execution of document by deception.

Irma Linda Dessivia Jones, prohibited item in correction facility.

Jimmy Bolton, motion

to withdraw theft of property.

Travis Lee Graves, forgery, state jail felony.

Rachel Denay Burdett, motion to revoke probation, theft of property.

Bobby Garcia Jr., motion to revoke, evading arrest, state jail felony.

Forty-two calls were made to 911.

Cattle conference to be held July 31 in Wichita Falls

Re-focusing after the drought will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference, a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, to be held July 31 in Wichita Falls.

This annual conference provides wheat producers and stocker cattle operators the most up-to-date information on topics that influence their operations profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

The slogan of the annual conference is "driving your operation to profits," however Bevers said the target for this year's conference will be re-focusing on production and

profitability after last year's drought.

"Many production areas have received adequate rainfall, but the drought has left some lasting impressions including fewer calves for grazing," Bevers said. "Coming out of last year's drought will require a new level of understanding and pencil pushing."

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th St. in Wichita Falls.

Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference proceedings, a noon meal

and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Several key speakers will present valuable information. These include Dr. Larry Sanders, professor and Extension economist, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, discussing the general economic outlook for agriculture; Paul Coleman, chief operations officer and partner, Fontera Feedyard, Muleshoe, discussing the current challenges in the feedlot industry; and Dr. J.P. Pollreis, veterinarian for Pfizer, Inc., discussing challenges for maintaining the health and productivity of stocker cattle.

Additional speakers include faculty from both Oklahoma and Texas. Other topics to be discussed include current research on stocker cattle processing, the cattle and wheat market outlook and a wheat production update. Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event.

Producers are encouraged to pre-register by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or by contacting Karen Thompson at 940-552-9941, ext. 217 or by email at kethompson@ag.tamu.edu.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met July 9 with all members present.

A motion to pay all bills passed.

County Treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted the Monthly and Quarterly reports and a corrected report for May. All were accepted.

Kelly Ross Compton was hired as part time help in Precinct 3.

No action was taken on a burn ban.

A scanner was purchased for the District Clerk's office from LGS at a cost of \$910.

The Nunc Pro Tunc Order, which incorporates the legal description and the map for the reinvestment zone that was approved by the court earlier, was approved.

A line item transfer of \$232 from prosecution expense to District Attorney-office supplies was approved.

Keep kids sun safe this summer and all year long

With summer under way, children will spend more time outdoors, in backyards and at parks, summer camps, beaches and other vacation destinations. So, it is important to remember that exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is strongly linked to all forms of skin cancer. Luckily, with good sun safety habits including proper clothing and sunscreen, children can enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities without risking their health. "By teaching your children to incorporate sun protection into their daily routine, you'll significantly lower their risk of developing skin cancer as an adult," says Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation.

Help children stay safe in the sun with the following tips from The Skin Cancer Foundation:

- Seek the shade: Remind kids to play in shaded areas in order to limit UV exposure. Check with camps to see if there are adequate places for campers to seek shade during outdoor activities taking place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV rays are most intense.

- Avoid tanning: Tweens and teens may be tempted to "lay out" or visit tanning salons. But there is no such thing as a safe, healthy or protective tan, because tanning itself is caused by DNA damage to the skin. One or more blistering sunburns in childhood or adolescence more than doubles a person's chances of developing potentially deadly

melanomas later in life.

- Cover up with clothing: Consider dressing them in swim shirts or rash guards while in the water at the pool or beach. Protect the face, neck and eyes with broad-brimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.

- Use sunscreen: For everyday use, look for broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. If your child will be spending extended time outdoors, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your child's entire body 30 minutes before going outside.

Assist children in reapplying sunscreen every two hours and after swimming or playing sports, because water and sweat wash sunscreen away. If your children apply their own sunscreen, remind them to cover easy-to-miss spots, such as the backs of ears and neck, as well as the tops of feet and hands.

Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.

- Practice what you preach: Incorporate these tips into your own lifestyle. You'll not only set a good example, but you'll reduce your risk of skin cancer, sun damage and skin aging.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Deadlines

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

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Are extra mortgage payments an option?

In the current economic situation, many of us are looking for ways to rid ourselves of some of our debt. One way may be to pay off our mortgage sooner.

If you have a typical 15, 20 or 30-year mortgage, it may be advantageous for you to set up a bi-weekly payment plan or send in an extra monthly payment each year. Prepaying on your mortgage can take 5-7 years off of the life of your loan.

Paying extra toward your mortgage will help reduce the principal as well as reduce the interest you are paying in the long run. There are two ways you can make that extra payment.

If you are one of those

people who need a more structured plan, there are several "mortgage savings plans" available. You divide your monthly mortgage in half and send in a payment every two weeks. By paying down your mortgage faster, you also have a better chance of getting a home equity loan or line of credit if you need it.

Let's say you have a \$150,000 home loan on a 30-year fixed interest rate at 6%. Not only will you pay the loan off 6 years faster, you'll also save about \$37,000 in interest.

Some lenders offer this service to their borrowers with a modest fee—others don't. While you should

always check with your lender first, there are a number of third parties offering these services. You should work with a company known to be legitimate by your lender. You are sending money to a "conduit" and need to ensure they are a reputable company.

One thing to keep in mind is that these companies are in business to make money. They will generally charge you around \$500 to set up the payment plan and then a \$5 fee per month. They will make interest on your money while they are holding it.

The mortgage savings plan is not for everyone. If you are a young homeowner and plan to stay in your house for 10 years or less, the benefits of prepayment are inconsequential. You would probably be better off to put the equivalent of an extra mortgage payment per year in your 401K or stock options.

If you are a more disciplined consumer, you can take your monthly mortgage payment and divide it by 1/12 and send in that extra payment each month. Be sure you designate on your payment coupon that you want the extra payment to go toward your principal balance. You're still making the equivalent of an extra mortgage payment each year, but without paying any fees to a third party.

However, before you send in that extra payment, be sure your lender doesn't penalize you. Some lenders charge penalties for prepayments, especially to those borrowers with bad credit or subprime home loans. However, if you have a conventional or government-backed loan, prepayment penalties are extremely rare.

You might also consider using that extra payment to pay down high credit card debt. Since the interest rate on credit cards is much higher than on a home loan, it might be more fiscally advantageous for you to pay those balances down first.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

During the summer, young Texans are more likely to have unsupervised time at home—and in an increasingly digital world, that means more opportunities to visit potentially dangerous online playgrounds. Unfortunately, cyber predators do not take summer breaks. Texas parents are the first line of defense against criminals who use the Internet to prey upon children. Families must stay engaged in their child's activities online, set boundaries and know the capabilities of minors' mobile phones and handheld gaming devices.

Police officers across the state who specialize in cyber crimes investigations know all too well that dangerous criminals lurk online. Texas parents must remain vigilant and remind their children that cyber predators pose a constant and very real threat to their safety and well-being. Parents should warn their children not to share personal information with strangers online—and to never agree to a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet on the Internet.

Informed and active parents can help protect their children from all types of online threats. By surfing the Internet with their children and fostering open conversations about the websites they visit, parents can both teach and learn from their children. Parents should give children and teenagers ground rules for their Internet usage—including the hours they can access the Web and the types of websites children can visit.

Texas parents should also establish boundaries for children's mobile phone usage. Cyber Crimes Unit investigators with the Attorney General's Office have arrested several sexual predators who used wireless devices in an attempt to

call or text children. These communications often include sexually explicit language or images and are intended to lure children into a sexual encounter. Wireless devices that allow users to surf the Internet may also give children an opportunity to go online and access sexually explicit content, chat rooms and social networking sites without a parent's knowledge.

Parents should monitor their children's mobile phone Web usage and teach them to avoid calling or texting anyone they do not actually know. Young Texans should also avoid giving out personal information through their wireless devices. Any child who receives a communication—including a photo or video—that is inappropriate, hurtful or otherwise makes them feel uncomfortable should immediately notify their parents. If parents suspect criminal activity or believe that their child is in danger, they should save the image or message and contact law enforcement authorities.

Fortunately, many wireless carriers offer controls that allow parents to monitor and manage their child's cell phone usage. These controls allow parents to set limits on incoming and outgoing text messages and phone calls. For example, parents can restrict specific phone numbers, limit the quantity of text messages and prohibit communications during certain hours. Depending on the provider, parents can also filter or completely block websites from being accessed by their child's wireless device. Increasingly, wireless devices are also equipped with global positioning system (GPS) features that give parents the ability to track their child's whereabouts.

Finally, Texas parents should be aware that

video game systems now have many of the same capabilities as home computers. In particular, these gaming devices allow users to interact with other players through typed messages, voice communication or even online video chats. Parents should be cognizant of the fact that child predators can use these game systems to prey upon children.

Although children may enjoy playing video games with their friends online, parents should carefully consider whether to enable a gaming system's online chat feature. During online conversations, predators may look for clues that reveal a child's physical location. Parents who choose to allow online chatting should strongly caution their children not to discuss anything personal while playing online games with players they do not know.

Video game systems typically have parental control features that can be used to restrict game features that pose increased risks. These controls allow a parent to:

- Enable or disable a game console's chat features or manage with whom and how a user can communicate and play;
- Enable or disable Web browsing;
- Permit or block access to online games; and
- Restrict games based on maturity ratings.

Parental control features on a wireless phone or game system are designed to give parents peace of mind. While these tools are important, actual parental supervision and communication offers the best level of control. To keep young Texans safe while they enjoy their summer break, parents should communicate openly with their kids and set clear limits on Internet, wireless device and gaming system usage.

Protect yourself to protect your baby against whooping cough

To protect a baby against whooping cough, it's best to vaccinate the mom—and right after birth is the best time to do it, says Dr. Robyn Horsager-Boehrer, medical director of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center University Hospital, St. Paul. Supplies have been limited, but the vaccine is expected to become more widely available.

"The number of cases of infant pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is rising; it is now recommended that new parents and other caregivers of infants less than age 1 receive a booster

for this disease," says Dr. Horsager-Boehrer.

Infants receive the vaccination, but it takes a while for their immune systems to develop full protection. Thus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently recommended vaccination of adults who are in close contact with babies.

The vaccine is known as toxoid/diphtheria/acellular pertussis booster (Tdap or Adacel®). It is not recommended for people with an allergic reaction to its components, an acute illness or other conditions.



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Texas Governor and First Lady Rick & Anita Perry Endorse Their Friend Trent McKnight In Republican Primary Runoff

Texas House District 68 — Texas Governor and First Lady, Rick and Anita Perry, have announced their endorsement of Throckmorton rancher Trent McKnight in the Republican Primary runoff for Texas House District 68. Perry, a former rancher and native of Haskell County, also represented some of the counties in House 68 when he served in the Texas House (1985- 1990).

“Anita and I are proud to endorse our family friend Trent McKnight in the July 31st Republican Primary runoff for State Representative,” said Governor Perry. “Our home, Haskell County, is part of Texas House District 68 and we know Trent McKnight’s values, his proven leadership as former national FFA President, and his energetic passion for rural Texas.”

Governor Perry also noted that McKnight’s deep roots in ranching, his past public service experiences including participation as an overseas citizen agricultural advisory to the U.S. military in Iraq and service on the Brazos River Authority prepare him for addressing the economic development and future water needs of rural Texas.

Anita Perry, a former nurse and daughter of a small town doctor, also complimented McKnight and his family for their dedication to public education and with expanding healthcare access to families and small towns in rural Texas. McKnight raises funds for local youth scholarships and his family is active with Scott & White Hospital and their local county hospital.

“I am humbled and honored to have the Governor and First Lady’s endorsement. They have both been role models for me and many others in rural Texas,” said McKnight. “I strongly support the Governor’s leadership for conservative values, his conservative budget compact and his belief that Texas is better with less government and lower taxes.”

McKnight has also earned the endorsement of retiring State Representative Rick Hardcastle, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples, the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers, the Texas Farm Bureau and received the NRA’s “A” rating.

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Declare independence from foodborne illness

When celebrating this summer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) reminds Americans that proper food handling practices can prevent them from being threatened by foodborne illness. The warm temperatures that draw crowds of people to outdoor celebrations also encourage the growth of bacteria, and incidents of food-related illnesses rise in summer months. But four simple steps—Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill—can help families declare freedom from foodborne illness at celebrations.

“We want to provide families with important information that will help reduce the risk of foodborne illness during their

celebrations,” USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Elisabeth Hagen said. “Small children and the elderly are among the most vulnerable to foodborne illness, and this information is essential in protecting loved ones at family barbecues and picnics.”

FSIS has created a new infographic in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Ad Council featuring food safety tips. The infographic, fact sheets, videos and podcasts about safe food handling and preparation in warmer months can be found on FSIS’ “Grill It Safe” webpage at www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/Grill_It_Safe.

Clean: Freedom from foodborne illnesses starts with clean surfaces and clean hands. Be sure that you and your guests wash your hands before preparing or handling food. Hands should be washed with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food.

Equally important is making sure that the surfaces that come in contact with raw and cooked foods are clean before you start and are washed frequently.

Separate: Raw meats and poultry should be prepared separately from vegetables and cooked foods. As you chop meats and veggies, be sure to use separate cutting boards. Juices from raw meats can contain harmful bacteria that could spread to raw veggies and already cooked foods.

As you take the cooked meats off the grill, be sure to place them on a clean platter, not on the dish that held them when they were raw. The juices left on the plate from raw meat can spread bacteria to safely cooked food.

Cook: Never begin cooking without your most important tool—a food thermometer. Color is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often brown quickly and may appear done on the outside, but still may not have reached a safe minimum

internal temperature to kill any harmful bacteria. Whole cuts of pork, lamb, veal, and beef should be cooked to 145°F as measured by a food thermometer placed in the thickest part of the meat, followed by a three-minute rest time before carving or consuming. Hamburgers and other ground beef should reach 160°F. All poultry should reach a minimum temperature of 165°F. Fish should be cooked to 145°F. Fully cooked meats like hot dogs should be grilled to 165°F or until steaming hot.

If you are smoking meats, the temperature in the smoker should be maintained between 225°F and 300°F for safety. Be sure to use your food thermometer to be certain the food has reached a safe minimum internal temperature.

Chill: Keeping food at a safe temperature can be a concern at outdoor picnics and cookouts. Too often, food is prepared and left to sit out while guests munch over the course of several hours. Bacteria grow most rapidly between 40°F and 140°F, so

perishable food should never sit out for more than two hours. If the temperature is higher than 90°F—which is common in the summer—food should not sit out more than one hour. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers promptly and discard any food that has been sitting out too long.

It is important to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods can be kept hot on the grill and cold foods can be kept chilled with ice packs or ice sources in a cooler.

Still have questions? Ask Karen!

Whether you are cooking in the kitchen or grilling out, make Mobile Ask Karen the first guest on your list. Ask Karen is USDA’s virtual food safety representative available 24/7 at www.AskKaren.gov or m.AskKaren.gov on your smartphone. Mobile Ask Karen can also be downloaded

from the Android app store. On June 26, FSIS launched “Mobile Pregúntele a Karen,” the Spanish-language version of Mobile Ask Karen. Mobile Pregúntele Karen and the desktop-based Pregúntele a Karen also are available 24 hours a day at m.PregunteleKaren.gov or PregunteleKaren.gov.

Consumers can email, chat with a live representative, or call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline directly from these apps. To use these features on the app, simply choose “Contact Us” from the menu. The live chat option and the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), are available in English and Spanish from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

For more information, go to www.foodsafety.gov.

DPS roadchecks leads to 8,000 inspections

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected more than 8,000 commercial motor vehicles during a three-day inspection effort in June as part of Roadcheck 2012. DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol troopers and civilian inspectors joined forces from June 5-7 during the annual inspection effort aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

Approximately 22 percent (1,763) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Issues with brakes, lighting and tires were the most common infractions that led to out of service violations.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 243 drivers were placed out of

service. Among the violations were improper logging of duty time, driving over the maximum number of hours, and failing to have the proper type of license for the vehicle being driven.

In all, DPS issued more than 2,600 citations and another 23,000 warnings.

The annual Roadcheck program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.

DPS will also continue Operation Texas Thunder efforts throughout the year. This DPS initiative consists of surge enforcement operations targeted in specific areas where unsafe trucks or buses may be operating and to crack down on aggressive driving around commercial vehicles.

ECC Menu

Mon., July 30
Vegetable/beefstew, pimento and tuna sandwiches, pickles, onions, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your house of worship is 20 degrees cooler inside

Has the midsummer heat been getting you down? Not to mention the humidity factor, which can only add to the oppressiveness of the soaring temperatures. Of course, being a sensible person, you dress right, live right and do what you can to offset the discomforts of the season. You spend as much time as your lifestyle will allow in air conditioned places, and maybe at the ol' swimmin' hole. However, there

is one more place you might add to your itinerary in search of a pleasant environment—your house of worship. More than just a haven of refuge from the heat, it's a place for all seasons. However, in summer the only warmth you will feel there is the comforting assurance that God's love is with you all the year 'round, no matter what it says on the thermometer.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

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

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

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

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
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—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
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Steve Willis, minister
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First Baptist Church
Joseph Barrett, pastor
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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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

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

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

Faith Lutheran Church
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
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—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

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

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

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

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

—PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL §

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Cause No. 11,451. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Hearn, Gregg et ux Ind/Db Her's Steakhouse. Legal Description: 1. Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twenty (20) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. 2. Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Twenty (20) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. 3. A 0.920 acre tract of land out of Section 234, Block 45 of the A.B. Carothers Addition and described more fully in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 427, Page 941 in the official public records of Haskell County, Texas. Such description being incorporated herein by reference. 4. Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Fifteen (15) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,631. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Rodriguez, Danny E., et ux. Legal Description: 5. Lot Two (2), Block Forty-six (46), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,647. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Torres, Joel, et ux. Legal Description: 6. Lot Seven (7), Block Twenty-six (26), of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 7. Lots One (1),

Two (2) and Three (3), Block One (1), of the Clifton Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 8. Lot Four (4), Block One (1), of the Clifton Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,696. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Contreras, Ovida. Legal Description: 10. Lot Three (3), Block "B," of the Morgan #73 Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,720. Styling: Haskell County v. Espericueta, Clemente. Legal Description: 12. Lot Nine (9) Block Fifty-three (53) of the Original Town Addition to the City of O'Brien, Texas.

Cause No. 11,760. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Sellers, Barney, Ind/Heir of S.G. Sellers, Deceased, et al. Legal Description: 14. Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), Block Four (4), of the Original Town Addition to the City of Saderton, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 11,793. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Rule Tank Trucks Inc. Legal Description: 15. Lot One (1), Block Two (2), of the May Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of August, 2012, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 28th day of June, 2012, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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David Halliburton Sheriff,

Haskell County, Texas By: Winston Stephens, Deputy 28-30c

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF RULE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Rule will hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on July 30, 2012 at City Hall, 701 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens' participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Teresa Sorrells, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Teresa Sorrells, City Secretary, at the City Hall, (940) 996-2214. 30c

and THE ESTATE OF SHARON SISK. DECEASED, Plaintiffs, vs. CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant CENTRAL TEXAS FEDERAL LAND BANK, FLCA, Defendant IN REM ONLY IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS TO CAROLYN WILLIAMSON and to all whom it may concern: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Plaintiffs' Original Petition of CHRISTIE WOODS, in her capacity as the Dependent Administrator of the ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK, DECEASED, and in her capacity as the Successor Independent Administrator of the ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED, Plaintiffs, was filed against CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant, on May 22, 2012, and Plaintiffs' First Amended Original Petition on June 18, 2012, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered Cause No. 11,909, and entitled "The Estate of Dyrall J. Sisk and The Estate of Sharon Sisk, deceased, Plaintiffs, vs. Carolyn Williamson, Defendant, and Central Texas Federal Land, Defendant IN REM

CAUSE NO. 11,909 THE ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK

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Twelve Haskell FFA members attend state convention

FFA members from across the state made the journey to Corpus Christi July 9-13 for the 84th Texas

FFA State Convention. Twelve FFA members from Haskell were in attendance including Kymbre Kupatt,

Krista McLemore, Carson Hadaway, Madison Mayfield, Shelby Dunnam, Kaley Mathis, Lucy Carmichael, Meghan Glover, Emily Fouts, Reagan Hadaway, Makenzie Gass and Crissy Bassett.

The week started off with the semifinals of the State Speaking Competitions on Monday followed by the finals on Tuesday. Kupatt competed in the Sr. Prepared Public Speaking Contest where she

advanced to the finals and placed ninth overall in the state. Glover also competed in the Soil Stewardship Speaking Contest.

Haskell also had six members recognized for receiving their Lone Star Degree, which is the highest degree a member can achieve at the state level. Lone Star Degree recipients were C. Hadaway, Mayfield, Dunnam, Ashley Adams, Morgan Frierson and Maci Colley.

McLemore and Kupatt were recognized on stage for winning Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships in the amount of \$16,000 each.

The Jr. FFA Skills team of Haskell consisting of R. Hadaway, Gass and Bassett were recognized for winning the state contest at Huntsville in December.

Fouts of the Haskell FFA Chapter was chosen to be a Texas FFA Ambassador.

She spent the week helping with the convention and VIP guests. Fouts was recognized on Friday by winning the "Rookie Ambassador of the Year" Award.

Haskell FFA members also had the opportunity to attend a concert by Wade Bowen, visit the Corpus Christi Beach, and tour the Texas State Aquarium. Over 10,000 FFA members were present at this year's convention.



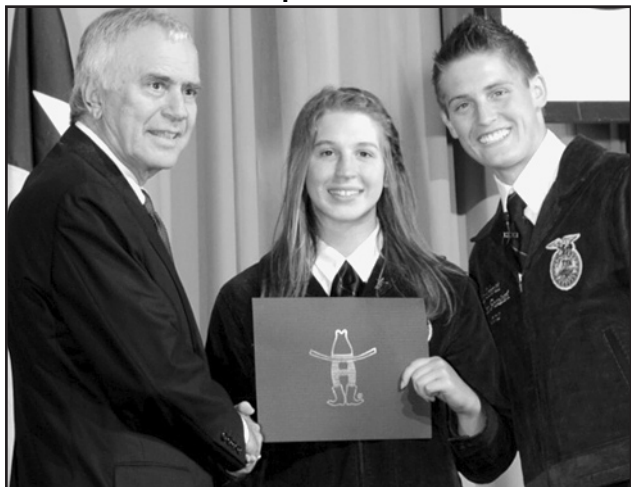
LONE STAR DEGREE—Carson Hadaway of Haskell FFA received her Lone Star Degree at the Texas FFA State Convention held in Corpus Christi.



LONE STAR DEGREE—Shelby Dunnam of Haskell FFA received her Lone Star Degree at the Texas FFA State Convention held in Corpus Christi.



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Kymbre Kupatt, center, of Haskell FFA received a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship.



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Krista McLemore, center, of Haskell FFA received a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship.



JR. SKILLS TEAM—The Haskell FFA Jr. Skills team made up of members, l-r, Crissy Bassett, Makenzie Gass and Reagan Hadaway was recognized at the Texas FFA State Convention for winning the state contest at Huntsville in December.



DISPLAYS AWARDS—Emily Fouts of Haskell FFA shows off her FFA Ambassador certificate and Rookie of the Year award.



PLACES NINTH—Kymbre Kupatt, right, of Haskell FFA placed ninth in the Sr. Prepared Speaking Contest held during the Texas FFA State Convention July 9-13.



LONE STAR DEGREE—Madison Mayfield of Haskell FFA received her Lone Star Degree at the Texas FFA State Convention held in Corpus Christi.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., July 23 with Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilwomen Sue Medford and Jill Druessedow in attendance.

Absent were John Gannaway, Stacy Bridges and Dan Hoover.

The financial report presented by Haskell County Appraisal District was approved.

The quarterly report from the Chamber of Commerce as required under contract was approved.

Joey Kimbrough was reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Haskell.

A land swap deal with Bailey Toliver Chevrolet was tabled until a later date. The company may decide to move the dealership to the south end of Business Hwy. 277.

Kay Howard gave a presentation from TDHCA Home grant program by A&J Howco Services.

Matthew Duran, Director of Public Works and Safety,

Richard Candelaria, Chief of Police and Mathew Cunningham, fire chief all gave reports and updates.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson noted:

Budget workshops will be held throughout the month of August.

The Director of Public Works noted that since the first stage of the drought contingency plan was implemented, water usage has increased. Citizens are asked to do all possible to save water and help stretch the water supply as resources diminish.

Brandon Anderson will attend two trainings in Fort Worth this coming week.

The City is still having issues with unauthorized use of the shooting range including damaging the lock to gain entrance to the range. It is a shame that a few bad occurrences have tarnished this facility; however, it is not good to have the liability of a shooting range if people do not respect the rules. A decision will be made soon as to the future of the range.

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