

## Calendar

### Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

### Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Vacation Bible School Thurs., July 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Get Fit through Christ: Healthy Living Inside and Out." VBS is available to all children from Pre-K through fifth grade (those entering fifth grade). Everyone is invited to the Family Field Day from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, and see what your child learned during VBS. For more information, contact the church office at 864-3202.

### ECC benefit lunch July 10

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, will hold a benefit lunch Sun., July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu is chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, green beans, corn casserole, bread, peach/apricot cobbles and toppings, tea or coffee. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for students and 13 and under eat for free.

### Donations needed

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is in dire need of donations. The center needs to cover expenses from the replacement of a dishwasher, \$3,000; the replacement of a convection oven, \$2,500; and the repair of a large standup freezer, \$1,000 for the parts, not including the labor. If you would like to make a donation, drop by the center at 1404 S. 1st or contact Jennabeth Kimbrough at 864-3875 for more information.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Mon., July 11 in the Haskell County Library at 6 p.m. This is a change in the regular meeting date due to the July 4th holiday.

### Musical set Sat., July 16

The Noah Project-North Musical will be Sat., July 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. The admission is free and monetary donations will be accepted and appreciated. Brian Burgess will emcee for the evening and will introduce all of the people that are giving their time and talents to perform. All donations will be used to help victims of family violence.

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# Welcome Singing School students

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**PUPPET PERFORMANCE**-Pix Smith, puppeteer with the Dallas Puppet Theater, gave children attending the Haskell County Library's summer reading program Wed., June 29 an opportunity to get up close and personal with one of the marionettes used during the morning's performance. The program was a musical variety show using large scale marionettes accompanied by a lively musical score, titled "Dig It!" The program was funded by the Friends of the Haskell County Library.

## Singing School students to arrive Sunday

by Caron Yates

The population of Haskell is expected to swell in a couple of weeks, when the 46th annual Haskell Singing School and Praise Camp kicks off July 10-15. The event is sponsored by the Haskell Church of Christ and is open to boys and girls age 10 years and older, as well as all adults.

Forty-six years ago, then church pastor T.J. Finley, along with other church leaders began researching and planning the possibility of hosting a singing school. At that time there were only a couple of the schools being offered in the state. The idea took hold and it soon became a reality.

Students of many different ages, and from many different parts will begin arriving in town on Sunday afternoon. Many will be attending for the first time, while others return year after year. The Singing School and Praise Camp focuses primarily on the rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading and the many other aspects of music and its contribution to the worship service. It is however, about so much more. Students have the opportunity to meet, study and fellowship together, while the church membership has the opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of others, many of whom they

have never met. Students coming from out of town will stay with host families from the Church of Christ.

Some things have changed since the first school in 1966. The school was originally planned and held, for some years, as a two week event.

Also a mere \$5 fee was charged to attend the day classes, but as is true of most everything, it has been necessary to increase the camp fee. Cost for Haskell students is \$35, which includes five noon meals and a book for the classes.

What hasn't changed throughout these forty-six years however, is the dedication of the church and its members to organize and conduct another in a long line of successful singing schools.

Anyone interested in

attending this year's Praise Camp and Singing School can drop by the Church of Christ office at 510 N. Ave. E to pick up an application. A closing program will be held on Friday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. for parents, family and friends.



**RIBBON CUTTING**-Members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Mia Familia Express, a Mexican food restaurant that has relocated to 500 N. 8th St. in Haskell, Tues., June 28. Chamber members and restaurant employees on hand for the ceremony include, cutting the ribbon, front center, Aly Deanda; front row, Margarita Hernandez, Julius Quinones, owners-Maria and Felipe Deanda, Manases

Garcia, Maria Barnard, Santos Camacho, Tammy Cunningham, Bill Alcorn, Megan Cox and Sheila Hester; back row, Sally Rueffer, Pam Strickland, Luis Olivarez, Monica Quinones, Raul Quinones, Natalie Quinones, Hugo DeLeon and Felipe Deanda Jr. The restaurant offers a variety of Mexican food favorites along with selections of American food. They welcome everyone to come by, visit their new facility and enjoy their bigger dining area.

## Children encouraged to join reading program

The Summer Reading Program at the Haskell County Library is underway. Children ages five to eleven are welcome and encouraged to come listen to a story, make a craft and have refreshments.

The theme for this summer is "Dig up a good book." The library has lots of good books available for children to read.

The program will be held each Tuesday and Thursday in July from 10 to 11 a.m.

**Program held  
Tuesday and Thursday  
10 to 11 a.m.**

Come in and register for this summer program and pick up a reading log. Keeping the children's reading skills up during the summer is very important so they don't forget and fall behind when school starts.

This program is sponsored by The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Haskell County Library and the Friends of the Library.

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# Calendar

## Deadlines

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

## Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every

Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

## Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

## Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Homecoming will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2011.

## Al-Anon

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

## Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday ending July 29. Anyone ages 6 months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are invited to come and eat for the price of \$3.00 per plate.

## Church homecoming set July 16-17

Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell, will host their 43rd Homecoming and Memorial Service Sat., July 16 at 7 p.m. and Sun., July 17 at 3 p.m. The theme, "Go Home and Tell of the Good News," will be led by sermons brought by Rev. Tom Collins of Odessa and Rev. B.J. Robinson of Wichita Falls.

## Golf scramble to be held July 16-17

A two day, three person golf scramble will be held July 16-17 at the Haskell Municipal Golf Course. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.. Call Casey Larned at 864-2749 for entry information.

## Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

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The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 16 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

# Obituaries

## John Allen Medford



JOHNNY MEDFORD

Funeral services for John Allen Medford, 79, of Haskell were held Tues., July 5 at First United Methodist Church of Haskell with Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Medford passed away Sat., July 2 at an Abilene hospital.

Born July 28, 1931 in Haskell, he was the son of Harvey and Lola (Nanny) Medford. He was educated in the Paint Creek schools and

graduated from Paint Creek High School. He married Joan Berry in Haskell Nov. 18, 1952. He worked for WTU from 1952 to 1972. He sold real estate from 1972 through 1975 and then moved to Gordon, where he worked for LTV in Arlington until 1976. While Haskell was always home, Johnny and Joan lived and worked in the Santa Fe, Los Alamos, New Mexico area for 18 years. He was employed by the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Medford was a stock farmer in Haskell County. He loved the land and going to his farms. He also was an avid reader and particularly enjoyed the history of the old West. He began writing poetry at the age of 60. He would awaken in the middle of the night with lines of poetry running through his mind. He wrote well over 200 poems, most with at least six lines and 27 stanzas. In 1994, two of his poems were published in two different books and placed in the National Library of Congress.

Other poems were also published in various books. He is fondly remembered by his family as loving, caring, witty and always ready for a game of dominos. He always made each of us feel very special.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Punk Medford; sister-in-law, Linda Berry Holley; and great niece, Misty Jo Holley.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joan Medford of Haskell; nieces, Lisa Berry Cade of Rotan, and Karri Jini of Acampo, California; five nephews: Bill Holley Jr. of Charleston, West Virginia, Cliff Holley of Wesley Chapel, Florida, John Holley of Vernon, Scott Berry of Clyde, and Guy Medford of Lodi, California; his brothers-in-law, James "Boosky" Berry and Bill Holley Sr., both of Clyde, and a sister-in-law, Marie Medford Lockhart of Lodi, California; a host of cousins and great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church. PD. NOTICE

## Troy Don 'Buddy' Conner

Graveside services for Troy Don 'Buddy' Conner, 69, of Haskell were held Thurs., June 30 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Conner passed away Tues., June 28 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 1, 1941 in Haskell, he was the son of Martin Virgil Conner and Grace G. Moore. He was a longtime resident of Haskell. He worked as a driver for the oil field service. He enjoyed traveling, playing in bands and playing music.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wendell and Buck Conner; and a daughter, Suzanne Conner.

Survivors include two sons, Buddy Conner of Big Spring and Randy Conner of Snyder; four sisters, Melba Moeller of San Angelo, Sybil Blackwood of Big Spring, Brenda Autrey of Ingleside and Jeannie Forehand of Haskell; two brothers, Kenneth Conner of Haskell and Gary Conner of Amarillo. PD. NOTICE

# Grant to bring stability to lives of older residents, persons with disabilities

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced a \$50,000 award to an Abilene-based regional planning organization working to bring greater stability to the lives of hundreds of low income special needs residents living in a 19-county service region.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) will use the award to provide direct assistance to an estimated 233 older low income persons or persons with disabilities and their caregivers in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton counties.

Assistance will include transportation, respite care, legal assistance, homemaker services and personal care/assistance through case management and coordination of current public services, resource identification, community referrals and crisis

intervention. "Helping bring greater stability to the lives of low income Texans is a critical part of TDHCA's mission, as this is the first step toward fostering self-sufficiency," noted Timothy Irvine, TDHCA Acting Executive Director. "The award will help older adults and persons with disabilities overcome the many barriers they face every day as they strive toward simply living healthy, dignified, and independent lives. We are creating a brighter future, not just for these individuals but also for the entire community in which they live."

The award was part of a \$500,000 discretionary award under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program and represented a portion of the state's \$32.5 million annual allocation from the federal government.

The CSBG Program assists households earning no more than 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline, which is currently set at \$27,937 for a family of four. Funding for the program comes from the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of local partner organizations.

Unlike most of the Department's funding programs, CSBG Program awards are not made through a competitive allocation process. Eligible entities are designated by the Governor to provide a broad range of services designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency within a specific service region, and each agency receives a direct allocation from TDHCA based on a distribution formula.

However, the \$500,000 in discretionary awards were made through a competitive process open to all CSBG eligible entities in Texas, as well as other private nonprofit organizations, units of local government, and regional councils of governments.

For more information about this award, contact the West Central Texas Council of Governments directly at 325-672-8544.

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RN

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Do I need a doctor's examination if everything looks fine to me?

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a total body skin examination by a qualified skin specialist, particularly for those at risk. The doctor will suggest the correct interval for follow-up visits, depending on your specific risk factors, such as skin type and history of sun exposure.

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

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If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions and live in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall or Throckmorton counties, you may be eligible for assistance from the **Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.** The Community Services Block grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) funds are used by ASBDC, Inc. to provide services to low-income households. There is an application process to determine eligibility for assistance, so call ASBDC, Inc. for more information.

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Està Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

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# Names submitted for memorial bevels

The following is a list of names submitted by the Haskell Veterans War Memorial committee of those soldiers killed in action or missing in action. These names and explanations of where the men were killed are to appear on the bevels of the Wall of Honor memorial that hopefully will be in place in approximately two weeks.

This list is for the families of those listed to proofread. To make additions or corrections, call Dorothy Hartsfield at 940-864-2004.

### Deceased War Veterans

Orville J. Cox, KIA 2/8/42 in Philippine Islands, first man from Haskell Co. killed

in WWII.

James F. Alley, died in hospital.

Elbert P. Alvis, died 3/21/43 from wounds received in Germany.

Alton Lyndell Anderson, killed on a prison ship to Japan, was a POW that survived the Death March.

Troy E. Ash Jr., KIA 4/15/45 in Germany.

Elbridge Quinton Bailey, KIA 8/12/42 over Germany.

Fred Lee Barnett, MIA 12/13/42, declared dead 1943.

Melvin M. Brock, KIA. Hollis Brown

Doug Cargill, KIA 3/26/45, Japanese suicide plane.

Jesse Cargill, KIA 10/7/45

in Italy.

Marion Chapman, KIA 7/1945.

Charlie Chitwood, KIA 3/27/45 in Germany.

Raymond Chitwood, KIA 8/10/44 in Germany.

Lonnie Joe Corzine, KIA on Iwo Jima.

W.S. Cox Jr., MIA 10/11/44.

Jack Davis, KIA 4/19/45 on Okinawa.

Merle T. Davis, KIA 5/9/45 in Czechoslovakia.

Robert Frank Ejem, KIA 4/20/45 in Philippines.

Junior C. Hawes, MIA in South Pacific.

Marvin J. Henshaw, KIA 4/6/44.

Carl Thomas Hunt, KIA 11/44 in India.

James R. Hunt, KIA in Germany.

Carl Eugene Johnston, killed in California 2/27/44 in an accident.

Archie S. Jones, KIA over Caroline Islands.

James R. Kirkland, KIA 10/3/44 in Holland.

Robert Ray Lowe, KIA on Neos Island 3/45.

Jack A. Marsh, KIA 9/23/44 near Saipan plane crash.

Jack Mitchell Elvy D. Newsom, KIA 12/7/44 on Leyte.

Grover Cleveland Newsom Jr., KIA 3/25/45 in Germany.

Charles H. Pack, KIA 12/3/44 in Sorre Union, France.

Chesley Zug Phelps, KIA 4/23/45.

Marshall J. Rogers, KIA over Negros Islands.

Walter Eugene Rogers, KIA 9/18/44 over Negros Islands.

Dillard M. Scott, KIA in Sst. Lo, France.

George Thomas Shaw, Killed in plane accident 12/42 in the Pacific area.

Emory B. Sloan, KIA 4/25/45 in Italy.

Millard M. Smith, KIA 4/25/45 on Luzon.

George L. Walker, KIA 3/9/45 in plane crash over Asiatic Sea.

John C. Weaver, MIA 2/8/43; declared dead 2/8/44.

Teddie Ray Weaver, KIA 7/16/44 in the battle of Omaha Beach.

Loyd Webb, KIA 4/10/43 in a plane crash in Italy.

L.A. Wendeborn, KIA 9/9/43.

Billy G. Yarbrough, KIA 10/44 near Florence, Italy.

Charles Goodwin, KIA 1977.

Arville E. Wilfong, KIA 4/2/51.

Denny Johnson, KIA in Vietnam 1967.



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79553

## Haskell Area Cancer Support Group

by Kim Hutto

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group met June 28 at The Educational Building at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Suzanne Starr was the guest speaker. She told us about a little man named Miles. The smile therapy he gave so many and his family was just the same. She reminded us that no matter what you are facing, smiles always work. Think about it, even if you're having one of the worst days, if someone smiles at you if nothing else than for a split second, you return a smile.

The child faced challenges but always smiled. He could never talk, walk, eat or do for himself. But his brothers loved wrestling with him, his sisters always loved singing with him but most of all, they always loved smiling with him. His red hair and the smile he always gave is

more than most of us could ever do. We ask someone "How are you today?" Are you really asking or is it just the normal thing to ask? Either way, we always seem to return with a smile and say, "Fine, thank you." It's the polite thing to do. But if you really want to know, if you have about an hour, I will tell you.

Miles brought smiles to anyone and everyone he met. He could hear you and that's what was important to him. I think the program should have been named - Miles of Smiles as Miles' story brought so many smiles. We lost Miles on earth but he will never be gone. Each time you smile...Miles hears it.

Cancer can make the best of us sick and sicker. Hospital stays, doctor's visits, chemo and radiation is grueling. But after hearing this story, a smile is possible. So many

new studies have come out on treatments of cancer. Avastin for breast cancer patients is in question. I do know it works on several cancers. In fact, we have had it for Glen's colon cancer. If the FDA wants something to do, I ask them to find a cure for cancer. Our wish is...cancer would get cancer and die!

July is going to be fun for this group. July 23 is the first annual BBQ in the Park. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your favorite yard games, horseshoes and spend the day with us. This will benefit our group in helping cancer patients with medications and information they may want or need to help their fight. We again are asking our community to please help us fight cancer.

For donations or more information on the BBQ in the Park or the Support Group, call 325-864-4466 or 940-864-5964.

## Youth development committee to meet July 13

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell Co. The Haskell County 4-H and Youth Development Committee will meet Wed., July 13 at 5:15 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office.

The quarterly meeting will include planning of late summer and fall 4-H activities including FCS project tours and the annual 4-H Back To

School Dance and awards program. Anyone interested in the Haskell County 4-H program and helping plan upcoming events is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the Haskell 4-H Program contact the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call 940-864-2546.

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## 46th Annual Haskell Praise Camp and Singing School

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## July 10-15, 2011

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(boys and girls/ men and women)

\*Out-of-town students arrive on Sunday, July 10  
\*\*Classes begin on Mon., July 11 at 8:45 a.m.  
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Hymn appreciation    Music theory  
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Drop by the office at 510 N. Ave. E  
for an application form.

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(included in the cost are five noon meals  
served at the Activity Building and  
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A Closing Program will be held on  
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## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Special session of Legislature ends with rough day

AUSTIN—The Texas Legislature accomplished much of what Gov. Rick Perry asked in the 1st called session of the 82nd Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers passed:

- Fiscal matters bills to facilitate a balanced state budget through Aug. 31, 2013, made possible through more than \$15 billion in overall cuts that included the paring down of public education funding by \$4 billion;

- Congressional redistricting;

- Health care funding; and

- Texas Windstorm Insurance Association reform.

But they failed to pass hot-button sanctuary cities and “anti-groping” legislation.

Congratulatory behavior, relief and expressions of resentment swirled on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives on June 29, the final day of the special session.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and the Texas Senate brought business to a close the day before, on June 28. But with the Senate gone, the House was left with a take-it-or-leave-it situation on SB 29, the so-called anti-groping bill meant to restrict pat-down searches by airport security workers and make violations a class A misdemeanor offense.

Feeling stuck, some House members openly expressed anger over the Senate’s action. But Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview, the primary author of HB 41, the House version of the anti-groping legislation, implored his colleagues to vote in favor of the Senate version even though the bill had not gone through the rigorous House committee hearing process.

Simpson assured the body that: (1) the Texas attorney general’s office had vetted state and federal legal issues that might be triggered by restricting pat-down procedures enforced by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration; and (2) his bill was not intended as a political message to gin up opposition to President Barack Obama or the Obama administration.

But the atmosphere on the House floor did not indicate a shift in Simpson’s favor. When Simpson moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days, the motion failed.

That action killed SB 29.

Simpson, one of a class of more than 30 freshman House members, then was allowed by Speaker Joe Straus to make

a personal privilege speech that lasted several minutes. In summary, Simpson said, “The defeat of this bill can only be laid at the feet of the leadership of this state.”

After Simpson, Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee chairman, spoke briefly on the matter. Gallego said the leadership and members in general had the ability to stop the anti-groping bill much earlier by calling a point of order on it based on the constitution’s three-and-several-days rule, adding that it should be regarded as a gesture of courtesy for the bill to have been kept alive so long with little time left in the special session.

#### Governor reacts to session work

Gov. Perry on June 29 expressed disappointment over the failure of sanctuary cities legislation that would have prevented cities from adopting policies preventing police from inquiring as to a citizen’s immigration status.

Nevertheless, Perry praised the Legislative branch for its service. “I’m proud of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Speaker Joe Straus and lawmakers’ principled leadership to pass a balanced budget that doesn’t raise taxes and preserves billions unspent in our Rainy Day Fund, leaving our state on firm fiscal footing for the future,” Perry said.

“The decisions made were difficult, but lawmakers should take pride in the fact that they did what families all across Texas are doing: living within their means.”

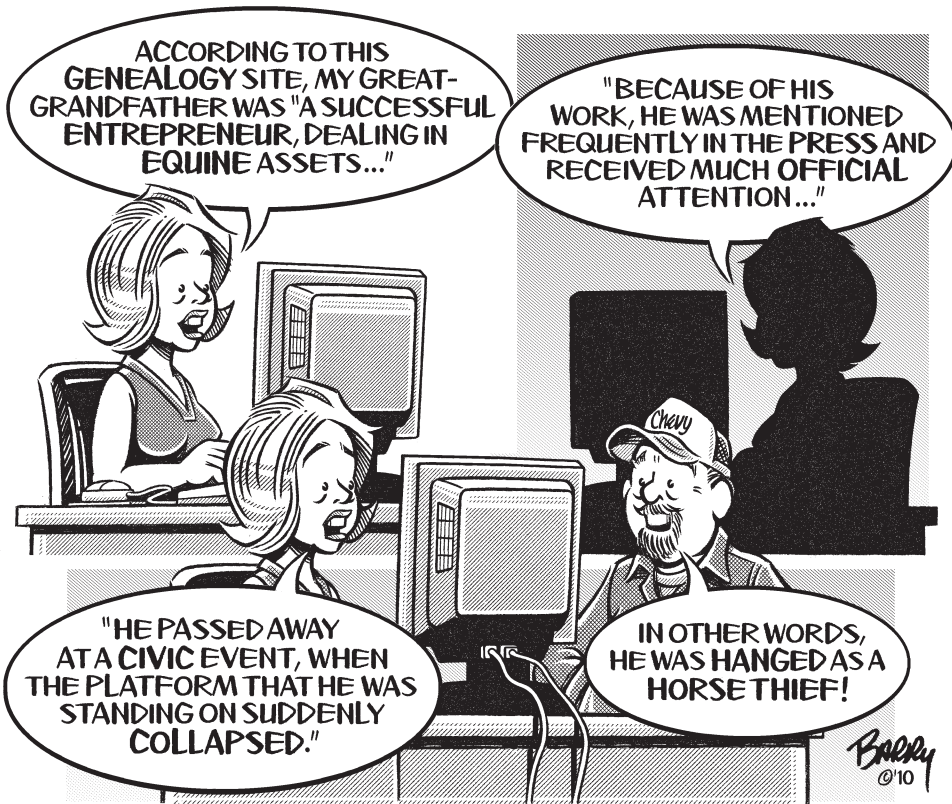
#### Some members have other plans

Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, a car dealer by trade, announced his resignation from the House, sharing his plan to move to another district. Brown served more than 12 years.

Five-term Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, announced his candidacy for the Austin-San Antonio area U.S. congressional district seat held by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin. (Castro’s twin brother is San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro.)

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, reminded House members on the last day of session that he plans to run for a seat on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, while a member of the executive branch, is also a member of the Texas Senate over which he presides. Dewhurst is expected to join the field of candidates to succeed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has decided not to seek reelection.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago July 5, 2001

Renee Dudensing of Rule, was presented the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award in recognition of her volunteer service to the 4-H program and the impact it has had on young lives.

On the Distinguished Student list for the spring semester at Tarleton State University are Blayne Davis of Paint Creek and Nicky McCulloch of Haskell.

Haskell Elementary students winning bikes for outstanding results on Accelerated Reading tests were Kelli Ozuna and Zachary Shields, first grade; Nathan Meredith and Tony Trevino, second grade; and Sherie Williams and Miranda Johnson, third grade.

#### 20 Years Ago July 4, 1991

Audrey (Bud) Comedy, administrator of Haskell Memorial Hospital, has submitted her resignation. She became administrator of the hospital in 1980, after serving fifteen years as assistant administrator.

The Haskell City Council has authorized a contract with First National Bank of Haskell to finance construction of a new city hall.

Glenn Brzozowski of Haskell, was among 150 Texans who received Administrator’s awards for service. The award recipients, employees of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, were recognized for outstanding and meritorious service.

#### 30 Years Ago July 2, 1981

J.C. Yeary, Jr. recently retired from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He has served as District Conservationist in Haskell since 1959.

Janet Follstaedt, a 1969 graduate of Haskell High School, has been promoted to controller of Mercantile Texas Corporation. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Follstaedt, she graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA in accounting.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. LeFevre of Sagerton were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held in their home.

Don Kretschmer won first place in boys’ singles in the Hamlin Area Tennis Tournament.

#### 40 Years Ago July 8, 1971

Cristi Guess, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Guess of Weinert, was crowned Little Miss Hey Day. She was escorted by Joel Griffith and sponsored by W.B. Guess and Son Oil Company.

Haskell’s cowboy John Wallace won second place in the Old-Timers Calf Roping Contest at the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion.

Terry Kay Diggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Diggs of Haskell, was recognized by the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University for earning a grade point average of 4.0.

Opal Adkins and Veta

Furrh, owners of The Personality Shoppe in Haskell, are celebrating their 25th year in business, serving the needs of the area.

#### 50 Years Ago July 6, 1961

According to Supt. Robert King, Martha Gaines of this city, who will graduate from Abilene Christian College, has been employed on the high school faculty to teach girls’ physical education.

New officers for the Haskell Rotary Club will be R.A. (Shady) Lane, president; E.J. Stewart, vice-president; Desmond Dulaney, sergeant-at-arms; and W.R. Johnson, secretary/treasurer.

Former Haskell man, Joe Larned of Florida, has become an authority on fossils of prehistoric animals, as the result of his hobby of collecting fossils of now extinct animals.

#### 100 Years Ago July 8, 1911

It is reported that the Swenson people have surveyors at work cutting their Throckmorton land into quarter sections. If this is correct, it could mean the land will be put on the market as farm tracts, which could mean a railroad for that section.

Mrs. Gordon D. McGuire left this week for New York where she will attend a conservatory of music during the summer.

The county is having four concrete walks put across the streets fronting the courthouse.

## Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

*Editor’s note: City Administrator Brandon Anderson takes the pen for the Ask the Mayor column this week in the absence of Haskell Mayor John Gannaway.*

I really appreciate the Mayor asking me to do his column this week. I would first like to start off by thanking the Mayor for his energy and enthusiastic attitude that tends to bleed off on others. He is focused on quality of life issues for this city and I commend him on his effort. Many people have pitched in and volunteered and it shows me that we can accomplish great things together. It got me to thinking about what is a Good Citizen? One of our young leaders from the area has addressed this question and here is a copy of his article. “What is a Good Citizen” by Trent McKnight, President of the Throckmorton, Texas Beautification Committee.

What is a good citizen? Is it someone who recycles? Votes? Gives to the needy? Is it a dutiful employee who

does more than is required? Is it a businessman who builds a factory, a service or a company that improves the quality of life for countless others? Is it a housewife who lovingly cares for her children and her home? Is it a well-informed person who attends rallies and symposiums for justice and equality?

In a word, a good citizen is responsible. Unfortunately, this concept has eroded from the American landscape. This is quite evident in our foreign policy, federal deficit budgets, personal credit card debt, and yes, even our rural communities. Responsibility is the duty that accompanies a position, gift or privilege. Some responsibilities are clearly defined: a mother is responsible for her child. But what are the responsibilities of a good citizen? Who is responsible for helping the stranded traveler with a flat tire? Who is responsible for picking up litter in the bar-ditch? Who is responsible for recruiting young

entrepreneurs to town?

We all catch ourselves deferring responsibility to someone else—usually to the vague and elusive: they. “I wish they would fix our school.” “I wish they would do something about that problem over there.” “I wish they would cleanup our town.” But really, it’s not their problem, it is our problem—my problem; and I must assume the burden of leadership to make a change.

Our small towns need facelifts; but nothing will change unless we—unless I recognize that it is my responsibility to elicit change. Community change comes in small increments not colossal revolutions. It begins with one person picking up trash on the side of a road. It begins with one person organizing a group of concerned citizens. It begins with one person giving a few dollars to a worthy cause in town. Slowly, the fetters of apathy will begin to fall and what began with one good citizen

## In your truck? then buckle up

The Texas Department of Transportation’s Buckle Up in Your Truck campaign kicks off to remind pickup truck drivers and their passengers about the importance of using seat belts every time they get in a vehicle. While seat belt use across the state is seeing record highs among people in cars, people in pickup trucks are still not using their seat belts regularly. TxDOT is launching a summer campaign focusing on those pickup truck drivers and passengers to ensure that all Texas motorists are buckled up.

Safety officials attribute lower seat belt use among truck drivers and passengers to a false sense of security in larger vehicles and the incorrect belief that seat belts aren’t necessary for short trips.

“Pickup truck drivers and passengers tend to be younger and male, and they are not getting the message that seat belts save lives,” said Carol Rawson, TxDOT’s Traffic Operations Division Director. “In fact, crashes involving pickup trucks can be particularly deadly because of the tendency for the trucks to roll over and for occupants to be thrown from the vehicles unless they are buckled up.”

Studies have shown that wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent in passenger cars. That number increases to 60 percent for pickups due to their likelihood of rolling over in a crash. According to TxDOT, one out of every two pickup truck drivers killed in a traffic crash was not buckled up.

Despite an overall downward trend in fatalities between 2003 and 2009, traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for those between one and 44 years of age in Texas. On average, the number of trucks involved in fatal crashes exceeded the number of passenger cars by 20 percent. In 2009 in Texas, more than 3,000 people died in fatal collisions on Texas streets and highways, and just under half were not buckled up.

Fines and court costs for failing to fasten your seat belt can add up to \$250 or more. It’s not just drivers that must buckle up—state law also requires passengers in the front and back seat to buckle up.

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# Fourth of July lake parade winners announced

The ninth annual Fourth of July Scott Memorial Park Anchor Parade was held Sun., July 3 with seven entries in the adult division and fourteen entries registered in the children's division.

Parade marshal was Sam Tyra.

Proceeds from the entries and donations

collected during the afternoon will benefit the group's storm cellar fund. This year two emergency sirens are on the list to be added to help warn residents and campers of severe weather events.

Adult division winners were, 1. Debbie Merrill and Mellany Barker; 2. Mary Ann and Abby North

and Dakota Baumbach; 3. Carlene Baldwin and Judy.

Children's division winners were, 1. Debra Griffith, Amanda Weaver and Kaylee Weaver; 2. Kory Tidrow, Camey Frazier, Kolby Tidrow, Kelsea Tidrow and Etan Frazier; 3. Lexi Olfield and Lexi Rowdy.



**FIRST PLACE**—Winning first place in the adult division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the golf cart entry by Debbie Merrill and Mellany Barker.



**SECOND PLACE**—Winning second place in the adult division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the golf cart entry by Mary Ann and Abby North and Dakota Baumbach.



**THIRD PLACE**—Winning third place in the adult division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the golf cart entry by Carlene Baldwin and Judy.



**FIRST PLACE**—Winning first place in the children's division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the golf cart entry by Debra Griffith, Amanda Weaver and Kaylee Weaver.



**SECOND PLACE**—Winning second place in the children's division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the golf cart entry by Kory Tidrow, Camey Frazier, Kolby Tidrow, Kelsea Tidrow and Etan Frazier.



**THIRD PLACE**—Winning third place in the children's division of the Fourth of July parade at the Anchor was the scooter entry by Lexi Olfield and Lexi Rowdy.

## DPS warns of phone scams using its name

Scammers have been calling Texans in various parts of the state, demanding that residents immediately pay for overdue red-light tickets.

The most recent incident was reported in Cleveland, Texas, where police say that residents have received calls from someone claiming to represent DPS and demanding payment on a red-light safety camera ticket. The scammers say that an arrest warrant will be issued if the person receiving the call does not provide a credit card number, as well as Social Security numbers and other personal information.

The Texas Department of Public Safety does not collect traffic fines or oversee red-light cameras.

"You should never give out personal information over the phone when someone else initiated the call," said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS. "If you receive a call like this,

you should write down any contact information from the Caller ID, if available, and then contact your local law enforcement agency."

DPS also reminds Texans that the department does not call requesting charitable donations.

"The Department of Public Safety will never solicit financial contributions from private citizens. DPS is funded by tax dollars and our employees will never call your home or business to solicit donations," McCraw said.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these groups as the funds may not go to the causes that are claimed. Some groups include in their names the terms, "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol," or "Department of Public Safety."

While some current or former employees may be members of some of these associations on their own

time, these organizations are not affiliated with the DPS nor do they represent the department. Many of these organizations provide only a small percent of their donations for good causes, with the majority of the donations going to administrative and operational purposes.

Some of these organizations suggest that official looking decals resembling official DPS affiliation placed on personal vehicles may somehow keep the individual from receiving a traffic citation from law enforcement. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 1-800-621-0508.

# Tips to prevent heatstroke or heat exhaustion

Here are some tips to prevent heatstroke or heat exhaustion, an illness caused by excess exposure to heat, not enough fluid intake, or a failure of the body's ability to regulate its temperature. It can affect all ages, but is more common in the elderly.

Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headache.
- Skin that is pale and clammy.
- Pulse rapid and weak.
- Breathing is fast and shallow.
- Muscle cramps.
- Intense thirst.

Signs and symptoms of heatstroke include:

- Often preceded by heat exhaustion and its symptoms.
- Skin that is hot, dry, and flushed.
- No sweating.
- High body temperature.
- Rapid heartbeat.
- Confusion.
- Loss of consciousness.

Heat exhaustion is caused by insufficient fluid intake, insufficient salt intake, and a problem with the body's production of sweat. Sweat is what helps to cool the body.

Heat stroke is caused by overexposure to extreme heat and a breakdown in the body's temperature regulatory system. The body becomes overheated to a dangerous degree (body temperature can reach 107°F).

Risks increase with advanced age; excess alcohol use or drug abuse; poor health or chronic illness, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart disease; exercise or work in a hot, humid location (indoors or outdoors); loss of body fluids, from sweating and failure to drink enough fluids; heavy, tight clothing; or high fever.

To prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke:

- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing in hot weather.
- Drink water often; don't wait until you are thirsty.
- Drink extra water if you sweat a lot. If urine output decreases, increase your water intake.
- If you become overheated, open a window or use a fan or air conditioner. This helps sweat dry up, which cools the skin.
- Take precautions when going outside in hot weather.

Fast treatment usually brings full recovery in 1 to 2 days.

Possible complications include:

- Can involve any major organ system (heart, lungs, kidneys, brain).
- Related to duration and amount of heat and the speed of treatment.

General treatment includes:

- If someone with symptoms is very hot and not sweating: Cool the person rapidly. Remove

their clothing, use a cold-water bath, or wrap in wet sheets. Get them to the nearest hospital. This is an emergency!

•If someone is faint but sweating: Lie the person down in a cool place, give them cool liquids (water, soft drinks or fruit juice). Get them to the hospital, except in mild cases. Get medical advice for proper care.

•Your health care provider will do a physical exam and ask questions about the symptoms and activities. Usually no medical tests are needed for diagnosis.

•Medical treatment will depend on how severe the symptoms are. Fluids may be

given through a vein (IV).

Drugs are usually not needed for these disorders; although, drugs may be needed for complications that develop.

The patient should rest with legs elevated while symptoms are present.

Activity may be resumed after symptoms improve.

No special diet is needed. It is also recommended that the patient drink approximately 1 quart of fluid before going out into the heat and drink through heat exposure. Additionally, if you are not drinking enough during heat exposure to produce urine at least every 3-4 hours, you are not drinking enough.

## Kids' cooking camp to be held July 21

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Texas AgriLife Extension-Knox and Haskell Counties will be sponsoring a 'Cooking Camp' Thurs., July 21. The one day camp will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. and will be held at the Perry Patton Community Center, 131 W. Cisco in Munday.

Youth ages 8-11 may attend the camp which will focus on Food Preparation, Nutrition, and Healthy Lifestyles. A variety of hands-on activities will be conducted throughout the day to teach participants basic food preparation skills, general nutrition, and actions to implement to

insure a healthy lifestyle.

Cost of the camp is \$15.00 per participant and includes workshop supplies, lunch, snacks, games and door prizes. To attend, youth must pre-register and pay the registration fee by Fri., July 8. The camp is limited to the first 25 registered.

To register contact the Knox County Extension Office, 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin, Texas 79505, 940-459-2651 or the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-2546.

For more information about the 'Cooking Camp' contact the Knox or Haskell County Extension Office at one of the numbers listed above.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### The church can be a bridge as well as a building

Is there a generation gap at your house? Have the lines of communication and understanding between parent and child fallen into a deep chasm of selfishness, intolerance and mutual mistrust? Take your family to church and let them all listen to the word of God, who sent His only Son to

preach the gospel of faith and love to young and old alike, so that both may better understand the meaning and purpose of life. When family needs replace individual desires, your faith will provide answers that will benefit all. Let your church span the gap of discord with a bridge of love.

## 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.  
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Joseph Barrett, 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.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**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
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.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

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# Disaster assistance available for small businesses

Small, non-farm businesses in all 254 Texas counties and neighboring counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that began Jan. 1, 2011 in Texas," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

- Primary and neighboring Texas counties: All 254 Texas counties;
- Neighboring Arkansas

counties: Little River and Miller;

- Neighboring Louisiana parishes: Beauregard, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, De Soto, Sabine and Vernon;
- Neighboring New Mexico counties: Curry, Dona Ana, Eddy, Lea, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt and Union;
- Neighboring Oklahoma counties: Beaver, Beckham, Bryan, Choctaw, Cimarron, Cotton, Ellis, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Love, McCurtain, Roger Mills, Texas and Tillman.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by

the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 3% for private, non-profit organizations, a maximum

term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, non-profits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Information and application forms are available from SBA's Customer

Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/](http://www.sba.gov/services/)

disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call 800-877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is Feb. 24, 2012.

## Cigarette litter poses fire hazards

Smokers who toss cigarette butts out vehicle windows not only face a littering fine up to \$500, they also could pose a fire risk to someone's home and property.

Nearly the entire state is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought, and drivers who litter cigarette butts put the state at risk for wildfires.

"Not only is littering against the law, it's a public safety issue," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator for the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel Information Division. "Don't Mess with Texas urges smokers year-round to keep their cigarette butts in their car and dispose of them properly. It's even more important during this worsening drought."

TxDOT, which manages the state's Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign, is addressing the wildfire

threat by putting the message "Texas is not your ashtray" on 21 Don't Mess with Texas billboards across the state.

Additionally, Don't Mess with Texas and TxDOT will use social media to focus on preventing tobacco litter among their combined 20,000 followers.

According to the latest Visible Litter Study (NuStats, 2009) commissioned by TxDOT, tobacco trash, including nearly 400 million cigarette butts, made up the majority of litter (43 percent of the 1.1 billion pieces of trash) on Texas roads in 2009. The campaign's Litter Attitudes and Behaviors Study (Stadia, 2009) found that smokers who litter cigarette butts are more likely than nonsmokers to litter other items.

Six in 10 (62%) Texans who smoke admit they or someone they were with threw butts out the window of a vehicle.

## Students in the News

Ashley M. Meier of Haskell has been named to the Dean's List for the 2011 spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Matthew A. Bowers of Haskell recently graduated with honors from Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Bowers earned a Bachelor of Business in Computer Information Systems and cum laude honors.

A student must have a grade point average of a 3.55-3.69 to

receive cum laude honors.

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Maria Nimia Amaya of Rule received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, Television and Film during commencement exercises held at the University of North Texas in Denton spring 2011 commencement ceremonies.



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# City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., July 27 with Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance. Absent was Mayor John Gannaway.

The invocation was given by Druessedow.

David Kuehler of North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority reported the positive condition of the city water supply, along with an update on long term future projects.

The animal ordinance and vehicle ordinances were discussed.

The AEP franchise agreement and attorney's suggested changes were discussed.

The Appraisal District's budget for 2011-12 was approved.

The Fire Protection Contract with Haskell County was approved.

Fire Chief Randy Shaw requested a vehicle to replace the former one used as a first responder. The council discussed maintenance on the Dodge Ram pickup and will look into this item.

In the public hearing: Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers swore in the witness,

Shane Whitt, who testified in the substandard structure public hearing.

Property owner Kevin G. Billington at 1307 N. Ave. D submitted a voluntary consent to demolish. The council approved the case involving the structure located at 1307 N. Ave. D; finding the structures dilapidated, substandard, unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare. The property is to be demolished, any holes filled, lot cleared, wells capped, cesspools filled, any flammable underground tanks removed, within 30 days. (College Heights, Addition Haskell, Block 14, Lot 4).

The Council approved the case involving the property located at 904 S. 1st; finding the two structures dilapidated, substandard, unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare. The property is to be demolished, any holes filled, lot cleared, any wells capped, cesspools filled and any flammable underground tanks removed within 30 days. (Kirby Addition OL 87 Town of Haskell, Block 2, Lot E23' of 13 & W 40' of 14; Christina O. Bryant Ortega, owner).

The council approved the case involving the property located at 305 S. Ave. B East; finding the two structures dilapidated, substandard, unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare. The property is to be demolished, any holes filled, lot cleared, any wells capped, cesspools filled and any flammable underground tanks removed within 30 days. (Brown & Roberts Addition, Haskell; Block 15, Lot N/2 of 1 & 2; Stella Bartley, owner, %Amanda Johnson).

The council tabled until the next meeting the case involving the property located at 206 S. Ave. C, pending receiving a written plan from Shane Whitt. (Original Town Haskell; Block 13, Lot 1, Loraine Johnson, owner, %Shane Whitt).

The council tabled until a later date the request by Mike Turner to close the west half of the alley, 20'x164' between N. 6th St. and N. 4th St. and between N. Ave. E and North Ave. D of the alley running east and west, south of the Church of Christ.

New board appointments include Civic Center, Laurie McBroom and Judy Callaway.

Representing the city on boards are, Civic Center, Bowers and Druessedow; Ambulance, Bowers and Druessedow; Beautification Committee, Medford; Housing Authority, Hoover; and Country Club, Bridges.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

- The monuments on three of the gateways to Haskell are complete with the exception of lighting. The city is still working on the easement for the sign on the west entrance.

- The SECO energy efficiency grant will be completed this week.

- The Public Works Department has been starting their days at 6 a.m. for the last couple of weeks to work on street repairs in the cooler mornings.

- The City of Haskell (Public Works) and the Haskell Police Department are on Facebook. Click 'Like' to follow and interact with these two departments.

- Budget planning sessions and employee evaluations will be set over the next month and council budget workshops will begin in late July or early August.

## Haskell among counties designated as disaster area

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 213 counties, including Haskell and surrounding counties, in Texas as primary natural disaster areas after one of the worst droughts in more than a century. The state sustained excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres.

"Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I want these farmers and ranchers to know that we will support them through the recovery process and help them once again become productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel that keep America prospering. This designation will help

provide that support."

The drought, wildfires and other natural disasters—which began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues—caused 30 percent or more loss of forage crops, pasture, corn, oats and wheat.

The counties were designated natural disaster areas June 24, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment

ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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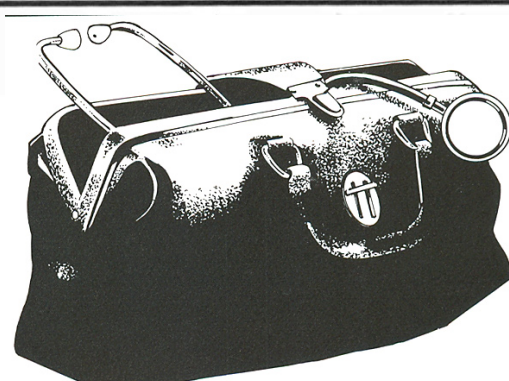
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