

Calendar

Guest speakers

Charles and Pat Reynolds will be speaking at both worship services Sun., July 31 at Weinert Baptist Church. Charles will preach at the 11 a.m. service and then they will share about their ministry as missionaries in Guatemala at 6 p.m. The Reynolds served in Weinert in the early 1970s. The public is invited to attend.

Bible school

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host its annual Vacation Bible School Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Aug. 1-3, from 6 to 9 p.m. for children entering grades K-7. This year's theme is "God's Word—My Treasure" and will include treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, life-size Bible scenes, games, crafts and food. A come-and-go Registration Rally with bounce houses, hotdogs and guided tours for the whole family will be held Sun., July 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To register early or for more information contact the church office at 940-864-5557 or email vbscornerstone@yahoo.com.

Bobcat boosters

The Rule Booster Club will meet Tues., Aug. 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the library to discuss events for the upcoming school year.

Girls' athletic form reminder

All girls who plan to be in athletics at Haskell High or Rochester Junior High schools need to have their physical forms and other necessary paperwork finished and turned in to the athletic office by the time school starts. If forms are needed, they can be obtained at the high school athletic office.

Variety show

The Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell will hold a variety show and dinner fund-raiser Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will consist of BBQ brisket, sausage link, potato salad, red beans and bread slice. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. A choice of BBQ, tuna fish or pimento sandwich and chips for will be available for \$4. Drinks will be \$1, water 50¢ and cake \$1. The variety show will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

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.

Homecoming

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

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Haskell Free Press celebrates 125 years of publication

by Caron Yates

One hundred twenty-five years and counting. The first issue of the Free Press was published January 1, 1886. Some 6500 issues later, the goal of the paper remains the same.

The early day publishers of the Free Press worked hard to "give its constituents a good and accurate account of news of people of this area, and to give its advertisers the best medium available for reaching buyers of their products." They strove to print news for its news value as fairly and completely as they knew how. A worthy goal that continues to be the desire of the current Haskell Free Press.

In this span of one hundred twenty-five years, the paper has had only eight owners/publishers. According to records, in December of 1885, H.C. Leonard of Throckmorton, came to Haskell and secured a dozen local businesses as advertisers, as well as approximately one hundred subscribers. Among the first advertisers were Haskell City and Albany Stage Line; Dr. T.M. Lewis, physician and surgeon; Melear and Carter Blacksmith Shop and Rupe Hotel.

The first issue was soon off the press, although it was printed each week in Throckmorton. A man on horseback would bring the papers from Throckmorton to Haskell to be distributed, and then take back the copy of news to be printed in the next week's issue. This current news could be had for only \$1.50 per year.

In May of 1886, Leonard loaded up his family, boy printer, and his printing essentials and moved to Haskell. Exactly why is not known, but before the first issue printed in Haskell on May 1, Leonard sold the entire operation to Oscar Martin, who was the county attorney at the time, for \$500. With help from his sister, Mrs. Lockney and younger brother, H.B. Martin, the Haskell Free Press began a thirty year run, before it would see a change in ownership. At some point during this time, J.E. Poole, joined his brother-in-law Martin, in publishing the good news about Haskell



CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY—The Haskell Free Press is celebrating its 125th year of publication this year and although the look and methods of production have changed throughout the decades, the publication strives to reflect the news of Haskell County and its people honestly and accurately.

County and advancing its interests.

In May of 1916, Sam Roberts took over as publisher and remained so until 1945, a stretch of twenty-nine years. Under the leadership of Roberts, the Free Press was, year after year, recognized in newspaper circles of Texas as one of the best weekly periodicals published.

In November 1945, the newspaper changed hands for only the third time since its origin. For the next five years, Willard Jones and his son June, published the newspaper. In selling to Jones, Roberts said, "I believe that an experienced younger publisher can best continue the work of making the Free Press a newspaper truly representative of one of the best and most progressive cities and counties in Central West Texas."

It was in January 1950, Jetty Clare of Olney purchased the business from Jones. He was a West Texas newspaperman, who had been associated with the

Coleman Democrat-Voice, the Paducah Post and Olney Enterprise for some twenty years.

Bill Comedy, who was to buy the Free Press from Clare in 1970, actually began his apprenticeship under Clare at the young age of eleven. He learned the trade well, and continued to publish the weekly paper until he sold it to his son Don in 1985. Don Comedy remained owner

and publisher until Oct. 1994, when it was sold to current owners John and Doris McDougal.

McDougal is a longtime newspaper man. Making their home in Haskell until 2000, the McDougals moved back to their native Arkansas to be nearer family. They are however, still very much involved in the business.

There have been several editors throughout the

paper's one hundred and twenty-five year history. In fact, according to records, Alonzo Pate, who joined the paper in 1914 at the age of 10, had a forty-eight year run with the local newspaper. Compensating for his limited seventh grade education with an ever-present pocket dictionary, Pate became "one of the best editors around," according to his publisher continued on page 8

Elementary sets registration and back-to-school nights

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 8, Tues., Aug. 9 and Wed., Aug. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the elementary office. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2010-11 school year at Haskell Elementary.

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

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

Tues., Aug. 16, third and fourth grades at 5:30 p.m. and fifth grade at 6:30 p.m.;
Thurs., Aug. 18, Head

Start, PPCD and Kindergarten at 5:30 p.m., Prekindergarten from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., first and second grades at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and

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

School begins Mon., Aug. 22. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Clay Shoot to benefit Crime Stoppers and Wall of Honor project

The second annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot will be held Sat., Sept. 3 and Sun., Sept. 4 outside of Haskell. Shooting times for the Modified Lewis Class Shoot will be 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In a Modified Lewis Class Shoot participants do not have to be a top shot to win a gun.

Shoot proceeds will benefit Clear Fork Crime Stoppers and concession stand proceeds will benefit

the Progressive Study Club War Memorial Project.

For more information contact Steve Alsbrook, alsbrook@srcaccess.net, 325-280-2100; Dudley Cockerell, j0hnnie0h@aol.com, 325-668-0302 or Billie McKeever, bmckeever@srcaccess.net, 940-864-4814.

Come on out and shoot, have lunch and enjoy a couple of great days. Dove hunters, get your limit and then come try to win a gun.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

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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.

Al-Anon

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

Deadlines

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

Potato luncheon

A baked potato luncheon is set Sun., Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the door or at Citibank in Haskell. Take-outs will be available. The event will benefit the Civic Center.

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.

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.

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Wind energy meeting

Haskell County will host a meeting concerning the proposed wind energy project in the northeast part of Haskell County Sept. 20 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell County District Courtroom. The HCISD will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Throckmorton County and Knox County, including any school districts involved, are welcome to attend and be a part of any discussion. This will be a posted meeting for Haskell County and anyone wishing to attend is welcome. John C. Rutledge and Keith Ellis of Pritchard & Abbott, Inc, make a presentation as to what it means to have a wind energy project.



HOUSE FIRE—Haskell volunteer fireman answered a call from dispatch to 607 S. 8th St. at approximately 3 a.m. Tues., July 26 of a reported house fire. Firemen found the house already engulfed in flames. The vacant building was a total loss. Fire crews were assisted by the City Police Department who helped with traffic control, Emergency Services who were on standby, and the Public Works Department who provided a loader. The fire is under investigation.

August garden checklist

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

•By August many fall vegetable seeds and even small plants may be set out for later production. Be careful to give extra water, and a little shade to these young plants while they are becoming established. The result will be excellent cool season garden produce.

•Trim off faded flowers on crape myrtles and vitex to encourage later re-bloom.

•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.

•Pick okra, peas and peppers often to maintain production.

•It is time to divide spring-flowering perennials, such as iris, Shasta daisy, oxeye, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies,

violets, liriope 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 rose bushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy growth. Cut back tall, 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.

FSA County Committee nomination deadline is Aug. 1

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, reminds farmers, ranchers and landowners to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the Aug. 1, 2011 deadline.

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

“County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community,” said Brzozowski. “I would

like to see a high level of participation in this year's nomination and election process,” he said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

“It is important that the county committee reflects the demographics

and agricultural interests of the community these individuals represent,” Brzozowski said. “I strongly encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process,” he said.

County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office Jan. 2, 2012.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2011.

For more information about county committees, please contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2, 607 N. 1st E Ste. B in Haskell or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Noah Project to host golf tournament

Noah Project, Inc., an area shelter with the mission of “Advocating for victims and working to end family violence,” will be holding its first golf tournament fundraiser.

For the past several years, Noah Project benefited from the Diamondback Charity Classic golf tournament along with Hendrick Hospice Care.

When the Diamondback Charity Classic decided to disband, it left a huge deficit in the general budget of Noah Project. The Noah board this year decided to do a golf tournament on their own in an effort to replace some of the lost funds from the Charity Classic.

That tournament will be held Fri., Aug. 19 at

Diamondback Golf Club. Some player spots, teams and sponsorships are still available. For more information call Noah Project at 325-676-7107.

In the past year Noah Project served over 700 clients through its resident and non-resident services with those clients coming from 20 different area counties.

School's start can be a shot in the arm for kids


With the first day of school just around the corner, it's the perfect time for parents to make sure their children's immunizations are up to date, say pediatricians at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

“Keeping children

and teens up to date on their vaccines keeps them healthy by preventing serious diseases, not only in themselves but also in those around them who may not be protected,” says Dr. Jeffrey Kahn, a pediatric infectious disease expert.

Without vaccines, the incidences of preventable childhood diseases such as polio, measles and mumps could rise, Dr. Kahn says. Unvaccinated kids would be susceptible to the diseases, which in severe cases could be life-threatening.

Even if you think your children are fully vaccinated, be sure to double-check with their pediatrician for the latest lists.



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Cancer support group offered by Cancer Services Network

Cancer Services Network will offer a six-week educational support group for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. Sessions are set for 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays beginning Aug. 18 at the Hinds Square Classroom located at 100 Chestnut, Suite 112, in Abilene. Cancer Services Network is an agency of the United Way of Abilene.

This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in anyway. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a

Cancer Diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with your Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fourteen years' experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups.

Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a grant from the Discretionary Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford,

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Alzheimer's Association offers free workshop

by Jane Rowan
 CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
 The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Understanding Memory Loss: When Memory Loss Is a Problem" Thurs., Aug. 11 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Anson Park Seniors, located at 2249 Vogel Street in Abilene.

and Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

If someone you know has memory loss, this free session may be helpful in better understanding the difference between normal, age-related memory changes

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Kretschmer family to hold reunion July 30

The Kretschmer reunion will be held Sat., July 30 at the Occasions, the old Haskell National Bank Community Room. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m., followed at 3 p.m. by a business meeting.

after the business meeting. Those attending should bring something for the auction.

An auction will be held

Supper will be served at 5 p.m. Meats will be provided. Those attending should bring a covered dish and dessert for everyone to enjoy.

Alexander family enjoys reunion at Circle S Ranch

Coming from Micanopy, Florida, Phoenix Arizona and Boothway, Pennsylvania and many towns in Texas, descendants of George and Harriet Alexander met at the Circle S Ranch of Jacky and Sandra Sanders for the 2011 Alexander reunion over the weekend of July 15-17.

Kenneth and Elaine Campbell of Haskell; Karen and Allison Mitchell and Keagan Solena of Abilene; Tony Navarrette of Haskell; Tina Lacey; Charlie and Jackie Pittman of Scotland, Texas; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; Walter and Sue Cox of Naples, Texas;

Attending were Jo and Troy Blakely of Micanopy, Florida; Robineties of Boothway, Pennsylvania; Russell and Dee Touchstone of Holstar; Thomas Alexander and wife of San Antonio; Andy and Marlene Sanders and children, Retha Carrouth Andra Jackson, ReNetha Carrouth and Kachie of Cross Plains; Frances Babbitt and her girls, Jeanie Whither of Gorman and Pattie Isbell of Holson City;

Travis, Wilma, Darrell and Phoenix Sanders of Coleman; Jacky and Sandra Sanders of Haskell; Rex, Mandy, Abby and Robert Sanders, Georgia Alexander of Granite Shoals; Jim Alexander of Saginaw; Rocky Sanders, Keith, April and Austin Escobedo of Abilene; Pauline Slade of Phoenix, Arizona; Chad and Jennifer Young of Gorman; Jeremy, Wendy, Carly and Malory Sanders of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanders and Alton and Mildred Sanders, visitors of Weinert; Jerry and Joyce Sanders.

Doug Smith of San Antonio, Gaylord and Barbara Touchstone of San Antonio; Lona Mae Phelps,

Texas outlaws Marijuana-like substances

The Texas Department of State Health Services has outlawed marijuana-like substances that are commonly found in K2, Spice and other synthetic marijuana products. The ban became effective April 22.

commissioner objects. Schedule I, the most restrictive category on the Texas Schedules of Controlled Substances, is reserved for unsafe, highly abused substances with no accepted medical use. Five chemicals, JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol that are found in K2 were placed on the Schedule.

DSHS placed five synthetic cannabinoid substances in Schedule I of the Texas Schedules of Controlled Substances, making it illegal to manufacture, distribute, possess and sell the substances. Penalties for the manufacture, sale or possession of K2 are Class A or B misdemeanors.

Penalties for the manufacture, sale or possession of K2 are outlined in Section 481.119 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. The penalties remain in effect unless the Texas Legislature determines a different penalty group for the substances.

K2 or Spice, often marketed as herbal incense, contain substances that produce psychoactive effects similar to those from smoking marijuana. These marijuana-like substances are readily available through smoke shops, gas stations and the Internet.

Persons found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor are subject to a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year. Persons found guilty of a Class B misdemeanor are subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration used its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily ban synthetic marijuana or similar "fake pot" products that mimic the effects of marijuana. The DEA action March 2 made it illegal to manufacture, sell or possess these products for at least one year.

Since January 2010, approximately 600 calls were made to the Texas Poison Center Network related to K2 exposure. Reported adverse effects associated with use of these marijuana-like substances include chest pain, heart palpitations, agitation, drowsiness, hallucinations, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and confusion.

Following the DEA's action, DSHS is required by state law to place the substances on the Texas Schedules of Controlled Substances unless the

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Dewhurst announces for U.S. Senate

AUSTIN—Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican from Houston, last week announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat long held by retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas, whose term expires at the end of 2012.

Dewhurst, who has served as lieutenant governor since 2003, joins a field of Republicans who have filed as candidates who wish to succeed Hutchison, including former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and possibly more.

On July 18, Texas General Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson became the first to announce his candidacy for lieutenant governor in 2014.

With Dewhurst leaving, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Jackson, R-Pasadena, could step into the position when or if Dewhurst resigns, but Jackson is contemplating a run for a U.S. congressional seat.

Meanwhile, though rumors of a presidential candidacy for Gov. Rick Perry continue, the big object on the horizon for the governor is a prayer meeting titled "The Response" to be held in Houston on Aug. 6.

Perry plans to participate in the event expected to draw thousands at Reliant Stadium, a multipurpose venue with a retractable roof and seating for 71,500 people.

Texas joins states in legal brief

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and officials from 20 other states on July 19 filed a friend of the court brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis, Mo.

The brief, in the case of Kinder v. Geithner, supports a legal challenge filed by Missouri Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder and four other plaintiffs. Similar challenges have been filed in other U.S. circuit courts of appeals.

According to the Texas Attorney General's Office, the amicus brief challenges the constitutionality of the federal health care law over the requirement that all Americans purchase health insurance as a condition of lawful residence in the United States.

"The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is an extraordinary law that rests on unprecedented assertions of federal authority, pushing even the most expansive conception of the federal government's constitutional powers past the breaking point.

"The federal government embraces a sweeping view of the Commerce Clause ... that would imperil individual liberty, render Congress's other

enumerated powers superfluous, and allow Congress to usurp the general police power reserved to the States," the brief states.

AG files redistricting papers

The Texas Attorney General's Office on July 19 filed papers seeking preclearance for redistricting plans enacted by the Texas Legislature recently.

In receipt of those papers are the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Along with the plans are documents and data submitted in support of the assertion that the Texas Legislature's redistricting plan has satisfied requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act.

Online products to debut

The Texas Education Agency last week announced educators soon will be able to select from 92 online products to supplement new or revised scienceTexas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

The State Board of Education approved materials on July 22, saying school districts may begin ordering this material as of Aug. 8 and, because the material is all electronic, it will be available for use when school opens.

Texas adds jobs in June

The Texas Workforce Commission on July 22 reported Texas' total nonfarm employment increased by 32,000 jobs in June.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in June, up from 8.0 percent in May, the agency said.

Many arrested in holiday effort

Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 1,406 intoxicated drivers during a statewide July 4 holiday enforcement program that ran from June 27 through July 6, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported on July 18.

Sales tax holiday coming up

The state's annual sales tax holiday is set for Aug. 19-21.

On those days, shoppers will get break from state and local sales taxes on purchases of clothing, footwear, backpacks and school supplies priced at less than \$100.

Oil, gas taxes bolster education

Texas Land Commissioner Patterson on July 18 pointed out that oil and gas exploration from West Texas' Permanent School Fund lands "is earning the school kids of Texas more than ever in 2011."

Private oil and gas companies pay for the right to explore on land owned by the state's Permanent School Fund, which helps pay for the state's share of K-12 education. The companies bid for the right to look for oil and gas on 6,971 acres. Quarterly lease sale results bring the year's record total to \$133.5 million.



Crime of the Week

Sometime during the night of Mon., July 18, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell was vandalized. Multiple vehicles received damage.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Haskell Police Department, is offering a cash reward for information that leads to arrest(s) for this crime.

Persons who have any knowledge about this incident are encouraged to call the tipline at 800-222-TIPS or text CFCSC@CRIMES.

All callers remain anonymous. Remember—We want your information, not your name.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 26, 2001

After more than sixty years of playing an important role in the Haskell business scene, Lane-Felker has ended its successful run on the fashion stage of West Texas.

Wes Pierce, son of Glen and Helen Pierce of Old Glory, was recently selected as the first recipient of the Texas Professors of Educational Administration Award at Midwestern State University. He is a 1989 graduate of Rule High School.

New officers of the Hospital Auxiliary volunteer organization are E.C. Collins, president; Ruby Martin, vice-president; Debbie Kreger, treasurer; Oleta Cornelius, secretary; and Margie Cardwell, historian.

20 Years Ago July 25, 1991

The gazebo at Rice Springs Park was completed this week by the City of Haskell. The facility is available for use by organizations and families.

Doug Hodde, son-in-law of Gene and Jo Iva Long of Haskell, received the doctor

of medicine degree from Texas Tech University of Medicine. He was honored by the Department of Family Medicine as an outstanding student.

Leading the cheers at the Haskell Junior Varsity football games will be Heather Hobgood, Micca Jordan, Shelly Stewart and Heather Stewart.

30 Years Ago July 23, 1981

Mikeana Wilcox of Rule will represent Haskell County 4-H at the Citizenship-Washington Focus Program held at the 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

J. Steven Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper of Haskell, has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America by the United States Jaycees. He is an assistant Professor of Theology at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Howard Scheets, Sr. of Rochester, a volunteer fireman with the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, attended the Texas Firemen's Training School held at Texas

A&M University. He was sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau and Haskell County Farm Bureau.

40 Years Ago July 29, 1971

District Judge Ben Charlie Chapman said that Haskell County is making plans to put into operation a jury wheel to select venires for both district and county court juries. A recent law repeals all laws regulating the formulation of jury commissions.

SP5 Thomas W. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Holden of Haskell, has been assigned to Bangkok, Thailand, where he will be connected with the Signal Corps.

Senior division winners in the Haskell County Dress Revue were Lorenia Caddell of Weinert 4-H, first place and Susan Lewis of Rule 4-H, second place.

50 Years Ago July 27, 1961

Randy Wiseman, Derrel Davis and Roy Wiseman received the Order of the Arrow at Camp Tonkawa. Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Piland,

longtime residents of Haskell, observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in this city. The reception was hosted by their eight children.

Charles Swinson, manager of the Texas Theatre, gave a free movie showing of "Comanche Station" for all Little League players, parents and officers, in recognition of a successful season in Little League baseball.

100 Years Ago July 29, 1911

George Courtney shipped a car of brooms from his factory to parties in El Paso. There were 635 1/2 dozen brooms in the shipment, quite an achievement for a local enterprise.

J.E. Bursleson exhibited a stalk of cotton on the streets this week containing 10 full grown bolls, and a number of half grown bolls, squares and blooms.

Dr. H.N. Robertson, county health officer, made a professional trip to the area north of Rule. He quarantined a family where there is a case of scarlet fever.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I've been asked to once again remind the citizenry not to put tires in the trash. I'm pretty well convinced that the people who continue to violate these warnings are not those who read the paper or at least not my column. If you continue to do so, we will be forced to pass some sort of ordinance with an accompanying fine.

As you probably are aware because news travels faster in a small community than the paper can keep up with, we've been hit by some pretty bad crimes. Now some may call them "pranks" or just "kids messing around," but let me tell you they have become costly and unsightly. You remember the gin office burning incident and the pick-up robbery and burning, the graffiti at the Little League field. Add to those expensive incidents the vandalism of cars, SUVs and pick-ups recently. People, this cost is equal to a felony. Then the front door of the old bakery/more recently Mi Familia Restaurant was either kicked in or had something thrown through it. Payne Utley's Sno Cone stand was dragged away from its electrical source and placed in the center of a vacant lot. These are only just a few of the crimes that have been done recently. Some of these perpetrators have been tracked down. Some are juveniles. We have no

place to incarcerate juveniles except take them to Abilene or Post and pay about \$90/day to keep them there; a cost we cannot afford. So what is our alternative? I'd like to have an in service with Joe Arpaio the Arizona sheriff who keeps his prisoners in pink convict gear and houses them in a tent in the middle of the desert. But we can't do that...they're children...juveniles. My thinking is those "juveniles" (children) grow up to be hardened criminals. And they will as long as they are getting away with these antics. Do we jerk them away from their parents? It's obvious the parents have lost control of them...but who would be willing to be a foster parent to these types? Does Haskell have to have a fund-raiser to build a place to house these "children?" Maybe Haskell and the surrounding areas who have to utilize the Abilene or Post facilities need to give some serious consideration to developing a facility of our own to house these criminals. We could do this for Haskell and the surrounding counties plus anyone else who wanted to use our facility. It might not be a money making situation, but it would certainly get some hoodlums off the streets. Just thinking—I don't think pink jumpsuits and tents would be very expensive. By the way, are all of you

aware that we have a curfew in Haskell? It is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday and this is in effect year around. This applies to anyone under the age of 17. So if you see someone in this age group out passed that magic hour, call the police or sheriff and report them. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons to be out that late, but most of the time it's to get into trouble of some sort. So parents, if you get a call early some morning that your son or daughter has been stopped by law enforcement officers, don't be mad at the officers because they are just doing their job.

We cannot afford to have the reputation that Haskell is soft on juveniles/crime/drugs. Do we have to institute a citizens' crime watch committee? I'd like to hear some feedback from our Police Chief and his staff, Sheriff and his deputies, Department of Public Safety Officers, District Attorney, District Judge and anyone else that can offer some constructive suggestions. I'm not trying to be critical; I'm seeking a reason for this behavior, our toleration of this behavior and what we're going to do about it.

On the lighter side, Jan and I crashed the Mullins reunion again this year. Every year we see someone we had no idea had a Mullins

connection. Park walkers were horrified Sunday a.m. to see the Maiden softball field at the park in such a mess. A game was held there on Saturday and the trash left behind was deplorable. Some had even blown over to the soccer fields. Let's have some pride. Maybe \$100 deposit is not a big deal to you and you don't mind forfeiting the fee. Forget the deposit aspect... why would you leave such a mess for anyone to clean up, even if they're being paid to do it. Think what you're teaching your children. In my day it was: if you opened it, you closed it; if you dropped it, you picked it up...in other words, if you messed it up, you cleaned it up. Think it boils down to responsibility. The general population is not willing to act responsibly. And that in a nutshell is the basis for many of our problems...in our homes, in our schools, in our very lives. By Monday a.m. the area was cleaned up—who knows whether the renters or others cleaned the area... thanks! You may ask: Why this diatribe about crime? This subject has been the topic of conversation and questions have arisen the entire week. "What are we going to do?" Once again pink jumpsuits and tents sound good to me.

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15-passenger vans, improperly inflated tires and no seat belts are deadly combination

by Jane Rowan
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The use of 15-passenger vans by to churches, colleges, school systems, daycares, and other community organizations is common. Although convenient, these

vans pose a great risk to passengers when proper safety precautions are not followed. Recently, two tragic crashes of 15-passenger vans in Georgia and New York have left 10 dead and 23 injured. The contributing

factors in both cases were tire failure on the vans and the lack of seat belt use by passengers.

While there is a federal law that prohibits selling a 15-passenger van to transport children to and from school, many child care providers own such vans and use them to transport children on field trips. Unlike school buses, these vans are not built to any government standards.

The National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has issued several warnings against 15-passenger vans. They are inherently dangerous and have a higher rate of rollover under certain conditions. A 15-passenger van does not handle like a passenger vehicle; it requires an experienced driver who has received additional training and operates these vehicles on a regular basis. With its higher center of gravity, the 15-passenger van is more prone to rollover crashes—especially when the tires are improperly inflated or if the van is overloaded. Texas AgriLife Extension agent, Jane Rowan, from Haskell County reminds owners and operators that by taking precautions, needless deaths and injuries in these vans may be prevented.

The van should never

carry more than 15 passengers, and special attention needs to be given to tire maintenance since improperly inflated tires make these vans more prone to rollovers. Studies show that nearly three-fourths of 15-passenger vans have improperly inflated tires. Make sure the correct size/capacity E-series commercial tires are used and that tire pressure is checked on a regular, weekly basis.

While seat belts are a proven way to reduce injuries and deaths, particularly in rollover crashes, many passengers in these vans do not buckle up. An unrestrained occupant in a 15-passenger van involved in a single-vehicle crash is approximately three times as likely to be killed as a restrained occupant. It is important that all occupants wear seat belts at all times when the vehicle is moving.

Fortunately, the seat belt law as well as the child safety seat law in Texas now covers occupants in 15-passenger vans. Before the September 2009 change in the law, these passengers were exempt from wearing seat belts. However, many 15-passenger vans do not have lap/shoulder belts in

all positions, which poses a problem for adults as well as children. Children, who have outgrown conventional harness seats, need to be in booster seats that require lap/shoulder belts. Higher harness weight seats can be used in these situations.

Owners and operators of 15-passenger vans can increase their safety by following these safety tips from NHTSA:

- Keep your passenger load light. NHTSA research has shown that 15-passenger vans have a rollover risk that increases dramatically as the number of occupants increases from fewer than five to more than 10. In fact, 15-passenger vans (with 10 or more occupants) had a rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes that is nearly three times the rate of those that were lightly loaded.

- Check your van's tire pressure frequently—at least once a week. A just-released NHTSA study found that 74 percent of all 15-passenger vans had improperly inflated tires. By contrast, 39 percent of passenger cars had improperly inflated tires. Improperly inflated tires can change handling

characteristics, increasing the prospect of a rollover crash in 15-passenger vans.

- Require all occupants to use their seat belts or the appropriate child restraint. Nearly 80 percent of those who have died nationwide in 15-passenger vans were not buckled up. Wearing seat belts dramatically increases the chances of survival during a rollover crash.

- If at all possible, seat passengers and place cargo forward of the rear axle—and avoid placing any loads on the roof. By following these guidelines, you'll lower the vehicle's center of gravity and lower the chance of a rollover crash.

- Be mindful of speed and road conditions. The analysis of 15-passenger van crashes also shows that the risk of rollover increases significantly at speeds over 50 miles per hour and on curved roads.

- Only qualified drivers should be behind the wheel. Special training and experience are required to properly operate a 15-passenger van. Make sure your driver or drivers have both—and only operate these vehicles when well rested and fully alert.

Provider Fair set Aug. 2 in Abilene

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas will host a Vocational Training Provider Fair Tues., Aug. 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, Abilene.

If you are 21 yrs. of age and older, unemployed, seeking a new career or new skills and/or a current worker needing to upgrade your skills, regional training providers will be available to discuss training opportunities related to regional "Demand Occupations." To view a list of demand occupations for Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, visit www.workforcesystem.org.

org/demandoccupations. Financial Aid information will also be made available. This is an opportunity for each training provider to showcase their training programs, which are directly related to our current "Demand Occupation" list.

Participating vocational schools include TSTC West Texas, Western Texas College, Cisco College, Ranger College, and Action Career Training.

For more information regarding this event, contact Steve Collins at steve.collins@workforcesystem.org or Robert Puls at robert.puls@workforcesystem.org.

Set yourself apart from the job seeking crowd

Whether you are out of work, working at a dead end job, toiling at a job you hate, or just ready for a change, a slow economy is no reason to give up. By following these tips, you will set yourself apart from the crowd and get that dream job sooner rather than later.

Prepare a winning resume. Resumes aren't just for white-collar jobs. Entry level job applicants, blue collar workers, and summer job seekers can set themselves apart with good resumes. Your resume's only purpose is to get you an interview, so include only items designed to do that. Online resumes begin with short titles written to make readers want to read further. Use the title to communicate your best qualification and your career objective.

If you include an Objective section, use it to tell who you are and where you are going professionally. Tell what you will do for an employer, not what you want them to do for you. Write a different objective for each career path you are considering.

When writing your job history, headline your qualifications, not your former employers' names. It is vitally important that you use the keywords of your industry in your resume. Don't list your job duties; instead, in active voice, communicate your achievements. Be honest, interesting, and specific.

Do not put anything negative or even neutral in a resume. If something doesn't matter in the job you are seeking, don't include it. Proofread it, proofread it again, and then have others proofread it. Typographical and grammatical errors can be fatal. If your resume doesn't set you apart from the others who may apply for the job you want, you haven't finished drafting.

Finding potential employers. Get your resume to as many contacts as possible—most jobs are found through contacts. Don't limit your job search to advertised positions—most jobs are filled without advertising. Identify businesses you would like to work for and write a short letter to a person you might work for saying that you are: 1) impressed with the organization, 2) interested in a job, 3) enclosing your

resume, and 4) stopping by on a particular day within the next week and hope they'll give you five minutes of their time to discuss possible employment and their ideas on opportunities in your field. If the organization is out-of-town, tell them you'd like to talk on the phone for five minutes on a particular day.

Prepare for your interview. Proper interview preparation is critical. Read everything you can about the employer and use it to form questions. Prepare two or three specific questions to ask at the interview. Find sample interview questions online and develop short answers to each. Ask someone to help you practice interviewing. Practice answering questions until you both agree that your answers are near perfect. Ask your mock-interviewer to ask you a few difficult surprise questions. If you find sample answers to interview questions, use them as examples of good answers, but don't copy them.

The interview. Always dress nicely for the interview (and when you pick up an application). Wear a coat and tie or a woman's business suit for interviews for office jobs. For a blue collar job, wear business casual clothes—slacks and a knit (Polo) shirt are fine. Cover tattoos and remove visible piercings (except for women's ears). When you meet the interviewer, look them in the eyes and give them a firm handshake. Listen carefully. When necessary, ask them to repeat questions. Use the information you learned about the organization in your answers, and ask several of the specific questions you developed about the organization.

After the interview. Follow up the interview with a typed thank you note. You can email this, but snail mail is usually better. Thank the interviewer, express your interest in the job, explain briefly how you can help the organization, and, if the interviewer didn't tell you about follow-up, ask what you can expect next. Few people send notes, so it sets you apart.

Job hunting is hard work. Work harder than those competing with you for available positions.

Insurance is no longer a luxury

With health care reform being debated in Congress, the judicial courts as well as the court of public opinion, the one argument that stands out is that you need health insurance. The primary reason for health insurance is the same reason you have any type of insurance policy—to protect you financially, especially in the case of serious or catastrophic illness. Without insurance, you are financially responsible for all of your health care costs.

Fortunately, many companies provide some type of health insurance coverage to their employees. In the United States, there are several different types of insurance plans.

Fee-for-service. This is the traditional type of insurance policy. You pay a monthly fee, called a premium, and you select your doctor of choice, go to the hospital of your choice, and change doctors at your discretion. This plan also includes two types of services: basic insurance and major medical. The basic insurance pays toward the cost of hospital room, cost of surgery and health care while you're in the hospital. Major medical takes over where your basic coverage ends and covers the cost of an extended illness or injury. If your insurance offers both kinds of protection, it is called a comprehensive plan.

•Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). This plan contracts with its own group of doctors and hospitals and you are limited to health care professionals in this group. As in the fee-for-service plan, you pay a monthly premium plus a co-payment for doctor and emergency room visits. HMOs encourage patients to take advantage of preventive health care before health problems become serious. Additionally, in order to see another doctor, you must receive a referral from your primary physician.

•Point-of-service (POS). Under this plan, you can select an out-of-network

physician and still receive some coverage. If a doctor within the network makes a referral outside of the network, the insurance plan will pay most, if not all, of the costs. If you refer yourself, you will have to pay coinsurance.

•Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). Like an HMO, there are a limited number of network providers from which to choose. A PPO is a combination of an HMO and a fee-for-service plan. With a PPO, you present a card when you go to the doctor's office, pay your copayment, but there is no paperwork to fill out.

You should be aware of a few other insurance policies, such as Medigap insurance, private insurance that pays medical bills that Medicare does not. Hospital Indemnity Insurance offers limited coverage and pays a fixed amount (up to a maximum number) for each day you're in the hospital. With Americans living longer, many are opting to purchase Long-Term Care insurance to pay for nursing home care, which can add up to several thousand dollars each month. Long-term care is usually not covered by any other health insurance plan.

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas encourages you to take charge of the health care for you and your family.

- Read your insurance policy.

- Visit your physician regularly for preventive care.

- Keep health care files for you and your family, noting all dates of immunizations, doctor visits, hospital stays and treatment for illnesses.

- Ask for copies of lab results.

- Keep a list of all medications and insurance claims.

Any type of illness can become serious, but you can alleviate a lot of worry by being prepared in advance and knowing what expenses your insurance will pay and the expenses for which you are responsible.

Producers must submit AGI forms to IRS

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Brzozowski. "The producer will be responsible for fully

refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," he said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Brzozowski further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or stop by 607 North 1st E Ste. B in Haskell.

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Keep cancer off of the BBQ grill

Some people may be reconsidering plans to grill hot dogs and steak based on a new report supporting the link between red and processed meats, and increased colorectal cancer risk. But, experts at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center say that small changes to what—and how—you grill can keep cancer off the menu.

“The good news is that you can do something to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer,” says Sally Scroggs, health education manager at MD Anderson’s Cancer Prevention Center. “And, making just a few cooking adjustments when grilling can play a part in prevention.”

Scroggs recommends these tips for a healthier barbecue.

1. Avoid processed meats.

Skip processed meats like bacon, ham, pastrami, salami, sausage, hot dogs and pepperoni.

Cancer-causing substances form when

these meats are preserved, says the American Institute for Cancer Research. And, eating these meats can damage a person’s DNA, increasing the risk of colorectal cancer.

2. Limit red meat.

Eating too much red meat like pork, lamb and beef (including hamburgers) can raise a person’s cancer risk. Try grilling skinless chicken breasts and fish instead.

Insist on red meat? “Limit yourself to three, six-ounce (cooked) servings per week,” Scroggs says. “One serving is the size of two decks of cards.”

3. Don’t char or burn meat, poultry or fish.

Charring, burning or grilling meat, poultry and fish over high temperatures causes heterocyclic amines (HCAs) to form. These HCAs can damage a person’s genes, raising the risk for stomach and colorectal cancers.

To avoid HCAs:

Stick with fish. Fish contains less fat and cooks faster than meat and

poultry.

Lightly oil the grill. This keeps charred materials from sticking to your food.

Pre-cook food. Cook meat, poultry or fish in the microwave or oven for two to five minutes, then finish them on the grill. Less grill time means less exposure to cancer-causing chemicals.

Lower the temperature. For a charcoal grill, spread the coals thinly or prop the grill rack on bricks. This reduces the heat by increasing the distance between your food and the coals. And, use barbecue briquettes and hardwood products, such as hickory and maple. They burn at lower temperatures than softwood (pine) chips.

Scrub the grill. Cleaning the grill after each use prevents harmful chemicals from building up and transferring to your food.

4. Use a marinade.

Marinating meat in vinegar, lemon juice and herbs such as mint, rosemary, tarragon or sage can reduce HCA formation

by as much as 96%. Just 30 minutes can help.

5. Trim the fat.

Cancer-causing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) form in the smoke when fat from meat, poultry or fish drips onto the heat source. That PAH-filled smoke then coats your food.

Curb exposure to PAHs by trimming fat from meat before grilling. Or, choose cuts labeled “lean.”

6. Showcase fruits and veggies.

No barbecue should be a meat-only affair. Grilling fruits and veggies is a great way to load up on vitamins and nutrients that help your body fight off diseases like cancer.

“For some grilling enthusiasts, these changes might initially be a lot to stomach,” Scroggs says. “But updating how you barbecue may mean you continue to enjoy grilling for many summers to come.”

For more healthy grilling information, visit www.mdanderson.org/focused.

Refinancing by the numbers

Last year, mortgage rates reached an historic low and enticed many homeowners to refinance their homes. However, just because you can get a rate that is lower than the rate on your current home loan doesn’t mean that refinancing is a good idea. It is a numbers game and you’ve got to know how to examine the numbers to determine whether refinancing is right for you. If you won’t save money, don’t do it.

Let’s assume you bought your house five years ago and got a \$160,000, 30-year fixed rate mortgage at an interest rate of 6.5 percent. You’ve shopped around for rates and have found that you can refinance your loan with a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at an interest rate of 4.8 percent. Is this a good deal? Let’s run the numbers.

Your current monthly payment is \$1,011.37 and you owe \$149,777. If you refinance your mortgage for 30 years at a rate of 4.8 percent, your monthly payment will be \$785.83. That’s a difference of \$225.54 every month or \$2,706.48 annually. Do you hear the sound of extra money jingling in your pockets? Are you ready to sign on the dotted line? Not so fast. There are more numbers you need to consider.

When you refinance a home loan, there are usually closing costs. Let’s assume that the total cost to close the loan to refinance your home is \$2,498. Additionally, you need to consider taxes. The interest you pay on your home loan is deductible on your federal income taxes. However, because you will have a lower interest rate after you refinance, you will pay less in interest every year, and will lose some of the tax savings that you were getting. It isn’t out of the question that your tax savings for deducting the interest paid could be reduced by \$800 the first year for someone who is in the 25% tax bracket. This means that in the first year it will cost you \$3,289 to refinance your home. Don’t get discouraged; remember, you are saving \$2,706.48 annually in lower payments.

You can calculate your breakeven point by taking your costs to refinance (\$2,498) and dividing it by your monthly savings (\$225.54). Without considering taxes, you will

breakeven in a little over 11 months and afterwards enjoy monthly savings of \$225.54. If you take the reduced tax deduction into account, your breakeven point would be a little longer (about 3 months longer), and your monthly savings after you breakeven, while difficult to predict, might be around \$160 per month. This is still a tidy monthly savings.

If you are planning on staying in your current home for the next 30 years, you should also consider that it will take longer to pay off the loan to refinance your home than your current mortgage. In our example, you would have paid off your existing mortgage in 25 years (2036), but if you refinance you will pay off the refinanced mortgage in 30 years (2041). That’s an additional five years of interest, but also an additional five years of interest deductions on your federal tax return. Of course, the amount of interest in the last five years of a loan is much less than the interest on any five-year period preceding it because interest paid is calculated on the remaining principal balance. In our example, interest paid in the last five years is about \$5,300; in the first year it was \$7,139. The additional interest scheduled to be paid in the five years after the original mortgage would have been paid off is not very useful in determining whether to refinance because: 1) Most people don’t stay in a home 30 years, 2) the time value of the money is hard to calculate, and 3) the tax deduction during those five years is impossible to predict.

If you’d like to refinance your loan without extending the period it will take you to own your house free and clear, you should consider refinancing it with a community bank. Lenders who sell their mortgages into the secondary market are restricted to making loans for particular lengths of time (e.g., 15, 20, 30). Because many community bankers do not sell their mortgages, they are not restricted to particular lengths of time.

There are online calculators to help you do the same analysis we’ve done in this article. Bankrate.com has a calculator to determine if you will save by refinancing.

Go offline to vacation

During vacation, leave work at the office. Although even a short break can be rejuvenating, significant de-stressing may take several days “just to get ourselves used to the idea of relaxing,” says a professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Being ‘on-call’ via phone and email during times set aside to get away from work and from your normal everyday schedule is being on edge, which can detract from allowing your mind to have a break in order to de-stress and recharge, says Dr. Munro Cullum, a neuropsychologist.

“Getting away for a vacation allows us time to simply play and leave the ‘baggage’ behind,” he says. “More and more we are flooded with information in ever-increasing quantities, with more ‘to-do’ lists, more to keep in mind and more things to remember—such

as passwords, computer procedures, day planners, appointments, cellphones, email—not to mention the everyday demands of life in today’s busy society. These things add up to stress.”

Dr. Cullum adds that this informational demand may be compounded by economic or personal worries. “We hear so much negative news these days that we can get caught up in negative thought patterns, which may contribute to our own anxieties and concerns about the future.”

Some level of stress can help us keep going and hasten projects and accomplishments. If stress becomes too much, however, it also can result in negative physiological reactions that can lead to illness. Exercise, a healthful diet and adequate sleep are important, of course, but “we also need some down time, to allow our brains to work ‘offline,’” Dr. Cullum says.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



The finest way to spend this day is to help someone

Now, what kindness did you display
By the things you accomplished today?
Did you do a good deed
To help someone in need,
Which that person can never repay?

And, whenever you feel so inclined,
There are numerous ways you can find,

If they know you are near
When they’ve lost someone dear,
To help people regain peace of mind.

Then, you’ll learn what these lessons convey
By attending your service, to pray.
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For He’ll walk by our side,
And His wisdom will show you the way.

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- East Side Baptist Church**
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- 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**
Phillip 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.
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- 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.
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**
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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**
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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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Dist/Div: Lubbock

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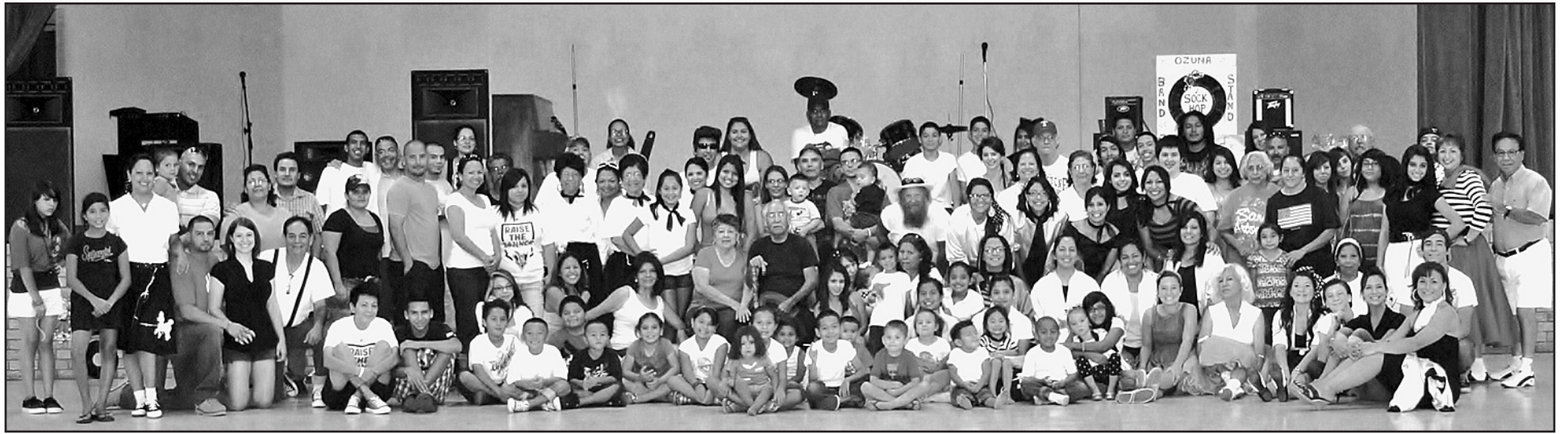
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OZUNA FAMILY—The Ozuna reunion was held July 15-17 at the Haskell Civic Center. In attendance were the children and their families of the late J.B. and Amelia Ozuna. Attending included the families of Luis Ozuna, Christy Ozuna, Domingo and

Dolores Ozuna, J.B. and Dominga Ozuna, Armando and Candy (Ozuna) Galindo, Larry and Suzie (Ozuna) Gonzales, Stanley and Betty (Ozuna) Martin, Danny Ozuna, and Tim and Janie (Ozuna) Alexander.

Grants, loans and technical assistance among aid available for Texas wildfires

A true team effort exists in response to wildfires in the state of Texas, as numerous state and federal agencies offer help to those responding to and recovering from the fires.

In addition to support from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of

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Clare.

Other editors included Wendell Faight, Alfred Hinds, Travis Carter, Joyce Jones, Clydene Comedy, Don Comedy, Mary Kaigler and currently Caron Yates. There seems to be something special about the newspaper business, "once it's in your blood, it is hard to walk away from it." Business manager Lisa Shaw, has been with the Haskell Free Press since she was fifteen years old.

The Haskell Free Press, and the newspaper business in general, has seen many changes over the past century and a quarter. What would first owners Leonard or Martin think of the differences in printing a newspaper today? From the piece of slate which served as an ink table in 1886, to the arrival of the Linotype machine in 1916, on to the Compu-graphics offset process in 1974, to today's all inclusive computer desktop publishing programs, the process of producing a newspaper has evolved. The number of people required to produce the weekly newspaper has certainly been reduced, due to this progress.

For over 88 years the paper was printed by the letterpress process, where the lead was cast into a raised letter slug and then printed directly onto the newspaper. When finished, each page weighed between 100-150 lbs. With the switch from hot type to cold type, the offset was a photographic process. Pictures of news stories and ads were pasted

Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also have assistance programs available.

"Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011," said Juan M. Garcia, State Executive Director for Texas FSA. "Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heartbreak experienced by many producers this year, it's my hope that FSA's

onto page size sheets and photographed. The phototypesetting not only made a more readable copy, but greatly increased the speed of setting a page from the tedious and painstaking individual letter or one line at a time method.

During the era of hot type, most all newspapers had their own printing press. However by 2002, due to economics and the improved process of printing, it made more sense for smaller weekly periodicals to outsource their printing. The Haskell Free Press is now printed in Abilene.

Throughout these many years of publication, the Haskell Free Press has been meeting the demands required of a small town newspaper. It has covered the early day news of a couple of brothers "shooting up the town," to the natural disasters of tornadoes and floods, as well as political matters, and even a few controversial issues. Neither has it neglected to carry the news of Mrs. Jones' visit with her mother in Abilene, the Johnson family reunion, or the school news. Through the years, as communication means have improved, the Haskell Free Press has worked to include news from all over Haskell County.

Although the process of gathering and printing news has changed since the founding of the Haskell Free Press those many years ago, the intent remains the same, that is reflecting the news of Haskell County and its people honestly and accurately.

disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters."

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss. (Currently, 32 counties have received ECP funding. Additional counties are being reviewed and considered for funding—please contact the local FSA office to determine status of ECP availability).

- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold.

- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.

- Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for

qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

- Emergency Loan Program—The recent primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA's low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said, "NRCS in Texas will help landowners to address wind erosion that continues to occur because of the drought and the effects from wildfires. Our assistance will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of the affected grazing land."

NRCS is offering technical and financial assistance statewide to landowners through several programs;

- The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) helps with deferred grazing of livestock, to rejuvenate plant health and to prevent soil erosion, and cross fencing assistance.

- The Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) initiative is a local and regional

working partnership through the NRCS EQIP program focused on assisting producers in conservation plan development to help maintain, establish, improve and manage habitat for the LPC.

Additional conservation funding through the NRCS may also be used to address plant health needs for rangeland producers that have suffered losses from recent wildfires.

Applicants should visit the local NRCS office to fill out an application for cost-share assistance. Information is also available at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

There are also SBA and FEMA programs:

For information on SBA disaster assistance programs, call SBA's Customers Service Center at 800-659-2955 for more information.

FEMA is supporting the wildfires with a presidential disaster declaration that will reimburse 45 Texas counties for Emergency Protective

Measures, Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations for 43 Texas wildfires, and the availability of Hazard Mitigation funds statewide. Find more information about the recovery operations on the TDEM website at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

"When everyone works together and the various programs are offered, it helps recovery speed forward that much more," said State Coordinating Officer Shari Ramirez-MacKay.

"Our goal is a unity of effort across the spectrum of government from the local, state and federal level that provides the greatest amount of assistance to those impacted by the wildfires," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin L. Hannes. "There are multiple programs and sources of assistance that are available to increase the speed of recovery and create stronger communities; what one program doesn't cover, another program may be able support."

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