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Calendar

Harrell reunion set July 24-25

The Harrell reunion will be held July 24-25 at the Haskell National Bank Community Center. Festivities begin Fri., July 24 at 6:30 p.m. and continue until all bingo prizes are won. Sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks will be served. Saturday's activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Meat, bread and beans will be served. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share, and one item for the auction or door prize. A kids' auction will be held.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., July 28 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2798 for more information or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host their Family Bible Festival Aug. 6-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rlhansoncmc@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

Benefit lunch

A benefit hamburger luncheon and silent auction will be held for Diana Simmons Sun., July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Susan Cockerell at the County Judge's office at 940-864-2851.

Homecoming

Haskell homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26. Updated information is needed on former students. If you can provide updated information concerning addresses, email addresses or phone numbers, send the information to 1702 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email baylessgrant@gmail.com or call 940-864-2176.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Girls athletics

All members of Haskell High School and Rochester Junior High girls athletics are reminded to turn in their completed physicals to the athletic office by Fri., July 31. Additional forms, if needed, are available at the high school athletic office.

Praise night

A praise and worship night will be held Sat., July 25 beginning at 7 p.m. at Goree Baptist Church.

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Fire crews spend weekend fighting wildfires

by Caron Yates

While most of us spent the weekend under the air conditioner, trying to stay cool, there was a large group of volunteers working long and hard to extinguish the fires in southeastern Haskell County.

Shortly after noon on Thursday, a fire, called the Scott's Crossing fire, was reported on Jacky and Sandra Sanders' Circle S Ranch. A coordinated team effort was quickly mounted by area fire departments.

Departments responding included Clyde, Hamby, Merkel, Anson, Shackelford County, Woodson, Stamford, Hawley, Haskell, Rule, Weinert, Throckmorton, Lueders, Knox City and Paint Creek. Other departments offered assistance, but were turned back in an effort to have continued protection for other parts of the area.

Volunteer firefighters continued fighting this fire, as well as a second fire referred to as the Rockdale Fire, and a smaller, third fire known as the Creek Bottom Fire until all flames were doused sometime early Sunday morning.

When a fire of this magnitude is being fought, it takes a tremendous amount of coordination and communication to bring it under control.

Shortly after responders arrived on the scene, the Texas Forest Service was called in. They supplied a regional fire coordinator, who was then able to put fire crews exactly where they were needed. The Forest Service also responded with a bulldozer and a crew from San Angelo. In addition, they had available a heavy duty CHB Skycrain helicopter,



AIR SUPPORT—Haskell Fire Chief Randy Shaw, center right, and Lieutenant A.J. Shaw, center left, were on hand Sunday afternoon at the Haskell Airport to thank the helicopter pilots and their crew for all their help during the Sanders Ranch fire. Pilots Wayne Lannin of Oregon, left, and Stan Smith of Idaho, right, logged approximately 10 hours in the air supporting ground crews during the wildfire. The 1969 CHB

Skycrain helicopter, manufactured by Sikorsky in America for service in the Vietnam War, is now outfitted as a water tanker that hauls about 2,000 gallons of water, which is drafted from nearby tanks, to help with fire suppression. The sky unit is on contract with the U.S. Forestry Service in an arrangement with the Texas Forest Service and the helicopter and its ground support are all based in Granbury.

outfitted as a water tanker, which can haul up to two thousand gallons of water to help with the effort. It was supported by a crew and fuel truck.

The Forest Service called in two SEAT helicopters from Waco, which are able to drop fire retardant. This was especially helpful in preventing the Creek Bottom Fire from growing out of

control. Another valuable tool in the fight, was the air attack helicopter, which was used for observation and coordination. It was able to spot and direct fireman to areas that needed immediate attention.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments was called upon to activate the regional MAAC, or Multi

Agency Assistance Compact. They maintain a list of resources in the nineteen county COG region. When notified, they began calling agencies to find resources such as brush trucks, tankers, fire trucks and crews. Their invaluable contribution allows firefighters on the scene to fight fire, rather than spend time on the phone searching for what is

needed. Also on hand to render aid was the American Red Cross, supplying water and food. Texas Department of Transportation supplied fuel and manpower. Additional help came from the Haskell County Sheriff's office, Haskell County dispatch, Jones County dispatch and a bulldozer from Sanders' ranch.

The real work came from the volunteer firefighters on the ground. Many of them spent all or most of three days and nights in the heat and smoke, working with little rest to help contain the fire.

We know, as was true in the fires in Albany and Cross Plains, that when a wildfire gets going it can do much damage. We are fortunate in small rural areas to have volunteers ready and able to not only respond to a fire, but who are willing to work with other state agencies for the best possible outcome.

The cause was the fires that burned many acres, has not yet been determined. The cost, on the other hand, is easier to calculate. Helicopters, fire retardant, tires, fuel, wear and tear on trucks and equipment are just a few of the costs of fighting a fire.

We would never want to find ourselves without access to the fire department's help. Not only do they deserve a big thank you, but they also need and deserve our financial support in fund-raising. It would be impossible to maintain a department without that support.

Local singing school ends successful camp

The 44th annual Haskell singing, worship and praise camp was held July 5-10 at the Haskell Church of Christ with students attending from Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas.

The camp was under the direction of Tom Chapin. Instructors were Thomas Chapin, Bob Connel, John Connel, Randy Daw and Bill Lyon.

The camp is centered on the desire to improve

upon and experience more meaningful praise and worship of our God.

Campers arrived Sunday evening and were met by their host family who provided lodging and meals during the week.

Many traditions, enjoyed for the past 44 years, were continued. Every morning the campers assembled for devotion and the traditional daily joke contest. Daily sessions for all campers included a variety of different

aspects of musical praise and worship with emphasis on rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading, song writing, hymn appreciation, music theory and voice harmony.

Lunch was served on the church campus. Evening activities focused on preparation for the closing program and a time of devotion. Guest speaker, Wes Horn of Stamford, held an area wide youth rally Tuesday evening.



SINGING SCHOOL—Students attended the 44th annual Haskell Church of Christ Singing School held July 5-10 from Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas.

Studies during the camp included rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading, song writing, hymn appreciation, music theory and voice harmony.

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Current Texas drought losses stand at \$3.6 billion

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Lack of rainfall and record triple-digit temperatures have scorched crops and rangeland throughout parts of Texas causing drought losses to reach \$3.6 billion, Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists reported Monday.

By the end of the year, losses could exceed \$4.1 billion, the loss estimated in Texas in 2006, if sufficient rainfall isn't received to revive crops and forage, economists said.

Total crop losses this year are estimated at \$2.6 billion and livestock, another \$974 million since November 2008.

Extreme or exceptional drought conditions for the second year in a row and prolonged weather with over 100 degree temperatures have devastated agricultural crops and livestock operations, especially in Central and South Texas, said Dr. Carl Anderson, AgriLife Extension economist and professor emeritus. This area covers about 40 percent of Texas. With the exception of Northeast Texas, the trans Pecos and the Southern Panhandle areas, the entire state is suffering from lack of sufficient rain for more than a year.

Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Texas Drought Preparedness Council, said the drought is not only impacting major agricultural operations, but also water supplies for more than 30 percent of the State of Texas.

Most dryland crops in South and Central Texas, the Gulf Coast and the Rio Grande Valley are either zeroed-out (total loss) or will yield a small fraction of their normal yields.

"It's the hottest, driest summer on record over a large portion of the state, but especially in the central, south and southwest regions", said Jose Pena, AgriLife Extension economist in Uvalde. "Rainfall in a large part of South Texas has been less than 4 inches since the start of this year," he said.

"Range and pasture conditions are in poor or only fair conditions over more than 85 percent of Texas," Pena said. "The water supply for livestock and wildlife is diminishing, with many stock ponds dry."

"The statewide crop condition report by U.S. Department of Agriculture rates one-third of Texas cotton acreage very poor or poor. Dry moisture conditions indicate a large amount of acreage will likely be abandoned," Anderson said, "and a small cotton crop is expected because of lost acreage and low yields."

"Corn and sorghum were rated even worse with more than 40 percent in the poor category," he said.

"As a result, a large part of the planted cotton and grain acreage will be abandoned, and the rest of dryland production will produce below average yields," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist. "Many of the dryland cotton, grain sorghum and corn crops in the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley have been abandoned."

Total crop losses estimated for the entire growing season include cotton, corn, grain sorghum, wheat and miscellaneous crops. Current crop conditions reported by USDA are taken into consideration in estimating lost value. While West Texas cotton is in the early stages of the growing season, abandoned planted acreage and low projected yields indicate a loss of \$540 million. Compared to 2008, Welch expects the drought to cut the corn crop about 45 percent, the sorghum crop 69 percent, and wheat crop 62 percent. Grain sorghum losses stand at \$258 million and corn, \$618 million.

"The combined effects of drought, freeze and lower prices are estimated to have cut Texas wheat value by \$506 million in 2009," Welch said.

Meanwhile, the state's livestock operations continue to suffer. Little or no hay has been baled this year or for 2008 in South, Central or

East Texas. Much of Texas continues to be short on moisture. The hay loss at mid-year is estimated at \$409 million, according to economists. Hay is being shipped into south Texas from northeast Texas and other states.

"Given the critical shortage of forage for grazing and hay, a soaking rain is needed soon to maintain the beef cow herd in Central and South Texas," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock marketing economist. "The high cost of buying hay

and supplemental feed is resulting in liquidation of some herds."

"Counties in extreme and exceptional drought account for 40 percent of Texas' cow herd and 6 percent of the U.S.'s beef cow herd," Anderson said. "Ranchers have been forced to cull deeper into herds and to sell calves at lighter weights, earlier than normal."

"From November 2008 until March 2009, the loss was estimated at \$569 million," Anderson said. "Additional livestock costs since March 2009 are

estimated to have totaled about \$300 million. The total now is \$869 million. Those include feed costs such as hay and other feed supplements, and do not include reduced future revenues due to losing breeding stock and lost revenue from selling calves earlier. In addition to the beef cattle losses, the estimated loss for goats, sheep, honey and horses totals \$105 million."

The drought will stress wildlife resources and reduce the amount and quality of wild animals and birds. Wildlife management programs are

critical to maintaining the recreational value of land used for outdoor recreation during the intense drought, according to Anderson.

The early summer drought and high temperatures are damaging all dryland crops such as vegetables, horticulture plants, peaches, pecans and other crops by at least \$214 million.

Land-based recreation used for camping, hiking, birding, wildlife watching and hunting is expected to lose some \$100 million, according to AgriLife Extension estimates.

Teach children the financial facts of life

Despite the financial pessimism in today's economy, there is optimism on the horizon. One way that parents can ensure their children are prepared to navigate through the ups and downs of the economy is to make sure they understand the financial facts of life. A recent news report said that children are some of the major victims of the recession.

One of the best gifts you can give your child is to sit down with him or her and explain the financial facts of life.

Begin by teaching them the most important fact—savings. If children learn at an early age to save, they will be better equipped to manage their finances and debts conservatively. Teaching them to keep an emergency fund will help them weather any financial storm.

If your child does not already have a savings account, take him or her to the bank to open an account. Whenever they receive a birthday check from Grandma, encourage your children to put at least half in a savings account to save up for a large ticket item they may want in the future.

As children get older and earn money from babysitting, lawn mowing or other part-time jobs, go with them to open a checking account. Encourage them to put some of every paycheck in their savings account and the rest in their checking account to help them with their entertainment expenses.

Sit down as a family and review some of the recent headlines in order to teach your child the difference in "safe" investments and "risky" investments. Keeping money in a bank is a "safe" investment since deposits are insured by the federal government up to \$250,000 per account. Stocks and bonds are what we call "risky" investments; however, they can yield a higher return on investment.

It is also important to help your children understand their net worth.

Total Assets: What is owned (home, retirement

plan, stocks)
Total Liabilities: What is owed (mortgage, credit card balances, car loan, student loans)

Subtract liabilities from assets to determine Net Worth.

Parents differ on the pros and cons of giving their child an allowance. However, an allowance provides an opportunity for your child to learn money management skills and to experiment without losing too much in the process. They can learn to start saving for long-term goals.

Let your children help you with simple financial tasks such as preparing deposits or balancing the checkbook. Let them observe as you pay bills, teaching them that debts must be repaid in order to maintain a good

credit report. This exercise also will allow you to teach your children the benefits of budgeting and help them understand where their parents' money goes and the importance of avoiding overspending.

It is important that teenagers learn the importance of recording every deposit and withdrawal, paying careful attention to ATM withdrawals and debit card transactions. This will provide a good foundation to help them when they go off to college. Gone are the days when your local banker would call and say "Mary is overdrawn...again. How much money do you want to put into her account?" Mom or Dad would tell him the correct amount to transfer from their account to Mary's account and that was the end

of it, at least until Mom or Dad talked to Mary about her spending habits. Today, there are bounced check fees, insufficient funds fees and overdraft fees, all of which can be a very expensive lesson for Mary—or her parents!

Today's young people are very savvy when it comes to using the Internet. However, it is important for them to understand the importance of protecting themselves from crooks who target teens. Stress to your children to never give out social security numbers, bank card information or passwords to any request via e-mail, no matter how legitimate it may seem. These same types of fraudulent requests can also come through phone text messages or in the mail.

Two horses die from EEE

Two horses, one in Jasper County and the other in Newton County, in East Texas have died from Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Humans also are susceptible to EEE, which causes inflammation of the brain. The disease is spread by mosquitoes, and measures should be taken to prevent human and animal exposure to the biting pests.

"As part of their routine health care, horses in all parts of the state should be vaccinated to protect against dangerous mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile Virus, and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE and WEE)," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"It takes a week to 10 days after vaccination for the animal to develop protective antibodies, and booster shots must be administered as directed by the vaccine manufacturer to maintain the highest level of protection," he said. "As effective as vaccines are, however, they are not foolproof, and rare instances of disease can occur. Therefore, it is essential that you protect

yourself and your horses against mosquito exposure with a repellent containing DEET."

Dr. Hillman also said other preventive measures should include draining stagnant water, where mosquitoes can breed, and using approved products that kill mosquito larvae in desired water sources, such as troughs, ponds and fountains. Avoid being outside at night or at dawn, when mosquitoes are most active, wear long sleeves when possible, and consider sheltering horses at night.

"Contact your veterinarian immediately, if your horse acts erratically, is confused, staggers or collapses. These are clinical signs of

an encephalitic, or brain inflammation, condition, and a blood test is needed to confirm the diagnosis. With appropriate supportive care, about half of infected horses may survive. An infected horse will not spread the West Nile Virus, EEE or WEE to humans," said Dr. Hillman. Although they are not regulatory diseases, these mosquito-spread infections are reportable to the TAHC, due to their potential to cause human illness. In 2009, a horse in Washington County, also in East Texas, has been confirmed to have West Nile Virus.

EEE also has been reported in July in horses in Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Virginia.

HHS to hold Test Prep Camp

Haskell High School will hold the first Annual Test Prep Boot Camp for incoming seniors July 23, 24, and 27, 28. Each class will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. and will focus on ACT/SAT strategies and testing practices that will enable students to improve their score or get ready to test for that first time.

The teachers have attended the Chad Cargill training of testing strategies. Note the

following times and room numbers for the classes. Students may attend one or all sessions. No registration required.

The schedule is:
July 23: Math in room 114 with Kendra Bevel
July 24: Science in room 114 with Randy Waggoner
July 27 and 28: Reading and Writing in room 120 with Jill Druessedow.



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Alexander family gathers for annual reunion

The annual reunion of the George and Harriett Alexander family, long time residents of Weinert, was held at the Circle S Ranch July 18-19 hosted by a grandson, Jacky and Sandra Sanders. Approximately seventy-seven descendants attended the reunion, which began years ago as a gathering to celebrate the birthday of the father and grandfather of the Alexander siblings, to build stronger family ties and provide a time to visit those members not seen throughout the year.

Organizers helping with the work of planning the reunion were Troy and Jo Blakely of Micanopy, Florida who print and send out invitations each year.

The event was filled with a variety of activities including washer pitching, watermelon eating, singing, auction, visiting and lots of eating. This year Sanders had a huge fire on his ranch burning several acres.

George and Harriet Lovell Alexander had ten children, nine of whom lived to have families of their own. They are Minerva Touchstone, Richard Alexander, Nellie Rinehart, Washington Alexander, Sallie Sanders, Lola Cowley, J.T. Alexander, Albert Alexander and Melba Kim, who is the only living child. She was unable to attend the reunion. Special visitor was Kenneth Sanders of Weinert, a cousin.

Andy Sanders of Cross Plains and Jeanie Whitier of Gorman served as auctioneers for the sale of handmade and antique gifts. The sale helps defray the cost of food and items needed for the reunion.

Descendants of the

Births

Bobby and Rhonda Howard of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Howard, born July 1 and weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. She was 19 3/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brothers, Matthew and Tyler.

Grandparents are Mike and Linda St. John of Haskell. Great grandparents are Alvin and Margie Dorner.

oldest child, Minerva Touchstone attending were Russell Touchstone Jr. of Croydon, Pennsylvania, Dee, Robert and Russell Touchstone of Heltis, Doug Smith of San Antonio, Troy and Jo Blakely and Rainy of Micanopy, Florida; grandchildren: Gaylord and Barbara Touchstone Sr. of San Antonio.

Richard Alexander descendants attending were Frances and Bill Babbett of Gorman, Edith Ross of Midland; grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Sanders, Cordy and Mallory of Stephenville, Ron and Debbie Sanders, Mikayla, Curlee and Jacob of Wataya, Debbie Almond of Stanton, and Patty Isbell of Haltom City.

Washington Alexander descendents attending were Thomas Alexander and son Tom Jr. of San Antonio, and daughters, Lisa Beck, Evelyn Ellington and her son Ed Ellington of Muleshoe, Roy Alexander of Lubbock, Georgia Alexander and Jeremiah D. Falicia of Granite Shoals, April Alexander and James Egbert of Elgin.

Sallie Alexander Sanders descendants attending were Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell of Haskell, Karen and Allison Mitchell and Keegan of Abilene, Travis and Wilma Sanders and grandson Phoenix Sanders of Coleman, Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains, Jacky, Sandra and Jaclyn Sanders of Weatherford, Ricky, Shana and Shambrey Sanders, Rex, Moody, Abby and Robert Sanders of Aledo, Rocky Sanders of Abilene and Bill Maupin of Odessa.

Lola Alexander Cowley descendants attending were Pauline Slade of Phoenix, Arizona, her daughter, Dora Lambert, Goodyear, Arizona, Rocky and Lynn Cowley of Leander, Charlie and Jackie Pittman of Scotland, Texas, Mark and Lori Gregg of Phoenix, Arizona, and Genee Alexander of Saginaw.

J. T. Alexander descendants attending were Bill and Charlene Harlan of Eagle Lake, J.W. Alexander, Cheryl and Jana Dumas of Coston, Georgia.



MR. AND MRS. BOBBY HANSON

Hansons to celebrate 50th anniversary

Bobby and Leona Hanson of Haskell will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine.

The couple was married July 25, 1959 in the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rodney Dowdy officiating.

Bobby has owned and operated Hanson Paint & Body since 1974.

Leona has operated H&R Block since 1995.

They are members of East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

Joining them in the Grapevine celebration are the couple's sons and daughters-in-law, Lance and Rhonda Hanson of Haskell and Craig and Jennifer Hanson of Abilene, along with their grandchildren, Dylan, Landry, Haley, Delaney and Caden.

Wedding season often means unwanted pounds for newlyweds

You know the old saying that married couples gain weight? Well, it's actually true.

Research has shown that married people gain an average of 6 to 9 pounds more than singles.

Exactly why is unclear, but Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says couples have a few things going for them to keep the weight off.

"The best thing couples have is that they have two," says Sandon, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "They can encourage each other, work

out together and watch their food intake-together."

In the case of newlyweds, they also generally have a ton of new accoutrements and kitchen gadgets such as roasting pans and nonstick cookware that can help cut down on added fat when cooking.

"Rather than going out to eat all the time, they should learn how to use all their gadgets to create fun, healthy meals at home," Sandon says. "Home cooking is almost always easier on the scale and the pocketbook. Just be sure to prevent second and third helpings by only cooking enough for two."

ECC Menu

Mon., July 27 Lunch—Sloppy Joes on bun, pinto beans, onion slice, chips, pickles, bread pudding, tea or coffee	Fri., July 31 Lunch—King Ranch chicken, green beans, garden salad, garlic toast, peanut butter cookies, peaches, tea, or coffee
Wed., July 29 Lunch—Hamburger steak, onion gravy, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, rolls, misc. dessert, tea or coffee	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Drought Pushes Perry To Declare Disaster Areas
AUSTIN—A month-long weather system producing triple-digit temperatures and no rain has much of Texas suffering. The high-pressure system centered over Texas caused Gov. Rick Perry to declare 167 counties disaster areas because of the threat of wildfires. Bastrop County in Central Texas lost 12,000 head of cattle to the drought, and Texas farmers are facing more than \$1 billion in losses this year. Officials with Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension Service said farmers who depend only on rainfall could lose up to 80 percent of their crops.

Farmers and ranchers looking for disaster relief from the federal government will have to wait until fall to receive payment for last year's losses. Aid for this year's losses won't be available until 2010. Nearly 20 percent of the state is experiencing the most extreme drought conditions. Central and South Texas are suffering through the worst drought conditions in the nation. The worst drought in recent times was from 1950 to 1957, when rainfall was 40 percent below normal levels and 90 percent of the state was declared a federal disaster area.

Texans told of sweepstakes scam
Attorney General Greg Abbott is alerting Texans to a clever sweepstakes scam. People are told by phone that they are being contacted by the Federal Trade Commission because they won hundreds of thousands of dollars in a sweepstakes contest. In order to collect, however, they must pay several thousand dollars in insurance costs.

The phone calls are followed by a letter with the FTC logo telling recipients where to send a check. The phone number on the letterhead directs callers to the scammers, who pretend to work for the FTC. In fact, the FTC never collects money from consumers.

Abbott said anyone receiving the scam calls and letters should contact his office at 1-800-252-8011 or the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Perry names new DPS chief
Steve McCraw, 55, was named the new head of the Texas Department of Public Safety by Governor Perry. McCraw, a former member of the FBI, was Perry's homeland security chief for the past five years.

McCraw takes over an agency in the spotlight for recent problems, including its role in guarding the Governor's Mansion in Austin when it was burned in an arson fire in June

2008. He is the department's fourth director in less than a year.

Panel to seek new A&M president
Texas A&M System regents have named a 15-member search committee to seek a new president for the College Station campus. Former President Elsa Murano, A&M's first female and first Hispanic president, resigned under pressure last month.

The search committee includes three regents, five faculty members, two students and five other stakeholders. Regent Richard Box will serve as chairman. The committee will cull the applicants to three finalists and recommend one to the board next February.

Texas students narrow math gap
A national test found that the difference in math scores between black and white students in Texas closed somewhat between 1992 and 2007. Texas was one of only four states that narrowed the math gap among eighth-grade students and one of 15 states that did so among fourth-grade students.

For eighth-graders, the difference in scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress math test was 26 points nationally. In Texas, the gap was 23 points. For fourth-graders, the national average was 31 points and the Texas average was 29 points.

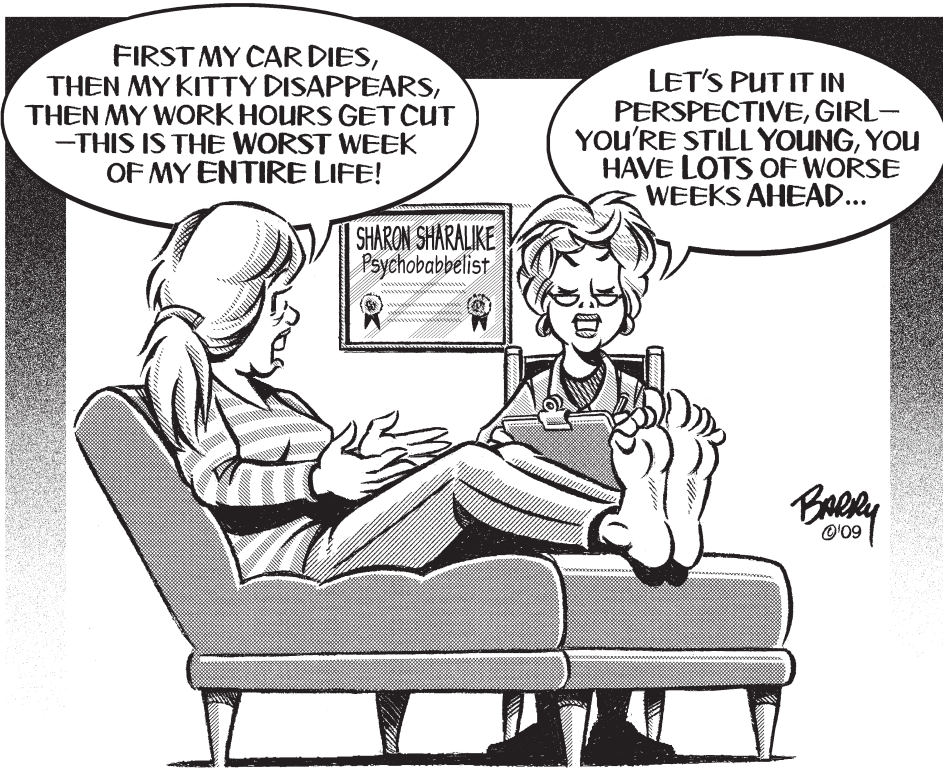
The NEAP test also found that scores on the math test rose for students of all races in Texas over the 15-year period.

Texas running out of jobless money
The Texas unemployment insurance trust fund is going broke quickly, and the state will have to borrow \$643 million from the U.S. Department of Labor soon. Those borrowed funds will cover unemployment claims through October 1, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

About 285,000 Texans remained on unemployment compensation through June 27, according to a commission official. That was triple the number receiving benefits during the same period last year.

Governor Perry rejected \$556 million in federal stimulus funds to expand unemployment benefits, saying too many strings were attached.

Higher tolls in North Texas
The North Texas Tollway Authority is increasing rates by 3.5 cents a mile on its toll roads. Drivers with TollTags will now pay 14.5 cents a mile to use the roads. A commute to Dallas from the city's far north suburbs will cost about \$8.60 for those with tags, according to the Dallas Morning News, and \$13 for those paying cash.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 29, 1999

Nacole Beason, daughter of Sharon LeFevre of Haskell, was named to the Lubbock Christian University's Dean's List.

Eighty-five descendants of the late Ike, Will, Charlie and Nathan Harrell attended the annual Harrell reunion held at the Haskell National Bank Building.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas attended their annual Reding family reunion in Killeen.

20 Years Ago July 27, 1989

Seven Haskell Scouts and their scoutmaster spent five days touring Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before joining 32,000 other scouts at the 1989 National Jamboree in Ft. Apache Hill, West Virginia. Scouts representing Haskell were Brian Brzozowski, Casey Coleman, Blake Henshaw, Mark Jones, Cody Josselet, Matt Perry and Shawn Sanford.

Bill Tabor of Dallas spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. John L. Brooks of Sagerton.

Haskell FFA members, Kim Gilly, Mary Trussell, Stony Trussell, Chris Howeth, Dalyn Gilly and Pete Torres, attended the state convention in Houston.

30 Years Ago July 26, 1979

Kimberly Suzette Griffith of Haskell was featured in the 28th consecutive edition of Who's Who in Baton Twirling.

Patricia Atkinson, Linda Wells and Bryan Middlebrook represented Haskell County Farm Bureau at the 17th annual High School Citizenship Seminar held in Waco.

W.O. Elmore was selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

40 Years Ago July 24, 1969

Abe M. Turner, vice-president of the Haskell National Bank, was one of one hundred and twenty-seven bank executives from thirty-two states who successfully completed the tenth annual seminar for senior bank officers.

Debbie Campbell was crowned Haskell County Cotton Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Gauntt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

50 Years Ago July 23, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Hunt of Rule celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Judge B.C. Chapman was named chairman of a key division of the Haskell United Fund.

A Houston woman, impressed with the

friendliness of Haskell people and the progressive appearance of the town, submitted the winning suggestion in the Chamber of Commerce contest for a slogan descriptive of the city. The prize-winning slogan read, "Haskell, the Friendly, Progressive City."

Christy Royall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Royall, attended a speech and drama workshop at South West Texas State College in San Marcos.

100 Years Ago July 24, 1909

George Courtney returned from a trip to Tucumcari, New Mexico.

N. McNeill of McNeill and Smith returned from Tarpon, on the Gulf Coast, where he spent several days fishing with a party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Stephens of Dickens County visited their sons, R.D.C., W.M. and J.F. Stephens of Haskell.

Judge Pete Helton spent the week at Aspermont attending court.

T.E. Matthews, secretary of the Haskell Board of Trade, attended a district meeting of representatives from a number of West Texas towns, held in Sweetwater.

Haynes Hambleton was employed as superintendent of the city's new water and sewer system.

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Scam Artists Posing As Federal Trade Commission Officials Targeting Texans In Sweepstakes Scam

Texans should be aware of a new telemarketing sweepstakes scam that is targeting Texas families. According to recent reports, scam artists are posing as Federal Trade Commission (FTC) employees in order to lend credence to the scam and tell Texans they have won hundreds of thousands of dollars in sweepstakes prizes. To receive the prize,

call recipients are told they must pay several thousand dollars for insurance before they can receive a certified check for the prize.

The scammers make the initial contact by telephone and follow up with a letter featuring a fraudulent FTC logo that provides recipients with instructions for claiming their prize. The letter attempts to convince recipients that the FTC is contacting them because a sweepstakes company holding their prize was unable to locate them. In an effort to deceive letter

recipients into believing the letters were legitimately sent by a federal agency, it lists a Washington, D.C. area phone number for customers to call. Calls to that phone number are re-directed to an unknown area, where the person on the other end of the phone then demands payment from the callers for insurance to receive their prize. In scams of this sort, the scammers' goal is to get the callers' "insurance" money.

The FTC never collects money from consumers and its employees have no involvement with delivering sweepstakes prizes. Additionally, Texans should be aware that they do not need to buy anything in order to enter a sweepstakes. In fact, it is illegal for companies holding sweepstakes to charge fees.

Texans who receive a call from someone claiming to be a representative of the Federal Trade Commission or any other government organization purportedly trying to deliver sweepstakes winnings should contact the Texas Attorney General's Office at 800-252-8011 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP.

Crime of the Week

White's True Value in Rotan was burglarized on Sun., July 7. Entry was gained through a window off the roof. A large amount of cash and a weapon were stolen. Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Fisher Co. Sheriff's Dept., is offering a cash reward for information about this crime. Anyone with information is urged to call the tipline 899-222-TIPS or

text CFCS at CRIMES.

This burglary is one of several that have occurred in Rotan over the last two months and information on any of these crimes could earn a cash reward. Crime Stoppers pays rewards of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest.

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

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

Check your withholding to avoid tax surprise

With 2009 half over, the Internal Revenue Service reminded Texans that there is no better time to check their 2009 federal income tax withholding levels to make sure they do not face any surprises when returns are due next spring.

"It's always a good idea to check your income tax withholding when there are changes in your life or financial situations that affect your tax liability," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Changes in tax law can also affect tax liability."

The Making Work Pay Credit lowered tax withholding rates this year for 120 million American households. However, particular taxpayers who fall into any of the following groups should review their tax withholding rates to ensure enough tax is withheld: multiple job holders, families in which both spouses work, workers who can be claimed as dependents by other taxpayers and pensioners.

Failure to adjust your withholding could result in potentially smaller refunds or may cause you to owe tax rather than get a refund next year. So far in 2009, the average refund amount is \$2,675 and 79 percent of all returns received a refund.

Because retirees typically have withholding from their pension payments, pension plan administrators or pension payors should be aware of the optional adjustment procedure for pension withholding announced in Notice 1036-P, Additional Withholding for Pensions for 2009.

Social security beneficiaries, supplemental security income (SSI) recipients, disabled veterans and railroad retirees that receive this year's one-time \$250 economic recovery payment should be aware that the Making Work Pay credit will be reduced by the \$250 payment amount. They may also want to review their withholding.

The IRS withholding calculator on IRS.gov can help a taxpayer compute the proper tax withholding. The worksheets in Publication 919 can also be used to do the calculation. If the result suggests an adjustment is necessary, the taxpayer should submit a new Form W-4, Withholding Allowance Certificate, to his or her employer or adjust the amount of quarterly tax paid.

In addition, the IRS reminds unemployed workers that the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits they receive during 2009 are tax-free for federal income tax purposes. People who expect to receive more than that should consider having tax withheld from their benefit payments in excess of \$2,400. Use Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request, or the equivalent form provided by the payer to request withholding to begin or end.

Taxpayers should visit IRS.gov for more information about how to adjust federal income tax withholding. The Web site also has details on various tax incentives in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as downloadable forms and publications. Free tax forms and publications are also available by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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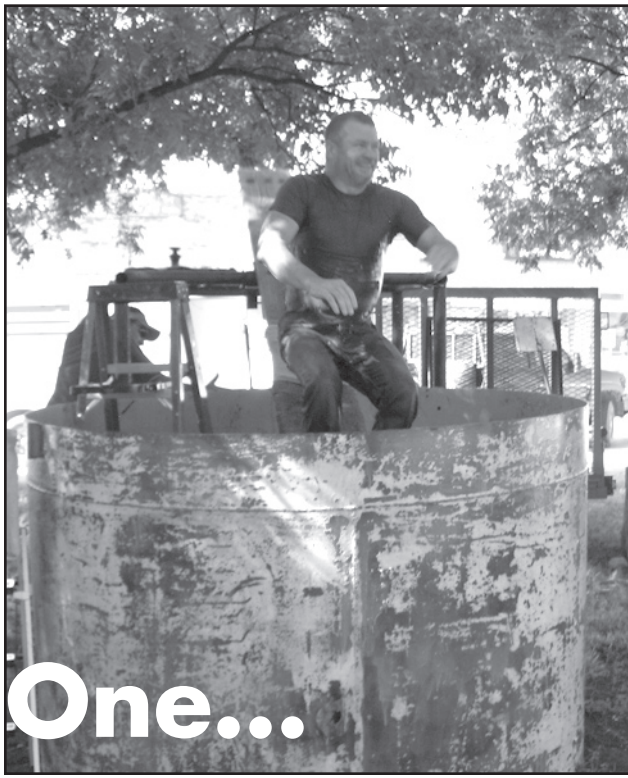
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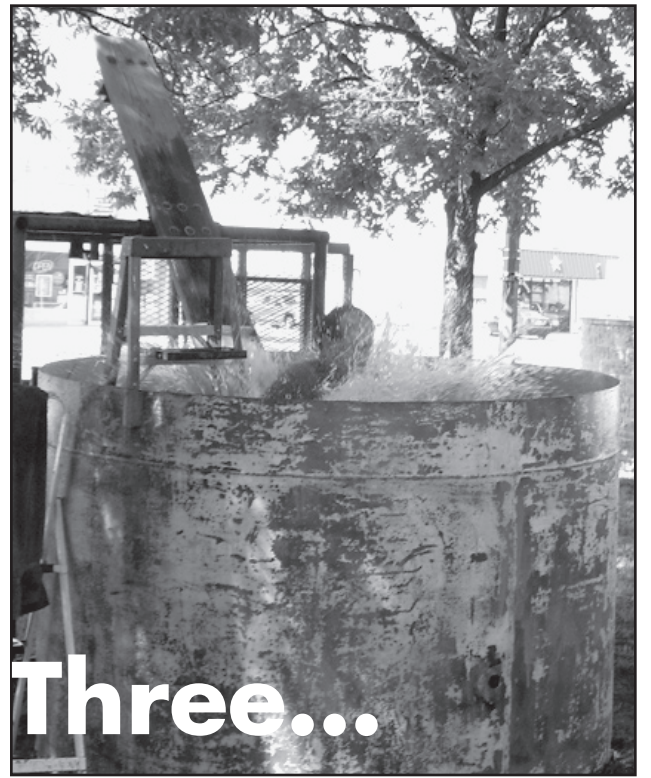
Noah Project-North's Fun Day event



One...



Two...



Three...

AND THEY'RE DOWN—Mike Alsbrook, top left, Municipal Judge Linda St. John, top center, and District Judge Shane Hadaway, top right, all lost a dry suit of clothes to the pitch of a softball on Saturday during the Noah Project-North's Fun Day. Left is Cassidy Phemister confidently walking away from a successful pitch that dropped Chief Probation Officer Lonnie Rolls. John Sam Rike, far right, came prepared to pitch a strike to drop a soppy participant in the tank.



PLANT SALE—Decision, decisions—it was hard to choose from all the beautiful plants available for sale at The Drug Store parking lot on Saturday morning. The plants, donated for the sale by ABC Greenhouse, were sold to benefit the Noah Project-North during the Noah Project's Fun Day event.



WATER SLIDE FUN—Tyler Howard, left, and Cash Bassett, right, were among the children who enjoyed a cool slide down the water-bounce feature during the Noah-Project-North's Fun Day on Saturday.

Wichita Brazos Museum holds grand opening ceremony

The grand opening of the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center June 27 was a wonderful, long awaited day for many people with Knox County roots. Approximately 200 people registered.

The ceremony began at 10 a.m. as Benny Grill, Master of Ceremonies welcomed everyone. Dennis Duke gave the invocation, followed by the beautiful voice of Jess Jones, singing the National Anthem. Dr. Scott White, Special Projects Manager, Oral Historian and Curator of Arts for the National

Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, the guest speaker, stressed the importance of the Knox County Museum and preserving the history of the eight communities featured in the display area. Dr. White spoke about the necessity of a museum to inform the young and remind the old of the county's history, drawing communities together. Following Dr. White's presentation, Kenneth Roberts was given a plaque inscribed with words of appreciation for his many hours of work on designing and over-seeing all stages of

building the museum.

The program, community displays of old pictures and newspapers with special memorabilia representing historical facts were just added features to: two Frontier Ranger re-enactors, Cody Mobly and Brandon Halfmann, dressed in authentic clothing and sharing their knowledge of that time period; visiting with Buck Taylor, who played Newley, on Gunsmoke, while he autographed a program or posed for a snapshot with guests; Robert Wanat's displayed his version of "Tiny

Town, Texas," made out of thousands of matchsticks and toothpicks, and the cowhides depicting the state of Texas and each county, with the first recorded brands burned into it; special guest, Larry Bridges, who presented the museum with a beautiful pen and ink collage of the many interesting tourist sites of Knox County; and Leora Aaron, Benjamin Postmaster, was there stamping our new postcards and envelopes with a special stamp cancellation, designed especially for the museum's grand opening, by Annelle Welch of

Rhineland.

The Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center holds many interesting items, including community displays, family histories,

veterans' information, pictures and memorabilia of past years. For more information, call 940-459-2229, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Type 2 Diabetes: It doesn't have to control you

Chances are you're close to at least one person who has type 2 diabetes. Almost one in ten Texans has it.

Odds are equally good that you're familiar with people successfully managing type 2 diabetes, including Larry King, Mike Huckabee, Patti LaBelle and American Idol's Randy Jackson.

Type 2 diabetes often starts as insulin resistance or pre-diabetes, a disorder in which the body's cells don't use insulin the way they should. People with pre-diabetes have blood sugar levels that are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. The body may at first produce more insulin to compensate for insulin resistance, but over time loses its ability to keep up with the amount of insulin the body requires.

Type 2 diabetes often is associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, a lack of physical activity and other factors. Warning signs include

frequent urination, increased thirst or appetite, dizziness, blurred vision, sores that take a long time to heal or frequent infections. In some cases, type 2 diabetes has no symptoms. You can be diabetic or pre-diabetic and not even know it.

"A lot of people haven't heard of pre-diabetes," says Richard Kropp of the Texas Department of State Health Services. "If you do a risk assessment and find that you have a higher risk for type 2 diabetes, talk to your doctor about being tested. If you have pre-diabetes, simple lifestyle changes can go far in preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes."

Early diagnosis is crucial because type 2 diabetes can lead to problems such as heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system disease, dental disease and risky pregnancies.

Risk factors for diabetes include:

- Being overweight.
- Being African American, Hispanic, Native American or Asian American / Pacific Islander.
- Having a family history of type 2 diabetes.
- Having high or low blood sugar.
- Not getting enough physical activity.
- Being age 45 or older.
- Having diabetes with pregnancy.

If a blood test shows you're pre-diabetic, a lifestyle change may be in order. Discouragement is not.

"Clinical trials have shown that you don't have to knock yourself out to prevent type 2 diabetes," Kropp said.

If you find out you have type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes, you can help avoid long-term problems by taking good care of yourself:

- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity five days

a week

- Eat a variety of foods that are low in fat and reduce the number of calories you eat per day.

Other important steps are taking care of your feet, checking for sores on them, having an annual eye exam and getting a flu shot each fall.

"A primary goal of diabetes management is prevention of cardiovascular disease," Kropp said. "Heart disease and stroke account for about 65 percent of deaths in people with diabetes, and people with pre-diabetes are also at an increased risk."

It's also a good idea to wear or carry something that lets others know you have diabetes and tells them how they can help in case of an emergency.

"Diabetes is a serious disease, but along with the help of your health care team, there are things you can do to control it," Kropp said. "It doesn't have to control you."

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Car seat safety for kids requires attention to details

Successful parenting has a lot to do with trusting one's instincts and intuitively knowing what to do or say in a given situation. But when it comes to ensuring your kids' safety as car passengers, instinct can easily lead you astray.

For example, many parents don't realize that air bags, one of the greatest safety breakthroughs in automotive history, can be life-threatening for children. Or that it's wise to keep children in rear-facing child seats as long as they comfortably fit.

Although most car seats might look simple enough to install without reading the instructions, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says about 75 percent of all child safety seats are installed or used wrong. The most common mistakes, the administration says, are:

- Safety belts unlocked or not holding the seat tightly enough
- Harness straps too loose or routed incorrectly
- Harness retainers or locking clips used incorrectly
- Children graduated to forward-facing seats too soon

"Traffic crashes are a child's number one health risk," said Johnny Humphreys, manager of the Texas Department of State Health Services' Safe Riders program. Caregivers should use restraints for their children on every ride—and use them according to the manufacturers' instructions and vehicle owner's manual."

In addition to advising kids' caregivers on proper use of safety seats, Safe Riders also supplies life-saving advice on installing, using and maintaining child seats and other car safety equipment. Some of the basic principles they stress are:

- Keep children in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. This should be done at least until age 1 and 20 pounds.
- When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat.
- After kids outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until vehicle seat belts fit properly with the lap belt low across the hips and the shoulder belt fitting across the chest (around age 8 or when children are about 4'9" tall).

When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the vehicle seat belts in the back seat if they fit properly.

Sound Medical Reasoning

Experts say many parents' natural tendency is to rush the process of switching young children to forward-facing seats. However, when a child is facing forward in a frontal crash, his or her body may be restrained, but not the head and neck. This can cause the head to thrust forward on impact, stretching the child's soft spinal cord and possibly causing spinal damage, paralysis or even death.

A rear-facing child restraint protects against these injuries by supporting the head, neck and torso.

Safe Riders also strongly recommends booster seats as a transitional step between child safety seats and vehicle seat belts. A study by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia determined that kids in booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be hurt in a vehicle crash than children restrained by seat belts alone.

Safe Riders' Frank Luera advises that children less than 4 feet 9 inches tall should ride in booster seats. To work properly, the seats' belts should be placed low on the child's hips with shoulder belts across the center of the chest and knees at the edge of the booster seat.

Kids under age 13 should always ride in the back seat, a safety step that reduces risk of crash-related death by 36 percent. Pickup truck owners should consult their vehicle owner's manual for information about safety for child passengers.

If you don't have a child safety seat, or just want more information on safety for young passengers, Safe Riders can help. The program works with community partners to distribute safety seats and information all across Texas. A low-income family can receive a child seat by attending a one-hour class regarding child passenger safety.

For referral to a local program, call Safe Riders at 800-252-8255. They're also on the web at www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders.

A listing of car seat inspection stations in Texas and the nation can be found at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's www.seatcheck.org site.

With this knowledge and equipment at their disposal, parents can feel better equipped to trust both their heads and their hearts in making young riders a bit more secure.

This Week's Devotional Message:



When you visit God's wilderness, keep it clean

Whenever you pay a visit to the home of friends or relatives, you naturally remember your manners and do your best to keep the place as neat and clean as possible. By the same token, if your plans take you to a wilderness or camping area, this is also a good place to remember your manners. It's really a form of "love thy neighbor," because you do this out of consideration for

others who may share the place with you. Another reason is that you are God's guest there. In any wilderness area you can see all the beauty which He has provided for your enjoyment. Think of it as an outdoor extension of your house of worship, and respect it as you would any place where you are an invited guest. In this case, the 'guest room' is all God's creation.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**
 Ronnie Gibson, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
 Jim McCurley, interim 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**
 Ron Rennegarbe, 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. Tom Long, 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
- Mission Revival Center**
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, 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
 Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 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.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
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- 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**
 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**
 Alfa y Omegas
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
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 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
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AUCTION OF SEIZED VEHICLE
Haskell Police Department will auction a seized vehicle Sat., July 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Haskell Police Department.

The vehicle is a white, 1993 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 door, VIN #1G2WH54T1PF230582. The Haskell Police Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Vehicle may be viewed on July 25, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Haskell Police Department. 28-30c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss implementing a Student Drug Testing Program at 7:30 p.m. on July 28, 2009 at the Rule ISD library, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas. 29-30c

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that Haskell Independent School District, using construction manager at risk services for construction, will receive sealed, written proposals at the office of the construction manager at risk, W.B. Kibler Construction, 9722 Abernathy, Dallas, Texas 75220-2698, until August 6, 2009 2 p.m. CST, for construction encompassing (but not limited to) the following construction packages: earthwork, asphalt paving, concrete, masonry, structural and miscellaneous metals, millwork, elfs, built up roof, doors, windows, storefront, drywall, suspended ceilings, interior finishes, lab casework, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work for the addition of a Science Wing and renovation of the school facility.

Any proposal received after August 6 2009 2 p.m. CST, will be returned unopened. The construction manager at risk will not be responsible for proposals that are mis-sent, mis-

Public Notices

delivered, misplaced, or received after the submission deadline.

In accordance with Texas Education Agency bid guidelines, proposal prices from individual contractors cannot be released by the construction manager at risk or Owner until construction manager at risk's guaranteed maximum price for construction is accepted by the District.

All proposals must comply with specifications, be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the documents, and include bid security when required. Any proposal received on a form other than that provided in the documents will not be considered and will be recorded as non-responsive without recourse.

FAXED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW WITHIN 24 HOURS.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be issued by the Architect beginning July 14, 2009, and may be examined during normal business hours at the following:

CADCO Architects-Engineers, Inc., 2401 S. Willis, Suite 200, Abilene, Texas 79605, 325-695-6281, Fax 325-695-6291.

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Construction documents may be procured upon receipt by the architect at the above address for a \$150.00 refundable deposit plus contractor paid postage (CD version of the construction documents is available at no cost). Plan holders not returning construction documents within two weeks of bid date will forfeit their plan deposit. 30c

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NOTICE TO ROOFING CONTRACTORS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)

LOCATION: Abilene District, Haskell County, Haskell, Texas.

Project No. CBC4704-00-798 for the Roof Replacement at the Maintenance Building. (Standing seam metal roof and metal roof framing structure over existing built-up flat roof) 209 U.S. 380 West, Haskell, Texas. Bid Date: August 5, 2009-3:00 p.m. in Austin. Bids will be received in Austin at 150 E. Riverside Drive, 4 North, Attention: Judy Gage, Austin, TX 78704. No pre-bid meeting is scheduled.

Estimated Cost: \$275,000.00. Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge. Plans and specifications are available from the Abilene District, 4250 N. Clack St., Abilene, TX 79601, Attention: Chris Medford, Phone 940-864-8521. For mailed plans from Austin, request by FAX on your company letterhead to: TxDOT Maintenance Div., Facilities Management, FAX: 512-416-3080, or e-mail to Judy Gage at jgage@dot.state.tx.us. A HUB plan is not required.

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UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES. 1506 N. Ave. E. Property has a large open living and dining with access to a large kitchen with smaller dining. There are two bedrooms and a large bath downstairs and a large open room upstairs with a bath and C/HA. This property sits on approximately 3 acres with a detached carport on the north and a detached garage on the south.

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Historic Railroad Depot. To be moved, located in Knox City. Approximately 1,200 sq. ft. Great potential.

Building lots available. Several zoned for mobile homes. Other will have building deed restrictions.

Toliver retires from career in education

Leesa Toliver of Sulphur Springs has retired from the public education system after thirty years of service.

Toliver is the daughter of the late Cleatus and Glenda Drinnon and the daughter-in-law of Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell. She is married to Brian Toliver, formerly of Haskell. The couple has two sons, Brent and wife Susan Toliver of Sulphur Springs and Jonathan Toliver of Rockwall.

During her tenure in education, Toliver has been fortunate to have a variety of teaching experiences. She began her career teaching fourth grade, high school and middle school art for Rule ISD and remained there for six years. During her time at Rule ISD, she followed in her mother-in-law's footsteps and began working on her Master's degree to become an Educational Diagnostician.

After completing her Master's degree, she left Rule ISD to become an Educational Diagnostician for Tri-County Educational Co-op in Stamford. It was difficult to leave all her colleagues at Rule ISD but exciting to be able to use her new skills to better understand the educational needs of students.

After two years as an Educational Diagnostician in Stamford, the family moved to Sweetwater where she taught Early Child Education at Southeast Elementary. They next year she was promoted to Transitional Coordinator for West Central Educational Shared Service Arrangement and served nine school districts in that role.

The following year, she was promoted to Supervisor/Diagnostician and managed the west office of the Shared



LEESA TOLIVER

Service Arrangement. While serving in this position, she returned to school at night to earn her administrator's certificate.

After receiving her certification, she was appointed to Summer School Principal for two years until she was promoted to J.P. Cowen Elementary as principal.

After serving as principal for four years at J.P. Cowen, she was promoted to principal at Southeast Elementary. During the five years she was principal her schools were rated 'Exemplary' each year.

The family moved to Sulphur Springs in 2006 where she was hired as the Special Education Director for Sulphur Springs ISD. She also served as an Adjunct Professor for Paris Jr. College for the last three years of her career.

After all the many experiences in education, she decided it was time to end her career and explore other avenues in life. The couple plans to travel and spend time with their family and friends.

Toliver is active in her church and community and excited about increasing her involvement to the next plane.

Harris wins national title in Chicago

Kenisha Harris and The Fort Worth Frogs flew to Chicago and blew through the competition like a fall breeze in the windy city.

They went 7-0 and won their first national title at the Nike Summer Showcase. They defeated the Chicago Express in the championship game 72-58. They faced the toughest competition in the nation with a few national teams such as Nova Scotia. 268 teams were there. Each state was represented and the Frogs were flawless.

Harris took her first plane trip and liked it just fine. The Frogs have a couple more tournaments in the Dallas area and will finish the year with an Amtrak train trip to Oklahoma City for the May B National tourney. The girls will return for school ball and prepare for another season.

This will be Harris' senior season and first season as defending state champion. Brock will return 12 of 14 girls from last year's Championship team. Harris won every award available this year, but only wants one award this next year and that is to be crowned state champion for the second time.

Harris began her basketball career at Rule and still has many friends there. She wants to thank everybody for all their support and invites them to come watch her play her senior season with the Lady Eagles. They will play another tough 5-A pre-season and tournament schedule. It served them well last year. When they ran into a good pressing team in the playoffs, they had already seen tough presses from 5-A powerhouses like North Crowley, Mesquite Joe Horn, and Arlington Lamar.

It is one of the benefits of living 45 miles west of the Metroplex, where lots of good 5-A teams are



KENISHA HARRIS

available. Brock will start the year ranked number one but district rival Peaster will be ranked in the top 5 as well. Peaster is another talented team that shoots the three really well.

Brock has dominated the paint with Harris and Paige Parliament, (who have come to be known as the Brock SWAT team), shut down the paint and rebounding to limit opportunities of their opponents. Brock and Peaster are district and rival games which are standing room only, no matter which gym they play in.

Last year Brock dropped the first game by 3 in Brock, then won the away game in Peaster by 1. Both teams made it to the final four at the regional tourney. Peaster lost to number one ranked Winnsboro. Brock beat Winnsboro by 3 and Harris set a school record in rebounding by scoring 23 points and pulling 17 rebounds, 4 stalls, and 4 blocked shots. Brock beat number two ranked Bowie at state first round and finished their year blowing out Woodsville in the final.

Harris is the daughter of Jim and Evett Harris and the granddaughter of Jerry and Jerry Ann Harris of Haskell. She is the great granddaughter of Euanna Hicks.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular session July 13 with Mayor Bob Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford and Councilmen Chan Guess, Randy Bowers, Robert Tribbey and Jason Hall present.

A motion passed concerning a resolution authorizing the continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee.

A motion was approved for an agreement with the TxDOT Aviation Division for the transfer of entitlements.

City Administrator Brandon Anderson was given the authority to sign the lease agreement with the Helen Farabee Regional MHRM Centers, Training Center.

The Interlocal agreement with Haskell County for demolition of structures and waste disposal services was approved.

The financial report from the Chamber of Commerce was approved.

Budget workshops were set for Aug. 6, Aug. 11 and Aug. 13 if needed. Workshops will be held each day at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

An executive session was declared to discuss the personnel matters and review of Police Chief Steven Grand.

Grand asked the council for an open session which was granted.

A review was given by Anderson and Smith. Grand gave a response to the review.

In the Police Chief report, Grand:

- Gave the council a letter of recommendation for Jeff Caparoon.

- Stated that Officer Scott Kennedy attended an intermediate class on the use of force.

- Stated the he would be attending a Chief leadership school in Irving July 27-31.

- Stated that officers are working on six felony cases for the September Grand Jury.

- Mentioned the auction of a seized 1994 Pontiac Grand Am to be held July 25 at 10 a.m.

- Reported on citations, warnings and arrests.

In the Administrator's report, Anderson stated:

- He had attended the Legislative Update in Irving on June 26 where he learned that the most changes reported would affect the municipal court system. Most other changes would not affect a city the size of Haskell.

- He was not sure why the fireworks show was lost this year. The annual event was enjoyed by Haskell citizens and the lack of sponsors may have affected the show.

- He is seeking information to be compiled for the budget hearings.

Carr joins USDA Plant Center staff

Brandon Carr has been selected to join the staff as a Soil Conservationist at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center (PMC) near Knox City.

Carr graduated from Petersburg High School in Petersburg in 1997. He received a BS degree in plant science with emphasis in Integrated Pest Management and a BS degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Agriculture. Both degrees were received from Lubbock Christian University in 2002. Carr has six years of experience as an assistant cotton breeder.

He resides in Haskell with his wife and new baby girl.

There are 27 Plant Materials Centers in the United States; three in Texas. The other two Texas locations are in Nacogdoches and Kingsville.

The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center is responsible for developing



BRANDON CARR

conservation plants and cultural techniques for use within targeted Major Land Resource areas including Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado.

Carr and other staff members are available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to give technical guidance.

The USDA/NRCS PMC also welcomes tours of the center. Call 940-658-3922 for more information.

Calendar

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.

Summer lunches

The Summer Food Service program, sponsored by Haskell CISD, will continue through July 24. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G. Anyone ages 1 through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults may eat for \$3 per plate.

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- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
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