Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., July 5 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., June 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Library reading

The summer reading program will continue at Haskell County Library June 14 with Erlinda Mayfield and Tues., June 19 with William Overton as presenters. The event will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Ages K-fourth grade are invited for reading, crafts and cookies.

Squash cook-off

The seventh annual squash cook-off will be held June 15 at Village Primitives in Rule. To enter, bring your squash dish, with recipe, by 11:15 a.m. Judging will begin at 11:30. The meal will begin at 12 noon. Everyone is invited for fun, fellowship and good food. For more information, call 940-996-2428.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

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

Quilters to meet

The Willow Creek Quilting Guild of Haskell will meet Mon., June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Church of Christ Annex building. Jennifer Smith Brown will demonstrate pieced borders. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

KTAB on the road

Haskell has been chosen as one of the stops on the KTAB on the Road tour. KTAB will broadcast live from the square Fri., June 29 with KTAB4u 4 p.m., KTAB news at 5 p.m., KTAB news at 6 p.m. and KTAB news at 10 p.m. All kinds of activities will be available that afternoon and evening from 6:30 to 8:55 p.m. Jerrod Medulla will play beginning at 9 p.m. Sponsors will be invited to have booths from which they can hand out things or sell items. Contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477 for details.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at Haskell **Elementary School** Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 27. No meal will be served on July 4. Anyone ages six months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are also invited to come and eat for the price of \$3.00 per plate.

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row, I-r, are Ty Coleman, Dalton Meinzer, Riley Brison Tullos.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS-The Haskell Red Sloan, Tommy Gonzales and R.J. Chavez; back Raiders won the Quad County 12U Tournament row, Coach Sealy Haggard, Tanner Thomas, held in Haskell June 7-9. The Raiders finished Frankie Masias, Rocky Haggard, Kyler Hoover the regular season 9-0. Team members, front and Coach Tyke Meinzer. Not pictured is

Indians named to **All-District** teams

Although baseball district 8-1A had a really tough lineup this year, the Haskell Indians still placed several players on the all-district team.

Senior Sterling Bird and sophomore Dakota Silvas were named to the First Team-All-District list. Sophomore Matthew Martinez was voted Newcomer of the Year, while sophomore Aaron Waggoner and freshman Kade Colley made the All-District Second Team.

While the Indians fielded a relatively young team this season, the valuable experience and playing time they received, should prove very beneficial for the coming years.

Congratulations to these young men, as they represented Haskell High School so positively.

City, County post increases in sales tax receipts

May 2011.

This marks 26

Combs has announced that remain strong in the oil and state sales tax revenue in natural gas-related sectors May was \$2.09 billion, up as well as other segments of represent monthly sales \$244,984.77. 7.3 percent compared to the Texas economy such as the restaurant industry."

Combs sent June local

compared to June 2011.

made in April.

5.71 percent increase for June 2012 of \$33,446.49 \$3,097.50. consecutive months of sales sales tax allocations totaling June 2012 of \$35,420.24 in comparison to tax growth," Combs said. "As \$514.1 million to cities, in comparison to \$31,235.21 for June 2011. 16.09 percent decrease for the recovery continues, the counties, transit systems \$33,504.20 for June 2011. 2012 payments to date year-to-year rate of growth and special purpose taxing 2012 payments to date of \$244,280.57 reflect an

Texas Comptroller Susan is stabilizing. Collections districts, up 9.7 percent of \$261,572.40 reflect a for June 2012 of \$332.97 in The sales tax figures 2011 payments to date of

> 11.54 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$218,994.15.

The City of O'Brien had a 10.71 percent decrease for June 2012 of \$119.57 in to date of \$1,426.48 reflect a 21.54 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$1,818.20.

had a 2.27 percent decrease \$1,378.34.

6.77 percent increase over comparison to \$340.72 for June 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$2,912.76 reflect The City of Haskell had a 5.96 percent decrease over Haskell County had a a 7.07 percent increase for 2011 payments to date of

> The City of Rule had a June 2012 of \$1,395.15 in comparison to \$1,662.70 for June 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$11,548.57 reflect a 41.36 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$19,696.58.

The City of Weinert had comparison to \$133.92 for a 4.24 percent decrease for June 2011. 2012 payments June 2012 of \$126.09 in comparison to \$131.65 for June 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$1,404.02 reflect a 1.86 percent increase over The City of Rochester 2011 payments to date of

Squash Cook-Off to be held in Rule Fri., June 15

The seventh annual Rule

which need to be entered by 11:15 a.m., will be Butch Unit at Hendrick Medical Aspermont, Munday, at the cook-off. Haskell and Rule.

Squash Cook-Off will be years ago when Bill Bowles casseroles, dressing, picklesheld Fri., June 15, with of Rule had so much squash relishes, side dishes, meat judging beginning at 11:30 from his garden, the ladies talking over coffee at the Judging the entries, Village Primitives, decided to have a Squash Cook-Off by Brannon and his and from there the idea grew. Brannon, head of Trama Frances Clark has compiled a cookbook with the recipes Center in Abilene. Last year from the previous years and entries were from Abilene, a list of previous winners Hawley, Hamlin, Old Glory, that will be available for sale

Categories for judging Primitives.

The cook-off began six will include snacks, salads, dishes, bread, cakes and

Following the judging assistant, the awards will be announced. Those attending may enjoy the various entries brought, as well as a few others. All are welcome to attend and join in the activities at the Rule Village

MVP-Winning the awards for Most Valuable Players for the Quad County 12U tournament held recently in Haskell are, I-r, Peyton Bevel of the Stamford Bulldogs team, Defensive MVP; Frankie Masias **Tournament MVP and Dalton Meinzer Offensive** MVP, both members of the Haskell Red Raiders

Summer reading program continues at library

The Haskell County will be: Library will conduct the program titled, "Summer Reading Time-Yippi!" to 11 a.m.

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

Reading this summer July 17, Jane Rowan; July cookies.

annual summer reading Mayfield; June 19, William Overton; June 21, Jay Beerley; June 26, Janis through July 31 from 10 Brzozowski; June 28, Judge David Davis.

Story time will not be held the first week in July.

July 10, Susan Cockerell

19, Mike Fouts; July 24, June 14, Erlinda Wes Utley; July 26, Mary Murphy; July 31, Brian Burgess.

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

Reading time will be 12, DPS Sgt. Jodie Tullos; followed by crafts and

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Consider weed problems when planting a garden

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

Controlling weeds can be one of the most troublesome jobs associated with producing vegetables in a home garden.

New gardeners would do well to consider weed problems when selecting a garden site.

Old-time gardeners have found that where certain weeds occur, it's best to forget about planting a garden. Areas that are infested with perennial weeds such as Bermuda grass, Johnson under certain conditions to grass) are not suited to vegetable gardening.

There is no herbicide that

thinks about chemical weed herbicides is not practical. control. Indeed chemical weed killers-herbicidesare essential tools in the production of most crops, including certain vegetables. But for the home gardener other "older" methods of control are still important.

home garden. But there is no herbicide that can be used on

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control these pests in home control all weeds. The use of and careful application. For

> The first step in controlling weeds in the garden is to which to plant vegetables. destroyed and the seedbed should be smooth, firm and free of clods. This allows the first crop of weeds.

Most annual weeds can can be used to selectively all vegetable crops that will be controlled by cultivation. Annual broad-leaf weeds are easily removed while they are in the seedling stage. Cultivations should be made to control each flush of weeds that emerge, usually within a few days after a rain. At this time weed seedlings are easily uprooted, even with hand-pushed garden plows, hoes, and other hand tools. If the weeds are allowed to get very large before control measures are taken, their root systems will develop to such an extent that removal with a garden plow or hoe will be difficult, if not impossible. The old saying, "nip it in the bud," certainly applies to weed control in the garden.

The first few weeks after vegetables are planted, is the most important time to control weeds. After the vegetables get well established and start shading the ground, they become competitive and do a good job of preventing new weeds from becoming established.

Mulches of plastic, grass clippings, straw, leaves and other such materials may also be used to help control weeds. In addition, mulches help conserve soil moisture. Some gardeners have found old newspapers to be good mulching material.

By following good cultural practices and using mulches along with timely cultivation and handhoeing, most annual weeds can be controlled in home gardens without excessive "backbreaking labor." In fact, if done in time, the exercise required to control weeds in home gardens would be beneficial to most of us. If nothing else, it should stimulate our appetites and make us appreciate those delicious vegetables being produced.

gardens and controlling herbicides in a home garden them by hand, hoe and plow requires special planning is very difficult. In this modern day when most home gardeners who someone thinks about grow a number of vegetables weed control, he usually on a small area, the use of

prepare a good seedbed in All weed growth should be Herbicides may be used vegetable seeds to be planted and covered depth so plants grass, and nutsedge (nut control some weeds in some will emerge uniformly and vegetables grown in the grow rapidly to get ahead of

> For best results with mulches it is important to remove all weeds by cultivation, hoeing or handpulling before applying mulching materials. A good mulch prevents light from reaching the soil surface and prevents weed seedlings from becoming established. Porous mulches such as hav or straw should be several inches thick to accomplish this purpose.

Obituaries

Earlene Wheeler Horton



EARLENE HORTON

Funeral services for Earlene Wheeler Horton, 90, of Dallas were held Fri., June 8 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the Funeral Homes of Rule.

Mrs. Horton passed away

was the daughter of Jake and Florence Sego Wheeler.

Married Dec. 6, 1941, she was preceded in death by her as described in Proverbs 31. husband of 47 years, Travis R.

Jake and Florence Wheeler; Dallas, and Nancy Horton Wheeler; brother, Kenneth Wheeler; sister-in-law, Pat Patterson Wheeler; and Britt and Brenda Wheeler McCright.

Horton was Home Economist for West Texas Utilities in Stamford for many years. Later, she became a real estate broker and opened her company in Abilene. An avid bridge player, she appreciated a good hand and a worthy opponent. Many of her dearest friendships were forged across the bridge table.

She will be remembered direction of Smith Family as a gifted, gracious and generous lady who loved and was loved by family at her home in Dallas June and friends. Her wit, her unfailing interest in, and her Born Jan. 5, 1922, she encouragement of others made her a pleasure in any group. As a Child of God, she memorials can be made in exemplified a Godly woman Mr. and Mrs. Travis Horton's

Survivors include her Horton. Also preceding her daughters, Ann Horton Amarillo, Texas 79174in death were her parents, Marcus and husband Guy of 0001.

twin brother, Carl Eugene Richard and husband Duane of Landrum, South Carolina; grandchildren, Margaret Marcus Bunten, Travis nieces, Zelma Wheeler Daxon Richard and his wife Lisa, and Lt. John Barrett Richard, USAF, and his wife Brittany; great grandsons, Stephen Douglas Bunten, III, and Travis Horton Richard; brother, leff Wheeler and wife Betty; sister, Myra Wheeler Hill and husband Ronald; sister-in-law, Evelyn Wheeler; and beloved nieces, nephews and cousins of the Wheeler and Sego families.

> She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

> Honorary pallbearers were Duane E. Richard, Guy T. Marcus, Jeff Wheeler, Ronald Hill, Lt. John B. Richard, (USAF), Travis D. Richard.

In lieu of flowers, name to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, PD. NOTICE

Deborah Jean Weaver Gilliam



DEBBIE GILLIAM

Funeral services for Debbie Gilliam, 60, of Stamford were held Wed., June 6 at Paint Creek Baptist Church in Paint Creek with Rev. James Brigham and Rev. Steve Russell officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Gilliam passed away in Stamford.

Born Nov. 6, 1951, in of Albany; one uncle, J.V. com.

Stamford, she was the Weaver and wife Geneva of daughter of Ralph and Oweida Weaver. She was raised in the Paint Creek community and graduated Paint Creek High School. She was a member of the Paint Creek Baptist Church. She married Larry Gilliam March 23, 1996. She was employed by Western Marketing in Tye for the past 17 years and employed at Caterpillar for 12 years prior to that.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Gilliam of Stamford; two stepchildren Shane Gilliam and wife Tiffany of Abilene, and Kelly Sherman and husband Albert of Midland; two brothers, Robert Weaver and wife Jamie of Haskell and Danny Weaver and wife Sylvia of Sun., June 3 at her residence Hawley; one aunt, Jackie Riley and husband Claudie tankersleyfuneralhome.

Houston; nephews, Aaron Weaver and Joey Weaver and wife Lisa; nieces, Robyne Stewart and husband Mike, Shamone Keen and husband Kirt, Shayla Johnson and husband Philip, and Shawnda Weaver; adopted children, Shawn and Nikki Jordan, Daniel Riley, Mike and Tammy Douglas, Chane and Wendy Connor, Trey and Alicia Dancer, Andy and Beth Scott, Nathan Quebie, Brian Phebus and Mickey and Kay Duke; six step grandchildren, Gage, Colton and Fallon Gilliam all of Abilene and Ashton, Brody and Canton Sherman, all of Midland; adopted grandchildren, Hunter, Brennan, Astraea, Caitlyn, Alyssa, Frankie, Riley Jo, Mikayla and Haley.

Online condolences may be viewed at www. PD. NOTICE

Virgil Alvin 'V.A.' Brown, Jr.



V.A. BROWN JR.

Funeral services for Virgil Alvin 'V.A.' Brown, Jr., 85, of Haskell, formerly of Dallas, were held Sat., June 9 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Morris Johnson and Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Brown passed away Wed., June 6 in Haskell.

and Virgil A. Brown, Sr. He graduated Haskell High School at the age of 17 and on May 10, 1944 enlisted into the U.S. Army, 25th Infantry and received his sharpshooter qualifications. While serving in the Military Band, he was honored to play the trumpet for General George S. Patton. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon of the Occupation of Japan and 2 Overseas Service Bars. Brown was Honorably Discharged Nov. 12, 1946 as a Tec 5.

After returning home, he entered Oklahoma State and went on to receive a B.A. in Business. Brown began his career with Southland Life as the corporate assistant vice president. After 32 years he retired from Southland Life and then went on to work for Great Midwest Life as Born Nov. 9, 1926 in the company vice president

Haskell, he was the son of and secretary. He was a life Wilma (Wheeler) Brown member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and ALIS and enjoyed helping people achieve their potential. He was a founding member of the Brown Family Reunion held annually for more than 50 years in Quitman. One of his greatest joys was when OSU beat other universities.

He was preceded in death by his previous wives, Jeannie Guess and Betty Maude Higgins; and parents, Wilma and Virgil Brown, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Mary "Betty" of Haskell; his daughter, Barbara Knuth and her husband Rene' of Dallas; son, James Wayne "Jimmy" Brown of Cleburne; granddaughter, Monamolin Knuth of Dallas; his uncle, Gilbert Wheeler of Euless; and numerous cousins and friends.

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Fireworks are for the pros

Festive parades, disastrous occasion in an specialist. barbeques, and get-togethers instant. help commemorate the summer season. Fourth precaution for fireworks is of July accident reports, to leave them in the hands however, annually of trained professionals who demonstrate that even the put on incredible public most seemingly innocent firework shows," says Dr. sparkler or Roman candle Steven Wolf, a renowned holds danger. Fireworks can UT Southwestern Medical turn a celebration into a Center burn and trauma care

"The best safety

When a burn occurs, "immediately apply cool or lukewarm water on the affected area for 15 minutes," Dr. Wolf says. "This decreases the injury and makes treatment thereafter easier to deal with. However, if more than 10 percent of the body is burned, there presents a risk of hypothermia."

Dr. Wolf says to seek medical attention if the burn is larger than the palm of the victim's hand, or if the burn begins to blister.

Rule Masonic Lodge installs officers

Rule Chapter #989 held year Thurs., June 7 in the meeting. an installation of officers Rule Masonic Lodge. A pot ceremony for the 2012-2013 luck supper preceded the the evening were Installing Faith In Our Future

Sanders family holds reunion

Sanders reunion recently at Haskell: the Circle S Ranch were:

Naples; Jr., Macy and Brady Cox of Omaha, Texas; Keith, April and Austin Escobedo of Abilene; Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell; Kenneth and Elaine Campbell of Haskell; Karen Mitchell of Abilene; Allison Mitchell, Tony Navarette, Keegan and LaCoste of Abilene; Kendall Mitchell, Valerie Lozano, Alexavier Tennison of Fort Worth; and Anjelica of Abilene;

Johnny, Teresa, Shawna and David Cole of Seguin; Bobby, Deven and Jocelyn of Seguin; Scarlett Henninger of Kyle; B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Fort Worth; John and Julie Hardman, of Apex, North Carolina; a 50th birthday party.

Attending the 37th Jacky and Sandra Sanders of

Ben and Melinda Slade Butch and Sue Cox of and children of Burleson; Jaclyn Sanders of Springtown; Dalton and Jordan Stone; Alek, Lexi, Carrie and Lily; Bud and Wilma Sanders of Coleman; Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains; Bill Maupin of Odessa; Loretta Maupin, Bill Maupin Jr. of Odessa;

> Tom and Tammy Jennifer and Alex Padron of Fort Worth; Barbie and Jacky Dee Kirkland of Weatherford; Kristen and Kaden Huey of Benbrook; Edwin and Maria Baxter of Seguin.

John Hardman was Robin, Tim, David and Justin honored by the group with Protection Management City of Abilene.

Pain management seminar to be held June 21

by Jane Rowan CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Haskell Memorial Hospital, along with Texas Agrilife Extension Service-Haskell County and Phyllis Coleman-LMT, will be sponsoring a seminar on "Understanding and Managing Persistent Pain." The seminar is scheduled for Thurs., June 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building in Haskell.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Dr. Rene Flores, Physical Therapist with Haskell Memorial Hospital.

features of chronic pain and help the audience to 940-864-2658.

understand how to manage persistent pain conditions with coping skills and strategies for returning to normal everyday activities. Healthcare providers will also benefit from this discussion by learning modern management models in caring for the chronic pain patient.

There will be a question and answer session at the conclusion of Dr. Flores's presentation. Come join us for an interesting, educational evening that is open to the public at no charge.

For more information, contact the Haskell Memorial Dr. Flores will present Hospital at 940-864-2621 or objectives to recognize the Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Haskell County at

Cancer workshop to be held in Abilene June 19

Network (CSN) plans to Chestnut, Suite 112, Abilene. broadcast CancerCare's Bring your lunch (drinks and Connect® Workshop Part dessert will be provided). III of Cancer Survivorship: Leading experts in oncology Living With, Though, will provide the most up-toand Beyond Cancer. This date information in audio workshop entitled Changing Roles and Responsibilities for Caregivers is scheduled reservations are requested. Tues., June 19 from noon to Please call the CSN 1:30 p.m.

survivors, their families, cancerservicesnetwork.org. and friends. Information CSN provides post-diagnosis will be shared to help them cope with concerns that cancer survivors and their arise after treatment. The families and caregivers information is primarily for through direct financial, cancer survivors who have emotional, and educational recently completed their programs. CSN, an agency treatment, but you may find of the United Way of Abilene, the information helpful even provides services in 19if you were treated a long counties of West Central

collaboration with active treatment and is based the National Cancer on a sliding scale. Emotional Institute: Office of Cancer and social support programs Survivorship and Office are provided free of charge of Communications and to anyone regardless of Education, LIVESTRONG, American Cancer Society, Intercultural Cancer Council, Living Beyond Breast Cancer and National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship sponsor the workshops. Dr. Anita Broxson, ON, OCN, will facilitate questions and answers after the session.

A brown bag lunch will be held in the Hinds Square

No cost to attend but office at 325-672-0040 This session is for cancer or send an email info@ assistance to cancer patients, Texas. Financial assistance is Cancer Care, in provided to cancer patients in income.

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Officer, Bess Caldwell of Abilene, Past Grand Matron past Worthy Matron of Throckmorton #500; Installing Secretary, Karen Kidd of Abilene and member of Board of Directors of Grand Chapter-District 2; Installing Chaplain, Barbara Reynolds of Abilene 833 and member of ESTARL Committee-District 2; Barnes of Abilene and member of Credentials Committee-District 2; Installing Warder, Charles Worthy Patron of Abilene Sentinel, Margie Caldwell.

#30; and Installing Sentinel, Installing officers for Don Reynolds of Abilene, Committee, District 2.

of Texas; Donna Frazier, will be Worthy Matron, Oleta Cornelius; Worthy Patron, Bobby Jenkins; Associate Matron, Betty Thompson; Associate Patron, J.N. Cornelius; secretary, Mary Helen Jenkins; treasurer, Sharon Simpson; Conductress, Pat Jenkins; Associate Conductress, Installing Organist, Sue Kay Gross; Adah, Gerri Newberry; Ruth, Theresa Stephens; Esther, Anita Dozier; Martha, Ada Pope; Electa, Melissa Hudson; Barnes of Abilene and past Warder, Brandy Miller; and

Food protection management course scheduled

A two-day Food Environmental Section of the training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held July 9 and 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office, located on the Taylor County Expo grounds in Abilene.

The training will allow food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. The exam being used is the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam. Food service establishments permitted by the Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are also invited to attend. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension in Haskell, Jones, Nolan and Taylor counties and the

Cost for the class is \$115, which includes the course book and exam. The cost for the exam only is \$65. Registration deadline is Mon., June 18. Registration information is available by calling the Haskell County Office at 940-862-2546, Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048, Jones County Office at 325-823-2432, or Nolan County Office at 325-235-3184.

Williams graduates

Mae Lou Yeldell, Brittany Jordan, Elna Virginia Goudeau and Leon Goudeau were in Arlington attending the Juan Seguin High School Class of 2012 commencement exercises held Sat., June 2 at the University of Texas.

Ebonè Symone Williams, daughter of Edith Williams, was a graduate.



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Stocks tamily meets for reunion

Thirty-six relatives and descendants of the Audie E. Officers for the new year and Lydia Dake Stocks family gathered over the weekend at the Haskell Civic Center for a get together.

Attending were Wanda Lancaster of Irving; Al and Debra Lancaster of Irving;

A.M. Stocks; Randy and Lisa Shaw; A.J., Sarah and Audie Shaw, and Audie's cousins, Ben and Luke Vida White; Chaplain, Ila Davidson; Danny Stocks of Hughes Springs; Josh, Sara and Avalynne Stocks of Oak Grove, Kentucky; David, Stephanie, Natyleigh and Brooklynn Boatman of Claremore, Oklahoma; Phillip, Joyce and Justin Stocks and Brandon Butts, all of Robinson;

> J.D. and Karen Stocks of Grandfalls; Misty, Jaci and Ashlyn Acosta of Odessa;

Jerry and Betty Stocks; Rusty, Holly, Alyssa and Brynlee Stocks of Tuscola;

Cody Stocks of Lawn;

Glenna and Bobby Dake of Quanah; and Sue Hudson of Mansfield.

Certificates were awarded to Wanda Lancaster, oldest in attendance; Jaci Acosta, youngest in attendance; and Josh Stocks, farthest traveled.



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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

GOP, Democrats adopt party platforms

AUSTIN-Last week, the Republican, Democratic, Libertarian and Green parties of Texas held their state conventions in Fort Worth, Houston, Fort Worth and Grey Forest-about 25 miles northwest of downtown San Antonio, respectively.

Because of their lengthy traditions and larger memberships, the more heavily attended and mediacovered were Democrats and Republican meetings.

Republicans gathered at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Retired attorney Steve Munisteri of Houston was reelected as state party chair. Delegates adopted a 22-page party platform that includes items such as support for border security, judicial restraint, defense of marriage, abolition of ad valorem taxation, certain restrictions on state-funded family planning services, repeal of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and a prohibition on state or federal loans or grants for non-U.S.

Meanwhile, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, attorney Gilberto Hinojosa of Brownsville was elected chair of the Texas the restaurant industry." Democratic Party. A former judge and school board member, Hinojosa is the organization's first Hispanic chair and has served the party on the national level. Delegates passed party platform with planks in support of women's reproductive rights, marriage equality for same-sex couples, repeal of the death penalty, national single-payer health insurance, and the decriminalization of

Testing results released

Preliminary results of the latest high-stakes battery of student testing required by state law were released by the Texas said "most 18-wheeler and bus Education Agency on June 8.

Passing rates on five endof-course "State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness" tests-taken by some 319,000 students-ranged from as high as 87 percent on biology to as low as 55 percent on English I writing, the agency reported.

Passing requirements for the current "STAAR™" tests will be phased in, getting tougher at intervals until 2016. STAAR passing standards require students to demonstrate more in-depth knowledge, critical thinking, and application skills than did the previous Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), the agency said. Summaries of scores are available at www.tea.state.

Tighter budgets ordered On June 4, the 10-member Legislative Budget Board released instructions for state agencies to use in preparing appropriations requests for the 2014-2015 two-year budget

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, two of the board's 10 members, and Gov. Rick Perry, urged agency executives to hold the line on spending by submitting requests that detail how they would reduce their baseline request by an additional 10 percent, in 5 percent increments. The leadership also notified state agencies that if "state fiscal conditions warrant it" they may be asked to reduce their fiscal year 2013 budgets.

Sales tax revenue is up

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, in making her monthly distribution to local governments, on June 6 announced that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.09 billion, up 7.3 percent compared to May 2011.

"This marks 26 consecutive months of sales tax growth," Combs said. "As the recovery continues, the year-to-year rate of growth is stabilizing. Collections remain strong in the oil and natural gas-related sectors as well as other segments of the Texas economy such as

DPS joins in Roadcheck

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, in addition to their normal duties, participated in a June 6-8 nationwide enforcement effort targeting tractor-trailers and buses with serious equipment violations and drivers not complying with state and federal requirements.

Troopers checked brakes, tires, lights and loading standards, licenses and log books, and watched roadways for aggressive passenger vehicle

DPS Director Steve McCraw wrecks are actually caused by passenger vehicles, so Texas drivers can do their part to keep our roads safe by using extra caution when driving near commercial vehicles."

Invasive bivalve, water plant

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on June 5 asked lake users to "Clean your boat. Save your lake."

The purpose was to raise public awareness about two invasive species: zebra mussels and giant salvinia, and to call for action.

Requested actions included: clean all debris and plant material from the boat and trailer; drain all water from boat, engine, live wells and bait buckets; let boat and trailer dry for at least a week before using these grants and trust that the boat in a non-infested water

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 13, 2002

First United Methodist pastor Shane Brue and family will be leaving Haskell for Wilmore, Kentucky, where he will study to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Roy and Mary Letz of Rule, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and dance, hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Ryan Burgess, Chase Selke and Josh Webb of Haskell, were among the young men chosen to attend the 62nd Annual Texas American Legion Boys State in Austin.

20 Years Ago June 11, 1992

Haskell Chamber of Commerce members welcomed several new businesses: Guadalcazar's Restaurant, owned by Margaret Hernandez; R&J Woodshop, owned by James and Ronnie Vaughn; Hair Plus, owned by Anita Weaver; and G&G Carpets, owned by Jessie and Rose Guadalcazar.

Haskell High School twirling line of Andrea Bridwell, Nichole Cothron, Cindy Henry, Sherry Mueller and Kelly Nanny.

All eleven children of Jack and Sallie Sanders of Weinert attended the recent family reunion held in Haskell. They are Rocky Sanders, Scarlet Cole, Jacky Sanders, Sue Cox, Marie Kirkland, Martha Hardman.

30 Years Ago June 17, 1982

Listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University were Jimmy D. Browning, Kelly D. Croft and Cynthia G. Everett, all of Haskell. Also named to the honor roll was Rock W. Petty of Rule.

Tommy Munday of Haskell, was the winner of the one man bass boat with electric trolling motor, given away by the Haskell Bass

Attending cheerleading Winning a gold medal camp at Tarleton State at the State Solo/Ensemble University, were Haskell

HEY, DADDY-

AREN'T**YOU** GOING

TO CATCH A FISH ON

FATHER'S DAY?

Contest in Austin, was the Junior High cheerleaders Sonya Nixon, Robyn Struve, Sheree Dumas, Mindy Smith and Dana Hale.

40 Years Ago June 15, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sampson, who operate Whites Auto in Haskell, are celebrating their tenth anniversary with the store. They bought the store June 1, 1962.

The Haskell County 4-H Maupin, Andy Sanders, Horse Club met to elect Ethel Slade, Oman Sanders, officers. They are Susie Lona Mae Phelps and Eva Hopkins, president; Jo Overton, vice president; Debbie Aycock, secretary; and Glenda Gayle Chapman,

> Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sloan of Cooper announce the arrival of a daughter, Karomy Nashae, weighing in at 6 lbs. 6 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sloan of Rochester.

50 Years Ago June 14, 1962

Announcement was made by Gerald Lytle, that he has sold his Texaco Service Station to Bob Elbert Mapes, native Haskellite, effective July 9th.

Haskell Postmaster Harold Spain attended the annual convention of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, where he was installed as president of

Bobby Lusk of this city, and a graduate of Texas Tech, has accepted a position with the Soil Conservation Service in Presidio County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk of Haskell.

the organization.

100 Years Ago June 15, 1912

Buford Long has returned from Austin, and will now engage in his campaign for County Attorney.

Dr. J.C. Davis of Sagerton, took a patient to Fort Worth a few days ago, where he placed his patient in a sanitarium.

The school board has completed the faculty for next year. It includes Prof. R.J. Turrentine as superintendent and Prof. H.E. Bell as principal.

Haskell Co. **Arrest Report**

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June

Samuel Reyes, assault family violence, Class A.

Cole Gardner, motion to revoke false report to peace

Rondy Marvin Strickland, public intoxication.

Stephen Bray Chambles, driving while intoxicated. John Anthony Pierce,

assault family violence. Also, unlawful restraint. Adrian Villarreal, burglary of habitation. Also, public

intoxication. John Henry Bennett, Jr.,

public intoxication. Thirty-four calls were

made to 911.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I should have put this in the column last week but ran out of space, but both papers covered the event quite effectively. I just want to reiterate how pleased I was to be a part of giving the keys to families' new homes. I knew it would be a happy occasion but didn't realize it would be such an emotional one. We're very proud of our citizens who qualified for you will be willing to show off your pretty new homes.

While we were granted six new homes this time, I was told that we might be able to qualify for ten in the next granting cycle. This is a very worthwhile program and the city and county will continue to encourage participation from our citizens.

There was some vandalism at the Country Club Tuesday night. From the looks of things it appears some people had a mite too much to drink, too much time on their hands or maybe just a need to be destructive and decided to tear up some greens on the golf course by driving over them and creating deep ruts. When I think about how hard the Country Club committee has worked and how much money the city has put into restoring the golf course, usual, a few ruin things for the many.

not our primary residence we do not need in town. and the contents are mostly dwellings. That's what you people who travel with that have insurance for! Our harvest have also moved on hearts go out to those who to their next stop. However, have lost everything; those the workers associated with are the ones who need our the construction of the prayers and concern. At least transmission lines and those so far, there has been no loss erecting the wind turbines of life and that's the only will be arriving before long. thing that we can't reproduce. Matter of fact, many of the The Google map we just got transmission line folks are shows we are surrounded. already here. That means It's an emotional tie, many there will be new faces happy family/friend hours around town and that gives spent there but still it is just us an opportunity to make

The area just north of the square that has been people to put their metal as Wall of Honor is not and I repeat, is not, a place for old tires, old chairs, or trash in general. Come on people... it is not a dumping site. If you are caught dumping at year. that site, I'm hoping Chief Richard Candelaria will have it seems we've spent at least a stiff fine for you. Again, a few ruining things for the funerals. We traveled to

it just makes me mad! As rounds, I am seeing in-law. You didn't know him Since Saturday at 1:45 a.m. as a result of the storm a still deliver the death or usage reductions.

we've been mostly consumed couple of weeks ago. I would with worry over the house in encourage you to get these Ruidoso...will it be spared piles of trash to the landfill and even if it is will there as soon as possible because be nothing but scorched these can become homes for earth for scenery. Must put rats, mice, snakes, skunks and things into perspective: it is numerous other vermin that Now that wheat harvest is

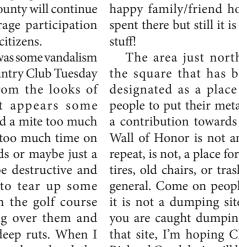
"overflow" from many winding down, most of the them feel welcome which I know you will do.

As I sit here on Sunday designated as a place for afternoon writing this column, the temperature a contribution towards the outside is 106 and risingpredicted to be 112. The plants I watered yesterday afternoon are already wilting. Surely, surely this summer will not be a replay of last

I guess it's our age, but two days/week devoted to Nocona Friday to bury a As I make my mayoral Ya-Ya's 99 year old fatherso I won't list all his stellar and limbs that were felled qualities. In Nocona they

funeral notices to the local businesses, a routine our funeral home used to do. It was a flashback to the past to see his displayed at the Dairy Queen, a notification but also a memorial of sort. His son wrote a very touching tribute to him and then to top that the grandson wrote, "A few things you didn't know about your Great-Grandad" for his four children. The last part went like this: "Above all this, he was a faithful Christian who loved God and loved his family. It was very easy to make him smile, and he always lit up when you guys walked in the room because he was so happy to see you. He will be waiting for you with that smile on his face in heaven." Wow, would that someone could say such things about me when my time comes.

Just returned from our City Council meeting at which we adopted Stage 1 of our drought contingency plan which is a voluntary 10% reduction in water usage. We all know how blessed we are to have a reservoir from which to get our drinking water so we need to do all we can to conserve that resource. I, for one, don't want to go back to using well water. So do what you can to reduce your water usage by at least 10% so that we won't have to initiate mandatory water



numerous piles of branches

From the AG

Happy Father's Day!

Being a father isn't always easy, but the rewards of the job make the sacrifices well worth it. There is no greater gift to children than the security that comes from knowing their dad loves them and can be relied on to put their needs first. Fathers who practice this form of sacrificial love will forever hold a special place in their children's hearts.

This Father's Day, the employees of the Child Support Division (CSD) thank Texas dads for doing the right thing by taking care of their children and giving them the love and support they deserve.

Last year, the CSD collected \$3.1 billion in child support-and most of the money came from fathers. You are the unsung heroes in your children's lives.

The CSD demonstrates its commitment to fathers by recognizing the important and irreplaceable role they play in their children's lives. Several notable resources that serve Texas fathers include:

The Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at noncustodial parents' access the time of birth. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) trains and certifies hospital and birthing center employees to assist parents with the Acknowledgment of Paternity process so that the child will have a legal father right from the start. Last year, POP gave more than 124,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.

Maps for New Dads: Handbook for Expectant and New Fathers is a publication designed to help expecting dads transition into fatherhood. Maps covers everything from what to expect on a prenatal visit to making homes "baby safe"all in a manner designed to reinforce the special role fathers play. Additional resources developed by the OAG include posters recognizing the important role fathers play, a Parenting

Call toll-free for help with alluring but deadly poisons

So many of them are speak English. things children love—enticing inviting contents that look and smell like a favorite food or a familiar beverage.

To a small child, that decongestant on the nightstand looks just like red cinnamon candies, and the laxative in the bathroom cabinet is almost identical to a square of chocolate. That yellow lamp oil in the seethrough bottle on the kitchen lemonade. And the cleanser in the round green can under the sink? It bears a close resemblance to a container of sprinkle-on grated Parmesan cheese.

Poison control centers know all too well about "look-alikes"-those perfectly good products that become dangerous when mistaken for something yummy by a curious crawler or climber.

According to Carolyn Insall, a public educator for the Central Texas Poison Control Center in Temple, "Among our 180,416 incoming calls about exposures and possible exposures to poisons, 96,256 (53.4 percent) involved children under 5."

This age group represents less that 10 percent of the population. Nationally, about 1 million poison-exposure medicines and household incidents each year involve preschool-age children.

What makes small children especially vulnerable to accidental poisoning is that first, unless you're in a lifethey're constantly exploring and investigating the world around them, often putting what they see and can reach into their mouths. That's why it's so important to use products with childresistant packaging and keep medicines and chemicals locked up and out of sight.

If a suspected poisoning occurs, people have a nationwide toll-free number that connects with the nearest poison control center.

"I tell people to program it into their cell phones so they always have it available," said Insall, who works at one of the Texas' six regional Poison Control Centers. The centers are located in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple. All are equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) and access to translation services for callers who don't hospital.

Two-gether Handbook for

When you call the colors, intriguing containers, toll-free number, you're connected to the nearest poison control center and its staff of registered nurses and pharmacists, as well as available paramedics and physicians. They're on duty 24 hours a day, and all have extensive experience and credential in dealing with poison-related emergencies, Insall noted.

"About 80 percent of the counter smells a lot like time, we're able to avoid telling callers to take the child to an emergency room or doctor's office," Insall said. "A typical call involves parents saying something like, 'I think my toddler may have swallowed some dishwashing detergent; what should I do?' We're usually able to determine that it wasn't enough to be likely to hurt the child, and tell the parents to simply give her some milk, water or juice and keep an eye on her.

"Of course, some cases truly do call for immediate medical attention, but we try to spare people that time and expense when the situation doesn't really require it."

If you believe someone in your home has been exposed to a possible poison:

•Stay calm. Not all chemicals are poisonous, and not all exposures necessarily result in poisoning.

•Call 800-222-1222 threatening situation. Don't go straight to the hospital. And don't induce vomiting unless the expert tells you

•Have the label ready, if possible. It will provide information concerning the product's contents and advice on what immediate first aid to perform.

•Be prepared to give information to the person who answers the phone such as the victim's age and weight, any existing health conditions or problems, substance involved and how it contacted the person (swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, splashed into the eyes), how long ago the victim swallowed or inhaled the substance, any first aid that may have been given, if the person has vomited, and your location and how long it will take you to get to the

New Parents and the For Our Children DVD.

Access and Visitation programs promote to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. Awarding grant funding to local organizations is one way the Attorney General's Office can help children whose parents are engaged in custody or visitation disputes, since federal funding to run the child support program cannot be used to handle these issues. The services provided under this grant include early intervention, co-parenting education, mediation and enforcement. The OAG also funds a tollfree assistance hotline, 866-292-4636, and provides a Web-based directory of services available in Texas communities.

The Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) program is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults. The p.a.p.a. program focuses on the "rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting." Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realties of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.

Protecting consumers against data breaches

average consumer becoming Contact the financial a victim of a data breach grows institution immediately if with each new advancement there is a suspicious charge in the electronic age.

A data breach occurs when sensitive or confidential information-driver's license numbers, medical records, Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers-is stolen, copied or used by an unauthorized

As recently as 2004, only one state required businesses to alert consumers if their personal data had been stolen. Since then, legislation has passed in 45 additional states to ensure that affected consumers be contacted should their personal

While the news media provides a welcome window for reporting the major breaches affecting millions of accounts, it's not always large companies suffering from such thefts. The perpetrator could be an employee, a partner or an external person, such as a computer hacker.

But, there are steps that can be taken at the consumer level to protect against a personal data breach.

•Take the time to review credit card and bank statements for fraudulent charges on your accounts at least monthly. With online access to accounts, it is easier than ever to check transactions and you'd be wise to check your statement

and report it.

•Request that the financial institution close any accounts that you suspect were compromised and ask for replacement cards with new account numbers and PINs.

•Determine if there have been any unusual requests such as change-of-address or attempts to secure additional or replacement credit cards.

•Instruct the card issuer not to honor any requests regarding your card without your written authorization.

•Credit card issuers offer a variety of email and/or text information be lost or notices. You can ask for a notice when charges over a certain amount are made or when your balance reaches a certain level.

If you have been the victim of identity theft, contact each of the three credit reporting agencies-Equifax, TransUnion and Experianand place a security freeze on

The possibility of the more often than monthly. your account. With a freeze in place, the information in your credit report will not be released to anyone, making it almost impossible for an identity thief to open a new account in your name. If you wish to apply for a new loan or credit card, you will need to temporarily lift the freeze by providing a password.

Report the identity theft to the police, as you may need to provide a copy of the police report to your bank, creditors and credit reporting agencies. If the local police are not familiar with investigating information compromises, contact the local office of the FBI or the U.S. Secret Service.

To ensure that an identity thief has not opened a new account in your name, you should review your credit report. To obtain a free copy of the report, go to www. annualcreditreport.com. If there are any accounts on your report that you did not open, contact the credit bureau to report the fraud and dispute the charges.

Help support the **Wall of Honor Project**

by donating your aluminum cans/scrap metal!

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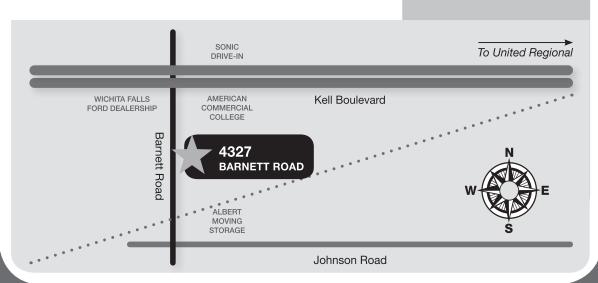
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Don't overlook safe handling and preparation when hunting and cooking wild hogs

France's contributions to America are quite a mixed bag. On the plus side: the Statue of Liberty, Mardi Gras, great wines and San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker. On the other hand: feral hogs.

Although historians "credit" Spanish conquistador Hernando De Soto with importing the first domestic pigs that escaped into the wilds of North America, it was French explorer Rene-Robert de la Salle who inflicted them upon Texas in 1685.

La Salle fared poorly in his effort to colonize the Gulf coast, but the lean, European-bred swine he brought along have thrived. Today, as many as 2 million of their descendants roam the farms, public lands and outer suburbs of most Texas counties. They're widely seen as destructive pests who trample or root up crops, destroy quail habitat and even devour suckling lambs and kid goats.

But they do have one and mystique of wild boar or bandana. taste great.

American cuisine" restaurant worth its buzz has at least one wild boar item on its menuanything from sausage and cutlets to shoulder roast, ribs, cracklings and even funky concoctions made from trotters, tails or other

Texas farmers and ranchers are delighted to support this trend. Some have become suppliers of wild hog meat to farmer's markets and specialty butchers. Many others are leasing their hog-ridden property to game hunters. It's a classic win-win transaction. The urban hunter-gourmand enjoys the primal satisfaction of bagging their own food while the landowner is able to charge them for providing meat. this valuable herd-thinning

If you're one of the millions who've been seduced by the leanness, intense flavor

outstanding virtue. They cuisine-and are passably skilled with a hunting In fact, nearly every "new rifle or multi-catch trapthere are countless recipes waiting to be explored. But before you try them, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department advise you to learn a few health and safety

Handle Raw Meat with Care

There's no known threat of contracting swine flu from feral hogs, but they do carry other potential hazards such as tularemia and swine brucellosis. The percentage of infected hogs varies from year to year, so health experts encourage hunters and trappers to use the same standard precautions while processing or handling raw

•Wear coveralls during processing and immediately change into fresh clothes afterward.

•Wear eye protection if there's any risk of their being splashed with blood or other

•Don't eat, drink, smoke or do anything else that requires you to put your hands close to your mouth

•Afterward, wash hands and equipment thoroughly with hot, soapy water.

•Trappers or wild game producers who notice hogs that appear to have respiratory infections should immediately contact their veterinarian.

•Trappers or hunters who become ill should seek medical attention and inform their doctors they've been around pigs.

•When you're ready to wow your dinner guests with a home-cooked wild boar banquet, use a thermometer to make sure the meat is cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit to kill all •Wear gloves and a mask bacteria and parasites.

ECC Menu

Mon., June 18 Fri., June 22

tea or coffee

Wed., June 20 Salmon patty, pork n beans, new potatoes, cornbread, apple crisp, tea or coffee

Crispy chicken, tossed salad, Sloppy Joe's, country potato Italian green beans, garlic salad, carrots, zucchini, (wheat) toast, misc. dessert, pumpkin buckle, tea or

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

Students in the News

The Dean's List for the and maintain a 3.25 or better 2012 spring semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San

be enrolled fulltime at ASU Rodgers.

grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following from the Haskell To be eligible for the area, Codi B. Foster, Angelica Dean's List, students must I. Gonzalez and Lisa G.

Moving expenses may be deductible

Many people with children first 24 months immediately find it less disruptive to move during the summer months when school is not in session. Although moving can be costly, some expenses may be deductible on your federal

If you moved due to a change in your job or business location, or because you started a new job or business, you may be able to deduct your reasonable moving expenses but not any expenses for meals. To qualify for the moving expense deduction, you must satisfy two tests. Under the first test, the "distance test," your new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job location was from your old home. If you had no previous workplace, your new job location must be at least 50 miles from your

old home. The second test is the "time test." If you are an employee, you must work full-time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months immediately following your arrival in the general area of your new job location. If least 39 weeks during the first refer to Publication 521. 12 months and for a total of Moving Expenses, at www. at least 78 weeks during the IRS.gov.

following your arrival in the general area of your new work location. There are exceptions to the time test in case of death, disability and involuntary separation, among other things.

If you are a member of the armed forces and your move was due to a military order and permanent change of station, you do not have to satisfy the "distance or time

"It's important to maintain an accurate record of expenses you paid to move," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "You should save items such as receipts, bills, cancelled checks, credit card statements and mileage logsas well as any statements of reimbursement from your employer."

Moving expenses are figured on Form 3903 (PDF), Moving Expenses, and deducted as an adjustment to income on Form 1040 (PDF). You cannot deduct any moving expenses covered by reimbursements from your employer that are excluded from income.

For more information on you are self-employed, you deductible and nondeductible must work full time for at moving expenses, please

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This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith helps us appreciate a father's wisdom

Despite a variety of unflattering images depicting a father as either too stern or too spineless, the true picture is more likely that of a kindly, hard-working provider and protective shield for his family; the wise arbiter of right and wrong; the author of firm but loving discipline; and a tower of strength at all times. A father tries to conceal his anxieties while setting the

example of character and courage for his children, and must provide the answer to any physical or moral crisis that may arise. The Bible is filled with passages in praise of a father's wisdom and guidance, and you should learn to honor and respect your father at the church of your choice; not merely on special occasions, but every day of the year.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

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

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

Church of God

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

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

607 S. 7th, Haskell **First United Methodist Church** Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.

Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell **First Assembly of God**

Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell **Church of Christ** Philip Sims, minister

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church**

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

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

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

New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

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

301 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**

Morris R. Johnson, pastor

Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m. West side of square, Haskell

--WEINERT-**First Baptist Church**

Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. **Weinert Foursquare Church**

> **Rev. Robert Harrison** Sunday 11 a.m Weinert ROCHESTER

Church of Christ Steve Wilis, 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. 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

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 Omegs 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.

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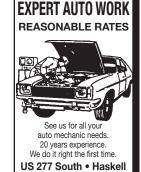
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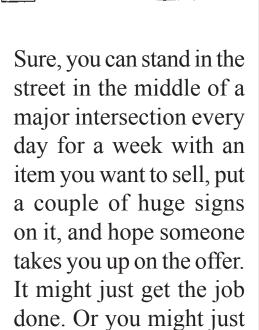
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Ag Safety Day set June 22 in Abilene

rural neighborhood, small town, or ranch is a home, a playground, and a place where they do chores. Teaching them to take some of the responsibility for their own safety at home and in their neighborhoods is the subject of the eighth bi-annual Big Country Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, which will be held June 22 at the Big Country Hall located the on grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Youth who have completed third through ninth grade are invited to participate in this day-long activity sponsored by many local organizations, businesses, and agencies in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. Older youth are welcome to participate and/ or assist with the activities.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation is committed to providing education to help youth and their families avoid tragic accidents. At the heart of this effort is the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program, formerly known as the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp® program. Founded by The Progressive Farmer magazine in 1995, the program trains and provides the resources that local communities need to conduct one-day safety programs that are age-appropriate, hands-on, fun, and safe for children. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® are conducted in the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories. 415 Progressive County.

For many children, the Agriculture Safety Days® are planned in 36 states, nine Canadian Provinces, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. These Safety Days could reach 80,000 participants with the help of 18,000 adult and older teen volunteers.

The Big Country Safety Day will focus on safetyrelated practices involving fire, electricity, snakes, weather, train, guns, drugs, internet, grain auger/PTO, and passenger safety. Handson activities, lectures and demonstrations will provide youth with information that will reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules, and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Parents may register their children by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County 325-672-6048; Callahan County 325-854-5835; Coleman County 325-625-4519; Fisher County 325-776-3259; Jones County 325-823-2432; Nolan County 325-235-3184; or Shackelford County 325-762-2232 ext. 7. A \$5 registration (maximum of \$15 per family) fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home bag and a Safety Day t-shirt.

For more information contact Martha Alice Spraberry at 325-672-6048 or by e-mail m-spraberry@ tamu.edu. Spraberry serves as County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor

4-H Horse Show set June 20-23

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

Plains District will match their skills June 20-23 in the 45th annual Rolling Plains District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon.

More than 1504-Hers will compete in Showmanship, Roping, Reining, Western at the Wilbarger County Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Futurity Classes. In addition to prizes and ribbons, 4-H'ers from the Rolling Plains will represent the District in the State 4-H Horse Show later this summer, said Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension

Representing Haskell County will be Kaley Mathis, Kameryn Mathis, River McTasney and Zhenia McTasney. The 4-H'ers will be competing in the barrels, poles, stakes race, registered

mare 4 and under, hunter showmanship, hunter under Top young riders saddle, hunter seat equitation, throughout the Rolling stock horse futurity, working cow horse, stock horse trail, western pleasure, western horsemanship, western horse futurity, yearling halter filly futurity and yearling longe line futurity.

Competition will be held Events Center in Vernon. The working cow horse, three year working cow horse, stock horse trail, hunter showmanship, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, western futurity, yearling halter futurity, yearling longe line, and pleasure pattern will be held on Friday.

Saturday's events will be the halter classes, western pleasure and finals, western horsemanship and finals and western riding and finals. Timed event finals will be next followed by an awards program.

THANK YOU!

To the voters of Precinct #1, I wish to thank you for your support in the May 29th election. I look forward to your continued

support in the November general election when I will face a Republican opponent. I will continue to do my best on maintaining and trying to improve the roads in Precinct #1 and support your needs in Commissioners' Court. Thank you again for your support.

Johnny Scoggins **Haskell County Commissioner** Precinct #1

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd for by Johnny Scoggins

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Mon., May 21 with David Davis, County Judge, and Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield and Neal Kreger in attendance.

reminded to deliver voting machines to each polling place for the May 29 Primary

No burn ban is in effect. Loraine Johnson placed a bid of \$1,250.33 for the property at 506 N. Ave. B. Commissioners were The court accepted the bid.

Show steers to be validated Sat., June 16

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

The steer validation tags validated at the Haskell county Vet Clinic located on the south end of Haskell just off of Highway 277 South Sat., June 16 beginning at

If you are a 4-H beef you will need to bring your steer(s) and plenty of help

to get them in and out FSA disaster, conservation, of the chutes and trailers. Each steer exhibitor and for 4-H/FFA steer projects a parent/guardian will are in. The Haskell County need to be present to sign 4-H steer projects will be important state validation those which are not yet halter broke, will need to be validated at this time and location. Hair will be pulled for DNA testing.

If you have any questions feeder and you ordered tags or problems with this date, already for your projects call Wes Utley at the Haskell County Extension Office, at 940-864-2658.

Star gazing party to be held at **Fort Griffin**

Site presents their monthly Star Gazing Party: Stars and Skies of Texas, scheduled for June 16 at 8:30 p.m. This event will provide education and entertainment for the entire family, no matter the age. This is the fourth of their monthly star gazing parties planned to take place as weather permits.

If you're wondering how the skies are at Fort Griffin, just know that they premiere hot spots for astronomy and is one of the 3 best public areas in Texas.

Each month, near the new moon, astronomers from all over Texas travel to Fort Griffin to take advantage of these night skies. This month, Kurt Oliver from Woodson 325-762-3592.

Fort Griffin State Historic and other astronomers will share their telescopes, laser pointers, and knowledge of the night skies with the public. The star gazing program will begin after dark in the baseball field of the Fort Griffin campground.

For the basic cost of general admission to Fort Griffin State Historic through October of this year, Site, a family can create a memorable experience for both kids and adults alike. General admission to the site is \$4 for adults, \$3 for are described by many students (age 6-18), and astronomers as being some age 5 and under are free. of the darkest and clearest Discounts on admission in Texas. In fact, Fort Griffin are available to those who is considered one of the check-in to the event via Facebook.

> For more information about this event, camping fees, facilities, or other activities Fort Griffin has to offer, visit their website at www.visitfortgriffin.com. For camping reservations call

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Commissioners' Court report FSA Co. Committee nominations start

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski, announced that county committee election nominations begin June 15. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the Aug. 1, 2012 deadline.

Elected county committee term and are responsible for making decisions on commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County Committees forms. All steers, including are unique to FSA and are a valuable resource that gives locally elected farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs the opportunity to impact farm programs at the local level," said Brzozowski. "I hope to see a high level of nomination and election process," he said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program fsa.usda.gov.

Haskell County USDA 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.

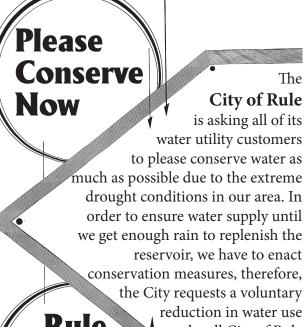
"In order to have members serve a three-year fair representation of the demographics and agricultural interests in the community, I encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," said Brzozowski.

> 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. 1, 2013.

Nomination forms must participation during the be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2012.

For more information candidates. Organizations about county committees, please contact the Haskell County FSA office at 607 N. 1st East Ste. B or call 940-864-2617 ext. 2 or visit www.

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