

## Calendar

### TCR hamburger lunch

The TCR Old Timers Association will hold a hamburger lunch during the Texas Cowboy Reunion on July 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds benefit the building maintenance fund.

### Eastern Star

Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., July 3, in the Rule Masonic Hall at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and a stated meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

### Fiddler's contest

The TCR Old Timer's Association is sponsoring the annual Fiddler's Contest Sat., July 5 at 10 a.m. at the Round Up Hall in Stamford. There are three age groups with a cash prize to each group and an overall cash prize winner. For more information contact DeDe Jones at 325-660-4302 or Jan Muehlstein at 325-773-2001.

### Teen Challenge

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will host the Teen Challenge of Texas program Sun., July 6 at 10:30 a.m. for area youth. Check out Teen Challenge on Facebook or at <http://teenchallenge.tx.org/> or call 940-841-1695 for details. This is a faith based program focusing on taking control of addiction.

### Friends of the Library

Friends of the Haskell County Library will meet Mon., July 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the library.

### Research help needed

The history of the American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221 in Haskell is being researched. If anyone has names and/or photos of the Commanders of the legion, please contact us so that their information may be included in this history. A display is planned for inside the building to honor all of these people. Please contact Brenda Frye at 940-864-2363 or by email [cm2texas@windstream.net](mailto:cm2texas@windstream.net) to share your information.

### Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 24. No meals will be served June 30-July 4. Anyone ages one year through 18 years of age may eat free. Adults are also invited to eat for the price of \$3.25 per plate.

### Mud Run

Celebrate the end of summer by having some fun in the mud. Plan now to run in the Mud Out Crime Mud Run, Sat., Aug. 9 at Stamford Marina on the south side of Lake Stamford. Sponsored by Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, the run will offer a choice of 5K or 3K courses. Register now at [active.com](http://active.com). Reduced entry fees for early registration and for entering a team of 3 or more. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities welcome. Come out, have a good time, and help support a good cause. All proceeds go to efforts to make our communities safer.

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# Have a safe and happy Fourth of July

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## Homeyer named to TSWA All-State softball team

by Caron Yates

The Texas Sports Writers Association All-State softball teams for the 2014 season have been announced.

The Haskell Maidens team was one of almost two hundred Class A softball teams to take the field this season.

The Texas Sports Writers Association promotes the recognition of the athletic accomplishments of Texas

high school student-athletes by selecting athletes for the TSWA's All-State teams and recognizing the accomplishments of the Texas High School coaches for their outstanding work with the future leaders of America.

The Maidens' Madison Homeyer, daughter of Carl and Sheila Homeyer, was named to the Class A, All-State Third Team. The senior pitcher/first baseman was

the winning pitcher in twenty games, with only five losses this season. She was also dangerous at the plate, posting a .439 average with seven doubles, three triples and two homers.

This recognition is the latest in a long list of accomplishments, both athletically and academically. Homeyer has garnered throughout her high school years.



MADISON HOMEYER

## Rule loses model citizen with death of John Greeson

by Caron Yates

The following information was compiled through an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Greeson by former Rule High School journalism students Brittney Brannan and Samantha Saucedo, along with former Rule High School teacher Bobby Robinson.

Children's show host Fred Rogers, aka Mr. Rogers, once said, "It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have."

Rule recently lost a model citizen whose life was a shining example of this philosophy. John Lee Duncan Greeson was born on November 18, 1935 in Cordell, Oklahoma.

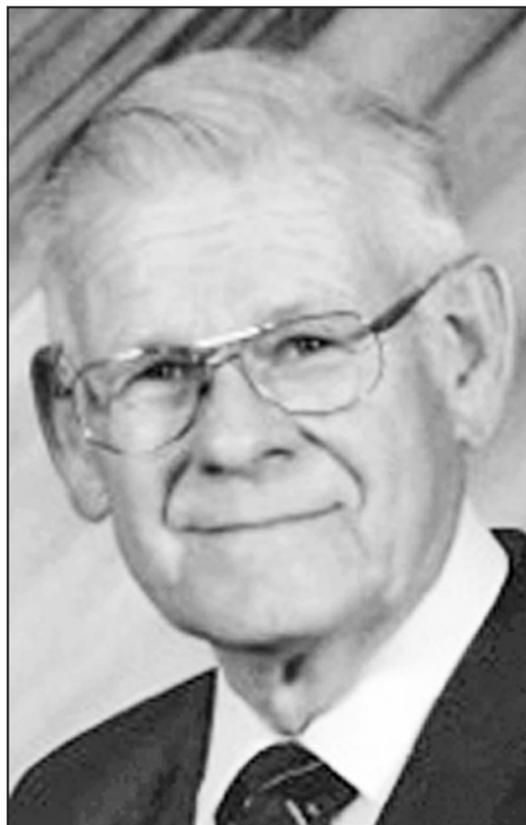
He attended school in Hydro, Oklahoma and after graduating in 1952, he entered Abilene Christian College. He went to Southwestern Oklahoma State University his sophomore year, and then back to ACC for his junior year.

Although when he was younger he wanted to be a sportscaster, he never regretted following God's plan and becoming a minister. He gave his Uncle Wally McCown and his pastor Noah Sparks credit for influencing and encouraging him to choose the ministry.

He met his wife Orheana at an ACC basketball game, and they began their life together on August 31, 1956, when they were married in Fort Worth. Together they raised three children. Vicki, and her husband Don live in Midland, Leon lives in Plano and Leigh Ann teaches in Stamford. They have been blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Greeson's first two pastorates were in Midway and Maysville, Oklahoma. In just a few years however, they were on the road to Texas. He became the pastor of the Church of Christ in Ackerly, then on to Ropesville, before being called to Rule Church of Christ.

He had heard that preachers don't need to stay in one place longer than three years, and had abided by that "unwritten rule" up to this point. When the Greesons, with the help of church members, unloaded their belongings into the renovated church parsonage that October day in 1965,



JOHN GREESON

they had no way of knowing it would be the beginning of an almost 50 year mutual admiration between Rule and its newest citizens.

Greeson was a true-blue sports fan. His first and forever football love was the University of Oklahoma Sooners, but his Rule Bobcats were a close second. He delighted in doing things for Rule School, including driving the bus, officiating junior high football and basketball games, keeping the books or the clock during athletic events, announcing football games, serving as gatekeeper, substituting for teachers, judging speaking events, emceeing banquets and memorials, in addition to taking care of many other jobs around town.

He also saw the importance of positively influencing young people. In addition to activities at the church, Greeson served as a Cub Scout leader, coached and umpired Little League and led many summer camps at Quartz Mountain Christian Camp. During one particular summer camp, one of the young boys seemed to be attached to John's pants leg. He followed him everywhere he went, even telling Greeson, "I wish you were my daddy." Many years later, while attending a function at Aspermont, a man came up

to Greeson and introduced himself and then added, "I am that kid from church camp and I've always remembered you." That sentiment has been echoed many times throughout his career.

Over the years, the Greesons' generosity and love for others was exhibited through mission trips, gifts of food and gas money to those in need who stopped at their house and the untold acts of kindness to the people of Rule. For several years, they directed the annual "39ers Camp" in Madill, Oklahoma. John quickly seized the opportunity to be a part of the prison ministry, where each Sunday afternoon he taught from the bible and counseled prisoners.

In the almost fifty years, Greeson rejoiced as he baptized many, was pleased to marry over 200 couples, and consoled countless families as he preached the funeral of a loved one.

Although he had the opportunity to pastor other churches, Greeson knew he was where he was supposed to be, doing what he was called to do. He continued to do just that until June 1, when he delivered his final sermon.

John Greeson did much with the talent and blessings he had received, and the town of Rule was surely the beneficiary.

## Library to host ventriloquist

by Caron Yates

We never know the potential impact, even the simplest choices we make each day, can have on our lives and our future.

That is certainly true of ventriloquist and storyteller Nancy Burks Worcester. Worcester had been working as a substitute teacher for a number of years. After her daughter started to school, she decided it was a good time to go back to school and get a teaching certificate.

One day, now some twenty-four years ago, while volunteering at a library she came across a book entitled "Ventriloquism for Kids." She decided to take it home and teach herself the art, and the rest is history.

She feels that her decision that day set her on the path of what she was truly meant to do. Worcester has taught many important life lessons with her five puppets and voice fluctuations. Through her storytelling and live dialogue entertainment, she incorporates activities that can transfer emotions and feelings and boost thinking, helping children learn to make good decisions and understand cause-and-effect. She tackles topics such as video games and fast food and reminds her audience to learn to be loving and giving.

Worcester says, "If I have a mission in my show, it's to teach children kindness. It's important to be kind."

Living in Granbury, she averages 200-300 performances a year. She has entertained audiences of all ages from Mexico to Newfoundland and all throughout the United States, by bringing her puppets to life.

The Haskell County Library is proud to present Worcester and her newest puppet, Dr. Edistein Pascalileo, a hermit crab scientist. "Stand Back, We're

Doing Science!" is scheduled for Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m. at the library. It is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Special guest, Dr. Pascalileo, is looking for a new home since his "carapace has reached maximum capacity." Nancy and her gang teaches children to use their minds, hearts and emotions. They will discover that everyone has a POWER SOURCE, we all have an ONBOARD COMPUTER and we're all created for A PURPOSE.

Make plans to be at the Haskell County Library July 17, to be a part of this entertaining, educational and inspiring show.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 23-29:

Jessie Guzman III, motion to withdraw surety striking highway fixture, also motion to withdraw surety criminal mischief.

Gariella Mendoza, release of surety theft by check.

Lorrie McGuire, forgery. Christopher Jarred Roberts, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.

Bronson Joseph Serasio, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, also possession of drug paraphernalia.

Otis Roy Helms, assault family violence, also criminal mischief.

Brandon Ronald Platt, disorderly conduct, also fictitious registration.

Frances Mae Helms, assault family violence.

Larry James Parks, delivery of marijuana 1/4 ounce to 5 lbs. state jail felony.

Thirty-two calls were made to 911.

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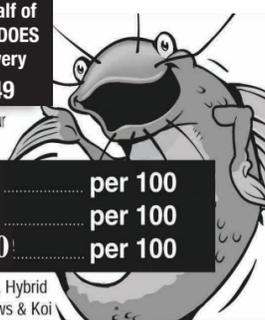
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# Home water conservation tips

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Water conservation begins at home, and we must all do our part. We need to develop an attitude of conserving water so we will be conscious of using less water in all aspects of our lives.

•**Stop leaks.** The first step is to make sure your home is leak-free. Check indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks. Many silent leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. Dripping faucets that are leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Not only is this a waste of water, it adds to the size of your water and sewer bill, or it puts a strain on your septic system.

Toilet tank leaks account for much of the water wasted in homes. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes (flush as soon as you finish the test). Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available, and easily installed.

Another large water waster can be irrigation system leaks; fix these leaks quickly.

•**Change behaviors.** Examples of possible behavior changes that could save water in the bathroom include: taking 4-minute showers; turning the water off while shampooing your hair in the shower; turning water off while shaving or brushing teeth; and never using the toilet as a waste basket.

Other simple behavior changes can save a lot of water in the kitchen and laundry area. In the kitchen: keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool; thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than running hot water over it; scrape rather than rinsing dishes when loading the dishwasher; and add food waste to a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal. In the laundry area, wash only full

loads of laundry, or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Outside your home, consider sweeping sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them off; use soaker hoses rather than sprinklers to avoid evaporation; and wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.

•**Replace your equipment with water-efficient equipment.** Homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30 percent of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills (EPA). Below are some examples of changes that can be made.

The toilet is the largest water user in your home. Most toilets installed before 1992 do not have the water-saving 1.6 gallon per flush. For those toilets that do make the flush efficient, hold the lever down to complete the flush cycle, which alleviates the need for a second flush.

Make sure each showerhead releases 2.5 gallons per minute or less. Today, all showerheads sold are regulated to meet the 2.5 gallons per minute maximum requirement. To make the flow feel like more water is coming out, turn the head dial to reduce the number of sprays or inner spray settings.

Replace your clothes washer—it is the second largest in-home water user. Energy Star™ rated washers, which also have a Water Factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35 to 50 percent less water and 50 percent less energy per load (EPA), saving you money on both water and energy bills.

•**Reduce water use in the landscape.** From 50 to 75 percent of a home's total water use during the growing season may be for outdoor purposes. It's important that you develop a plan or convert your current landscape to include plants and design that are appropriate for your climate conditions.

If you have an irrigation system, it also needs to be regularly adjusted and

checked for leaks.

Select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions. Having a yard with 100 percent lawn turf area in a dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Also consider Xeriscape™ and a more natural landscape. Use only the amount of water that your plants need.

Water during the coolest part of the day. Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs. Don't water plants that do not need the water. Be attentive to your watering time.

Maintain your irrigation system. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device. Water trees and shrubs longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants.

Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and to cut down on weed growth.

•**New home designs should make sense.** Water Sense labeled new homes are designed to reduce residential water use indoors, as well as outdoors,

compared to typical new homes. The Water Sense label (EPA) on bathroom sink faucets, showerheads, toilets, etc. makes it easy to find and select water-efficient products.

The placement of water heating systems is another design issue. Gallons of water are wasted while waiting for hot water to get to the shower in many homes. In new homes, this can be addressed by placing hot water heaters near points of hot water use. In older homes, one may simply need to catch the cold water and use it for watering plants or doing laundry. The waste may be as much as 3 gallons for each shower taken. Tankless water heating systems may save energy, but where they are located determines whether they save water or not.

Remember: What you do affects the quality and quantity of the water you have available. By keeping that in mind, you are helping protect water resources now and in the future. Help save Texas' water, and make every drop count.

## DPS to increase patrols during July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for an 11-day period that includes the July 4th holiday. From June 27-July 7, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, DPS urges Texans to do their part to help keep our roadways safe during the holiday," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Individuals should always designate a sober driver or find other means of transportation if they plan to drink alcohol. During the holiday, DPS troopers will be performing increased patrols aimed at protecting all travelers and removing dangerous drivers from the road."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the 2013 July 4th enforcement effort, DPS troopers made 1,124 DWI arrests, and 173 of those arrests were the direct result of the increased patrols. During this period, DPS enforcement also resulted in 720 fugitive arrests, 602 felony arrests, more than 15,700 speeding citations and more than 2,400 seat belt/child safety seat citations.

According to state statistics, approximately every 20 minutes in Texas, someone is hurt or killed in an alcohol-related crash. For some alternative transportation options, visit [www.SoberRides.org](http://www.SoberRides.org).

## Monkey shake

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

**What you need:**  
•Blender  
•Measuring cups & spoons

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups fat free milk\*  
1 medium banana\*  
1 1.4-oz package fat free, sugar-free chocolate pudding, prepared

2 cups crushed ice  
**What to do:**  
1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.  
2. Add all ingredients into a blender except ice and blend well.

3. Add ice; blend on high speed until smooth.  
4. Serve immediately.

**Prep Time:** 5 minutes  
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# More winners listed from 4-H Round-Up

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.  
Over 400 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed in Vernon Tues., May 13 at the annual District 4-H Round-Up. Youth had an opportunity to participate

in twenty-four competitions during the one day event held at the Wilbarger County Auditorium and the Vernon Boys & Girls Club. Awards were sponsored by American Electric Power and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

In a previous article, some 4-H'ers that had photos in the District Photography contests were omitted. Besides the three Haskell County 4-H youth that participated in the Educational Presentation and the Consumer Decision Making, who were Riley Sloan, Cash Bassett and Lori Beth Rodgers; Madilyn Moore, Crow Parham and Octavia Pryor competed in the Photography Contest.

Results of Haskell County participants in the District Photography Contest were: Octavia Pryor, Jr. Division, People: Red Award Madilyn Moore, Jr. Division, Animal Domestic: Blue Award

Crow Parham, Intermediate Division: Catch

All, Blue Award and Best of Show in this category (Windmill); Animals Wildlife, Blue Award; Details and Macro, Red Award; Dominant Color, Red Award; Elements of Design, Blue Award; Food, Blue Award; Marine/Aquatics, Red Award; Nature/Landscape, Red Award; Night Photography, Blue Award; Plant/Flora, Blue Award.

4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System. For more information about this event or the 4-H Program contact Jason Westbrook County Extension Agent-Ag., at the Haskell County Extension Office 940-864-2658.

# Deadline nears for Big Country Master Naturalist Training Class

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.  
The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is now taking applications for its next Master Naturalist volunteer training class.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Naturalists, assisting both the Texas A&M Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through community education in natural resources.

The training is based upon Texas Master Naturalist state guidelines and has been focused to fit our region of the state. Teachers, ag producers, conservationists, environmental advocates and people simply interested in our natural treasures, have taken the course and remain active in the organization.

Naturalists are students of natural science or natural history. If you are interested in the beneficial management and conservation of our natural resources such as land, minerals, plants, birds, animals and insects and sharing that love with your community, then the Texas Master Naturalist program is for you.

The training program begins Aug. 14 and runs through Oct. 28. Classes are held weekly, on Tuesday nights, with two Saturday excursions and two Thursday programs.

Those completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service within a one year of training graduation.

Aug. 1 is the deadline to register for this year's class. The fee for the class will include resource books and material. Class size is limited to 20 people, and acceptance is based on applicants' willingness to volunteer.

Applications are available at the Big Country Master Naturalist website at <http://txmn.org/bc> or call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048 for more information.

# Farm Bureau receives award

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies announced they have received the "Highest Customer Satisfaction Among Auto Insurers in Texas" according to the recently released J.D. Power 2014 U.S. Auto Insurance Study. This is the third consecutive year Texas Farm Bureau Insurance has received an award from J.D. Power for auto insurance customer satisfaction.

"We were so honored when we received the notification we had the highest score for our state again," said Mike Gerik, Executive Vice President for the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. "We are committed to delivering solid insurance products and a superior level of personal service to our 500,000+ member families on a daily

basis. To receive this award for the third consecutive year is such a privilege for all of us."

"We are here to serve our member families," said Kenny Tanner, Agency Manager for Haskell County Farm Bureau. We live in these communities; we are Texans serving Texans. Our member families deserve the very best we have to offer; it is so humbling to know the value and personal service we pride ourselves on delivering was recognized again with this award."

Texas Farm Bureau Insurance received a score of 852 out of a possible 1,000 points. The J.D. Power study measures customer satisfaction across five factors: interaction, price, policy offerings, billing and payment, and claims.

# Tuna salad

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

**What you need:**

- Utensils:**  
•Knife  
•Cutting board  
•Small bowl  
•Spoon

**Ingredients:**

- 1 12-ounce can tuna in water, drained  
1 cup celery, chopped  
3 green onions, chopped  
¼ cup pecans, chopped  
¼ cup low fat mayonnaise  
1 cup green grapes, seedless and halved  
Lettuce leaves, washed and separated  
**What to do:**  
1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.  
2. Add drained tuna to

- medium bowl.  
3. Wash and chop vegetables and pecans.  
4. Add to tuna and mix well.  
5. Add mayonnaise to mixture and stir.  
6. Add grapes to tuna and stir gently.  
7. Chill until ready to serve.  
8. Serve over lettuce leaves.

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes  
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Types of Heat-Related Illness

**Heat Cramps:** Brief but painful cramps in the legs, arms, back and abdomen. These are thought to be caused by a loss of sodium and other chemicals from the body in perspiration. Treatment involves resting in a cool place and drinking cool liquids, especially sports drinks that contain sodium. Medical treatment should be sought if the cramps are unrelieved.

**Heat Exhaustion:** May occur with continued or worsening heat exposure. Symptoms include weakness, dizziness, nausea, headache, fainting, fever, and rapid pulse and respirations. Skin may be pale and cool with heavy perspiration. Seek medical attention if this is suspected. The affected person should lie down in a cool place, out of the sun, with legs raised slightly. Give cool liquids and sponge off with cool water to reduce body heat. Avoid extremely cold or iced drinks and sponging with very cold water, as these may cause shivering and excessive constriction of blood vessels, thus decreasing desired heat loss.

**Heat Stroke:** This is the most serious type and requires immediate medical attention. The body loses its ability to regulate temperature and body temperature may reach 104°F or higher. Symptoms are those of heat exhaustion but also include changes in mental status and the skin is hot, dry and flushed. Seizures may occur with fever over 104°F. If these symptoms occur, call 911. While waiting on emergency transport, a victim of heat stroke should be placed in a cool environment with legs slightly raised. Emergency cooling measures include removing clothing, using cold packs at the armpits and groin, and pouring cool water over the person. Do not give fluids by mouth if heat stroke is suspected.

More on heat-related illness in the next article.

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

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By Ed Sterling

**Detention facilities swell with young border crossers**  
AUSTIN—Streams of unaccompanied Central American children continued to make their way north, crossing the United States border into Texas where federal custody awaits.  
Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus earlier this month jointly announced authorization for the Texas Department of Public Safety to spend \$1.3 million a week to fund security operations on the border. Two state lawmakers representing border districts commented on the situation last week.

Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr., D-Mission, welcomed the surge of state troopers, but said, "We still need to find solutions to other strains on the system, such as processing, sheltering, and medical screening of thousands of new immigrants," and added, "I believe anything we can do to draw resources and funding from our federal and state governments to help our local agencies recoup their costs is well worth the effort."

Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-Brownsville, met with Gov. Perry and state senator and gubernatorial candidate Wendy R. Davis to discuss issues related to the population influx. "We have to keep in mind these are not grown adults, they are kids. It is our moral duty to help however we can and find solutions to this situation," Lucio said in a news release and pointed out, "according to the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, in 2013 over 21,000 unaccompanied and separated minors were detained by Customs Border Patrol and by the year 2015 over 60,000 minors are expected to arrive. Many of these children, average age of 14, are fleeing from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras due to various reasons ranging from gang violence to deprivation."

Without Congressional action on immigration policy reform, over the past months and years, many politicians have voiced a desire for action on the border. In a June 23 letter, Sen. Davis called on the governor to: (1) declare a state of emergency to secure essential resources, supplies, emergency services and facilities to meet the demand; (2) call an immediate emergency special session of the Texas Legislature, in the absence of federal action; (3) request additional immigration judges immediately; and (4) send the state/local bill to the federal government.

Gov. Perry announced on June 26 that he would provide testimony "about how the growing border crisis is impacting Texas" at a hearing

of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee scheduled for July 3 at McAllen, in Hidalgo County.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Republican candidate governor, on June 27 traveled to Hidalgo County. He announced his participation in a border security briefing with U.S. Customs & Border Protection officers, and his tour of a detention facility where he said people who illegally crossed into Texas are being housed.

Last week U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-California, was in Brownsville where she visited a federal detention facility. On June 26, Pelosi wrote to House Speaker John Boehner, asking for a bipartisan solution to "the humanitarian crisis at the southern border." President Obama on June 28 announced he would ask Congress to approve \$2 billion in emergency aid to help Texas and other states address the crisis.

#### Court rules in EPA case

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 23 ruled in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. Environmental Protection Agency et al.*, a case brought by a group of states including Texas. The federal agency's methods of regulatory oversight over how states meet greenhouse gas emissions guidelines through permitting processes were ruled out of bounds.

Texas Attorney General Abbott reacted, writing, "Today the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a stern rebuke to the President" who he said had used "unelected bureaucracies to override the will of the people."

Wording in the opinion of the court dealing with the EPA's authority to set thresholds for emissions states: "EPA asserts newfound authority to regulate millions of small sources—including retail stores, offices, apartment buildings, shopping centers, schools, and churches—and to decide, on an ongoing basis and without regard for the thresholds prescribed by Congress, how many of those sources to regulate. We are not willing to stand on the dock and wave goodbye as EPA embarks on this multiyear voyage of discovery. We reaffirm the core administrative-law principle that an agency may not rewrite clear statutory terms to suit its own sense of how the statute should operate."

#### Holiday patrols to increase

Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced plans to increase patrols for an 11-day period that includes the Fourth of July holiday, from June 27 to July 7.

DPS troopers are under instructions to focus on high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago July 1, 2004

Gertrude Hopkins was honored by members of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell as she retired after serving many years as church secretary. She has been a member of the church since 1968, the year her family moved to Haskell.

Ashton Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski of Haskell, won the All-Around Buckle for Timed Events at the District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon. She will advance to the state competition.

Juanita Burson of Haskell, celebrated her 100th birthday with a party given by her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Earl Smith and daughter Nancy Brite Smith. Many family members and friends joined her for the celebration.

#### 20 Years Ago July 7, 1994

Melissa Plemister of Haskell, was presented the Ginny Carlson Memorial Award from McMurry University, at a senior recognition dinner.

Haskell Chapter No. 892 of the Eastern Star installed as officers: Betty Berry, Worthy Matron; H.B. Berry, Worthy Patron; Allene Wheatley, Associate Matron; Tom Dewey, Associate Patron; Margaret Jones, Secretary; Oleta Bowers, Treasurer; Ruth Ann Klose, Conductress; Mary Dewey, Associate Conductress; Oleta Cornelius, Chaplain; and Margaret Wall, Marshal.

Chosen for the 9-10 year old All-Stars team were Chris Acosta, Brandon McGuire, Earnest Palacios, Cliff McGuire, Tim Roberson, Kyle Michaels, Eddie Klose, Alfred Ozuna, Justin Tidrow, Nathan Long, Taylor Melton, Eddie Guzman and Josh Webb.

#### 30 Years Ago July 5, 1984

Presbyterians in Haskell, Rule and Throckmorton are sharing a unique honor as the first churches in West Texas to have co-pastors, in the husband and wife team of Jimmy and Katie Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Satch Lusk were honored with a reception on their 50th wedding anniversary. They moved to Haskell after their marriage in 1934.

Haskell High School twirlers for 1984-85 are Mitchell Stout, Kelli Gilliam, Lorry Geilhausen, Holli High and Jill Jennings.

#### 40 Years Ago July 4, 1974

New officers for the Rule Lions Club will be Joe B. Cloud, president; Walter Counts, sec./treas.; Dennis Briles, 1st vice president; Melton Stapp, 2nd vice president; James Lisle, 3rd vice president; Pete Kitley, tail twister; and R.W. Callan, lion tamer.

Ralph Merchant of Haskell was elected president of the Conservation Contractors Association, which is affiliated with the Land Improvement Contractors of America, during their annual

convention.

Representing Haskell County at the Texas 4-H Congress were Susan Lewis of the Rule 4-H and Kyle Wilfong of the Haskell 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis of Rule and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wilfong of Haskell.

#### 50 Years Ago July 2, 1964

John M. Crawford, well known Haskell business, religious and civic leader, has been commended for thirteen years of chairmanship of the Haskell County Savings Bond committee.

Phil Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowers of Haskell, has been named to the honor roll at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy. He is a 1963 honor graduate of Haskell High School.

Sports Illustrated Magazine's "Merit Award" in the form of an imposing silver trophy was presented to Haskell's phenomenal Little League pitcher, Lanny Ivy.

#### 100 Years Ago July 1, 1914

A.C. Adams of Mineral Wells and J.F. Adams of Munday, spent Tuesday with their brother, R.T. Adams of the vicinity. The three have not been together in 14 years.

Richard S. Nolen left Tuesday night for Dallas to complete the final arrangements for the showing of Thanouser's great serial story "The Million Dollar Mystery."

## Zucchini bread

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

**What you need:**

**Utensils:**

- Cutting board & knife
- 9 inch x 5 inch x 3 inch loaf pan

- Large bowl
- Medium bowl
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Mixing spoon

**Ingredients:**

Nonstick cooking spray  
½ cup whole wheat flour

½ cup all-purpose flour

¾ teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 egg\*

¼ cup granulated sugar

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

¾ teaspoon vanilla

1 cup zucchini squash\*, shredded

**What to do:**

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F.

3. Spray 9 inch x 5 inch x 3 inch loaf pan with spray.

4. Mix flour, baking powder and cinnamon in medium bowl.

5. In a separate bowl, beat egg until frothy.

6. Add sugar, oil, and vanilla to egg and beat for 3 minutes.

7. Add zucchini to mixture and mix well.

8. Add flour mixture to egg and mix until dry ingredients are moist.

9. Pour into loaf pan and cook for 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted comes out clean.

10. Cool and remove from pan after 10 minutes.

11. Cut into ½ inch thick slices.

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes

**Cook Time:** 30 minutes

**MyPyramid:**

1 ounce grains

\*WIC Approved Food Package

## Prepare yourself and your insurance for storm season

by Carol Troy

Statistics from the National Weather Service report total property damage from weather events in 2013 at \$8.8 billion, down from \$32.8 billion in 2012 and \$20 billion in 2011. July brought the most weather-related deaths for the past two years with 103 in 2013 and 156 in 2012, mostly related to tornadoes and extreme heat. Weather patterns are constantly changing, and although we cannot predict what the future holds, we need to protect our loved ones and property as much as possible. Below are tips to consider to prepare for storm season.

Know what your insurance covers—don't be caught without adequate coverage. Check your policy to see what's covered and the expenses you'll be expected to pay. While most policies provide coverage for windstorm damage, you will be responsible for a deductible and it's often one percent or more of your home's value, which could be substantial. Wind and hail deductibles may be even larger than the deductible for other claims. In some

cases, older roofs may be excluded or have coverage restrictions, reducing the amount of recovery you can seek from your insurance policy.

Automobile policies provide coverage for wind and hail through the comprehensive or "other than collision" coverage option you can purchase. A deductible also applies to this coverage.

As storms can affect many people at the same time, you may be one of thousands seeking repairs for damage simultaneously. When damage to your home or automobile is severe, you may need to seek a replacement while waiting for your repairs to be completed. Most homeowners policies will provide "additional living expenses" so you can seek shelter in a hotel until your home is repaired. There is, however, a limit to this coverage. Usually, it's a percentage of your home's insured value.

If you have elected to purchase rental reimbursement on your automobile policy, you will be allowed a dollar amount

per day for a certain number of days to rent a car while your car's covered damage is being repaired.

Remember that flood damage is only covered by a flood policy. Storms often bring the potential for flooding. When a hurricane causes flooding from a storm surge, your homeowners policy will not cover the damage from flooding, so seek protection with a National Flood Insurance Program policy.

Water damage to your automobile can be covered under most insurance policies providing comprehensive or "other than collision" coverage.

Schedule a meeting with your insurance professional to thoroughly review your current insurance protection. In addition to understanding your insurance policy, below are additional measures to consider

•When possible, park your car in a garage or shelter.

•Clean up debris and secure outside items that could become flying missiles in high winds.

•Back up computer records and store the

back-up in a secure place. Consider keeping duplicates.

•Gather important papers, including deeds, titles, inventory lists and insurance information and store them in a waterproof environment. Keep electronic copies as well.

•Know your community's evacuation plan and when the authorities ask—evacuate!

•The next time you replace your roof or windows, consider using materials that are designed to withstand high winds or are impact resistant.

Most importantly, always keep your family and pets safe from the elements of weather!

### ECC Menu

**Mon., July 7**

Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, white cake, tea or coffee

**Wed., July 9**

King Ranch chicken, blackeyed peas, creamed potatoes, toast, pumpkin square, tea or coffee

**Fri., July 11**

Ham slice, baked beans, mac and cheese, hot rolls, dump cake, tea or coffee

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

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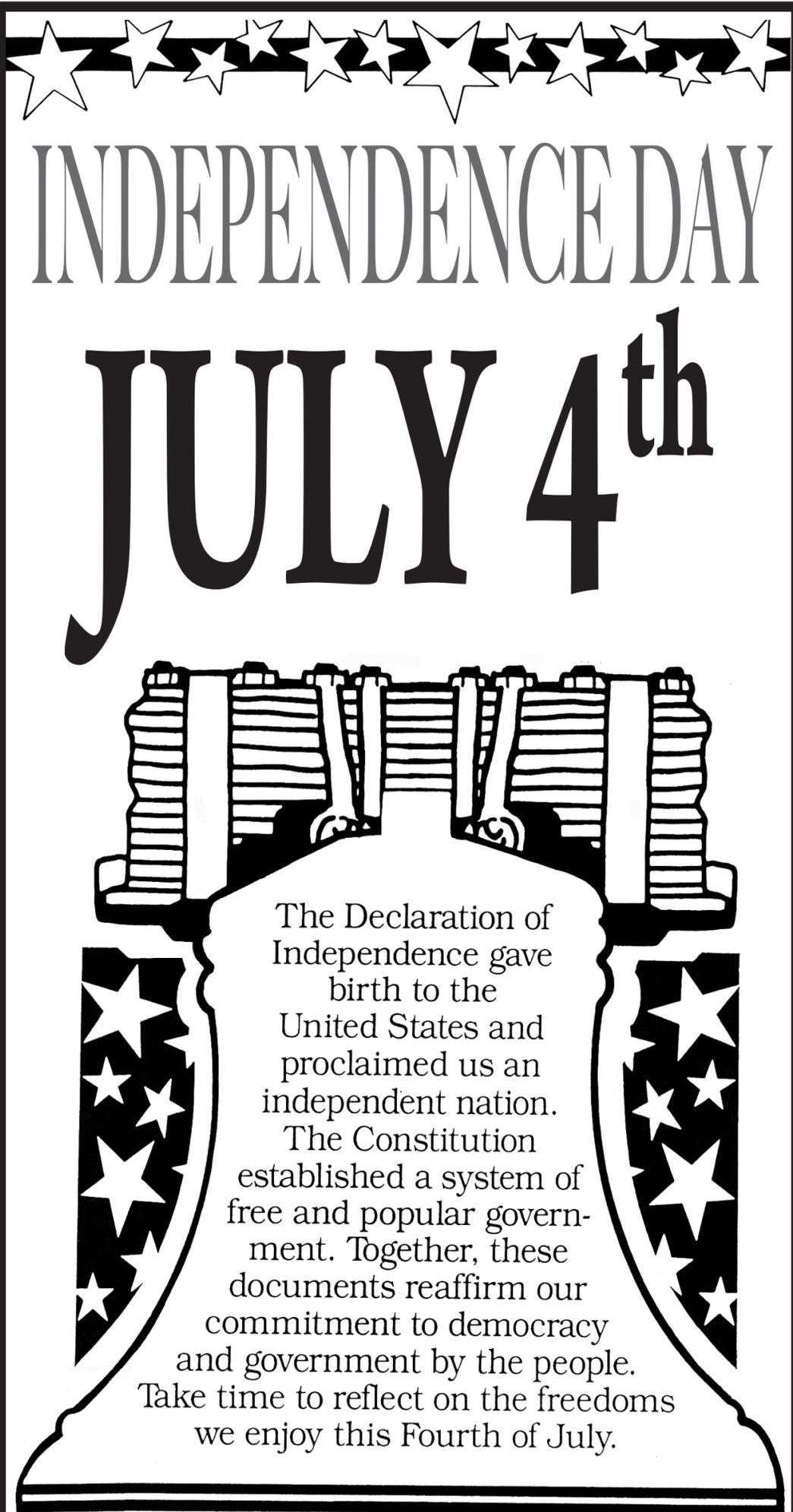
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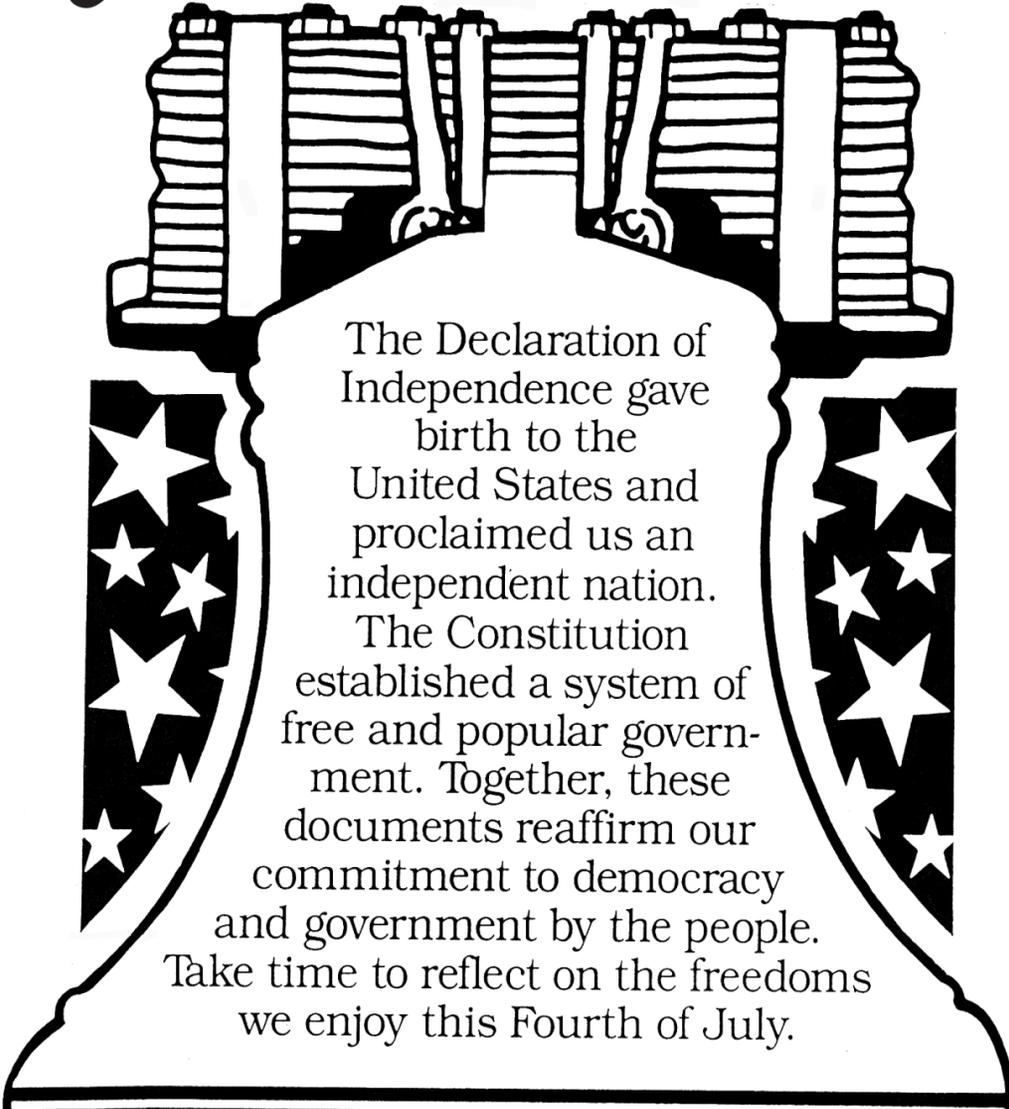
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# JULY 4<sup>th</sup>



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# Policy changes to help new and beginning farmers and ranchers

U.S. Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced the implementation of new Farm Bill measures and other policy changes to improve the financial security of new and beginning farmers and ranchers. Harden also unveiled [www.USDA.gov/newfarmers](http://www.USDA.gov/newfarmers), a new website that will provide a centralized, one-stop resource where beginning farmers and ranchers can explore the variety of USDA initiatives designed to help them succeed.

"New and beginning farmers are the future of American agriculture," said Deputy Secretary Harden. "The average age of an American farmer is 58 and

rising, so we must help new farmers get started if America is going to continue feeding the world and maintain a strong agriculture economy. The new policies announced today will help give beginning farmers the financial security they need to succeed. Our new online tool will provide one-stop shopping for beginning farmers to learn more about accessing USDA services that can help their operations thrive."

USDA's [www.usda.gov/newfarmers](http://www.usda.gov/newfarmers) has in depth information for new farmers and ranchers, including: how to increase access to land and capital; build new market opportunities; participate in conservation opportunities;

select and use the right risk management tools; and access USDA education, and technical support programs. These issues have been identified as top priorities by new farmers. The website will also feature instructive case studies about beginning farmers who have successfully utilized USDA resources to start or expand their business operations.

Policy announcements in support of beginning farmers and ranchers include:

- Waiving service fees for new and beginning farmers or ranchers to enroll in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the 2014 crop year. NAP provides risk management tools to farmers who grow crops for which there is no crop insurance product. Under this waiver, announced via an official notice to Farm Service Agency offices, farmers and ranchers whom already enrolled in NAP for the 2014 crop year are eligible for a service fee refund.

- Eliminating payment reductions under the Conservation Reserve

Program (CRP ) for new and beginning farmers which will allow routine, prescribed, and emergency grazing outside the primary nesting season on enrolled land consistent with approved conservation plans. Previously, farmers and ranchers grazing on CRP land were subject to a reduction in CRP payments of up to 25 percent. Waiving these reductions for new and beginning farmers will provide extra financial support during times of emergency like drought and other natural disasters.

\*Increasing payment rates to beginning farmers and ranchers under Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). Under this provision, beginning farmers and ranchers can claim up 90 percent of losses for lost livestock, such as bees, under ELAP. This is a fifty percent increase

over previously available payment amounts to new and beginning farmers.

In the near future, USDA will also announce additional crop insurance program changes for beginning farmers and ranchers—including discounted premiums, waiver of administrative fees and other benefits.

These policy announcements are made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural

credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

The Deputy Secretary made these announcements at the inaugural meeting of the reconvened Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee held at the University of California Davis, California. This Advisory Committee, composed of 20 members, including Extension agents, lenders, farmers, ranchers and academics will meet through 2015 to learn, discuss, and formulate recommendations to USDA on how to support new and beginning farmers.



## Four helpful hints on garden mulch

Most gardeners know that mulching trees, shrubs and flower beds is a good practice, even if they may not know all the reasons. Beyond the obvious advantage of its decorative use to make plantings look clean and attractive, there are real environmental benefits that can also help gardens reduce maintenance and protect every homeowner's investment in time and plant materials.

1. Weed Control  
Most homeowners understand mulch helps reduce weeds, but best results depend on understanding why. Weeds need sunlight to germinate in the soil. The proper use of a mulch that will serve as a barrier to sunlight can help decrease the germination of weed seeds. Use a shredded hardwood or softwood material at a depth of at least 2-3 inches for best effect.

HINT: If you prefer the more rugged look of larger particles like mini nuggets or nuggets, use a 1-inch layer of shredded material first and then place a 2-inch layer of larger materials on top to get the advantages of both materials.

2. Erosion Control  
Mulch is often used by highway departments to stabilize roadside embankments from erosion. The same principle applies to home gardens and should follow the same guidelines. Slopes create collection points and water flows that can carry soil downhill. The same is true of large-particle wood mulches. Since wood products often float, large

particle mulch may flow downhill in a significant rainfall. Shredded hardwood mulches should be used to stabilize slopes. These materials are more dense and tend to mat together. In lighter rainfall, most shredded mulches will trap and absorb moisture thereby preventing its collection and runoff. In heavier rainfall, the intertwined particles of a hardwood mulch hold the material together.

HINT: Unfortunately, a torrential downpour on a steep incline may create more force than even the best mulch can resist; so, the steepness of the slope and the frequency of torrential rains must be considered when selecting your mulch options. An inorganic mulch like rock or stones may be your best option, especially for areas too steep to maintain plants.

3. Moisture control  
On the opposite extreme from torrential rains is drought, and once again, mulch can provide needed protection for landscape plants. As a wood product with a large surface area compared to its size, mulches can absorb a significant amount of water. That retained moisture, which is released over time, can

reduce the need to water plants during a drought. Even more important is the ability of mulch to allow water to penetrate to the ground while forming a barrier to reduce evaporative losses under the sun.

HINT: Retaining existing moisture is just as important to reducing water use as is the retention of new moisture. Maintain a 2-3 inch layer of loose fill mulch to allow moisture access from the top and prevent moisture loss from beneath.

4. Temperature Control  
Excessive heat in the soil can damage plant roots, kill beneficial bacteria and deactivate slow release fertilizers. A 2-3 inch layer of any organic mulch can reduce the soil temperature around plant roots. In colder climates, a good mulch layer can insulate the soil from excessive cold protecting the roots from freezing. Mulch can also be piled around tender plants in a freeze.

HINT: Do not leave the mulch on above-ground stems for long in warm weather. The added moisture and heat can encourage insects to attack the stems. During the growing season, keep mulch 1 inch from the base of shrubs and trees.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



Their legacy was the freedom of our great country

Let's celebrate, but not forget We owe them a tremendous debt: Those men who risked their all and signed That piece of paper which defined The reasons for their great demand For independence of our land. This document for all to see Forever lives in history;

And yet, the freedom that we gained Must be eternally maintained, With our alertness as the cost, So what they gave us won't be lost. The lessons of our faith portray The gratitude we should convey; To thank them for their legacy: Our precious land of liberty.

—Gloria Nowak

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

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

**Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell

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

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

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

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

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

**Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
940-863-4405

**New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. 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.m., 10:55 a.m., 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., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
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—ROCHESTER—  
**Church of Christ**  
Mitchell Greer, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

**First Baptist Church**  
Bishop Helsley, 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.; Wed. 7 p.  
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**  
Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Anna Robbins, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

—RULE—  
**First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
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.; Wed. 7 p.  
811 Union, Rule

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

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
940-997-2296

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

—PAINT CREEK—  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—  
**O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.  
O'Brien

## No-bake peanut butter treats

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.  
What you need:  
Utensils:  
•Large mixing bowl  
•Mixing spoon  
•Measuring cups and spoons

**Ingredients:**  
½ cup reduced-fat, creamy peanut butter  
2 tablespoons unsweetened apple juice  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ cup raisins  
4 2-inch graham cracker squares, crushed  
½ cup cornflakes cereal  
1 tablespoon powdered sugar

**What to do:**  
1. Wash hands and cooking area.  
2. In large mixing bowl, cream together peanut butter, apple juice, vanilla extract and cinnamon.  
3. Stir in raisins, graham crackers and cereal.  
4. Roll mixture into about ten 1 ½ -inch balls and place on a baking sheet. Refrigerate for 1 hour.  
5. Roll each ball in powdered sugar to coat.  
6. Store in tightly covered cookie tin in refrigerator-will maintain freshness for 3 to 4 days.

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**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

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Beginning July 1, boaters must drain all water from their boat and on-board receptacles before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water anywhere in Texas.

The new Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation is designed to help combat the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. It applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, or any other vessel used on

public waters.

The regulation requires the draining of livewells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with public waters.

Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait if they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from that water body can only be used as bait on that same water body.

Anglers participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body may transport live fish in water from that single water

body to an identified off-site weigh-in location, but all water must be drained and properly disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to possess documentation provided by tournament organizers that identify them as participants in the tournament.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require draining, and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies.

Marine sanitary systems are not covered by these regulations.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a coalition of partners are working to slow the spread of zebra mussels by reminding boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry their vessels before traveling from one lake to another. The partners in this effort include: North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Dallas Water Utilities Department, Trinity

River Authority, San Jacinto River Authority, Sabine River Authority, Brazos River Authority, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, City of Grapevine, Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

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We would like to thank everyone in our community and beyond for the love, support, encouragement and understanding given to myself, my son William, my daughter Hannah, and my parents Rubye and Wallace Wooten during this time of our great loss of my husband Kip Nemir. The many, many cards which continue to be delivered, phone calls of support, home visits, food, and the concerns, offers, and help received from individuals lending helping hands, if needed, are greatly appreciated.

Please continue to pray for our families. Kip is missed and is very much loved! This is a difficult 'row to hoe.' William and I have never known the meaning of a family and love, that is, until Kip came into our lives. We were finally a family. We love you Kip!

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## Ventriloquist to visit

Haskell County Library will sponsor Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester, at the Library Thurs., July 17, at 10 a.m. Children in the area wide community are invited to attend. Worcester has been performing in Abilene for the past 15 years. Worcester, a professional ventriloquist and puppeteer, said she got into the business 24 years ago while working toward her teaching certificate. She was helping in schools with music, storytelling puppetry when she began volunteering at a library. One day a book titled "Ventriloquism for Kids" came across her desk and she took it home to teach herself the art and as they say, the rest is history.

## VBS at East Side

East Side Baptist will host VBS Aug. 3-7 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m. Aug. 3. VBS is for 4 year olds through those entering sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2738. Come out and learn how to be a Secret Agent for Jesus!

## Gun & Knife Show set Aug. 16-17

The Haskell Gun & Knife Show will be held Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell. For more information contact Ernest Frye at 940-864-2363. All proceeds benefit the American Legion.

## Weather

by Kim Hutto  
National Weather Service  
Volunteer Co-op Observer

**Temperature**

Mon., June 23	63°/92°
Tues., June 24	72°/90°
Wed., June 25	65°/92°
Thurs., June 26	69°/96°
Fri., June 27	74°/96°
Sat., June 28	73°/96°
Sun., June 29	75°/102°

**Precipitation**

Mon., June 23	.83" rain
Tues., June 24	1.70" rain
Fri., June 27	.33" rain

## Reading program

The Haskell County Library will hold a Summer Reading Program for children Pre-K through third grade from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday in July. No program will be held the week of July 4. Come enjoy a guest reader, crafts, snacks and fun!

## Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be the first Monday of September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

## Children's ministry

The Haskell Church of Christ Wednesday night Children's Ministry will continue throughout the summer. The regular schedule is: Sunday Bible classes 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., service groups and children's Bible hour 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday classes for all ages at 7:00 p.m.

## Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, weather permitting.

## Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now

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

## Al-Anon

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

## Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell water customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

## Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

# Spicy okra

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

### What you need:

- Utensils:
- Colander
- Knife & cutting board
- Large saucepan
- Measuring spoons
- Can opener

### Ingredients:

- 2 10-ounce packages frozen, cut okra\*
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped\*
- 1 14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, slice 3 times with a knife\*
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

### What to do:

1. Wash your hands and

clean your cooking area.

2. Rinse okra in a colander under hot water.

3. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium high heat. Cook onion in oil for about 3 minutes.

4. Add tomatoes (including juice) and jalapeno, and bring to a boil. Stir mixture for 8 minutes.

5. Add okra and cook, gently stirring, until okra is tender, about 5 minutes.

6. Stir in salt and pepper and throw away the jalapeno.

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**Prep Time:** 10 minutes

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