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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., July 18 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., July 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 20 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Library reading

The summer reading program "Dig Into Reading" will be held at Haskell County Library through July 30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages K-third grade. Children are invited to come enjoy reading, crafts and cookies.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the summer food service program. Meals will be provided at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday through July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone ages 6 months through 18 years of age is invited to eat free. Adults are also invited to eat for \$3.00 per plate.

Quilting class

A quilting class will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Church of God, 714 N. 1st East, in Haskell. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

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.

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 vasa@yahoo.com.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester homecoming will be held Sept. 27-28.

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20 year award presented to Texas Chiefs



TEXAS CHIEFS RECEIVE AWARD—Mark Johnston, left, the Academy of Model Aeronautic District Vice President, presented the Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club an award for 20 years as a Gold Club during their annual fly-in held Sat., June 29. Longtime model airplane enthusiast Ervin Frierson, right, represented the club for the award presentation. Johnston stated that very few clubs had achieved this status. Each club member received a patch to commemorate the award.

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club held the annual open house fly in Sat., June 29. The weather was better for flying than past events and although hot, there was a good turnout and some outstanding flying.

On hand this year was Mark Johnston, the Academy of Model Aeronautic District Vice President. He came from Albuquerque, New Mexico, both to participate and to present the club an award for 20 years as a Gold Club. He said very few clubs had achieved this status. Each club member received a patch to commemorate this award.

Gary Davis was also recognized for organizing the event.

Fliers were from Abilene as well as the local members. Show stopping flights were made by a large biplane that used smoke to outline the maneuvers. An electric powered model hovered vertically. Helicopters, glow and gas powered models, and sailplanes were also flown. Youngsters were given balsa or foam gliders to build and fly.

Plans are underway for an event on Aug. 17 which has been declared National Model Aviation Day.

Emergency haying authorized for Haskell Co.

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Glenn R. Brzozowski has announced that Haskell County is authorized for emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Counties become eligible for CRP emergency haying when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Currently, 197 counties have reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency haying. It is possible that more counties will reach the D2 level eligibility requirement in coming

weeks. The CRP emergency haying authorization for fiscal year 2013 begins July 2, 2013 for a 60 day period, not to exceed Aug. 31, 2013.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres hayed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency haying if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain haying. FSA's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP

must request approval before haying eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," said Brzozowski.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or

contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for haying under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information and to request approval for emergency haying use of CRP acres contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2.

Rolling Plains Girls Basketball Team Camp set July 12-13

The Haskell Girls Basketball Association will hold the 3rd Annual Rolling Plains Girls Basketball Team Camp Friday and Saturday, July 12-13 at the Haskell High School Gym.

Pool games begin at 9 a.m. on Friday and will determine bracket play on Saturday.

Area teams include Aspermont, Haskell, Knox City, Roby, Seymour and Stamford. Admission is free.

A full concession stand will be available both days. Eddie Klose will cook hamburgers, hot dogs and homemade french fries on Saturday.

Come beat the heat, enjoy good food, see some good basketball, and support your Haskell Maidens.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 1-7:

James Owen Griffin, assault causing bodily injury family violence and endangering a child.

Jonathan Joshua Burns, disorderly conduct language and public intoxication.

James Claude Watts,

boating while intoxicated.

Amy Strickland, criminal trespass Class B.

Juanita Gallardo, theft.

Mical Navarrette Rodriguez, theft of property, Midland Co. charge.

Andres Cevallos Ramos, theft of property.

Jennifer Alexy Acosta, theft of copper.

Fifty-eight calls were made to 911.



QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS—Laura Fuentes, 15 year old daughter of Jeremy Fuentes and Trisha Fuentes of Haskell, and her select travel team WTX FUSION 18U Fastpitch Softball, have qualified for the 18U ASA Southern Nationals Fastpitch Softball Tournament in Tupelo, Mississippi July 31-Aug. 4. This team includes girls from the Big Country. The girls are proud to represent their home state.

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

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place with all members present Mon., June 10.

A motion to pay all bills including Rodela Plumbing when the bill arrives passed.

County treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted her monthly report, the ECC report and the County Attorney's bank reconciliation. All were accepted.

Sheriff Winston Stephens reported that he spoke with personnel at the jail about the Sheriff's monitoring fee. The jail agreed to pay \$15,000 annually if an additional deputy is added. The County Attorney will draft an agreement and Sheriff Stephens will get the appropriate signatures.

No burn ban is in effect. A motion to designate parking places for customers around the courthouse was approved.

A motion to pay for a used John Deere loader for Precinct 2 with time warrants

passed. Robbie Peiser, Jan Gannaway and Reda Penman were appointed to the Haskell Hospital board.

A motion to enter into an

Tips for tackling diabetes for outdoor grilling season

Picnics, parties and other outdoor events during grilling season can present a challenge for those with diabetes.

"The goal is to keep the carbohydrates down—and encourage more of the protein-enriched foods—to enhance satiety," says Dr. Deborah Clegg, a diabetes nutritional specialist at UT Southwestern.

If you're trying to keep control of your diabetes, bring some of your own favorite dishes, or coordinate with other family and friends with diabetes to ensure the

interlocal agreement with the City of Rule to repair several streets passed.

Line item transfers and budget amendments were approved.

spread includes healthier options. Dr. Clegg also coaches her patients to eat slowly, so that they eat a limited amount per quarter, and to get up and walk around during each commercial to encourage activity as well as better eating habits. It's also important to monitor blood sugars on a regular basis throughout the day.

Hosts can include healthy options such as salad, fruits, and vegetables. Low-calorie and sugar-free options can help diabetic friends and family control calories and carbohydrates and make sound choices without much fuss.

Dr. Clegg offers these guidelines:

- Broad array of salad options, including sugar-free and low-calorie dressings, including salad greens, sprouts, mushrooms, onions, peppers, radishes and tomatoes.
- Beverages options such as water, unsweetened tea, coffee, and calorie-free diet sodas.
- Grilled fish, skinless chicken or turkey, and/or soy-based "veggie" burgers.
- Low/Non-fat dairy options including non-fat cheeses, yogurts and skim milk.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group will hold the next meeting Tues., Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Al-Anon

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

Obituaries

Melba Jean Wooten



MELBA WOOTEN
Graveside services for Melba Jean Wooten, 70, of Haskell were held Mon., July 8 at Aspermont Cemetery in Aspermont

with Vance Roberts and Rev. Dave Harrison officiating. Arrangements were made under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Wooten passed away Thurs., July 4 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born July 27, 1942 in Stonewall County, she was the daughter of John Franklin and Emma Alice (Ritchie) Wooten. She was an avid reader and loved painting and puzzles. Melba was a beautician and homemaker and a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and niece, Carolyn Wooten.

Survivors include Leon Kretschmer of Haskell; daughter, Renee Tibbles of Ranger; brother, Leslie Wooten and Mary Celeste of Sweetwater; sister, Doris June Wooten of Brownwood; grandson, Richard Wayne Belyeu of Knox City; granddaughter, Jenny Lynn Cook of Burkburnett; two great grandsons, Jason Wayne Belyeu and Justin Ray Belyeu; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and her special friend, Lorretta Hatfield of Haskell.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Linda Burson



LINDA BURSON

Funeral services for Linda Burson, 66, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Mon., July 8 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Dusty Garison officiating. Interment was at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Burson passed away Fri., July 5 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born June 16, 1947 in Wichita Falls, Linda Sampson was the daughter of James and Martha (Mayo) Sampson. She married Tim Burson Aug. 7, 1965

in Haskell where the two remained for more than 50 years and raised their family. Tim preceded Linda in death Feb. 27, 2013.

Linda was a beautiful woman inside and out and her faithful heart and spirituality glowed in whatever she did. Linda and Tim were founders of the Treasures of Grace Ministry and the two were dedicated to prison ministry by mailing bibles to inmates and spreading God's word at the prison. She was devoted to Cross Country Emmaus and was passionate in her faith. Linda touched the lives of many people in her glorious and radiant ways and will be missed immensely.

She loved working in the yard and loved people. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoyed teaching Sunday school. Many remember Linda as the first compassionate face you saw in Dr. Cadenhead's office. She worked for many years with Dr. Cadenhead and just recently retired.

She was preceded in death by her father, James

Sampson; her husband, Tim; and two children, Scotty and Andrea Burson.

Linda will be missed by so many, but most importantly her two sons, Jimmy Burson and his wife Missy of Haskell and Patrick Burson and his wife Angela of Clyde; grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor, Lane, Logan, Mason, Brynn and Luke; her mother, Martha Spitzer and husband Garrett of Haskell; two sisters, Phyllis Letz and husband Danny of Old Glory, Laura Address and husband Charles of Haskell; sisters-in-law, Wanda Rogers of Haskell, and Sherry Carter and husband Chick of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Adam Coleman, Kent Colley, Joey Kimbrough, David Adams, Stacy Bridges, Andy Griffith and Chad Gibson.

If desired, memorials may be made in Linda's name to Treasures of Grace Bible/Prison Ministry or Haskell Hero Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Christina Jo 'Cree' Stapleton



CHRISTINA STAPLETON

Funeral services for Christina Jo 'Cree' Stapleton, 69, of Haskell were held Tues., July 9 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Dale Turner and Rev. Dustin Wilhite officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Stapleton passed away early Saturday morning, July 6 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Christina Jo Couch was born April 30, 1944 in Pecos, the daughter of J.E. and Sue (Armstrong) Couch. An avid reader and graduate of Texas

Tech University, Christina married Max Stapleton in Pecos in 1965. She began her teaching career in Vanderbuilt, but soon the couple moved to Haskell where Christina began teaching school in Weinert. Throughout her career, she was very active with many classes and sponsoring the National Honor Society and Student Council as well as the Spanish Club and their many trips. She enjoyed the sponsorship of the junior high cheerleaders and you would often see her at the concession stand for the many basketball games over the years.

In 1998, the school annual was dedicated to her for the many committed years and lives she impressed. She will always be remembered for her loyalty and devotion to everyone she touched.

After retirement, Christina taught Spanish and Texas History with Paint Creek Schools and was a substitute teacher for Throckmorton Schools.

Christina was a devoted member of the First United

Methodist Church and loved teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. She was always available to help with church programs, especially the children's programs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.E. and Sue Couch.

Christina leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Max of Haskell; daughter Kaki Stapleton Cooper and husband Ryan of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Hannah Kate Cooper and Lily Clare Cooper; her sister, Susanne Flowers; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Jeff Flowers, Jay Flowers, Coley Flowers, Chad Gibson, Joey Kimbrough and Mik Everitt.

If desired, memorials may be made in Christina's name to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 201 North Avenue F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

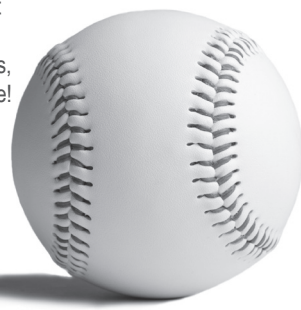
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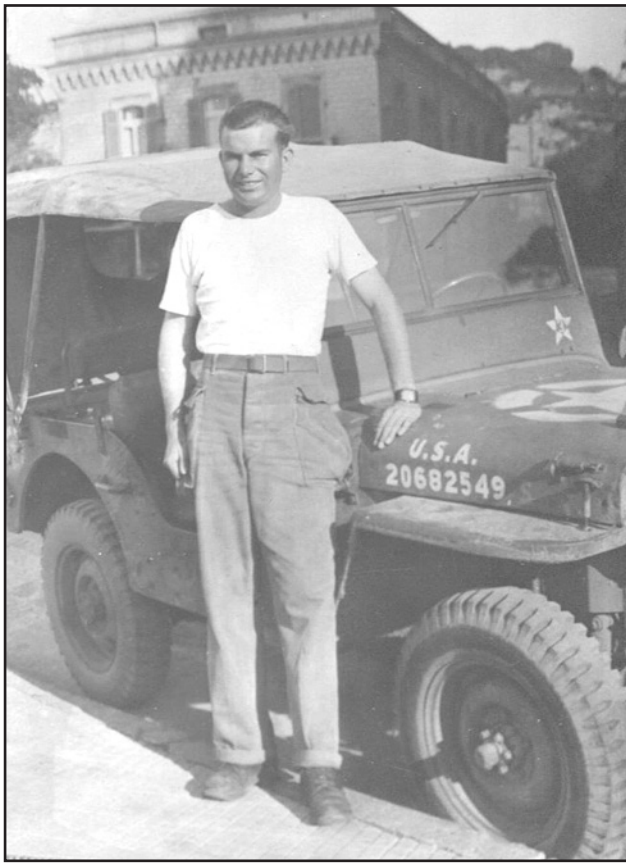


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Guard and prisoner stay in contact

by **Caron Yates**
 In the truly busy lives we live as we pass through this world, it is easy to overlook the impact we have on others. Without question parents and even grandparents have a major influence on their children and grandchildren, while friends have a great effect on those with which they spend time. The same is true for many occupations. It is the somewhat unintentional impressions we make on others as we walk through this life, that can be the most rewarding. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs, some 16,112,566 individuals were members of the U.S. armed forces during WWII. One of those was John Miller of Haskell. The son of Oscar and Eunice Miller, John was born in Rule and later graduated from Haskell High School. Like so many young men at that time, he joined the army during his service, he was stationed in Naples, Italy. It just so happened that Billy Yarbrough, Jack and Jiggs Westbrook, all of Rule, and Allen and Issac Lee, of Haskell, were also stationed in Italy at the same time. Sadly in October 1944 Yarbrough was killed in action and buried in Italy. One day Miller and one of the Lee boys went to visit his grave in Florence, Italy, and were quite surprised to find fresh flowers on the grave. After paying their respects, Miller took a picture of the grave and flowers and sent it, along with a letter to the

young man's parents back in Rule. Later he learned that Jack Westbrook had placed the flowers the previous day. That simple gesture meant so much to the grieving parents. They shared their appreciation through several letters to Miller. Later when Yarbrough's body was moved back to Rule, Miller served as a pallbearer. During WWII, Miller was a guard to German Prisoners of War being held in Italy. He got to know many of these prisoners. He became good friends with one in particular named Joachim Lüdke. Lüdke, who was fluent in several languages, was Miller's interpreter at the POW camp. After the war ended, both men went back to their respective homelands. Miller married Maxine in 1947 and soon began building a career as a butcher. Together they raised their two sons and daughter. Lüdke contacted Miller in April 1947, asking if John remembered him. He said he thought of Miller each morning as he shaved with the razor Miller had given him. For the next seven or eight years, the Millers continued to receive letters from Lüdke. After the war, he had returned to his home, now located in the Russian Zone, to find most of his belongings gone, and very little work to be had. Having worked in a law firm before the war, he described how difficult it was to support his wife, two children and mother-in-law. He felt that his life as a POW in Naples,



JOHN MILLER in Naples, Italy Nov. 15, 1945

Italy had been better than the one he found upon returning home. However he expressed hope for a better future. Lüdke was able to leave the Russian Zone and moved to the British Zone where he found work as a pay clerk with the British army. Unfortunately his family was not allowed to move with him and it took one and a half years before they were able to join him. He described many of the obstacles they faced, including not being able to cross the "Iron Curtain," his family's illnesses, the polio outbreak in Germany, civil censorship and supplies and necessities being sold on the "black market" resulting in high prices. Throughout the letters, Lüdke expressed to John Miller the importance of his friendship and how

desperately he wanted to hear from him. Perhaps that friendship and communication from someone outside his immediate life, fostered his hope for a better future. The Millers sent many packages filled with candy, cakes and other goodies, for which Lüdke's family was most appreciative. Miller never knew what happened to Lüdke. His last correspondence said he would be going to India for a while. They never received another letter after that. John Miller passed away in May 1993, leaving a multitude of lives he touched through the years. Whether he realized it or not, his simple but compassionate gestures during the midst of a war, gave two families much needed encouragement and consolation.

4-H riders compete at district horse show

by **Tammy Parham**
Haskell County Extension Office Manager
 Top young riders throughout the Rolling Plains District participated June 19-22 in the 46th annual Rolling Plains District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon. More than 150 4-H'ers competed in Showmanship, Roping, Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Futurity Classes. Three local 4-H'ers represented Haskell County. Zhenia McTasney placed fourth in Hunter Under Saddle, second in Hunt Seat Equitation, second in 2 Year Versatility, fifth in 2

Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity, second in Yearling Halter Filly Futurity, third in Yearling Longe Line Futurity, and fifth in Stock Horse Pleasure. Also, Zhenia received Reserve Champion Yearling Filly. Kaley Mathis received third place in Barrel Racing. Kameryn Mathis also participated in the Barrel Race. These three 4-H'ers will participate in the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene which will be held July 20-27. 4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Help support the Wall of Honor Project by donating your aluminum cans!

City of Haskell Residential Yard Watering Schedule

DAY TO WATER:	HOUSE NUMBER ENDING IN:
Monday	0 or 1
Tuesday	2 or 3
Wednesday	4 or 5
Thursday	6 or 7
Friday	8 or 9

Residential yard watering is restricted to the period from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Births

Jace and Tessa Yates of Wichita Falls are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jude Allan Yates. He arrived on July 2, weighing 8 lbs. 15 ozs. and measuring 22 inches. Grandparents are

Terry and Carol Sales of Windthorst and Joe and Caron Yates of Weinert. Great grandparents are Helen Berend of Windthorst, Alice Yates and Lindo Guess, both of Weinert.

New Shipment

Purses

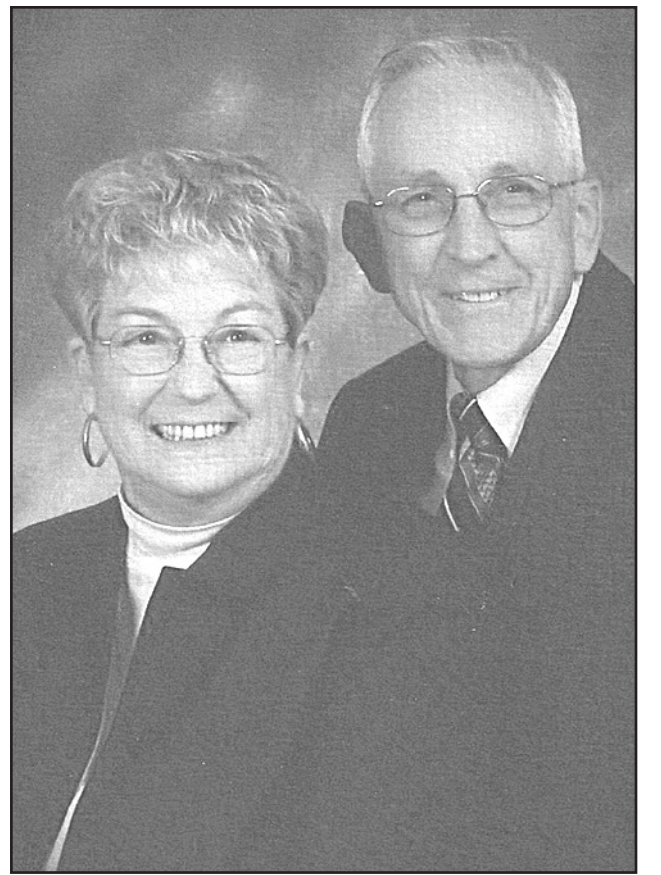
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MR. AND MRS. BOB SMITH

Smiths celebrate 60th anniversary

Celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary on July 9 were Bob and Darlene Smith of Haskell. Married July 9, 1953 in Abilene, they have one son, Michael Clay and his fiancée, Monica

Schulte. His parents were Clay and Allie Belle Smith of Haskell. Her parents were George and Hazel Belew of Grand Prairie, formerly of Abilene.

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Gary and Reda Thomas Eden and Micah **Greg and Jennifer LaBrie Adam**

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Second special session opens for round 2

AUSTIN—Texas lawmakers on July 1 reported to their respective Capitol chambers for the opening of a second 30-day special session of the 83rd Texas Legislature. The House and the Senate scheduled floor action for July 9.

Gov. Perry, on June 26, invited them to take a second opportunity to craft and pass legislation relating to:

- Regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities;
- Funding of transportation infrastructure projects; and
- Establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

Those items were on the call for the first special session that ended on June 25. Senate Democrats opposed to the abortion-regulating bill outflanked a Republican majority by skillful use of parliamentary procedure. Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, exercised the option to filibuster the abortion bill on the final day of the special session. While the filibuster stopped the bill from final passage, other bills on the calendar became ineligible for further consideration at the stroke of midnight.

On June 26, Gov. Perry called another special session to have the same matters addressed. On opening day, Democratic caucus leaders suggested that because of constitutional concerns and the high level of interest in the subject, regional hearings should be held before abortion-regulating legislation votes are called. Answers came. Such decisions are at the discretion of committee chairs. The chairs in this case, Rep. Byron Cook, House State Affairs, and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, Senate Health and Human Services, chose to conduct their committees' hearings at the Capitol.

On July 2, more than 3,000 citizens registered to testify on, for or against HB 2, the abortion bill, but only a small percentage of them were allowed to testify before the bill was called to a vote. The House State Affairs Committee approved HB 2 on a vote of 8 to 3.

Also on July 2, the Senate Finance Committee tentatively approved Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed constitutional amendment relating to the transfer of certain general revenue to the state highway fund and the economic stabilization fund and to authorize the payment for principal and interest on certain highway improvement bonds. And, the Senate Criminal Justice

Committee tentatively approved SB 2, legislation relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual under 18 years of age. The bill is the same as SB 23 in the previous special session, requiring 40 years of time served before parole eligibility.

Governor raises question

Gov. Perry on July 2 hinted that he would have "exciting future news" to announce on July 8. This hint brought on speculation that Perry might launch his second run for the presidency in 2016, or perhaps seek yet another term as governor in 2014.

In late December 2000, then president-elect George W. Bush resigned as governor, and Perry, then serving as lieutenant governor, became governor. Perry completed Bush's unexpired term, was elected in 2002 and reelected in 2006 and 2010. With more than 12 years in office, Perry is the longest-serving governor in the history of the state.

Who is running in 2014?

It is early in the game, but if Gov. Perry does not run for an unprecedented third consecutive four-year term as governor in 2014, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has said he will run to succeed Perry.

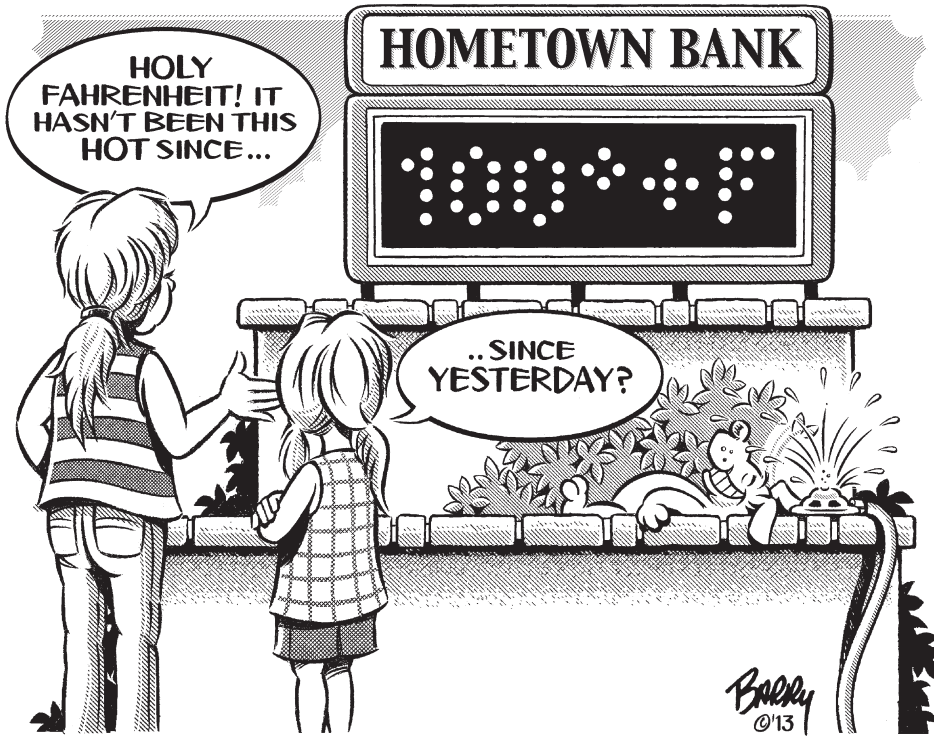
If Perry does not complete his current term, however, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst would be promoted to governor. If that scenario develops, Dewhurst would have the advantage of incumbency with Abbott, and possibly others, mounting challenges.

While Dewhurst has not declared his intentions, state Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, both Republicans, have filed paperwork to run for lieutenant governor in 2014. Also, Senate Education Committee Chair Dan Patrick, R-Houston, on June 27 announced his plan to run for lieutenant governor.

As for who might succeed Abbott as attorney general, Texas Railroad Commission Chair Barry Smitherman has said he will seek the office contingent on Abbott's seeking another office. House Higher Education Committee Chair Dan Branch, R-Dallas, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for attorney general or lieutenant governor.

State Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, has announced plans to run for comptroller. State Comptroller Susan Combs has said she will not seek another term as the state's chief accountant or for any other statewide office in 2014.

Democrats have kept their aspirations muted, so far, as to statewide races in 2014.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 10, 2003

Ruby Faye and Weldon Norman of Rule celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their family.

Haskell County EEA members attending the District 3 TEEA Cultural Arts Day held in Graham, were Geraldine Baker, Flossie Bates, Alice Yates and County Agent Lou Gilly. Winning awards in the Cultural Arts Division were Muriel Nanny, first in Cross Stitch; Baker, third in Decorated Garments; and Yates, second in Quilts.

Several Haskell High School graduates received degrees in commencement exercises. They include Melanie Alvarez, Angela Aycok and Amy Aycok from Hardin-Simmons University; Cy McGuire, Bree Burgess, Lee Christian and Tiffany Cadenhead from Texas A&M University.

20 Years Ago July 15, 1993

Heather Hobgood was a state finalist in the Miss America Texas Teen Pageant held in Dallas. She was sponsored by Lane Felker, Modern Way, Toliver Chevrolet and Olds, Dr. Cliff Ray, KVRP, Lanco Insurance, Haskell Paint & Body and First National Bank.

Rochester High School students elected to play in the All-Star games held during the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association clinic are Steven Lopez, basketball game; Chris Carver and

Kurt Sloan, football game; and Joni Penman, queen's contest.

Children of William and Emma Carruth attending the annual family reunion were Dora Holley, Nellie Bird, Ocie Carruth, Crawford Carruth, Callie Moore, Frances Hutchison, Mattie Abbott and Helen White.

30 Years Ago July 7, 1983

Mr. and Tommie Casey celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception hosted by their children. They grew up in adjoining communities in northwest Haskell County. They married in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Sego.

Abilene Police Sgt. and Haskell native James Berry, was promoted to Lieutenant in a recent ceremony. Berry 32, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Berry of Haskell.

The Haskell County Emergency Ambulance Service board members are interviewing applicants in order to hire two full time ambulance employees. Board members include Bill Lane, Bud Comedy, J.R. Perry, Charles McCauley, Bud Turnbow, Jerry Stocks, Sam Watson and Dr. Ed Harris.

40 Years Ago July 12, 1973

Haskell County high school students Cole Turner from Rule, along with Lee Ann Toliver and James McCoy, both from Haskell, have been chosen to attend the 11th annual High School Students Citizenship Seminar to be conducted by

the Texas Farm Bureau.

Participating in the District 4-H Horse Show at Vernon from Haskell County were Melyn Mickler, Glenda Gayle Chapman, Danette Mickler, Debbie Aycok, Carl Hopkins and James Hopkins.

Mrs. John Clark was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark of Sagerton. She grew up in and around Sagerton and is an authority on the history of Sagerton.

50 Years Ago July 11, 1963

Donna Renfro, 16 year old Haskell High School junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loid Renfro, missed being junior barrel champion by two-tenths of a second at the Texas Cowboy Reunion competition.

Bailey Toliver, owner and operator of Bailey Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell, has been appointed area director of the Texas Automobile Dealers' Association. Toliver is involved in many civic activities.

100 Years Ago July 12, 1913

E.M. Morris, county surveyor, has done a good deal of surveying in the new oil field at Stamford lately.

Haskell County farm land is worth \$24.60 per acre and has increased \$21.39 per acre during the past decade, according to a census report.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Taylor, of the Haskell Telephone Company, were sent to Seymour last week, by the company.

Roadcheck inspects commercial vehicles

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected more than 9,200 commercial motor vehicles, compared to 8,062 in 2012, during a three-day inspection effort last month as part of Roadcheck 2013. DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol troopers and civilian inspectors joined forces from June 4-6 during the annual inspection effort aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety.

Approximately 21 percent (1,963) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Among the most common infractions that led to out-of-service violations were issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting.

Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 248 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were improper logging of duty time, driving over the maximum number of hours, and failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven.

In all, DPS issued 2,800 citations and more than 26,000 warnings.

The annual Roadcheck program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Open, Transparent Texas Government

For more than four decades, Texas has had some of the most robust open government laws in the nation. And while these laws continue to protect the transparency that is so vital to democracy, the public always benefits when modern technology is harnessed to make government more accessible. During the recent legislative session, Senator Kirk Watson (Austin) and I worked together to develop a bipartisan, common sense proposal to bring the Open Meetings Act into the 21st century.

Under legislation authored by Senator Watson, members of local governing boards will be able to exchange thoughts and ideas in an electronic forum that is open and accessible to the public in real-time. With the Texas Legislature's adoption of Senator Watson's legislation, open government laws will be updated to account for with modern technology – and keep Texas government operating in the sunshine and accountable to the public.

To ensure public business is conducted in an open

and transparent manner, the State's Open Meetings Act prohibits a quorum of a state or local governmental body's board or commission from communicating with their fellow board members unless they are in an open meeting. As a result, a quorum of the board cannot deliberate electronically—or otherwise—between publicly posted meetings about official business or policy matters.

The legislation authored by Senator Watson creates a new tool that governmental bodies can use to facilitate electronic communications between board members—while still protecting the public's interest in open and transparent government. Senator Watson's proposal will give the public greater insight into officials' thought processes by allowing them to view open discussions between government officials on an official online forum. Although the bill authorizes communication among board members, they will be limited to that purpose and cannot take official action except in a properly posted open meeting.

Senator Watson's legislation will impose the following requirements and

controls on official message boards:

- The communication must be in writing;
- The writing must be posted to an online message board that is viewable by the public;
- The communication must be displayed in real time and displayed on the online message board for no less than 30 days after the communication is first posted;
- The governmental body may only have one online message board that the governmental body either owns or controls;
- The online message board must be prominently displayed on the governmental body's primary Internet Web page;
- The online message board may only be used by members of the governmental body and/or its officers;
- A communication that a member of the governmental body removes from an online message board after the 30-day window is subject to the Public Information Act and must be retained for six years; and
- The governmental body may not vote or take any action that is required to be taken at

a meeting simply by posting a written communication to an online message board.

Senator Watson's legislation to modernize the Texas Open Meetings Act and expand transparency received unanimous support from the Texas House and Senate. Senate Bill 1297's effective date is Sept. 1.

Thanks to Senator Watson and the other public servants who share our commitment to open and transparent government, Texas is at the forefront of sunshine states. And that's a good thing—because as stewards of the taxpayers' money, government agencies are obligated to operate in a manner that's transparent, accountable and inspires public confidence.

The Attorney General's Open Government Hotline—at 877-OPEN-TEX—fields more than 6,000 calls per year from citizens wishing to file complaints or seeking general information about how the open government laws work. To obtain more information about the Attorney General's efforts to enhance open government statewide, access the agency's website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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Fourth of July golf cart parade at The Anchor

The annual Fourth of July golf cart parade was held July 4th at The Anchor. Thirteen carts joined in the fun. Proceeds benefitted the fund to upkeep the crappie dock.

Pat Rice was this year's parade coordinator. A street dance and fireworks at dark followed the patriotic parade.



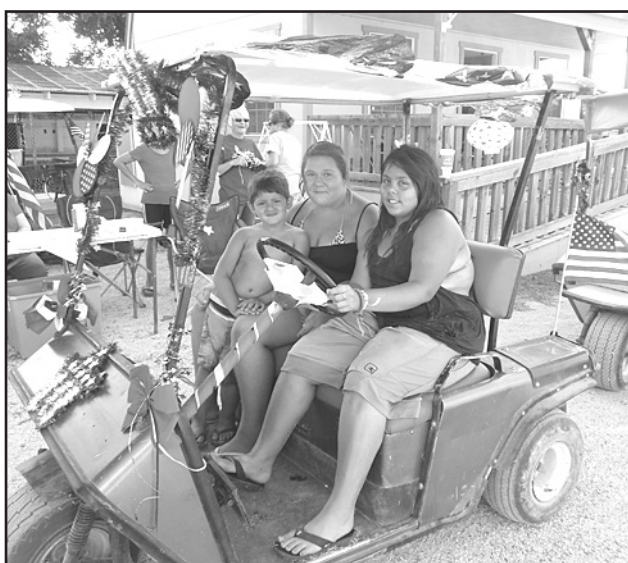
MEMORIAL FOR THOSE GONE ON-Deceased residents of The Anchor are remembered with a plaque that is added to this memorial display at The Anchor on Lake Stamford.



Pat Rice and Martha Skinner



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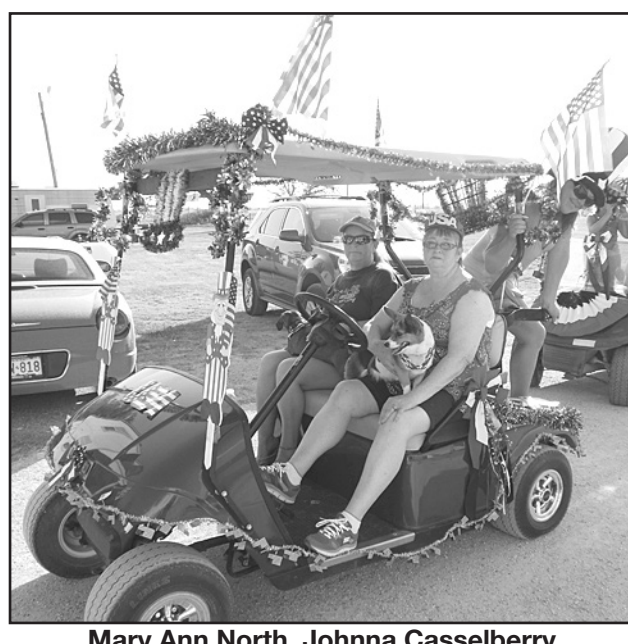
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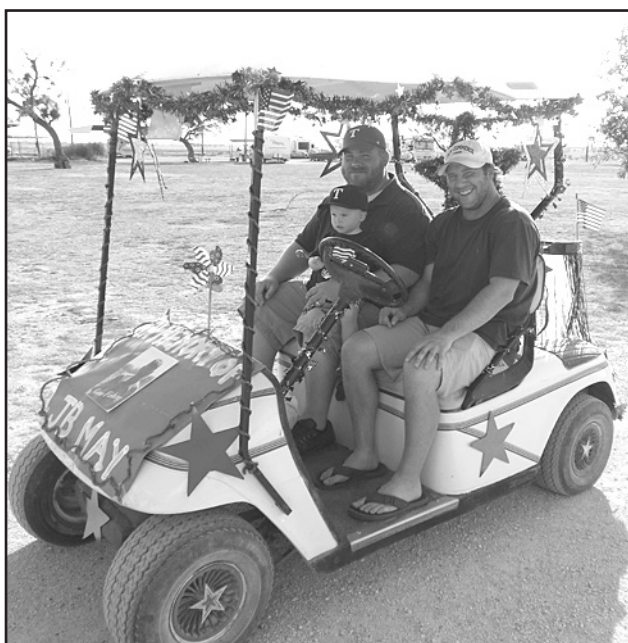
Tyler Allen, Chancy Dunn, Zoe Webb, Mason Webb and Gavin Allen



Mary Ann North, Johnna Casselberry and canine friends, Abby and Alley



Kailyn Rosebrook and Darla Rosebrook



Jared May, Jackson Sherley and Tanner Sherley



Makayla Franco, Alex Franco, Kaleb Franco, Carolyn Franco and canine friend, Tiger



Taylor Griner, Carter Baker, Kalyn Baker and Blayne Griner



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Texas Chiefs hold annual model airplane fly-in



IN APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE—Mike Johnston, left, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, AMA District 8 Vice President presents Gary Davis with a Certificate of Appreciation of Service to AMA & District VIII. Davis organized this year's annual fly-in.



CLUB MEMBERS—Texas Chief Model Airplane club members include front row, Casey Moeller, Gary Davis, Melody Townsend and Elise Townsend; back row, Allen Moeller; Tony Haynes, Alan Plumlee, Ervin Frierson, and Ed Greenlee.



Ed Greenlee and his Com Art Yak



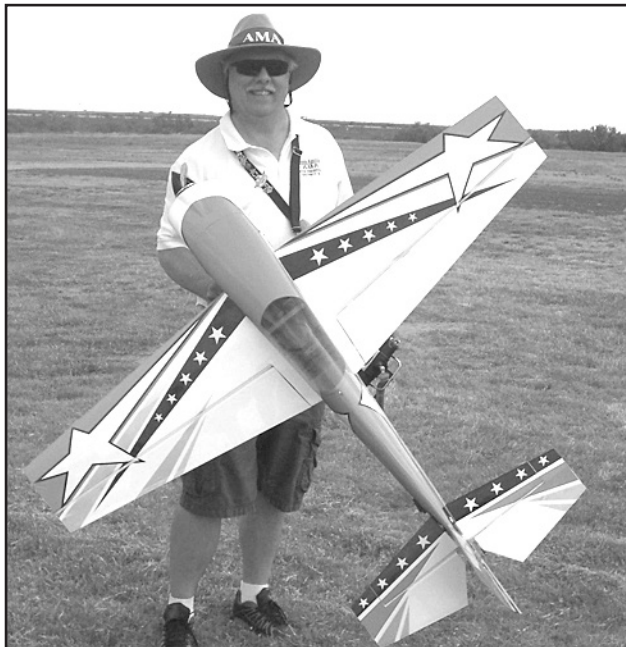
Ed Greenlee and his red and black Beast by Hanger 9



Joe Buie and his Ultimate Biplane



Joe Buie and his Extra 260



Mike Johnston his AJ Slick airplane by Hanger 9



Ervin Frierson, left, Alan Plumlee with Plumlee's Ultimate Reflex



Allen Moeller, left, and Casey Moeller with Casey's Escapade



Chris Brown, left, visits with Justin Trussell about Trussell's Olympic airplane.



SUPPORT GROUP—Some of the spouses visiting the fly-in were, l-r, Sondra Davis, Kelly Trussell holding Kathlyn, Elise Townsend, Melody Townsend, Wanda Johnston, and in front Cloie Trussell.

Payment-enabled mobile phones streamline purchase transactions

The process of making purchases "on the go" is getting faster and easier due to new technology available on many popular smartphones. According to one industry source, in 2012, there were more than 6.8 billion mobile phone accounts in the world, many of which included a payment-enabled feature that allows a consumer to perform payment transactions from a mobile phone. These payment-enabled phones are sometimes referred to as "mobile wallets."

A "digital wallet" is an online site that provides a secure method to make online payments—such as PayPal. PayPal maintains a buyer's payment information so that online purchases can be made without revealing the buyer's credit card or

bank account information to the seller.

These services are available on a smartphone, such as an iPhone or Android. A mobile wallet allows consumers to make purchases "on the go" as long as Internet or cellular service is available.

Many digital wallet companies, such as PayPal, also have a mobile wallet. The first step towards using a provider's mobile wallet is to sign up for its digital wallet, as it's much easier to register credit card or bank account information on a computer than it is on a smart phone. Once registered to the digital wallet online, download the provider's corresponding mobile wallet app, enter the registration information and the smartphone will become payment enabled.

At some businesses, purchases can be made using a smartphone's mobile wallet with Near Field Communication (NFC). When checking out, the smartphone sends a signal to the store's NFC reader to pay for the items. For instance, to use a PayPal account to buy items through NFC, enter your mobile phone number into the store's PIN reader at the checkout counter and it communicates with your smartphone to complete the transaction.

Consider this scenario: After you've spent the day at the mall with your friends buying things with your new mobile wallet, you might stop for a bite to eat. When the waiter delivers the bill, you can use your smartphone to pay for your friends' meals or to collect

each person's share of the bill. All you need is a mobile credit card reader.

To set up a mobile credit card reader, download an app to a smartphone, create an account and wait for the secure reader to arrive in the mail. The reader plugs into the headphone jack on a smartphone. To take a friend's payments for their meal, enter the amount, swipe their credit or debit card and have them sign the screen using their finger.

Companies that produce mobile credit card readers make money by charging approximately 2.75% per transaction. With the mobile credit card reader, you'll have the upper hand the next time you run into someone who owes you money, but never seems to carry cash. When they show you their

pockets are once again empty, just pull out your smartphone and mobile card reader and say, "Will that be credit or debit?"

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is making financial transactions easier, faster and more secure. A little knowledge goes a long way toward simplifying your everyday transactions.

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