

Calendar

Senior services program set

An informational program will be held Thurs., Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building, W.O. Elmore of the Ladyman Law Office will present senior planning services. Nancy Nicholson, AE of Encompass Home Health will present "Staying Independent at Home, Fall and Balance." An ice cream social will follow. Free 20" box fans will be given away while the supply lasts to those in need.

Band boosters

A Band Booster Club meeting will be held Thurs., Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School auditorium for all parents of band students in sixth through twelfth grades. New officers for the 2013-14 school year will be elected.

Bake sale

First Assembly of God Church of Haskell will hold a bake sale Sat., Aug. 3 in front of Modern Way beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the fund to build an activity center for the youth of the church.

Guest speaker

Dr. Wayne Cadenhead will speak in a mission service Sun., Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell.

Bible school

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 4-8 from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Children ages 4 through those entering sixth grade may register Sun., Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Registration may be done online at <http://answersvbs.com/vbs/haskell>. For a ride, call church office at 864-2738.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 15 in Haskell. DSHS is offering immunizations for children with Medicaid and no health insurance or health insurance that does not pay for vaccines. If your child is eligible for vaccines, you must call 325-773-5681 for an appointment.

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.

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Citizens reminded of weed/trash ordinance

The City of Haskell is putting special emphasis on the following

ordinance:

"Health and Sanitation, Division 4. Weeds and

Wild Growth Sec. 8-151. Weeds, trash, rubbish on premises constitute a

public nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant or person

in charge of any premises in the city to allow weeds to grow above 12 inches upon the premises, or to allow trash or rubbish to accumulate upon the premises to such an extent that a fire hazard is created or that it has become injurious to the health of other citizens. Either act is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance."

The City of Haskell is encouraging citizens to abide by the ordinance to help beautify the city and also for the health and safety of all citizens.

The recent rains, while beneficial, have caused a great growth in weeds and grass and have also created areas for fleas, ticks and mosquitoes to multiply.

If your property is found to be noncompliant of the ordinance you may receive a notice in the mail. If compliance is not met then the City will proceed to the next action.

Thank you for your assistance in complying with the ordinance.



THEY'VE GOT TO GO-The City of Haskell reminds citizens and property owners that weeds and other growth above 12 inches as well as trash and rubbish constitute a public nuisance. Citizens are encouraged to help beautify the city and abide by the

city ordinance for the health and safety of everyone. Recent rains have caused great growth in weeds and grass. Properties found noncompliant may receive a notice in the mail. The City thanks those who work hard to keep their properties neat and trim.

County schools set registration dates/activities

Haskell Elementary

School begins Mon., Aug. 26. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Paint Creek

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2013-2014 school year Tues., Aug. 13. Please come by the school office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork. Schedules for high school students will be given at this time.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013. To attend Pre-K, a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2013.

For all new incoming students, parents should bring their driver's license, their child's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card to registration.

The first day of school is Aug. 26.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 940-864-2868.

Rule

Rule ISD will hold registration for junior high and high school students Mon., Aug. 19 and Tues., Aug. 20 in the school cafeteria.

Mon., Aug. 19 will be for seniors at 1 p.m. and juniors at 2 p.m. Tues., Aug. 20 will be for sixth through eighth grade students at 10 a.m., sophomores at 1 p.m. and freshmen at 2 p.m.

Parents or legal guardians of students in grades sixth through

eighth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

Registration for elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the classrooms of each grade level. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through fifth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- A copy of the child's Social Security card.

- A copy of the child's birth certificate.

- Current immunization records.

- Any records from the child's previous school district.

- A copy of the parent or guardian's driver's license.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the teachers and Meet the Bobcats" night for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m.

This event will give students and parents the opportunity to enjoy ice

cream and meet the 2013-2014 Bobcats, returning teachers and new teachers at Rule ISD.

After a short assembly in the auditorium about the upcoming school year and the Title I program, students will be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to be ready for the first day of school.

Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year.

There will be information about Booster Club and sign up forms for booster club activities.

Come enjoy this event in preparation of an exciting 2013-2014 school year.

Haskell Elementary to furnish supplies

Haskell Elementary School is trying something new for the upcoming school year. All school supplies needed for the school year will be ordered by the school.

Parents/guardians are asked to pay the amount listed below according to your child's grade. Each student will need to provide their own backpack. The school requests backpacks without wheels, please.

Supplies may be paid for during "Back to School Night." Please make checks payable to Haskell CISD or bring the exact amount of money. All supplies will be in the homerooms by the first day of school.

It is hoped that by purchasing the school supplies in bulk, all students will have the same quality

of supplies and parents/guardians will be able to save money.

Cost for each student by grade level includes: PreK-3 year olds, \$15; PreK-4 year olds, \$15; Kindergarten, \$15;

1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade, \$25.

The elementary administration and staff appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sales tax holiday set

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Fri., Sat. and Sun., Aug. 9-11.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the

weekend.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$74.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The dates for the tax holiday weekend are established by the Legislature in the state tax code.

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

USDA accepts sign-up offers for 1.9 million acres

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept 1.7 million acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. The Department received nearly 28,000 offers on more than 1.9 million acres of land, demonstrating CRP's continuing appeal as one of our nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water, and wildlife conservation. Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has enrolled nearly 12 million acres in new CRP contracts since 2009.

Currently, there are more than 26.9 million acres enrolled on 700,000 contracts. "For 27 years, lands in CRP have helped to conserve our nation's resources and played a part in mitigating climate change," said Vilsack. "American farmers and ranchers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP. As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace—supporting one out of every twelve jobs

here in the United States—it is no surprise that American producers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP." In addition to today's announcement, over the last four years, USDA has set aside significant acreage under CRP's Continuous enrollment programs to target habitat conservation on especially important lands. For example, in March, 2012, President Obama dedicated 1 million acres of CRP to Continuous Enrollment Programs to conserve wetlands, grasslands and wildlife. This year, farmers and ranchers have already offered more than 370,000 acres under Continuous CRP sign-up, a figure that is impressive given that the lack of a Farm Bill extension last fall meant that CRP enrollment only reopened this spring in May. Lack of a comprehensive Farm Bill this year has resulted in uncertainty for achieving further enrollment objectives under continuous CRP.

CRP is a voluntary program that allows eligible landowners to receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of their 10 to 15 year contracts. Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. In 2012, CRP helped to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provides \$2.0 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

In addition, CRP sequesters more carbon dioxide than any other conservation program in the country, and also reduces both fuel and fertilizer use. Yearly, CRP results in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) comprised of five environmental factors plus cost. The five environmental factors are: (1) wildlife enhancement, (2) water quality, (3) soil erosion, (4) enduring benefits, and (5) air quality.

Juan M. Garcia, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), has reminded farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that they have until Aug. 1, 2013, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

"The last day to file your nomination form is about a week away," Garcia said. "Please get involved this year and nominate the candidate of your choice or nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors. To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, individuals must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2013 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 2. The newly elected county committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2014.

Obituaries

Bobbie Farrington Meinzer



BOBBIE MEINZER

Funeral services for Bobbie Farrington Meinzer, 88, longtime resident of Knox City, were held Sat., July 27 at First Baptist Church in Knox City with Rev. Paul Chambers officiating. Burial was in Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Meinzer passed away with her family at her side, Thursday afternoon, July 25 at Stamford Memorial Hospital in Stamford.

One of 5 girls, Bobbie Floyd was born Sept. 7, 1924 in Munday, the daughter of Lewis Casey and Agnes (Bell) Floyd. She married Doug Meinzer Dec. 6, 1945 in Haskell. Mrs. Meinzer enjoyed playing buttons and forty-two and she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Agnes Floyd; husband, Doug Meinzer; four sisters, Irene Floyd, Leta Stubblefield, Ora Lee Hutchinson and Willie Joy Hediger; and her beloved pet, Bo.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy Logsdon of Cisco, Penny Baker and husband Floyd of Haskell; son,

Tyke Meinzer and wife Gina of Haskell; granddaughter, Kristi Harrison of Cisco; grandsons, Scott Skiles of Abilene, Tom Skiles of Cisco, Riley Meinzer and Dalton Meinzer of Haskell; two great grandsons, Chris Johnson Skiles of Clyde, and Justin Harrison and his wife Chelsea of Cisco; two great granddaughters, Ariel Smoot of Cross Plains, and Stormy Farmer and husband Tyson of Cisco; and one great great grandson, Stayden Harrison of Cisco; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

If desired, memorials may be given in Bobbie's name to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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

PD. NOTICE

Bobby Dean Glover



BOBBY GLOVER

Funeral services for Bobby Dean Glover, 79, of Panhandle were held Sat., July 20 at the Will Harrell home place where he was reared northwest of Haskell. Bob's son, Mickey Dean Glover and stepson, Terry Freethy, led the ceremony

and scattered his remains under the pecan trees.

Glover passed away Fri., June 14 at his home in Panhandle in Carson County, after a lengthy illness and hospital stay.

Born Oct. 6, 1933 in Haskell, he was the son of Minnie Odell Harrell Glover and Charles Glover. He grew up in the Foster community attending and graduating from Rochester High School in 1952. Upon graduation, he immediately started to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone and worked for them 38 years, retiring Dec. 30, 1990. He served in the Navy on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Korean War, until his honorable discharge in 1956.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three siblings,

Imogene Glover Dobbs, Charlene Glover Harris and Pat O. Glover; and two sons, Bobbie Dean Glover Jr., and Stephan Glover.

Survivors include his son, Mickey Glover of Odessa and Roy Paul Glover of Richardson.

Family members attending the service were his son, Mickey Dean Glover of Odessa; stepson, Terry and wife, Teresa Freethy of Amarillo; Roy and wife Marena Glover of Richardson; Sue Glover, Eric Glover, Penny Glover Milburn and daughter, Katia, all of the Dallas-Fort Worth area; A.D. and Criste Glover Diaz and son, Dalton of Sulpher Springs; Mike and Julia Harrell, Francis Harrell Bowen and Jim Bowen, all of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

George L. Johnson

George L. Johnson, 89, died Tues., July 23 in Abilene.

Born Aug. 29, 1923 in Buffalo, he lived in Haskell, Floydada, Buffalo, before settling in Abilene. As a devout Christian man, he worked as a D.J. in Merkel for many years. He was a long time employee at Abilene Independent School District. After retiring, he moved back home to Buffalo.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, five brothers and a daughter, Gussie L. Billington; son-in-law, John E. Billington and daughter-in-law, Kathleen Johnson; one

grandchild; one great grandchild and one great great grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Johnson of Haskell; two sisters-in-law, Eula Faye Johnson of Lubbock and Ethel May Hayes of Hobbs, New Mexico; six children, Gabrella Thomas, Marie (Joe) Hammond of Abilene, Glendel Johnson of Lancaster, Kenneth E. Johnson of DeSoto, Johnetta Brown of Duncanville and Vincent Johnson of Frisco; 24 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, 32 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

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Howard, Fouts receive FFA recognition/awards

Haskell FFA member Kourtney Howard has recently been awarded the Area II FFA Star Greenhand in Agricultural Placement.

All FFA members are encouraged to maintain a supervised agricultural experience outside of the normal classroom day. This past year, Howard worked with Red Creek Cattle Company, a diversified cattle ranch and farming operation. She also participated in FFA Junior Chapter Conducting, Poultry Judging, Public Speaking, and raised show steers.

As part of Howard's FFA experience, she was required to maintain detailed

record books for financial purposes and an extensive journal documenting her experiences.

The Star Greenhand in Agricultural Placement is awarded to the top student who demonstrates outstanding work throughout the course of the year as evidenced by their record books, application, and interview process. Congratulations to Howard on this prestigious award.

Haskell FFA is also proud to recognize Emily Fouts for serving as an official FFA Ambassador during the 2013 State FFA Convention. After being selected to serve as an ambassador following

the application process, Fouts received training in person skills development, public relations, and professional networking. FFA Ambassadors are an elite group of FFA members from across the state who serve during the convention as liaisons for special guests, corporate donors, and FFA VIP during the convention. They also assist with backstage organization in directing people to and from the stage. It is because of the work of FFA Ambassadors that the convention runs smoothly. Fouts's service to the State FFA Association is greatly valued and appreciated.

Garden Checklist

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

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

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

•Evaluate the volume of water delivered from lawn sprinklers to ensure healthy, stress-free grass during the heat of the summer. One thorough watering which will deliver one inch of water at a time is better than several more shallow sessions. The amount of water available though flower bed sprinklers may be checked by placing several shallow pans among shrubs or flowers.

•Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of one-third to one-half pound per 100 square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

•Prune out dead or disease wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning at this time will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

•Sow seeds of snapdragons, dianthus, pansies, calendulas and other cool-season flowers in flats, or in well-prepared areas of the garden, for planting outside during mid-to-

late fall.

•Plant bluebonnet and other spring wildflowers. They must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop good root systems, and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Plant seed in well-prepared soil, one-half inch deep, and water thoroughly.

•Picking flowers frequently encourages most annuals and perennials to flower even more abundantly.

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

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

•Make your selections and place orders for spring-flowering bulbs now so that they will arrive in time for planting in October and November.

•Don't allow plants

with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture.

•A late-summer pruning of rosebushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

•It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals, such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should provide you with color during late September, October and November.

•Establish a new compost pile to accommodate the fall leaf accumulation.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., July 22 with all members present.

The second quarter report from the Haskell Chamber of Commerce was approved.

Budget amendments were approved as presented.

The council approved committing a maximum of \$12,000 per year for the next ten years to pay rent and electricity on an office for the DCOH and Chamber of Commerce on the square or whatever other option that is chosen.

No action was taken on the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Haskell and Haskell County for the clean-up project on the lot north of Haskell County Realty.

The status of the Haskell County Emergency Services was updated.

The council entered into an executive session to discuss real property GC 551.072 ID#2182 Original Town Lot Haskell Blk., 10 Lot E56' of 1&2, 300 North 1st Street, to be sold by the Haskell County Sheriff on Aug. 6.

Returning to regular session, it was decided that if the above named property does not sell at the Sheriff's Auction, the

council approves authorizing Brandon Anderson to approach the Haskell County Appraisal District with an offer to take the property at no charge and clean up the lot for future development.

A Citizen's Comment Form was submitted by Jan Gannaway to address the council regarding a letter circulating with her name. She stated that she did not write the letter and that whoever did write the letter was trying to make sure that this council did not succeed.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•Budget workshop dates need to be set. The first workshop was set July 25 with others posted as needed.

•In the packet is the 2013 Tax and Budget deadlines for small taxing entities downloaded from the TML website.

•In a meeting with David Kuehler with the Water Authority on Friday, Kuehler reported that 6 inches of water had been received from the recent rains in Miller Creek. Kuehler also stated that he has visited with his board about the prospect of assisting the member and non-member cities with providing an alternate water source.

In the council's packet was the Organizational Chart for the City of Haskell employee chain of command that was adopted a couple of years ago.

•Other documentation provided to the council included the list of applicants for Chief and Officer with the Police Department and the status of those applications; a resolution dated March 27, 1979 creating the position of City Administrator for the City of Haskell and listing job responsibilities; also included was a copy of the current City of Haskell Ordinance listing the same duties for the City Administrator.

•Mayor John Gannaway has been working with the City Attorney to have a workshop related to questions posed by a council member to allow the City Council to directly supervise the police department, and have the Chief of Police directly report to them. This topic, as well as the duties of the City Administrator, will be discussed at a workshop on Mon., July 29.

Scheets family to hold reunion August 16-18

The Scheets family reunion will be held from noon Fri., Aug. 16 until noon Sun., Aug. 18 at the Haskell Civic Center.

A pot luck meal will be

served at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Families are asked to bring their favorite foods and desserts, along with tea or colas.

Families are asked to bring games, like dominos, horseshoes, washers, etc.

All friends of the Scheets family are welcome to come join us for lots of fun and visiting.

For more information, call Jerry Scheets at 956-639-6930.

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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.

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.

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- **Poor blood flow.** The second problem happens when not enough blood flows to your legs and feet. Poor blood flow makes it hard for a sore or infection to heal. This problem is called peripheral vascular disease, also called PVD. Smoking when you have diabetes makes blood flow problems much worse. These two problems can work together to cause a foot problem. For example, you get a blister from shoes that do not fit. You do not feel the pain from the blister because you have nerve damage in your foot. Next, the blister gets infected. If blood glucose is high, the extra glucose feeds the germs. Germs grow and the infection gets worse. Poor blood flow to your legs and feet can slow down healing. Once in a while a bad infection never heals. The infection might cause gangrene. If a person has gangrene, the skin and tissue around the sore die. The area becomes black and smelly. To keep gangrene from spreading, a doctor may have to do surgery to cut off a toe, foot, or part of a leg. Cutting off a body part is called an amputation.

You should always report any problems that occur with your feet to your physician to prevent complications related to your diabetes.

Ways to care for and prevent complications to follow in 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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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Transportation legislation pushes lawmakers to brink

AUSTIN—As the end of a second, 30-day special session inched closer last week, the Texas House and Senate fell short of reaching a compromise on a path toward the future funding of transportation projects.

During that time span, however, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, House Speaker Joe Straus and key lawmakers worked out strategies in back and forth messages, in hopes of bringing House Joint Resolution 2 and House Bill 16 to final votes on July 29 and 30, the last two days of the 30-day special session.

Gov. Rick Perry said he would call a third special session if the Legislature failed to act in accordance with his wishes, that is, to let voters decide via constitutional amendment if sizable-yet-limited withdrawals from the state's \$12 billion Economic Stimulus (rainy day) Fund henceforth should be devoted to future transportation projects.

Working for the Nov. 5 ballot measure—if approved by the Legislature as currently written—reads: “The constitutional amendment to provide for revenue from motor fuel taxes to be used solely for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for certain public roadways and to provide for the transfer of certain general revenue to the economic stabilization fund and the available school fund.”

If approved by voters, the requirement that one-fourth of certain net revenue from the motor fuel tax be allocated to the available school fund will end. That revenue would be used to acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads and for the construction and maintenance of those public roadways.

Voting rights battle shifts

A month ago, in Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is unconstitutional.

To some observers, the court's 5-4 decision meant Texas and a number of other states would no longer be subject to federal preclearance before any changes to state election laws could take effect. To others, the court's action meant more legal action lay ahead. Last week—those who sensed more legal action would come—may be right.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on July 25 announced the justice department would

ask a federal court in Texas “to subject the State of Texas to a preclearance regime similar to the one required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.” Holder said his request to “bail in” the state to require it to obtain “pre-approval” from either the justice department or a federal court before implementing future voting changes is available under the Voting Rights Act when intentional voting discrimination is found.

“Based on the evidence of intentional racial discrimination that was presented last year in the redistricting case, Texas v. Holder—as well as the history of pervasive voting-related discrimination against racial minorities that the Supreme Court itself has recognized—we believe that the State of Texas should be required to go through a preclearance process whenever it changes its voting laws and practices,” Holder added.

Attorney General Greg Abbott reacted to Holder's announcement, saying, “The Obama Administration shouldn't deny in Texas what is allowed across the country.” Likewise, Gov. Rick Perry said Holder's expressed intent “casts unfair aspersions on our state's common-sense efforts to preserve the integrity of our elections process.”

On June 25, the day the Supreme Court released its decision in Shelby County v. Holder, Texas Secretary of State John Steen posted a list of acceptable forms of identification that prospective voters could present at a poll before casting a ballot.

Court ruling favors EPA

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., on July 26 ruled in favor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in State of Texas v. EPA, 10-1425.

The State of Texas had appealed EPA's takeover of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's regulation of carbon-emissions from power plants and smokestack industries for not meeting the January 2011 deadline relating to the regulation of greenhouse gases.

The Texas Attorney General's Office said plans are to review the ruling.

George Mitchell dies

Texas philanthropist, oilman, real estate developer, billionaire and native of Galveston George P. Mitchell died July 26 at age 94.

A 1940 graduate of Texas A&M, Mitchell pioneered the process of hydraulic fracturing in oil and gas exploration, now a widely used technique.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 31, 2003

Trinity Anthony became the fifth living generation in her mother's family. Enjoying the family gathering were Trinity Anthony, mom Brandi Briles Anthony, grandmother Teresa Rhoads Briles, great-grandmother Shirley Schonerstedt Rhoads and great great-grandmother Leona Teichelman Schonerstedt.

James Elam and Lori Rodriquez were recently appointed to serve as members of a steering committee to discuss regional economic development strategies and the enhancement of regional collaborative efforts.

Chase Cockerell was awarded his Lone Star Degree while attending the State FFA Convention. Also attending from Haskell FFA were Alexis Reed, Charlie Smith and Sydney Brueggeman.

20 Years Ago August 5, 1993

Michael Copeland, a native of Dublin, will be the

new band director at Haskell High School. He is a recent graduate of Tarleton State University.

Haskell Elementary students participating in the 13th annual Threshold Program for gifted and talented students are Melissa Buerger, Jessica Rieger and Jennifer Smith, all fourth graders, along with fifth grader Paige Hagadone.

Haskell City Secretary Ann Young says the number of applicants for the Haskell City Administrator's position has been reduced from over forty to about a dozen.

30 Years Ago August 4, 1983

Air National Guard Airman Janie Wheatley, daughter of Lorene Henson of Haskell, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, following basic training.

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program has announced that Brian Burgess and Charles Gibson, both of Haskell, have been

selected for inclusion in the 1983 edition.

Haskell County 4-Hers participating in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show were Kim Jones, runner-up in daytime tailored wear; Jennifer Shaver, best cotton outfit in beginner division; and Michelle Scoggins, top seamstress in intermediate division.

40 Years Ago August 2, 1973

The Haskell Indian teenage baseball team has won the right to go into state championship play. The team, managed by Frank Jircik and assisted by James Davis, is made up of Ricky Acosta, Tim Pringle, Randy Ivy, Robert Alvarado, David Dodson, Roy Lee Riley, Raymond Rodela, Billy Don Story, Frank Paul Jircik and Robin Colbert.

Lynn Dudensing of Sagerton has been selected as a participant in the annual Greenbelt Bowl football game at Childress. Sandy Oliver of Rule will be a queen

candidate for the game.

Janice Rainey of Weinert, bride-elect of Danny Isbell, was complimented with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Dale Middlebrook of Paint Creek.

50 Years Ago August 1, 1963

Members of Boy Scout Troop 36 in Haskell receiving the Order of the Arrow in formal ceremonies were Glen Smart, Tommy Perry, Patrick Pace, Bill Ratliff, Randy O'Neal, Steve Harper, Mike Felker, Paul Hiebert and Ray Herren.

Marsha Shaver of Rochester, winner in the senior division, and Kathy Hager of Mattson, winner in the junior division, will represent Haskell County 4-H in the annual district 4-H Dress Revue to be held in Vernon.

Haskell County football players have been chosen to play in the All-Star game which will highlight activities at the Six and Eight Man Coaching School. Jerry Hutchinson and Jackie Hammer of Weinert High School and C.H. Underwood and Bobby Cox of O'Brien High School will participate.

100 Years Ago August 2, 1913

George Foster of this place and R.L. Vick of Rule went to the carriers' convention at Bryan.

Tax Assessor J.W. Tarbet has made quite a reputation for his skill with a rock. While passing Jack Simmons' home in this city, he observed a chicken hawk sitting on the flue of Mr. Simmons' dugout. Picking up the rock, he threw and killed the hawk. Thinking his youthful days were on the return, he has been trying to perform all sorts of feats, resulting in some falls.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

“It was the worst of times; it was the best of times...” It's been a long time since I've read Dickens so those two (worst and best) may have been flipped. I'm referring to this past week and the unsigned, hateful letter attributed to my wife and the uplifting response from many citizens/friends who have rallied around us encouraging us with warm phone calls, letters and prayers. Ah, this is the home town I missed and longed for. Thank you all. It is our desire to continue serving always in an honorable way that would make you proud of us as your mayor and the mayor's wife.

Now that we've put that to bed let's visit a moment about the three water breaks we've suffered just this past week. We've had our share. As stated before, the infrastructure is old and weak and the recent drought and then blessed rain has caused shifting. Melinda Smith, councilwoman in Stamford, had an interesting explanation in her article “Let's Talk” about the pressures in the lines and

from the water towers, aging valves. Some water has to be let out from the hydrants to bring the pressure down in order to repair the breaks. No one enjoys seeing the precious commodity flowing down the street. Many of these lines are a hundred years old; it's just a matter of time before we'll have to address their replacement. Meanwhile, I'd like to compliment the city on their water conservation. I've heard several stories from different sources about how you're accomplishing this. One seemed to be garnered from history in that the entire family bathed in the same tub full of water. I'm not sure I could go to that length, but God bless you anyway. I've noticed a plethora of “water well” signs...I had no idea there were so many individual water wells, but thanks for the signs. That makes it easier to designate those home owners in compliance with the Stage 3 status.

We enjoyed a Saturday at the Knox County Watermelon Festival

where we feasted on Cajun chicken and shrimp on a stick, potato twirls, funnel cake and of course free, cold watermelons. Vendors of all types were there to sell their goods and it was a pleasant 89 degrees. Visited with a gentleman from Rising Star who said some of his neighbors got up to 15 inches of rain. He said the level in one of the area lakes was raised five feet and another was completely full and overflowing. Wish we had been blessed with such.

Your city council met for our first discussion about the budget. It is not an easy job to sit and look at sheet after sheet of numbers, each and every one assigned to a different category. Brandon Anderson also explained to us that we have a garbage truck that is doing its best to ‘cross over the great divide’ (my dad's euphemism for death). However, it will get a serious going over before we toss in the towel as we struggle to find a way to purchase a new one. We also visited several possible sites that might become the combined office of DCOH and the Chamber of Commerce located on the square for easy-access to all citizens. The DCOH is also having it's first meeting with Weatherl Corporation on July 31, for them to show their initial drafts of redesigning the square.

I've just learned that a new business is coming to town: Ace Hardware. It will be located adjacent to Modern

Way. Not sure when they will be ready to have their grand opening, but we will keep you posted.

Driving around the city after the mowers have done their jobs at the park, ball parks (area in future designated and renamed Expo Center) our city looks really good. However, since the rains the weeds in some of the neighborhoods are almost waist high. And the wonderful weed growth is due to the much needed rain that we have finally received. Most of the offending areas are from vacant homes. We'll have to address that soon before the mosquitoes set up shop.

Attended the men's breakfast that is held in the high school cafeteria the last Sunday of every month and open for all men of the city. They start gathering a little before 8 a.m. for coffee, orange juice, milk, a sweet roll or sometimes even eggs, biscuits, gravy and all the trimmings. But the best part is just the opportunity to enjoy some Christian fellowship with many of the men of our community and listen to some very enlightening and uplifting comments by some of our fellow citizens. Makes for a good beginning of the Lord's day.

This quote appeared in our church bulletin last week and I found it to be very timely. ‘A lie can make it around the world twice before truth can tie its shoes.’ ~ Mark Twain.

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Texas Farm Service Agency announces accepted CRP offers

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales has announced that Texas will accept 2,092 offers on more than 312,000 acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up that ended in June.

Texas FSA received 2,226 offers on more than 333,000 acres of land, demonstrating CRP's continuing appeal as one of our nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water and wildlife conservation. Nationwide, USDA accepted enrollment of 1.7 million acres.

"The positive environmental impacts realized over CRP's 28 year history shows that producers,

landowners and USDA are committed to protecting and conserving our state's natural resources," said Canales. "These new CRP contracts will insure continued efforts to conserve and protect wetlands and grasslands and improve wildlife habitat; while the annual rental payments to producers continue to support rural economies across the state."

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Accepted contracts will become effective Oct. 1, 2013.

National data demonstrates that during 2012, CRP helped to reduce

nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year.

All CRP sign-up offers were evaluated and ranked using the Environmental

Benefits Index (EBI) that consists of the following five environmental factors plus cost: wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality.

For more information about the Conservation Reserve Program, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

4-H/FFA lamb validation tag orders due Aug. 23

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

It is time to order lamb/goat validation ear tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb as an animal project, that lamb must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until Fri., Aug. 23.

The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

You may come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell to order the tags. If you have any questions, call Jason Westbrook, Haskell County Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Deadlines nearing for 4-H entries for West Texas Fair & Rodeo and State Fair of Texas

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, entries for the West Texas Fair & Rodeo and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office this month.

The entries for West Texas Fair & Rodeo are due Fri., Aug. 9 by 4:30 p.m. The

entries for the State Fair of Texas are due Thurs., Aug. 22 by 5:00 p.m.

The entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and show call Jason Westbrook, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Tues., July 23 with all members present.

Haskell County treasurer Janis McDaniel presented the quarterly report that was approved.

It was announced that Chris Medford had given the hay that was spilled on Hwy. 380 and County Road 618 to the County for erosion control.

Brandon Cotton has been hired to replace Chad Panell.

No burn ban is in effect. Tammy Parham from the County Extension Office gave her thanks to the County Judge and Commissioners for all the repairs that have been done to the Extension

office. She also thanked the County Treasurer for all her help.

Jimmy Burson and Wallace Emerson were appointed to the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation Board.

Sheriff Winston Stephens will not be paid from the Courthouse security fund for bailiff duties because of statues for elected officials.

Miles Dabovich, District Extension Administrator introduced Jason Westbrook as the prospective Extension Agent. Westbrook was hired to the position of Haskell County Extension Agent of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Chris Davis, Chief Probation Officer for the 39th Judicial district, presented the adult probation side budget.

A three year lease with Sampson Oil was approved but the lease must be approved yearly and a liability clause must be in the contract.

Haskell County Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 22-28:

Lisa Frame, theft of property by check, Class B.
Kathie Pennington, assault family violence.

Glen Edward Pennington, assault family violence.

Ricky Clay Truelsen, driving while intoxicated x 3 parole violation.

Apollo Rivera Velazque, DWLI Class C, possession of 2K Class B, possession of marijuana Class B, possession of drug paraphernalia Class C.

Juanita Gallardo, Capias motion to revoke theft of property.

Joseph Keith Martin, motion to revoke forgery.

Matthew Shane Neatherlin, DWI 1st also open container.

Forty-six calls were made to 911.

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

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2013 BOBCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	ACHS (Scrimmage)	ACHS	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 23	Paducah (Scrimmage)	Rule	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	Aspermont	Aspermont	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Lueders-Avoca	Lueders-Avoca	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Knox City JV	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Woodson	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Paint Creek	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Jayton	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Vernon Northside*	Vernon Northside	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17-Thurs.	Harrold*	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Chillicothe*	Chillicothe	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	TBA	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	OPEN		

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 12	TBA	There	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Woodson	Woodson	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Paint Creek	Rule	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Jayton	Rule	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Vernon Northside	Rule	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 17-Thurs.	Harrold	Rule	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Chillicothe	Rule	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Benjamin	Benjamin	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	OPEN		

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Ways to Conserve Water...

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.

Every Drop Counts!

There's a new bug in town

There's a new bug in town, but entomologists stress its arrival is good news for El Paso residents and the environment.

Subtropical tamarisk beetles, better known as saltcedar leaf beetles, have made their way to El Paso after first being released along West Texas waterways in 2006 to combat saltcedar, said Dr. Salvador Vitanza, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist in El Paso County.

Saltcedar thickets compete for water, increase flooding and reduce biodiversity, said Dr. Allen Knutson, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Dallas. He said saltcedar was first introduced as an ornamental plant in the early 1800s but escaped and has become a serious invasive species.

"We've been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service and other agencies to establish the leaf beetles for biological control of saltcedar," Knutson said. "We're now starting to see an area-wide impact as beetles defoliate miles of saltcedar

thickets along the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers and in the Texas Panhandle and Rolling Plains."

Vitanza recently surveyed the westward movement of the beetles and found abundant larvae along the Texas/Mexico border south of Tornillo. He also found a few adult beetles two miles south of Fabens and 1.5 miles east of Clint.

"These beetles have been known to spread up to 80 miles in a season in ideal conditions," Vitanza said. "Currently, a few adult beetles have been observed defoliating saltcedar plants near Clint. It's possible some beetles may reach the city of El Paso before the year is over."

"Gerardo Tarin Torres, the department head of Mexico's Integrated Management of Contaminants in Chihuahua, reportedly found the beetle at Instituto Campestre in Ciudad Juarez on July 20 which is the first time they've been spotted in that city."

The control of saltcedar using the beetles is one of the most successful examples of biological control of noxious

plant species in the U.S., according to Vitanza, who said the beetles are host-specific and safe around anything that's not a saltcedar or Athel tree, which belongs to the same plant genus as saltcedar.

"You can rest assured that the saltcedar leaf beetle will not damage any plant species other than saltcedar and Athel, both in the genus Tamarix," he said. "The beetles will not hurt people or pets or attack other insects. Generally, when they run out of saltcedar to eat, they simply starve to death."

The one exception is athel, said James Tracy, a graduate research assistant in Texas A&M University's department of entomology.

Tracy said there have been some isolated instances in the El Paso Valley of the beetles eating Athel, an ornamental tree which is a close relative of saltcedar, but the browning of the leaves is only temporary.

"The athel trees are not dead, but should resprout new leaves in a month or so," he said. Saltcedar beetles prefer saltcedar over athel, so damage to athel usually only

occurs when beetle numbers are high. Defoliation of athel should be less once the larger beetle populations move upriver."

Dr. Mark Muegge, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Fort Stockton, said homeowners who want to save athel or even saltcedar trees in their landscape can protect the trees from the beetles by treating them with insecticide. For more information, see http://today.agrilife.org/2010/08/27/saltcedar_beetle/.

"Attacked trees turn brown as larvae consume leaves and girdle small branches," Knutson said. "Control of saltcedar occurs only after repeated defoliations, which weaken the trees, and they eventually die due to starvation, followed shortly by the beetle, once their food supply is exhausted."

For more information about salt cedar control see: <http://bc4weeds.tamu.edu/>, https://insects.tamu.edu/feature/saltcedar_program or <http://twri.tamu.edu/publications/conservation-matters/2012/august/saltcedar-beetles/>.



NEW BUG—A saltcedar beetle feeds on new growth along the banks of the Canadian River.

Moving expenses may be deductible

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

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

The second test is the time test. If you are an employee, you must work full-time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months immediately following your arrival in the general area of your new job location. If you are self-employed, you must work full time for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months and for a total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months

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

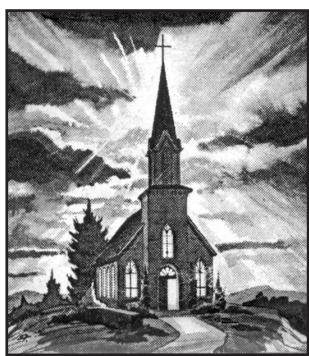
If you are a member of the armed forces and your move was due to a military order and permanent change of station, you do not have to satisfy the distance or time tests.

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

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

For more information on deductible and nondeductible moving expenses, please refer to Publication 521, Moving Expenses, at www.irs.gov.

This Week's Devotional Message:



God's world offers an enjoyable economy vacation

Vacation time can mean many things to many people, depending on their interests as well as what the budget will allow. They may travel a great distance in style, go camping in the nearby woods, or just languish in the back yard. All of these places can provide enjoyment and relaxation, being a departure from the normal routine. Moreover, even a

low budget vacation can be a learning experience, because it is not necessary to go far in order to observe the wonders of God's creation. They are on display everywhere, in different forms, just waiting for you to discover them. Take your Bible along as a sort of guide book, and remember that wherever you go on your vacation, God will be there to watch over you and protect you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Shawn Smith, Youth & Worship pastor
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Christian Church

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

Church of God

Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

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

St. George Catholic Church

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

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

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

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church

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.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.

200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.

1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

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

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

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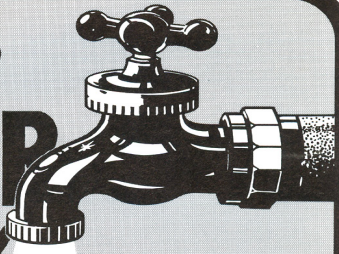
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the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Paint Creek ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Donald Ballard, at 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-2471.

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Paint Creek ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Título IX y la Sección 504, Donald Ballard, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-2471.

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WEINERT

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Weinert water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 24.5 mg/L.

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You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. An engineer has been hired and is awaiting approval for a filtration system. If you are pregnant

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or have an infant under six months included in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense. Please go by Weinert City Hall to pick up ID card before charging water.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Patricia Horan,

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Casen's Crew to hold benefit golf tournament and 5K Run/Walk

by Caron Yates

While it began as a tribute and celebration of what would have been Casen Riley's first birthday, the annual event has evolved into a major fund-raiser for Pediatric Cardiomyopathy.

In memory of Casen Riley and in support of all families affected by Cardiomyopathy, the 4th Annual Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy is scheduled for Sat., August 24, at the Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

The six month old son of Casey and Heather (Steele) Riley, both graduates of Haskell High School, passed away in March 2010, after being diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

While there are variations of cardiomyopathy, it generally causes an enlarged heart. It is estimated that 30,000 children have this disease. This "silent disease" is the leading cause of sudden deaths and heart transplants in children under the age of 18. Because the disease may present itself without obvious symptoms, it often goes undiagnosed.

All proceeds go to the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation and families affected by the disease. Since its beginning in 2002, the CCF, a non-profit organization, has grown into a global community of families, physicians and scientists focused on improving diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for children with cardiomyopathy. CCF is involved in all aspects of the disease from research and education to

patient support, awareness and advocacy. Nearly \$1.6 million has been committed to research. The Foundation's hope for the future is that more lives will be saved and every affected child will have a chance to live a full and active life.

Searching for a way to honor and remember their precious son, the Rileys in 2010 organized a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and raised \$3000, the second year a chicken spaghetti luncheon sponsored by Haskell National Bank was added and a total of \$5000 was raised. Last year a 5K Run/Walk was also held in conjunction with the basketball tournament, raising \$7000 for the cause.

This year Casen's Crew will be changing things up a little. Instead of the 3-on-3 basketball, they are holding a 4 Man Scramble Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Maxwell Golf Course, located at 1002 S. 32nd in Abilene. The desk opens and cart pick up begins at 7 a.m. The Shotgun Start is at 8 a.m. The entry fee of \$75 per individual or \$300 per foursome will include green fee, cart, range balls and a hamburger meal. Cash awards will be presented after the meal.

The second annual 5K Run/Walk will begin with registration and check-in from 6:00-6:45 a.m. The event will kick off at 7 a.m. at the Maxwell Golf Course. Awards for overall winner in the male and female divisions, as well as first, second and third places in eight different age divisions will be presented. Entries registered before August 17 will be \$20, while those after August 17 will cost \$25. You may register

online at active.com.

Events such as this are only successful with the help of individual and corporate sponsors, the many participants and of course the wonderful volunteers. The Rileys are very appreciative of the past support they have received and look forward to another successful fund-

raiser for a very important cause. For registration forms, more information on the event, information on the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Casen's story or how you can help support this cause, visit www.casenscrew.com or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379.

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Many taxpayers have more taxes withheld from their pay than necessary. You should try to have your income tax withholding match your actual tax liability, especially if you normally get a large refund and you would like more money in your paycheck. If not enough tax is withheld, you will owe tax at the end of the year and may have to pay interest and a penalty. If too much tax is withheld, you will lose the use of that money until you get your refund. The withholding calculator at IRS.gov can help you figure the correct amount of federal withholding and provide information you can use to complete a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Life brings constant changes to individual financial situations. Things like marriage, divorce, a new child or home purchase can all be reasons to adjust your withholding. The earlier in the year you check your withholding, the easier it is to get the right amount of tax withheld.

"Check your withholding if you prepared last year's tax return and received a refund that's larger than you'd prefer or had a balance due that's more than you can comfortably pay," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

Before you begin, you need to have a few items

handy: Your most recent pay stubs and your most recent federal income tax return.

Here are some tips for using the withholding calculator:

- Fill in all information that applies to your situation.
- Estimate when necessary. Remember, the results are only as accurate as the information you input.
- Check out the information links embedded in the program whenever you have a question.
- Print out the final screen that summarizes your input and the results. Use it to complete a new Form W-4 (if necessary) and give the completed form to your employer. Keep the print of the final screen and a copy of your new W-4 with your tax records.

For many people, the withholding calculator is a great tool that can simplify the process of determining their withholding. Also, see Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding, which is available at IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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Paint Creek ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the National School Lunch program and School Breakfast Program.

The Business Office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Students from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court are eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the Secretary's office. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly Food Stamps)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and SNAP or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a SNAP/TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None," "No Number," or some indication that the person does not have a social security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Sarah McCord will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Donald Ballard.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

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2	\$20,163	\$28,094	\$1,681	\$2,392	\$841	\$1,196	\$776	\$1,104	\$388	\$552
3	\$25,389	\$36,131	\$2,116	\$3,011	\$1,058	\$1,500	\$877	\$1,390	\$489	\$686
4	\$30,615	\$43,568	\$2,552	\$3,631	\$1,276	\$1,816	\$1,178	\$1,676	\$569	\$838
5	\$35,841	\$51,005	\$2,987	\$4,251	\$1,494	\$2,126	\$1,379	\$1,962	\$690	\$981
6	\$41,067	\$58,442	\$3,423	\$4,871	\$1,712	\$2,436	\$1,590	\$2,248	\$790	\$1,124
7	\$46,293	\$65,879	\$3,858	\$5,490	\$1,929	\$2,745	\$1,781	\$2,534	\$891	\$1,267
8	\$51,519	\$73,316	\$4,294	\$6,110	\$2,147	\$3,055	\$1,982	\$2,820	\$991	\$1,410
9	\$56,745	\$80,753	\$4,730	\$6,730	\$2,365	\$3,365	\$2,183	\$3,107	\$1,092	\$1,554
10	\$61,971	\$88,190	\$5,166	\$7,350	\$2,583	\$3,675	\$2,384	\$3,394	\$1,193	\$1,698
11	\$67,197	\$95,627	\$5,602	\$7,970	\$2,801	\$3,985	\$2,585	\$3,681	\$1,294	\$1,842
12	\$72,423	\$103,064	\$6,038	\$8,590	\$3,019	\$4,295	\$2,786	\$3,968	\$1,395	\$1,986
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