

## Calendar

### Reading program

The Haskell County Library will hold a Summer Reading Program for children Pre-K through third grade from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in June, and every Thursday in July. No program will be held the week of July 4. Reading June 12 are Tom and Kim Bassett. Come enjoy a guest reader, crafts, snacks and fun!

### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., June 13 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. Members will discuss the "Taste of Country" event, hosted by the Noah Project-North Tues., Oct. 14 at the Civic Center. Please attend if at all possible.

### Summer lunches

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

### Water plans

The City of Haskell invites all Haskell residents to come to an informational meeting to hear the plan developed by the City of Haskell and the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority for an alternate water source during this drought and future water shortage times. This special meeting of the Haskell City Council will be Thurs., June 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Haskell City Hall. NCTMWA Executive Director, David Kuehler will give the presentation and other city staff will also be available for comments.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., June 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

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### VBS set

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. First (Hwy. 380W) of Haskell will host Vacation Bible School June 22-26 (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. The theme is "Shine" and will feature music, Bible studies, crafts, refreshments and Bucket Drums. The VBS is for all children 5 years old through those who just completed sixth grade. Thursday is family night. Pre-register your child online at [www.cornerstonehaskell.org](http://www.cornerstonehaskell.org) or by calling the church at 940-864-5557.

### Storm sirens

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

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# Wild Horse Prairie Days results inside

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"The People's Choice"

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## Tongue River takes 2014 WHPD Ranch Rodeo title

by Caron Yates

It looked a lot like the old west again, as cowboys and cowgirls found their way to Haskell last weekend for the nineteenth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days event.

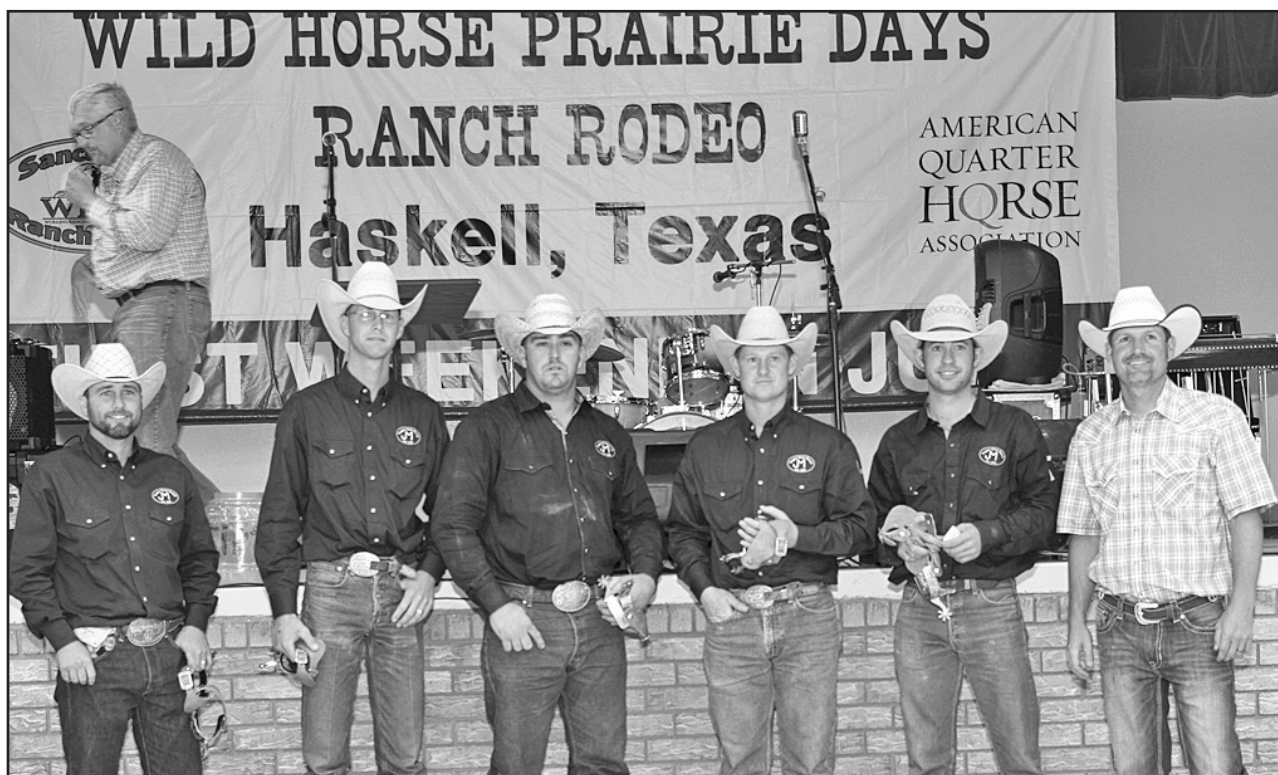
Twenty working ranch teams competed in the big event. Other events held in conjunction with the rodeo were the John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping, the Ranch Horse Competition and the Sam "Snakey" Graves Memorial Cutting.

The first place overall team winner was the Tongue River Ranch, established in 1898 by Eric and Albin Swenson. Present day owner Millard Morris purchased the 89,000 acre ranch in 1997. It is located in King, Cottle, Motley and Dickens counties. Team members were T.J. Roberts, Quentin Marburger, Ty Brown, Tyler Weatherford, Shaun Strickland, Quentin Gass and Gage Moorhouse. They received spurs from the Wild Horse Prairie Days Committee and custom hats sponsored by D&S Aerial, Quality Pest Control, Helena Chemical Co., Haskell Feeds and 5-D Custom Hats and Leather. In addition they received shirts, sponsored by Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

Placing second was the Crutch Ranch located in Borger, and purchased in 1945 by James Killough. Today the 13,000 acre ranch is owned by his grandchildren and managed by Mark and LeAnn Mitchell. The ranch was represented by Mark Mitchell, Jake Mitchell, Hegan Lamb, Shawna Lamb, Cody Heck and Chad Smith. They received shirts sponsored by God Loves You Ministries and knives sponsored by Sanders Ranch.

## Over 150 to play in golf tournament this weekend

Over one hundred and fifty golfers are expected in Haskell this Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, as the One Time Shortes Invitational Golf Tournament gets underway.



**WHPD RANCH RODEO WINNERS—Tongue River was the first place winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Team members were, l-r,**

The Sandhill Cattle Co, located in Lamb County, and owned by Tripp Townsend and Riley Smith, was established in 1998. Members of the overall third place team were Tripp Townsend, Riley Smith, Tyler Rice, Randy Knight, Autumn Townsend and Trail Townsend. They were awarded saddle blankets sponsored by Circle Bar Ranch.

Coming in fourth was the Circle Bar Ranch of Truscott. The ranch consists of 43,000 acres and was founded by Jerry Bob and Eugenie Daniel in 1981. Team members were Kyle Everson, Jerry Bob Daniel, Colton Daniel, Brady Jump and Kolton Burnett. They received hats sponsored by Heads or Tails Hats.

In fifth place was the Brown Cattle Co./Vickers Ranch. Team members were Clint Brown, Bray Chambles, Jake Vickers and

Zach Vickers. Notebook holders, sponsored by Isbell Longhorns, were awarded to team members.

Spires Land & Cattle of Synder and Hager Ranch located in Haskell and Knox Counties joined forces to win sixth place. Team members were Ron Redford, Tell Good, Eric Hager, Heath Hatfield, Colton Overcash and Buddy Thomas. They received ropes donated by King Ropes to Haskell Feeds and presented by E&E Farms.

Swenson Land & Cattle Co., which dates back to 1854, finished in seventh place. By the early 1900's the operation was comprised of almost 500,000 acres in four separate units. Team members were Reece Clark, Mark Voss, Bonner Voss, Carroll Jack Lewis and Allan Rabel. They received varmint calls sponsored by Keith & Betty Pierce Trucking.

Named Top Hand was Tripp Townsend of Sandhill Cattle Co. He won a saddle sponsored by Shortes Inc. Reserve Top Hand was Carson Horner, riding for Haskell Ranch and Farms. He received a knife courtesy of WHPD Committee. Top Horse was TRR Lucky Playgun, ridden by Tripp Townsend. He won a hand tooled headstall and bit sponsored by Larned's Storage Center. In addition,

**T.J. Roberts, Quentin Marburger, Ty Brown, Tyler Weatherford and Gage Moorhouse. Casey Larned, far right, made the presentation.**

he received a bronze statue presented by AQHA. Reserve Top Horse was Dino, ridden by Carson Horner. He received a belt buckle sponsored by Jim and Sharon Isbell.

The bronc riding event was won by Ron Redford of the Spires/Hager team. He

earned a saddle sponsored by Wes-T-Go.

Winning the Wild Cow Milking was the Crutch Ranch. Saddle sponsors were Central Texas Farm Credit and Anipro XF.

Tongue River Ranch won the sorting event and took continued on page 7

## Millers Creek to be closed June 16-20

David Kuehler, executive director of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, announced that Millers Creek Reservoir will be closed June 16-20.

The board voted to close the lake the third week of June this year, and every year in the future, to enable maintenance work to be done, without endangering

lake goes.

The dam, emergency spillway and other areas around the lake will be sprayed to control trees. Because the spraying will be accomplished by airplane, it is necessary to close and allow no traffic in or around the lake.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Model airplane fly in set Sat., June 21

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club announces their annual Open House will be held Sat., June 21. The fly in will be held at the Haskell Model Airport three miles east on Hwy. 380.

Models on exhibit will include sailplanes, helicopters, electric, glow

and gas airplanes. Also planning to be present is an electric "Quadcopter +2," a six rotor model that can be flown manually or preprogrammed to fly solo. A mock combat will be held between electric models and aerobatic fly ins.

Spectators are welcome.

## Indians named to All-District baseball teams

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Indians had five players named to the 8-1A All-District team for

the 2014 baseball season.

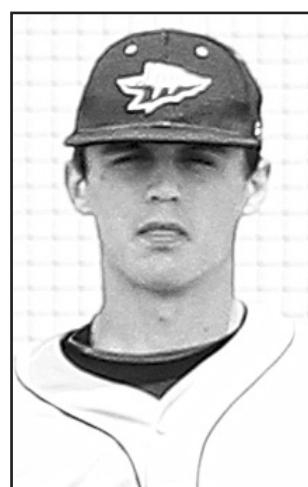
Named to the All-District First Team was junior Kade Colley.

Listed on the Second Team All-District were seniors Daniel Contreras, Kyle Kimbrough and

Aaron Waggoner, along with freshman Devon Barrios.

Congratulations to

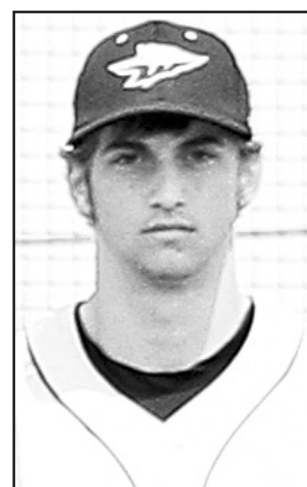
each of these young men on their hard work and accomplishments this season.



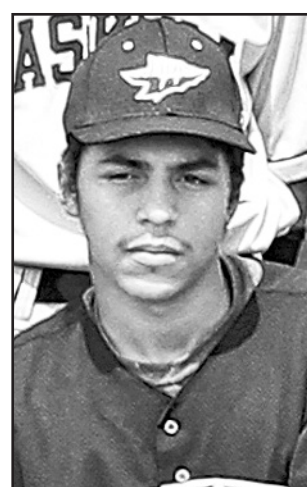
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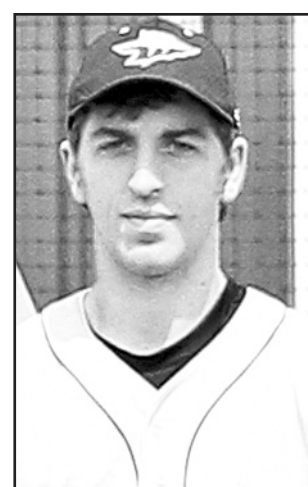
DANIEL CONTRERAS



KYLE KIMBROUGH



DEVON BARRIOS



AARON WAGGONER

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**RIBBON CUTTING**—The Haskell Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting at Texas Trims, located at 411 1/2 South First in Haskell, Fri., June 6. Some of those present at the event were, front row, l-r, Teresa Jones, Mynea Short, Haley Jones—owner, Jan Colmenero, Megan Cox, Pam Strickland, Tammy Cunningham, Tom Bassett and Caitlin Lewis; back row, Gilbert Colmenero, James Jones and Casey Jones.

## FSA county committee nomination period begins Sunday, June 15

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins Sunday, June 15, 2014.

"County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S.

Department of Agriculture," said Vilsack. "I hope that every eligible farmer and rancher will participate in this year's county committee elections. Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice; their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs."

Vilsack added, "We've seen an increase in the number of nominations of women and minority candidates, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

Farmers and ranchers

may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

### Student in the News

Kristen A. Martinez of Haskell graduated in commencement exercises May 10 from Angelo State University in San Angelo with a Master of Science degree.

## Obituaries

### Mark Keith Wallace



**MARK WALLACE**

*"All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant." Psalm 25:10*

Funeral services for Mark Keith Wallace, 53, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Wed., June 4 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Mrs. Kristi Stewart officiating. Interment was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Wallace passed away with his loving family at his side, Sunday evening, June 1 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

One of five, and the only boy, Mark was born April 20, 1961, in Haskell to Sandra (Larned) and J.W. Wallace. He grew up loving to ride and train horses. Mark married

Tammie Polk in Sweetwater Nov. 6, 1982.

He continued on with his love of horses and always rode and trained and was passing the joy of horses down to his grandchildren. Mark was self-employed with Wally's Auto Touch Up and a founding member of God Loves You Ministries. He attended Cross Country Walk to Emmaus #174 and he upheld his piety by working several walks later.

Mark's passion was helping people and spreading God's word. In 2004, he founded God Loves You Ministries and his weekly sermon's touched the lives of many. His understanding and ability to share God's love was certainly a gift that Mark promoted faithfully. The perpetual smile on Mark's face is testimony to the conviction and devotion he had for his Lord Savior. He was always available for a generous hug and words of encouragement. He was a wonderful, loving man that will be missed by the entire community.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra; sister, Janet Thane; nephew, Austin Coker; and granddaughter, Krislyn.

Mark leaves behind his beautiful and loving family

### Alicia Acosta

Family Funeral Homes. Rosary was held Wednesday evening, June 11 at St. George Catholic Church.

Born June 30, 1929, in Harlingen, she was the daughter of the late Theodoro and Elvira Rosales. She married Ray Acosta Dec. 7, 1949, in Haskell where Alicia remained until her going home.

She always thanked God and gave Him praise. All those around her enjoyed her sweet disposition, even while in pain at the Haskell Healthcare Center. She was a wonderful house wife and mother, raising seven children. Alicia was a member of St. George Catholic Church. She was a tremendous prayer warrior and was constantly praying for everyone, especially her

to continue on with his legacy, including his wife of 31 years, Tammie of Haskell; four daughters, Brooke Gentry and husband Ryan of Willis, Nikki Thompson and husband Tate, Whitney Pinkerton and husband Heath, and Hanna Shaver and husband Zach, all of Haskell; eight grandchildren, Sydney, Alli, Preslea, Haegen, Harper, Karter, Kylan and Dylan; his father, J.W. Wallace and wife Louetta of Haskell; three sisters, Vickie Coker of Haskell, Kelly Layman of Abilene, and Deanne Garrett of Paso Robles, California; his paternal grandmother, Jewell Wallace and his maternal grandmother, Ruth Larned, both of Haskell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Tate Thompson, Heath Pinkerton, Zach Shaver, Haegen Pinkerton, Zack Coker, Britt Sharrock and Cody Polk.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to God Loves You Ministries, P.O. Box 604, Haskell, Texas 79521 or Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

Online condolences may be shared with the Wallace family at [www.smithfamilyfh.com](http://www.smithfamilyfh.com).

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**ALICIA ACOSTA**

Funeral services for Alicia Acosta, 84, of Haskell will be held Thurs., June 12 at 10 a.m. at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Fr. George Roney officiating. Interment will be immediately following at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith

children.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years Ray Acosta who went home in 2010.

Survivors include her seven children, 11 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Her children include son, Ray Acosta, Jr. of Tampa, Florida; daughter, Yolanda Casillas and husband Edmund of Knox City; son, Erique Acosta and wife Carol of Willmar, Minnesota; son, Julio Acosta of Holley; son, Robert Acosta of Haskell; daughter, Alice Fuentes and husband Roger of San Antonio; daughter, Elaine Bradford of Sunnyvale California.

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## Weather

by Kim Hutto  
National Weather Service  
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Temperature

Mon., June 2	70°/98°
Tues., June 3	72°/94°
Wed., June 4	73°/104°
Thurs., June 5	75°/101°
Fri., June 6	76°/96°
Sat., June 7	74°/97°
Sun., June 8	70°/91°

Precipitation  
Sun., June 8..... 1.55" rain



**RULE FIRE DEPT. OLD FIRE TRUCK WHPD PARADE FIRST PLACE**



**MCCORMICK CLOWNS WHPD PARADE SECOND PLACE**



**HASKELL FIRE DEPT. TRUCK WITH SPARKY WHPD PARADE THIRD PLACE**



MRS. KARL THOMAS PENNINGTON

## Turner, Pennington wed in Rochester

Amy Suzanne Turner and Karl Thomas Pennington were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening on May 17 at the First Baptist Church of Rochester, with Brian Burgess officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Samuel Cole Turner, Jr. and Susan Mullino Turner of Rochester. The groom's parents are Jim and Gwen Sue Hoffmaster of Houston and Mike Pennington of Dayton, Texas. The bride's grandparents are Joyce Adkins Turner and the late Sam Turner of Rule and Sharon Reid Mullino and the late George Mullino of Rochester. The groom's grandparents are Mary Jo Gussett and the late John Gussett of Brazoria.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and given in marriage by her father, mother and sister, Mary Belle Turner of Dallas, who also served as maid of honor. The bride wore a strapless A-line lace gown with beaded embroidery waist and sweep train designed by Oleg Cassini. Its vintage look was customized with lace-up back. The bride wore pearls belonging to her great-grandmother Belle Cole Turner.

In addition to her maid of honor, the bride was attended by her cousins, Teddie Myers of Aspermont and Madelyn Turner of Abernathy; and friends, Cindi Harvey of Abilene, Jessica Williams of Denton and Tiffany Saucedo of El Paso.

Flower girls were Ellie Day of Richmond, Texas, cousin of the groom and Emily Schain of White Plains, New York, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Jayme Allison of Conroe, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Drew Hoffmaster and Kyle Hoffmaster of Houston, brothers of the groom; Chris Gussett of Houston, cousin of the groom; Daniel Earl of Knox City and Gilbert Saucedo of El Paso, friends of the bride and groom.

Ring bearer was Noah Day of Richmond, cousin of the groom. Candlelighters were Carter Turner of Abernathy, cousin of the bride and Daniel Turner of Rule, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Aaron Urich and Stewart Urich of Rochester, Daniel Turner, Joseph Turner and Mathew Turner of Rule, Layton

Turner and Logan Turner of Abernathy, all cousins of the bride. Sisters of the groom, Brittany and Brianna Pennington, handed out programs.

Soloist was Tandi Townsend Stewart of Haskell who sang How Beautiful and A Thousand Years. Pianist was Ellen Rieger of Haskell, with Mary Belle Turner playing "Linus and Lucy" as the wedding party exited. Laci Townsend West of Munday registered guests.

The bride and groom travelled by horse drawn surrey from the church to the reception.

Held outdoors at the bride's home, the reception was catered. Wedding cake was served by Brenda Turner, Margie Norton and Amy Freeman. In addition to the traditional wedding cake, a variety of cakes were made by Jennifer Holmes, Joyce Turner and Gwen Hoffmaster. Mary Jo Gussett provided brownies for the groom's table. The groom's cake was served by his Aunt Kimberly Byrd. Also assisting with the reception were Reida Penman, Teresa Scoggins, Shirley Sloan, Karen Smart, Darryl and Sharon McGhee. Ray Clark provided music. A video of the bride and groom was viewed at the reception. Through a trail of sparklers, the couple made their getaway in a beautiful 1930's era Model A Ford.

A wedding shower was held April 5 at the Hobby Club in Rochester. A bridesmaids' luncheon, hosted by Denise Turner, Reida Penman and Joyce Turner was held the morning of May 17 at the Hobby Club in Rochester.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the bride's home on Fri., May 16.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Hardin Simmons University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is employed by St. Luke's Emergency Department in The Woodlands.

The groom received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Energy Commerce from Texas Tech University in 2009. He is employed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico, and will make their home in The Woodlands.

## Father's Day salsa offered by 4-H'ers

by DaLinda Black  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

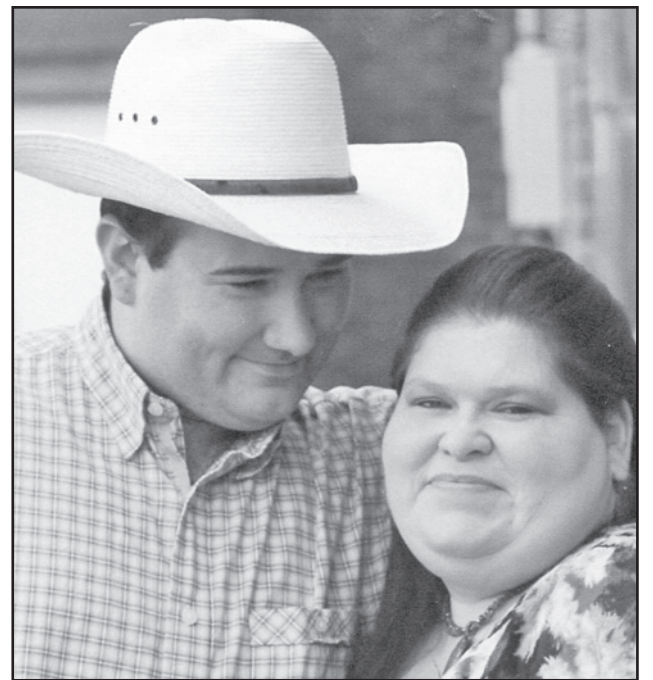
Haskell County 4-H'ers are having a fund-raiser to help the youth of Haskell that would like to become 4-H'ers in the fall, when the new 4-H year enrollment begins.

The fund-raiser proceeds will go toward the youth that cannot afford the enrollment fee to join 4-H. The youth will have to apply for the scholarships when school starts in the fall. The funds raised during the Mother's Day fund-raiser is to be used for the same purpose. Enough money was raised from that fund-raiser for

seven eligible enrollments.

Father's Day, 4-H'ers will be taking orders for homemade salsa. To order salsa, come by the Haskell Extension Office and fill out a form no later than Thurs., June 12. Orders will be ready to pick-up at the Haskell Extension Office Sat., June 14.

Please contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546, or e-mail DaLinda Black at Black-dalinda.black@ag.tamu.edu or Extension office at haskell@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions or to receive a form. Help support future 4-H'ers.



LEE TAYLOR WILSON - ANGELA VICTORIA BALLARD

## Ballard, Wilson to wed

Angela Victoria Ballard and Lee Taylor Wilson, both of Haskell are announcing their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wynkoop of Abilene and the late Harold Ballard Sr.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson of Haskell, and Patti Wilson of

Lueders. Ballard attended Hamlin High School and is employed by Haskell CISD.

Wilson attended Paint Creek High School and is employed by Rolling Plains Emerald Corrections in Haskell.

The couple plans to marry June 21 at 3 p.m. at Mackenzie Trail Cowboy Church in Stamford.

## Calendar

### Children's ministry

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

### Gun & Knife Show

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

### Mud Run

Celebrate the end of summer by having some fun in the mud. Plan now to run in the Mud Out Crime Mud Run, Sat., Aug. 9 at Stamford Marina on the south side of Lake Stamford. Sponsored by Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, the run will offer a choice of 5K or 3K courses. Register now at active.com. Reduced entry fees for early registration and for entering a team of 3 or more. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities welcome. Come

out, have a good time, and help support a good cause. All proceeds go to efforts to make our communities safer.

### Society to meet

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

### 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.

### 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.



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Weather permitting

# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

#### EPA air pollution plan sparks reactions

AUSTIN—The Obama administration on June 2 publicized what it termed “the first-ever plan to reduce carbon pollution from power plants.” The plan, a set of proposed actions to be administered by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, states that, “cutting carbon emissions will help prevent up to 6,500 premature deaths and 150,000 asthma attacks among children.”

In a news release of his own, Gov. Rick Perry reacted, saying, “President Obama’s decision to impose drastic new restrictions on America’s energy industry is the most direct assault yet on the energy providers that employ thousands of Americans and fuel both our homes and our nation’s economic growth.”

The Obama administration further stated the plan would “reduce electricity bills by approximately 8 percent by increasing energy efficiency and reducing demand in the electricity system, while creating tens of thousands of jobs across the country.”

But Perry said the air Texans breathe today “is cleaner than it was in 2000, even as our population has grown by nearly 5.2 million people” and “statewide, from 2000 to 2012, nitrogen oxide levels from industrial sources were reduced by 62.5 percent and from 2000 to 2012 ozone levels were reduced by 23 percent, a 12 percent greater reduction than the national average.”

However, the Obama administration pointed out that governors would have “flexibility to meet the proposed standards using the energy sources that work best for each state” and, “there’s no one-size-fits-all approach here.”

Along with its plan to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, the White House posted a fact sheet for Texas and one for each of the other states. The Texas fact sheet includes details under such headings as: A Cleaner More Efficient Power Sector in Texas, Improving the Health of Texas Residents, and Cutting Carbon Pollution in Texas.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, praised the Obama administration’s proposed EPA rules, saying, “There is an urgent need to act, and the President has answered the country’s call. My preference is that Congress would act, but we all know that’s not going to happen.”

“Climate change is already here: the country’s 12 hottest years on record have come in the last 15 years and Texas is in the midst of one of the worst droughts in recorded history,” Ellis continued. “If we want to leave our children and grandchildren a safe and healthy environment, we’ve got to limit carbon emissions—just like we’ve done with arsenic, mercury, and other pollutants,” Ellis added.

#### Republicans hold convention

An estimated 7,000 people reportedly attended the 2014 state convention of the Republican Party of Texas, June 5-7, in Fort Worth. GOP candidates who won March primaries or primary runoffs on May 27 were confirmed as nominees.

Delegates participated in a straw poll for the presidency in 2016: U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz drew 43 percent of the vote to Gov. Perry’s 11.7 percent. Among various topics drawing media attention were debates over immigration policy, optional “gay conversion therapy” counseling for homosexuals and Second Amendment rights.

#### States settle with drug maker

Attorney General Greg Abbott on June 4 announced Texas and 43 other state attorneys general secured a \$105 million agreement with drug maker GlaxoSmithKline LLC.

The agreement resolves a multistate investigation against the company for unlawfully promoting its asthma drug Advair and its antidepressant drugs Paxil and Wellbutrin. Under the settlement agreement, GlaxoSmithKline must pay the State of Texas a total of \$6.2 million, Abbott said, pointing out that the drug maker violated state consumer protection law by misrepresenting the uses and qualities of the three named drugs.

State and federal law generally prohibits pharmaceutical manufacturers from marketing their drugs for “off-label” uses that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Abbott said.

#### Comptroller honors lawmaker

State Comptroller Susan Combs on June 5 awarded state Rep. Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, with a “True Texas Hero Award” for his leadership in authoring two bills passed by the Texas Legislature.

The Legislature passed Cook’s House Bill 11 in 2007 and HB 11 in 2011, identically numbered bills requiring electronic reporting for all wholesale alcohol and tobacco sales. Those bills “made it easier for the comptroller to identify and investigate retailers who either under-collected sales tax or collected sales taxes but failed to remit the proceeds to the state,” Combs said, adding that the bills “have helped the state gain more than \$523 million in tax revenue.”

#### DPS joins inspection effort

Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced that state troopers, inspectors and investigators would participate in intensified commercial vehicle inspections from June 3 to June 5 as part of Roadcheck 2014, a nationwide enforcement effort to increase motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago June 10, 2004

Cowboys from the Lyles Ranch of Benjamin, were the overall winners in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Stoney Jones of Tongue River Ranch won the “Top Hand” award and Kyle Brandon of the Alexander Ranch had the “Top Horse.”

Haskell residents Katie Wooten Cruz and Jessica Rieger have been named to the Hardin-Simmons University spring 2004 honor lists. Katy McDaniel, Jacklyn Escobedo and Jillian Thomas, all of Haskell and Chris Hobbs of Paint Creek were named to the Dean’s List at Angelo State University.

Rule Elementary first graders Ryan Pace and Christina Herrera were the first in their class to reach 100 Accelerated Reader points.

#### 20 Years Ago June 16, 1994

John Yeary, a 1978 graduate of HHS and son of the late J.C. and Sue Yeary, has been advanced to Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is vice president of operations at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Marsha Whittemore of Rule, is author of a daily devotional in the current issue of “The Upper Room.” The devotional guide is published in 66 editions and 44 languages.

Hans Overton, son of

Wallar and Steffi Overton of Paint Creek, received his Eagle rank during a recent ceremony. He serves as junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 148.

#### 30 Years Ago June 14, 1984

Klavs Neilsen of Sorring, Denmark has spent the last ten months with the Duward and Gwen Campbell family as a foreign exchange student. He will return home next week with a complete western wardrobe.

The Haskell County Retired Teachers Association elected officers for the coming year. Serving will be Lena Hughey, president; Evelyn Nichols, vice-president; Kathleen Diggs, secretary; T.L. Wilson, treasurer; and Mary Martin, legislative chairman.

Major Lewis, longtime Haskell resident, celebrated his 106th birthday. He received a personal letter from Willard Scott of the Today Show in recognition of this remarkable milestone.

#### 40 Years Ago June 13, 1974

During the annual Lions Club banquet, membership award pins were presented by President Gene Long to Dr. J.C. Vaughter, 40 years; Jetty Clare, 30 years; Royce Adkins, 25 years; William Kemp and George Fouts, 25 years; Wallace Cox, Jr., 20 years; Bud Herren and Al Hinds, 15 years; and Garth Garrett, 10 years.

Marine PFC Marlin S. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay L. Wilson of Rochester,

graduated as honorman from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

According to James Powell and Pete Burkhalter, co-owners of the Haskell Livestock Auction, the 7th annual cattle drive has been scheduled. Giles Kemp will be Trail Boss and Mrs. Kemp is Trail Drive Queen.

#### 50 Years Ago June 11, 1964

Haskell Girl Scouts attending camp at Camp Boothe Oaks near Sweetwater, include Terry Kay Diggs, Lynda Lane, Brenda Nanny, Karen Pippin, Diane Sammons and Sue Wilkinson.

“The War Whoop,” the Haskell High School newspaper, has been awarded second place in its division in UIL judging. Staff includes Buford Abeltdt, editor; Gloria Darnell, assistant editor; Barry O’Neal, sports editor; Jeanette Kirby, business manager; and Johnny McCollum, circulation manager. Mrs. Arlos Weaver is the faculty advisor.

#### 100 Years Ago June 10, 2014

Mrs. J.S. Rike and little grandson, John Rike, left Monday for a visit with relatives at Farmersville.

Mary Winn entertained Tuesday morning with “42” in honor of her cousin, Lenora Winn and Miss Pluden of Stamford.

Mrs. C. Pitts and Estel McIver of Cameron are visiting Mrs. John W. Pace of this city.

## Campaign sparks discussion about mental health

Mental health issues can leave people feeling isolated and ashamed. To counter misconceptions about mental illness and help connect people with resources, the Texas Department of State Health Services is launching Speak Your Mind Texas, a statewide conversation about mental health that will spread the message that help is available and recovery is possible.

DSHS is working with local organizers to conduct town hall-style community conversations around Texas this summer to spark discussion about mental health and substance abuse, beginning this morning in Fort Worth.

Speak Your Mind Texas is designed to break down the stigma often associated with mental illness and emotional disturbance and remove barriers to support and treatment, particularly among teens and young adults. DSHS encourages anyone involved with young people, including parents, teachers, coaches,

community and church leaders, and others, to participate in a Speak Your Mind Texas community conversation in their area. Participants will learn about mental health issues affecting their community, the warning signs of mental illness and substance abuse, and the resources available to help young people and those who support them face these challenges.

“People don’t like to talk about mental illness, and they don’t like to hear words like schizophrenic or bipolar, and we first have to get over that,” said Derek Dillard, a young adult who experienced bullying and depression and attempted suicide before successfully seeking treatment with the support of his family. He is one of four young people who candidly lend their voices and stories to a series of videos and public service announcements for Speak Your Mind Texas.

“Once we start talking,” Dillard said, “we can start making changes.”

Resources at

speakyourmindtexas.org will help people recognize mental illness and substance abuse and show them how to provide support, promote hope and foster recovery for people experiencing mental illness or emotional disturbance. Resources are also available by dialing 2-1-1. DSHS is supporting Speak Your Mind Texas with a media campaign that includes television and radio public service announcements, online ads, and digital and social media outreach.

“An estimated one in five Americans will experience a mental health issue during their lifetime, and one in 20 will develop a serious mental illness,” said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS commissioner. “Mental illness often strikes early, with half of all lifetime cases beginning by age 14 and three-fourths by age 24. That’s why Speak Your Mind Texas is focusing on our state’s youth and the people and organizations that support them.”

“People can and do

## Lend a hand to stop elder abuse

Summer is a good time to remind all Texans to look out for and to help those in our communities who are elderly or have disabilities. After all, it’s everyone’s business to stop adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.

“I think that a lot of people may not realize that one of the most common situations APS encounters is adults who are neglecting themselves,” said Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services. “When people with disabilities or the elderly become ill or depressed, sometimes they can no longer care for themselves. Sometimes they quit trying. That’s when others need to step in.”

APS is joining with many community, civic and professional groups to raise awareness and understanding about adult abuse and neglect through conferences, presentations and other events.

Last year, APS completed 69,383 investigations involving people living at home and found that 48,392 of them were victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Self-neglect was at least one factor for most of those victims.

“APS’ job in self-neglect situations is to connect victims with services that can help them meet their basic needs,” said Engelking.

Often, APS clients are victims of more than one type of abuse or neglect. Learn more about how to recognize adult abuse, neglect or exploitation at EveryonesBusiness.org.

State law requires anyone who suspects abuse, neglect, or exploitation to report it to the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.TxAbuseHotline.org.

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# 2014 Wild Horse Prairie Days event winners



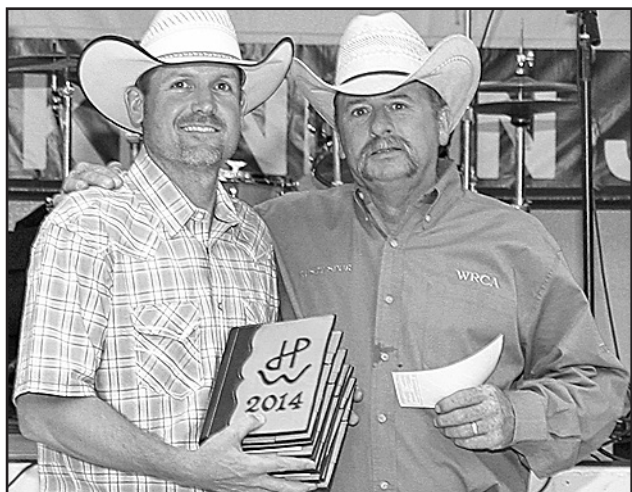
**SECOND PLACE TEAM**—Crutch Ranch was the second place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards from Casey Larned, far right, are, I-r, Hegan Lamb, Chad Smith, Cody Heck and Jake Mitchell. Also pictured are Hazen and Rylan Lamb.



**THIRD PLACE TEAM**—Sandhill Cattle Co. was the third place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards from Casey Larned, far right, are, I-r, Tyler Rice, Tripp Townsend and Riley Smith. Also pictured is Bronc Rice.



**FOURTH PLACE TEAM**—Circle Bar was the fourth place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards from Casey Larned, right, is, I-r, Kyle Everson, center. Also pictured is Jolie Everson.



**FIFTH PLACE TEAM**—Brown Cattle/Vickers team was the fifth place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards from Casey Larned, left, is Clint Brown.



**SIXTH PLACE TEAM**—Spires/Hager team was the sixth place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards were, I-r, Ron Redford, Heath Hatfield and Eric Hager. Also pictured are Paula Everett, far right, Reese Redford and Brenley Hatfield



**SEVENTH PLACE TEAM**—Swenson Land & Cattle Co. team was the seventh place team winner of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Accepting awards from Casey Larned, far left, are team members, I-r, Reese Clark, Mark Voss, Bonner Voss, Carroll Jack Lewis and Alan Rabel.



**RANCH HORSE COMPETITION WINNER**—Carson Horner, left, took top honors in the ranch horse competition event and accepts the saddle from Casey Larned.



**BRONC RIDING WINNER**—Ron Redford of the Spires/Hager team won the Bronc Riding event. His daughter, Reese Redford, left, accepts the saddle from Casey Larned.



**RANCH MUGGING**—The Driver Land & Cattle team won the Ranch Mugging event. Accepting the saddle from Casey Larned, far right, are team members, Sonny Pate, Dane Driver and Marc Sanderson.



**RANCH SORTING**—The Tongue River Ranch team won the Ranch Sorting event. Accepting the saddle from Sammy Larned, far left, and Casey Larned, far right, are team members, T.J. Roberts, Ty Brown, Gage Moorhouse, Tyler Weatherford and Quentin Marburger.



**RANCH DOCTORING**—The Crutch Ranch team won the Ranch Doctoring event. Carson Horner, sponsor, presented the saddle to team members, I-r, Hegan Lamb, Chad Smith, Cody Heck and Jake Mitchell. Also pictured are Rylan and Hazen Lamb.



**WILD COW MILKING**—The Crutch Ranch team won the Wild Cow Milking event. Dale Bullinger, second from right, sponsor, presented the saddle to team members, I-r, Hegan Lamb, Chad Smith, Cody Heck and Jake Mitchell. Also pictured are Rylan and Hazen Lamb.



**RANCH BRANDING**—The Swenson Land and Cattle team won the Ranch Branding event. Accepting the saddle from second from left, Stanley Hager holding Brenley Hatfield, and Eric Hager, right, holding Wilder Hager, are team members, I-r, Bonner Voss, Reece Clark, Mark Voss and Carroll Jack Lewis.



**TOP HORSE**—Tripp Townsend of the Sandhill Cattle Co., center, rode the Top Horse "TRR Lucky Playgun" at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Making the presentation is Randy Whipple, representative of the WRCA, left, and Casey Larned, right.



**RESERVE TOP HORSE**—Carson Horner of Haskell Ranch & Farms rode the Reserve Top Horse "Dino" at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Casey Larned, right, made the presentation.



**TOP HAND**—Tripp Townsend of the Sandhill Cattle Co., left, was the Top Hand at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Casey Larned, right, makes the award presentation.



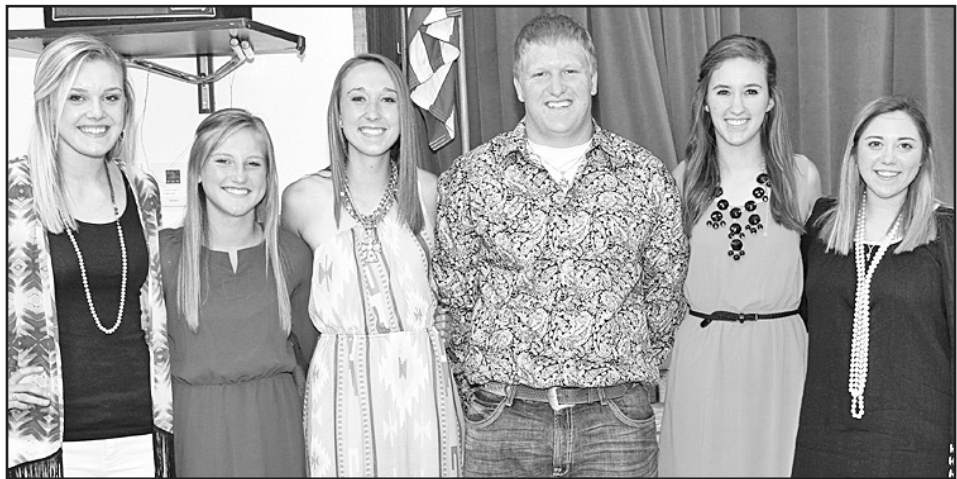
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**RESERVE TOP HAND**—Carson Horner of the Haskell Ranch & Farm team, left, was the Reserve Top Hand at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. Casey Larned, right, makes the award presentation.



**IN APPRECIATION**—Sammy Larned, center, receives a gift for his leadership in the Wild Horse Prairie Days organization from Brandon Anderson, left, and Jeff Gore.



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**—Students making application for the Wild Horse Prairie Days scholarship were, l-r, Kaley Mathis, Ashlyn Bevel, Reagan Hadaway, Max Weise, Chrissy Bassett and Emily Fouts. Fouts was selected as the recipient and appeared in the parade and both performances of the rodeo.

## Watch kids around water

The school year is over and summer is here. Unfortunately, summer can be a deadly time. Last year, 82 children drowned in Texas and most between Memorial Day and Labor Day—when water activities peak.

That's why the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is urging all adults to "watch kids around water" all summer long!

"We can all make a difference just by being aware of what's happening around us," said DFPS Commissioner John Specia. "Be on the lookout for children when they're around water. Don't let them out of your sight! It only takes minutes for a child to drown and the younger the child, the greater the danger."

15 kids have drowned in Texas this year—more than half were five years old or younger and all but three were under the age of ten.

The Houston area is typically a hot spot for child drowning deaths but so far this year the Dallas-Fort Worth area has the most child drowning deaths with four. Four children drowned in bath tubs (27%), four in pools (27%), and two in ponds (13%). Other locations include a river, a lake, a creek and a septic tank.

Children under the age of one most often drown inside the house. Older children most often drown outdoors. Outdoors, children most often drown in pools, especially backyard and apartment pools.

Most young children who drown in pools were out of sight less than five minutes and were in the care of one or both parents at the time. Indoors, the bathtub is the most dangerous location.

For more statistics and information on water safety for kids, visit WatchKidsAroundWater.org.

Basic water safety tips...

**Inside the house**

- Never leave small children alone near any container of water.

- Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.

- Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason. Get the things you need before running water, and take the child with you if you must leave the room.

- Warn babysitters or caregivers about the dangers of water and stress the need to constantly supervise young children.

- Make sure small children cannot leave the house through pet doors or unlocked doors and reach pools or hot tubs.

**Outside the house**

- Never leave children alone around water whether it's in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, creek, pond or lake.

- Constantly watch children who are swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard watching and within reach.

- Secure access to swimming pools with fences, self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.

- Completely remove the pool cover when the pool is in use.

- Store water toys away from the water, when not in use, so they don't attract a small child.

- Don't assume young children will use good judgment around water.

- Be ready for emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers handy and learn CPR.

- Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have pools.



**JUNIOR WINNERS**—Winners in the Junior Division of the Junior Ranch Rodeo, hosted by Pokey the Clown, were The Boy Annihilators, l-r, Madison Proffitt, Haleigh Carter, Cassidy Phemister and Chambray Phemister. They are pictured with Rick Phemister.



**PEEWEE WINNERS**—Winners in the Peewee Division of the Junior Ranch Rodeo, hosted by Pokey the Clown, were The Little Rascals, l-r, Ernie Martinez, Alvino Alvarez, Carley Isbell and Eloy Martinez. They are pictured with Brittany Martinez.



**SUPER PEEWEE WINNERS**—Winners in the Super Peewee Division of the Junior Ranch Rodeo, hosted by Pokey the Clown, were Cousins Camp, l-r, Kailyn Ward, Braylee Phemister, Brooks Phemister and Katelyn Casey.

## Results of Pokey's Junior Ranch Rodeo

Pokey the Clown was on hand to host the Wild Horse Prairie Days Junior Ranch Rodeo Sat., June 7.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children, as well as enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. Children ages 3 to 16 are eligible to participate.

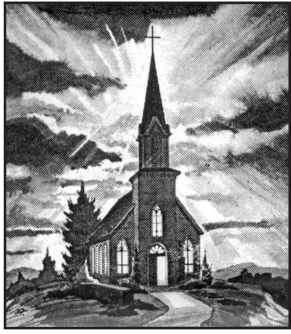
Winning the Super Peewee Division was the Cousins Camp team of Kailyn Ward, Braylee Phemister, Brooks Phemister and Katelyn Casey.

The Little Rascals team took top honors in the Peewee Division. Team members were Ernie Martinez, Alvino Alvarez, Carley Isbell and Eloy Martinez.

Working their way to the top of the Junior Division was The Boy Annihilators team. This team was made up of Madison Proffitt, Haleigh Carter, Cassidy Phemister and Chambray Phemister. Sponsors for the Junior Ranch Rodeo were The Drug Store and Modern Way.

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

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### Faith helps us appreciate a father's wisdom

Despite a variety of unflattering images depicting a father as either too stern or too spineless, the true picture is more likely that of a kindly, hard-working provider and protective shield for his family; the wise arbiter of right and wrong; the author of firm but loving discipline; and a tower of strength at all times. A father tries to conceal his anxieties while setting the example of character and courage for his children, and must provide the answer to any physical or moral crisis that may arise. The Bible is filled with passages in praise of a father's wisdom and guidance, and you should learn to honor and respect your father at the church of your choice; not merely on special occasions, but every day of the year.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—**
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Shawn Smith  
Youth & Worship pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Rev. David White, pastor  
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Galvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 5 p.; Wed. 7 p  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a, 6 p. Wed. 6 p  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 6 p.; Wed. 7 p  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
  - Church of Christ**  
Philip Sims, minister  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a, 6 p.; Wed. 7 p  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - First Presbyterian Church**  
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
Larry White, pastor  
Sun. 10 a, 11 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 6:30 p  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
  - Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 7 p  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
940-863-4405
  - New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
  - First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Jim McCurley  
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Morris R. Johnson, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell
  - God Loves You Ministries**  
Mark Wallace, pastor  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
West side of square, Haskell  
**—WEINERT—**
  - First Baptist Church**  
Dan Bullock, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.  
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; Wed. 7 p  
Rochester
- SAGERTON—**
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy. 6, Rochester
  - Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Anna Robbins, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—**
- First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
  - Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
  - Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p  
811 Union, Rule
  - Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
  - Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
940-997-2296
  - West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a, 5 p, 6 p, Wed. 6 p  
O'Brien

**Sonic Drive-In**  
1402 N. Ave. E  
864-8533  
Randy Phelps, Manager

**Steele Fire Apparatus**  
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**Modern Way Food Store**  
1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763

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207 S. 1st • 864-3631  
Professional Auto Body Repair  
Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service

**Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator**  
301 Adams • Rule • 996-2421

**Smitty's Auto Parts**  
107 N. 1st East • 864-2607

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## ECC Menu

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| <b>Mon., June 16</b><br>Meatballs, potato salad, pinto beans, bread slice, strawberry cake, tea or coffee | or coffee  |
| <b>Wed., June 18</b><br>Lasagna, corn, cole slaw, garlic bread, jello, cookie, tea                        | Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch. |
| <b>Fri., June 20</b><br>Beef a roni, hominy, beets, garlic toast, white cake, tea or coffee               |  |

## Wildfire evacuation

by Jason Westbrook  
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Texans face extreme danger of wildfire. Wildfire propelled by strong winds can move as fast as 60 miles per hour.

When told to evacuate, leave the area immediately. Choose a route that leads away from the fire.

Stay alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke. If you have time to get prepared, shut gas off at the meter and turn off propane tanks.

Wet down your roof and shrubbery within 15 feet of your residence. Park your vehicle facing in the direction of escape.



# USDA announces programs to help beginning farmers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that farmers, ranchers and landowners committed to protecting and conserving environmentally sensitive land may sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) now. The Secretary also announced that retiring farmers enrolled in CRP could receive incentives to transfer a portion of their land to beginning, disadvantaged or veteran farmers through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP).

"CRP is one of the largest voluntary conservation programs in the country," said Vilsack. "This initiative helps farmers and ranchers lead the nation in preventing soil erosion, improving water quality and restoring wildlife habitat, all of which will make a difference for future generations."

Vilsack continued, "The average age of farmers and ranchers in the United States is 58 years, and twice as many are 65 or older compared to those 45 or younger. The cost of buying land is one of the biggest barriers to many interested in getting started in agriculture. The Transition Incentives Program is very useful as we work to help new farmers and ranchers get started."

The Conservation Reserve Program provides incentives to producers who utilize conservation methods on environmentally-sensitive lands. For example, farmers are monetarily compensated for establishing long-term vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.

CRP consists of a "continuous" and "general" sign-up period. Continuous sign up for the voluntary program is underway. Under continuous sign-up authority, eligible land can be enrolled in CRP at any time with contracts of up to 10 to 15 years in duration. In lieu of a general sign-up this year, USDA will allow producers with general CRP contracts expiring this September to have the option of a one-year contract extension. USDA will also implement the 2014 Farm Bill's requirement that producers enrolled through general sign-up for more than five years can exercise the option to opt-out of the program if certain other conditions are met. In addition, the new grassland provisions, which will allow producers to graze their enrolled land, will enable producers to do so with

more flexibility. The Transition Incentives Program provides two additional years of payments for retired farmers and ranchers who transition expiring CRP acres to socially disadvantaged, military veteran, or beginning producers who return the land to sustainable grazing or crop production. Sign up is underway. TIP funding was increased by more than 30 percent in the 2014 Farm Bill, providing up to \$33 million through 2018.

As part of the 2014 Farm Bill, participants meeting specific qualifications may have the opportunity to terminate their CRP contract during fiscal year 2015 if the contract has been in effect for a minimum of five years and if other conditions are also met.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), which administers CRP, will coordinate the various CRP program opportunities. For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA county office or go online to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

Both the CRP and TIP were reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 2-8:  
 Laura Kathryn Benson, unlawful use of criminal instrument state jail felony.  
 Thomas C. Barr, evading


with previous conviction times two both felonies also assault bodily injury.  
 Lee Harrison Haynes, motion to revoke out of Throckmorton Co.  
 Forty calls were made to 911.

## Rural development assistance available through BCEC

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. has a limited amount of funds available for low-interest loans to qualified applicants to stimulate rural development.

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