

# Sales tax holiday is Aug. 5-7

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers the annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced for less than \$100 from sales tax, saving 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 [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday, which has been an annual event since 1999.

## Calendar

### Jr. High registration

Haskell Jr. High will host a "registration/meet the teacher" night for all incoming sixth through eighth graders and their parents from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wed., Aug. 17.

### 4-H hamburgers

Haskell County 4-H Clubs will host a hamburger fund-raiser at the first football scrimmage in Haskell Thurs., Aug. 18. Tickets may be purchased for \$6.00 through any 4-H member, or at the county extension office. The meal will include a burger, with all the fixings, and fries. Drinks will be available for purchase through the Haskell Indian Booster concession stand. Proceeds will go toward 4-H youth events in the community, as well as 4-H competition entries throughout the year.

### Sheep/goat tags

It is time to order the 2016-2017 State and County sheep and goat tags. If you will be exhibiting a sheep or goat at the Haskell County Livestock Show or state shows next fall you will need tags. Please contact your County Extension Agent or FFA teacher to order tags. Deadline is Aug. 24.

### Rule garage sales

The City of Rule will hold a community-wide garage sales event Sat., Sept. 3 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. To add your sale to the map, go by, or contact, Rule City Hall, 701 Union Avenue; or call 940-996-2214. Maps will be available on the north door of the old Lions club building, located at the west end of the city park.

### Medical fund

A medical fund for Tammy Parham has been established at The Drug Store in Haskell.

### Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.



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## Summer Reading Program concludes at Library



**LEARNING TO MAKE NEW COLORS**—Christi Bartley Wheat, Caleb Wheat and Cooper Wheat were the readers at the Haskell County Library Tues., July 19. They read *The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow* and demonstrated how mixing different colors can make a new color. Eleven attended including Colton Gober, Haegan Pinkerton, Harper Pinkerton, Annelise Coker, Adeline Coker, Zander Coker, Adelaide Davis, Benjamin Davis, Julianna Davis, Kash Aiden and Kannyn Taylor.



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**—Rachel Davis presented the Haskell County Library's Summer Reading program, Tues., July 26. Ten readers attended including Adelaide Davis, Benjamin Davis, Julianna Davis, Zander Coker, Annelise Coker, Adeline Coker, Harper Pinkerton, Colton Gober, Jax McAdoo and Bella McAdoo.



**NUTRITION LESSON**—Bailey Hawkins was the reader at the Haskell County Library's Summer Reading program Thurs., July 28. She spoke on food nutrition, how to choose healthy foods and how to make smart food choices from the five food groups. Those attending were allowed to pick fruit from the fruit bar provided, see how much fun it can be to eat healthy and benefit from it, too. Eleven attended including Paige Scheets, Jenny Scheets, Jenna Scheets, Melanie Clary, Briana Clary, Kaycie Price, Corbin Roberts, Adelaide Davis, Benjamin Davis, Julianna Davis (not pictured) and Kash Aiden.

## Haskell Elementary sets B-T-S night

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to our district Mon., Aug. 8, Tues., Aug. 9 and Wed., Aug. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the elementary office. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2015-2016 school year at Haskell Elementary.

Parents should bring their driver's license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held on the following days and times.

Tues., Aug. 16: Kindergarten and first grade at 5:30 p.m.; second and third grades at 6:30 p.m.; fourth and fifth grades at 7:30 p.m.  
Thurs., Aug. 18:

Head Start, PPCD, Prekindergarten 3 year olds and Prekindergarten 4 year olds at 5:30 p.m.

It is important for parents/guardians to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork. Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 22. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:25 p.m.



**THEATRE PERFORMANCE**—The last Summer Reading program at the Haskell County Library was held Thurs., July 21. This Kids Theatre performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was led by Kacy Latham, right. Those attending were encouraged to participate in acting, speech and improv. Latham is starting her third year as the musical and acting teacher at the Movement Space in Munday. Her helper for this day was Skyler Rhoads, left. Thirty-five attended.

## Rule ISD registration, Meet the Bobcats set

Rule ISD will hold registration for Elementary, Junior High and High School students Tues., Aug. 16. Registration will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please enter the building at the east entrance by the superintendent's office for further instructions. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through eighth grade, 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.

Transfer students will be considered from surrounding areas.

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 their annual Title I meeting and "Meet the Bobcats" night for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the city park. At 6:00 p.m. an assembly will be held at the park to address the required Title I information and to present the Parent Involvement Policy for the 2016-17 school year. At the conclusion of the Title I meeting, parents and students will have the opportunity to enjoy a watermelon social and meet the 2016-2017 Bobcats and Lady Cats. Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year. Come enjoy this event in preparation for an exciting and new 2016-2017 school year!

## PC ISD to register Aug. 9

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2016-2017 school year Tues., Aug. 9. 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, 2016. To attend

Pre-K, a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2016.

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 will be Mon., Aug. 22.

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

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 25-31: Pedro Hernandez Jr., burglary of a habitation x3. Lona Marie Rogers, possession of marijuana under two ounces. Wesley Andrew Boydston,

motion to revoke warrant Throckmorton County.

James Kirk Cowperthwait, theft over \$100 less than \$750.

Bennie Lee Yeck, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Thirty-one calls were made to 911.

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# 4-H Clubs to host B-T-S dance

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will host the annual back to school dance Sat., Aug. 20. The dance is open to any youth in the area ages 9-18. The fee for entry is \$5.00, and the dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. Adult sponsors will be in attendance as chaperones.

The 4-H dress code is stated as follows: Visible

body piercing or clippings are limited to the ear; earrings for boys are not permitted; appropriate shoes are required, no house shoes; no visible tattoos; hair should be clean and appropriately groomed. 4-Hers will not be allowed to spray or dye their hair green, blue, red, pink, or other unnatural

tints.

Haskell County 4-H also prohibits hairstyles such as, but not limited to, spiked, Mohawk, unicorn, liberty, or designs added to or cut into the hair that draw undue attention. Shorts, dresses, and skirts will be allowed only if they are at least fingertip length. Sleeveless shirts must have tight armholes and seams and not reveal any undergarments. Shoulder straps must be at least 1.5 inches wide. If overalls are worn, both straps must be over the 4-Hers shoulders and buckled or strapped in their proper place. Pajamas and house shoes will not be allowed. Tank tops, miniskirts, short shorts, bike shorts, halter tops, mid riff tops, blouses that are low cut or see-through, backless dresses or shirts, torn or ripped clothing, and "sagging" pants will not be permitted. No facial hair is allowed for boys. Appropriate undergarments are required. If belts are worn they must be buckled in an appropriate manner; no exposed mid-riffs will be allowed.

This dress code will be enforced for the dance.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Haskell County Extension office at 864-2658.

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### Rule Independent School District

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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The questions and answers that follow and attached directions provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only **one application** for all the students in the household and return the completed application to *Norma Rios, 1100 Union Ave., Rule, TX 79547.* If you have questions about applying for free or reduced-price meals call *Norma Rios, 940-997-2246.*

- Who can get free meals?**
  - Income**—Children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income is within the limits described in the *Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.*
  - Special Assistance Program Participants**—Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
  - Foster**—Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**—Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.
  - Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**: Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email *Stacie Teague, 1100 Union Ave., Rule, TX 79547.*
  - WIC Recipient**—Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- What If I Disagree With the School's Decision About My Application?** Talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: *Rick Moeller, 1100 Union Ave., Rule, TX 79547.*
- My Child's Application Was Approved Last Year. Do I Need To Fill Out A New One?** Yes. An application is only good for one school year and the first few days of this school year. Send in a new application unless the school has told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- If I Don't Qualify Now, May I Apply Later?** Yes. Apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- What If My Income Is Not Always The Same?** List the amount normally received. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.
- We Are in The Military. Do We Report Our Income Differently?** Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.
- May I Apply If Someone Is Not a U.S. Citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- Will Application Information Be Checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.
- My Family Needs More Help. Are There Other Programs We Might Apply For?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1. If you have other questions or need help, call *Norma Rios, 940-997-2246.* Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: *Norma Rios 940-997-2246.*

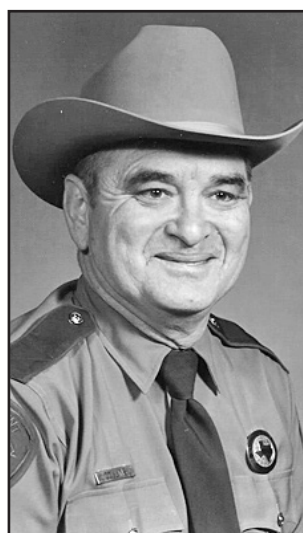
Sincerely,  
Norma Rios

### Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced Price Benefits Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Household Size	Total Income									
	Annual		Monthly		Twice Per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
No. of Household Members	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,444	\$21,978	\$1,287	\$1,832	\$644	\$916	\$594	\$846	\$297	\$423
2	\$20,826	\$29,637	\$1,736	\$2,470	\$868	\$1,235	\$801	\$1,140	\$401	\$570
3	\$26,208	\$37,296	\$2,184	\$3,108	\$1,092	\$1,554	\$1,008	\$1,435	\$504	\$718
4	\$31,590	\$44,955	\$2,633	\$3,747	\$1,317	\$1,874	\$1,215	\$1,730	\$608	\$865
5	\$36,972	\$52,614	\$3,081	\$4,385	\$1,541	\$2,193	\$1,422	\$2,024	\$711	\$1,012
6	\$42,354	\$60,273	\$3,530	\$5,023	\$1,765	\$2,512	\$1,629	\$2,319	\$815	\$1,160
7	\$47,749	\$67,951	\$3,980	\$5,663	\$1,990	\$2,832	\$1,837	\$2,614	\$919	\$1,307
8	\$53,157	\$75,647	\$4,430	\$6,304	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$2,045	\$2,910	\$1,023	\$1,455
For each additional family member, add	+\$5,408	+\$7,696	+\$451	+\$642	+\$226	+\$321	+\$208	+\$296	+\$104	+\$148

# Obituaries

## Don Walton Collins



**DON COLLINS**

A visitation and remembrance for Don Walton Collins, 83, of Abilene was held Sat., July 30 at Haskell Funeral Home in Haskell. A private burial will be at a later date.

Mr. Collins passed away Tues., July 26 in Abilene.

Don was born in Breckenridge Feb. 24, 1933. He attended school

in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1951. Don met the love of his life, Bobbye Jack and they married in 1953 in Biloxi, Mississippi. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary in May.

He joined the Air Force in 1953 and served in Korea. Don joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1957 and was employed as a Texas State Trooper for 37 years. Don also served as an honorary Texas Ranger.

He was a Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge and was Past Master of the Memphis, Texas and Haskell lodges.

Don always had a story to share and he never met a stranger. He loved to watch movies and always had a humorous movie quote to interject at just the right moment. Don loved his family and even through his long illness, he always found humor in life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walton (Red) and Alma Collins; and infant son, Larry Don Collins.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbye; son, David Collins of Haskell; daughter, Lindy Barefoot and her husband, James of Abilene; grandsons, Zachary Collins of Mobile, Alabama and Collin Barefoot of Tucson, Arizona; granddaughter, Ashley Skinner and husband, Jon of College Station; one brother, Wallace Wooten and wife, Ruby of Haskell; and multiple nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to favorite charities in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

Online condolences may be left at [www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com). PD. NOTICE

## Biosecurity remains an essential part in keeping backyard flocks healthy

An ongoing Salmonella outbreak has sickened at least 611 people in 45 states, including Texas, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The outbreak has been linked to live poultry in backyard flocks.

Texas is home to one of the largest backyard chicken flock populations in the U.S. To minimize the spread of Salmonella, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) always emphasizes the use of good, proper biosecurity. Biosecurity is a set of preventative measures designed to reduce the risk of introduction and transmission of an infectious disease agent, such as Salmonella.

Even when they appear healthy and clean, live poultry may have Salmonella bacteria in their droppings and on their feathers, feet and beaks. The bacteria can also contaminate cages, coops, chick/poult boxes, bedding, plants and soil in the area where the birds live and roam. Additionally, Salmonella

bacteria can be found on the clothes, shoes and hands of anyone who handled the animals or played and worked near them. It is essential to wash your hands frequently when handling birds in order to limit your risk of exposure.

By following these simple guidelines you can help minimize the risk.

- Keep Your Distance:** Restrict access to your property and your poultry and post a sign.

- Keep It Clean:** Wear clean clothes, scrub your shoes/boots with disinfectant, and wash hands thoroughly.

- Don't Haul Disease Home:** If you have shown birds at a fair or exhibition or are bringing in new animals, keep them separated from the rest of your flock for 30 days after the event.

- Don't Borrow Disease From Your Neighbor:** Do not share equipment, tools, or other supplies with your neighbors or other livestock or poultry owners.

- Look For Signs of Infectious Diseases:** You should know what diseases are of concern to your flock and be on the lookout for unusual signs or behavior, severe illness and/or sudden deaths.

- Report Sick Animals:** Don't wait. Report serious or unusual animal health problems to your veterinarian, State or Federal animal health officials or local extension office.

For more information, visit [www.tahc.texas.gov](http://www.tahc.texas.gov) or call 1-800-550-8242 or contact your local TAHC region office. The TAHC has also created a video regarding biosecurity and keeping your backyard flock healthy. Follow the link for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-MHjVdt6Uc>.

## Weather

by Kim Hutto  
National Weather Service  
Volunteer Co-op Observer  
Temperature

Mon., July 25 ..... 78°/103°  
Tues., July 26 ..... 78°/102°  
Wed., July 27 ..... 77°/103°  
Thurs., July 28 ..... 77°/102°  
Fri., July 29 ..... 77°/101°  
Sat., July 30 ..... 80°/102°  
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Precipitation  
Tues., July 26 ..... .28" rain



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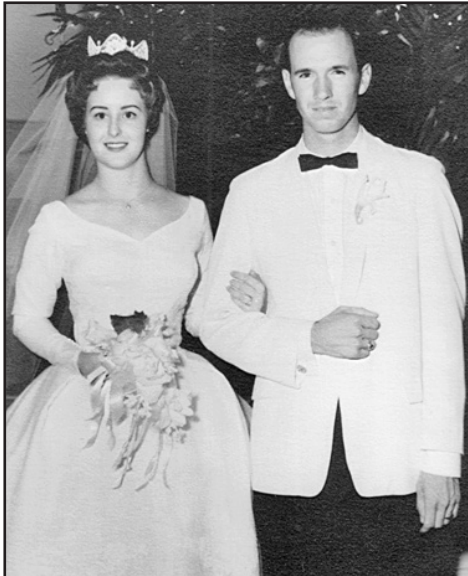
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## Gibsons set family reunion, celebration of marriages

There are many things associated with the summer months, family reunions being one of them.

As the children of the late Oris and Julia Gibson began planning for their upcoming reunion, they reflected on the somewhat unique circumstances of their marriages. All four of Oris and Julia's children graduated from Haskell High School, dated and then married their high school sweethearts. And even better, they are all still alive and married.

Graduating from Haskell High School in 1956, Darrell Gibson and Shirley Rasco, a 1957 graduate, have celebrated 59 years of marriage. They are retired and live in Victoria.

Janette Gibson, class of 1958, dated and married David Frierson, class of

1956, and they have observed 58 years together. Living in Haskell, Janette spent many years working for Farm Bureau, while David continues to farm.

In 1960, Bobby Gibson graduated from HHS and in 1963, he and Jane Bynum, class of 1961, married. After 53 years of marriage, they are now semi-retired and live in Abilene.

The baby of the family, Charles Gibson finished HHS in 1967. He and his high school sweetheart Pam Harris, class of 1969, married in August of 1969. They are celebrating 47 years together. They have lived most of their married life in Haskell, with a few years spent in the Lubbock area. Charles continues to work in crop insurance, while Pam teaches at Haskell Elementary School.

217 years of commitment to a relationship in one family is certainly worth acknowledging. Charles explains, "We are all so fortunate that God led our spouses to us, and us to them."

As they prepare for the reunion this year, Charles says, "My dad would have been celebrating his 100th birthday on August 2. We want to focus not only on that, but also on the longevity of our own relationships."

He invites friends who would like to come visit

with the Gibson family, to stop by their house any time Saturday, August 6.

## Food Handlers course set

by Darlene Hopkins  
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" was revised and updated and became effective Oct. 11, 2015. A major change in the revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective Sept. 16, 2016.

A Food Handlers course, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Jones County. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The training will be held at the Lawrence Hall Activity Center in Anson. The address is 801 23rd Street, Anson.

This 1-2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The certificate is good for two years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

To register for the Aug. 17 course, call the Extension

office at 325-823-2432 or come by 1100 12th Street, Courthouse basement in Anson by Aug. 12. The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins. Cash, check or money orders are the only forms of payment that will be accepted. The class is taught in English, but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our

office within five working days prior to the program. Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or veteran status.

For more information, contact Kim Miles, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences at 325-823-2432 or kamiles@ag.tamu.edu or Darlene Hopkins, County Extension Agent-FCS Haskell Co. at 940-864-2658.

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## ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 8

Tacos, Spanish rice, chips, salsa, veggie mix, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Aug. 10

Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, tomato and pickle on lettuce, watermelon, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 12

Beef a roni, carrot and raisin salad, pinto beans, cornbread, lemon cake, tea or coffee

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

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# Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in the regular meeting place Mon., July 25 with all members present.

All bills, including a bill from Precinct 2 and a bill from the Sheriff's office, were paid.

It was reported that four demolished houses had been removed.

Jasmine Klose was hired at the Extension Office beginning July 19.

The insurance proposal by Atchley Insurance and Financials was not acted upon since the company did not show up to court.

The matter of trimming the dead trees at the courthouse was tabled.

Windstream was chosen as the phone and internet provider for the county. ShoreTel was chosen as the new phone system provider.

An interlocal agreement was made with the City of Rule to clean out and open water drainage ditches in certain areas of town. The county will also assist the City of Rule in providing

street grading for streets within the city.

The Commissioners' Court met Tues., July 26 with Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Elmer Adams and Kenny Thompson present.

A public hearing was opened to receive public comment on a possible Tax Abatement agreement with Willow Springs Wind Farm LLC in a reinvestment zone known as Willow Springs pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code. No public was in attendance. The hearing was closed.

A motion to approve the road use agreement between Haskell County and Willow Springs Wind Farm LLC, for use of all county roads and any other matters relative, and authorizing Haskell County Judge David Davis and Haskell County Clerk, Belia Abila, to execute and deliver the Road Use Agreement on behalf of Haskell County and all other relevant documents, passed.

A motion to approve a tax abatement agreement with

Willow Springs Wind Farm LLC, to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code passed.

## Al-Anon

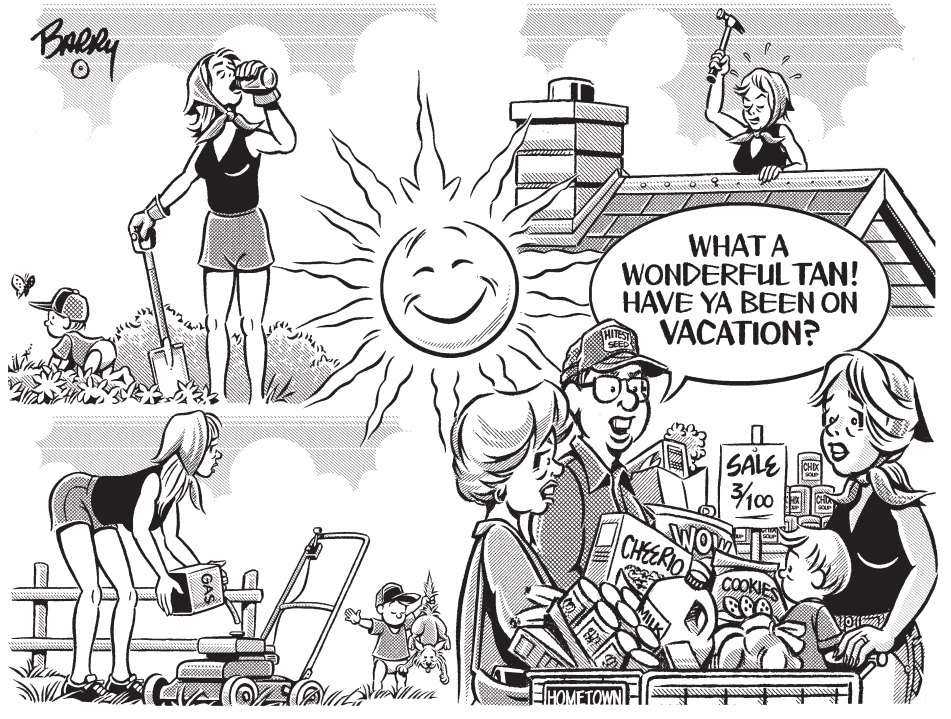
Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

## 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.

## Storm sirens

The Haskell Fire Department will conduct storm siren tests on Monday nights from 6-6:30 p.m. Siren tests will not be conducted on days that have a chance of severe weather.



# From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago August 3, 2006

Haskell native Fred Rike has been named the new head basketball coach for the Angelo State University men's basketball team. The son of John Sam and Mary Rike of Haskell, he has most recently been at the University of North Texas.

Melody Kennedy of Haskell and Tara Lisle of Rule were named to the Distinguished Student List for the Spring semester at Tarleton State University.

Attending the regional 4-H Leadership Lab at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood were Emery Dudensing, Kiel Rowan, Molly Dudensing, Gay Lynn Gary and Kate Rowan.

### 20 Years Ago August 1, 1996

Haskell County native, Sam Adams, was inducted into the Six-Man Football Hall of Fame. Adams, a former coach at Weinert High School, is the second winningest six-man coach of all time with 209 wins. He attended school at Mattson and Weinert and graduated from Sul Ross State Teacher College in 1957.

First place winners

from Haskell in the Camp Goodenough basketball camp contest held at Hardin-Simmons University were Lynzie Harlan, free throws; Brittany Lindsey, Hot Shot Purple Division; Monica Buerger, Hot Shot Gold Division; Kristen Rodela, one-on-one; and Lindsey and Buerger, three-on-three.

### 30 Years Ago July 31, 1986

Larry McMillin has been elected to the Board of Directors of Haskell National Bank. He has been a vice-president of the bank since he joined the firm last September.

Paint Creek's Jamie Braly played in the 1986 High School Six-Man All-Star basketball game in Stephenville. He scored four points to help his team defeat the East team 97-94.

Five members of the Weinert FFA Chapter attended the FFA Convention in Amarillo. Attending were Robin Raynes, who received the Lone Star Farmer Degree, Ruben Castillo, Jr., Wes Tibbets, Mark Jimenez and Ricky Perez. They were accompanied by FFA advisor Russ Perry.

Michael Fouts of Sagerton

was one of more than 1900 Texas Tech University students who qualified for the academic honors list for the Spring semester.

### 40 Years Ago July 29, 1976

Included in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America were area residents Diana Owens, Paula Everett, Jeannine Comedy, Deborah Earles, Milla Perry and Mary Murphy.

Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity at Texas Tech University has awarded a citation of excellence to Clark Richardson, a senior at Haskell High School. He was named Outstanding Male Member of the band at the conclusion of the 2-week band camp.

### 50 Years Ago August 4, 1966

Dr. William J. Kemp of Haskell, a member of the State Dental Board, was among 253 volunteer West Texas members of state boards, commissions and agencies to be honored at a recognition dinner in Pampa.

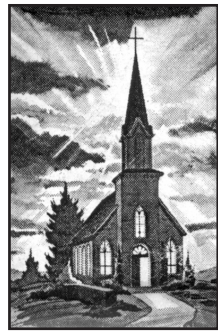
McMurry College students Steve Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper of Haskell, along with Eddie Elkins and Gary Cauble will lead youth evangelistic services at the Paint Creek Methodist Church. Church pastor, Rev. J.V. Patterson extended an invitation to all area youth to attend.

### 100 Years Ago July 29, 1916

Jerry, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Harrell of the Foster community, received a broken leg when another boy threw a rope on the mule young Harrell was riding. After the mule became entangled in the rope, he threw his rider off.

Haskell has a curfew law which is not being regarded much lately, but we are informed that the officers are going to be a little more strict in the future.

# 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 backyard. 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**  
Terry Bunch, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a.; 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**  
Bruce Ray, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Rev. David White, pastor  
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista  
El Calvario**  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United  
Methodist Church**  
Rev. David Johnson, 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 Angelo Consemينو  
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**  
Ollie Johnson, 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**  
Ollie Pierson, pastor  
Juddon Smith, Family Life Pastor  
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**  
Jim McCurley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;  
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy. 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Cory Graham, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Anna Robbins, pastor  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**  
Paul Leonard, 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

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## 2016 BOBCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 12	ACHS (Scrimmage)	Shotwell, Abilene	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 18	Spur/Hart (Scrimmage)	Spur	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Nazareth	Jayton	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Knox City	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Rotan	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Whitharral	Whitharral	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Trent	Trent	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Guthrie	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Paint Creek*	Paint Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Open		
Oct. 21	Aspermont*	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Lueders-Avoca*	Lueders-Avoca	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Throckmorton*	Rule	7:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 8	Rotan	Rotan	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Whitharral	Whitharral	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Trent	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Guthrie	Guthrie	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Paint Creek*	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open		
Oct. 20	Aspermont*	Aspermont	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Lueders-Avoca*	Rule	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Throckmorton*	Throckmorton	5:30 p.m.

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# Casen's Crew's golf tournament, set Sat., August 27 in Abilene, to benefit Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation

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 7th Annual Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy is scheduled for Sat., August 27, 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.

Cardiomyopathy, is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that can present in four forms. In children, the disease can be either acquired or inherited. 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.

Unlike other congenital heart conditions, there is no surgical treatment or cure that can repair the damaged heart or stop the progression of the disease.

More research is essential.

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. Every dollar counts and every dollar makes a difference. This disease remains severely underfunded

by federal sources and pharmaceutical companies, given its severity. However, with CCF-funded research, progress is being made in understanding and improving survival rates for children with Cardiomyopathy.

Searching for a way to honor and remember their precious son, the Rileys in 2010 organized a fund-raiser to help raise awareness of this disease.

This year Casen's Crew is 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 for first, second, third, closest to #9 and longest drive on #10, will be presented after the meal. Register by August 13th, to ensure you get a T-shirt.

They are also selling t-shirts for \$15, metal crosses for \$10 and wristbands for \$4.

Events such as this are only successful with the help of individual and corporate sponsors, the many participants and, of course, the wonderful volunteers. Last year two hundred people

attended the fund-raiser, and \$15,000 was raised for the cause. A portion of the funds went to the CCF, while the remainder went to help two families whose lives are affected by Cardiomyopathy every day.

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](http://www.casenscrew.com) or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379.

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**Public Notices**  
NOTICE  
Aspermont Housing Authority will be accepting sealed bids to replace old asbestostile and baseboard, reframe windows inside, replace blinds, and doors as needed on four units. Bids must be received in the Housing Authority Office on or before August 12, 2016 12:00 p.m., and bids will be opened at that time. Aspermont Housing Authority has the right to reject any and all bids. Janice Craig, Executive Director. Call 940-989-2721 or come by 236 W. 7th St., Aspermont, Texas 79502. 29-31c

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 8/4/2016: This is to give notice that the City of Haskell has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program under contract 7215072. The City of Haskell proposes a Sewer Improvements Project to install approx. 6,600 LF of sewer line, 1 lift station, 8 manholes, perform asphalt repair, and all associated appurtenances in support of the existing automotive dealership at the corner of Business US Hwy 277 and US Hwy 277. Construction activities will take place along US Hwy 277 and along existing utility easements, from the dealership at 578 US Hwy 277 to the wastewater treatment plant at the eastern terminus of FM 410, Haskell, Haskell County. The project shall include activities within approximately 0.4 acres of the 100-year floodplain. The City of Haskell has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: a reduction in scope, alternate locations, and no action. The scope and location of project activities were chosen based on minimum improvements necessary to provide necessary sewer access to an existing business within the City of Haskell. Because the project scope includes only minimum improvements necessary, the alternatives considered would be economically and environmentally prohibitive. Additionally, there shall be no significant increase to impervious surface, best management

practices shall be employed during construction, and the activity shall comply with state and local floodplain management procedures. The City of Haskell has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall for receipt of comments. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government

determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 8/11/2016 by the City of Haskell at P.O. Box 1003 or 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, TX 79521, (940) 864-2333. Attention: John Gannaway, Mayor, during regular business hours. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, TX 79521. Comments may also be submitted via email to [Dana@grantworks.net](mailto:Dana@grantworks.net). Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición a la Ciudad. 31c

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS POLICY CHANGE**  
Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc./Double Mountain Coach will hold 2 public meetings. The first will be at 9:00 a.m., August 9, 2016 in The Haskell County Courthouse; Haskell, Texas. The second will be at 9:00 a.m., August 12 in the Stonewall County Courthouse in Aspermont, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the agency's plan to expand operating hours for Double Mountain Coach Rural Transportation. For more information contact: Lisa Flowers, Executive Director ASBDC, Inc., 9660 US Hwy 83 S., Aspermont, TX 79502. 940-989-3538. 31c

concerning the budget. The Commissioners' Court anticipates the necessity to raise the property taxes by 7.99 percent raising your taxes approx. \$25.00 on a \$50,000 home. Unfunded mandates by the State of Texas is forcing this issue. 31-32c

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1203 N. AVE. K -3/2. Great patio. \$54,500 -REDUCED  
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# Losses of many kinds cause grief

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“When we hear the word ‘loss,’ we immediately think of loss of a loved one,” said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology program specialist. “While the death of one to whom we are very close may evoke powerful emotions, loss may occur with changes such as divorce, relocation, layoffs and retirement, to name a few.”

“Understanding loss and our response to it, grief and mourning, may lessen its effect on our lives,” Crocker said.

After a loss occurs, a person must accomplish certain tasks to complete the process of grief. The basic tasks of mourning include:

- Accepting that the loss happened.
- Living with and feeling the physical and emotional pain of grief.
- Adjusting to life without that which was lost.

Emotionally separating from the loss.

It is important that these tasks are completed before mourning can end, Crocker said.

People cope with loss in different ways, he said. How a person copes may be affected by personality, experience with loss, cultural and religious background, coping skills, mental history, support systems and social and financial status.

“There is no right way of coping,” Crocker said. “Grief is the normal response of sorrow, emotion and confusion that comes from losing someone or something important to you.”

In situations where something is taken away, he said, grief may be experienced as a mental, physical, social or emotional reaction. Mental or emotional reactions may include anger, guilt, anxiety, sadness and despair.

Physical reactions can include sleeping problems, changes in appetite, physical problems or illness.

Mourning is the process by which people adapt to a loss, Crocker said. Mourning is also influenced by cultural customs, rituals and society’s rules for coping with loss.

“Again, when we think of a mourner, we think of death,” he said. “However, a mourner is any person adapting to any type of loss which may have occurred.”

Grief includes the processes that a mourner needs to complete before resuming daily life, Crocker said. These processes include separating from who or what was lost and readjusting to a world without that which was lost. The mourner’s roles, identity and skills may need to change.

People who are grieving often feel extremely tired because the process of grieving usually requires physical and emotional

energy, he said. The grief they are feeling is not just for that which was lost, but also for the unfulfilled wishes and plans for the future.

Most support people receive after a loss comes from friends and family, but some who experience difficulty in coping with their loss may need grief counseling or grief therapy. The goals of grief counseling include:

- Accepting the loss by talking about it.
- Identifying and expressing related feelings, including anger, guilt, anxiety, helplessness and sadness.
- Separating emotionally from the loss and to begin new relationships.

Understanding methods of coping, coping problems and recommendations for professional grief therapy.

Grief therapy is used with people who have more serious reactions, Crocker said. The goal of grief therapy is to identify and solve problems the mourner may have in the separation process.

When separation difficulties occur, reactions may appear as physical or behavior problems, delayed or extreme mourning, conflicted or extended grief or unexpected mourning, he said.

“Depression is more than a feeling of grief after losing someone or something you love,” Crocker said. “Clinical depression is a whole body disorder that may take over the way you think and feel.”

Symptoms of depression may include, but are not limited to a sad, anxious, or “empty” mood that won’t go away; loss of interest in what you used to enjoy; low energy or fatigue; changes in sleep patterns and/or appetite; feeling hopeless or gloomy and/or feeling guilty, worthless or helpless.

“If you recently experienced a death or other loss, these feelings may be part of a normal grief reaction,” Crocker said. “But if these feelings persist with no lifting mood, you should seek professional help.”

## School supplies are on the way

The Double Mountain Outreach Services branch of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center is once again providing school supplies for low-income students who are enrolled in public schools. The supplies have been shipped to schools in Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties. The supplies are for low-income students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Parents will need to contact their local school regarding the application process for free/reduced-price meals.

The supplies purchased

this year by DMOS/ASBDC consist of pre-packed kits for elementary and secondary students. The elementary kit consists of the following items: one pencil pouch, six pencils, one glue stick, one pencil sharpener, one box of 8-count crayons, two pens, one highlighter, and one eraser. The secondary kit consists of the following items: six #2 pencils, six pens (2 red, 2 blue, 2 black), twelve colored pencils, one eraser, one pencil sharpener, one ruler, and one pencil pouch.

This is the fifth year that that DMOS/ASBDC has used their Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

funds for supporting the education opportunities for low-income children in the six-county area. CSBG funds are also used for assisting low-income households with basic needs such as eyeglasses and dental assistance (not dentures), eviction notices, water disconnect notices, food pantry support and help with overcoming poverty. In addition, funds from a second grant (CEAP/ Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program) are used to assist low-income households in paying home energy bills.

Low-income citizens of Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton should contact DMOS staff regarding the application process for these services at the following phone numbers: 940-989-3538 or toll-free at 800-722-0137. The web address for Double Mountain Outreach Services is <http://www.doublamountainservices.com/> and the main office is located at 9660 U.S. Highway 83 South in Aspermont. There are certain days each month when DMOS staff are available at local neighborhood outreach centers.

## Teams needed for Relay for Life

Living in an area where the word “cancer” is heard much too often, it is good to know there are people doing something about it—namely participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

The Knox/Haskell Counties Relay for Life is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at the Munday Track Field. The “Carnival for a Cure” event will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. Relay for Life is designed to promote cancer awareness, while raising funds to fight the disease.

Leann Harlan is the event chairman, but has a committee of volunteers behind her, that are dedicated to fighting cancer through the American Cancer Society’s mission of life-saving research. They are asking others to join them by volunteering, donating, joining or forming a team, holding and supporting upcoming fund-raisers and then taking part on Sept. 17th.

A very important part of Relay for Life is the Survivor’s Meal, which will be held earlier in the day on Sept. 17th. All cancer survivors in Knox and Haskell Counties are encouraged to come be a part of the dinner. Invitations will be mailed shortly to known survivors, however if you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, and don’t receive an invitation, please contact Becky Offutt at (940) 864-3050.

The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that

those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease no longer threatens the lives of our loved ones or claims another year of anyone’s life.

For more information contact Leann Harlan at (940) 203-0142 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx](http://www.relayforlife.org/knoxhaskelltx) to connect with other relayers in this area and find ways you can get involved.

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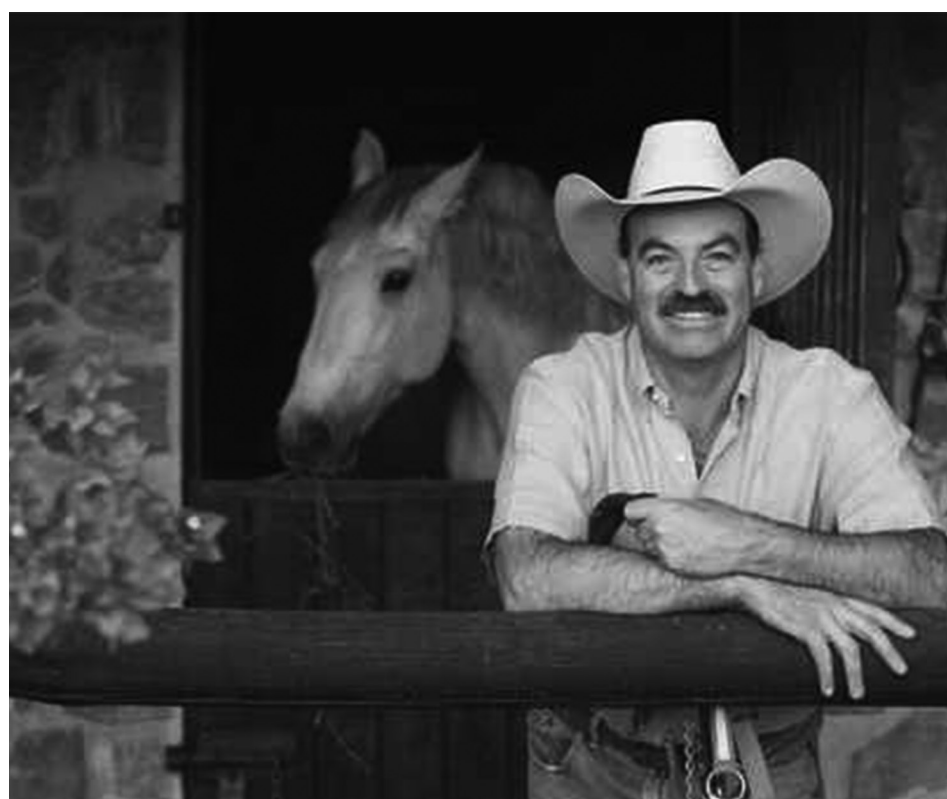
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Regardless of the type of mistreatment, it is wrong and should be reported. Ways to report elder mistreatment include: call the local authorities, health care provider, adult protective services, or other local resource service. Do not approach the abuser directly. Make arrangements to provide a safe environment for the victim if they are in danger.

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