

Calendar Homecoming

The Sagerton Homecoming will be held Sat., June 20 at the Sagerton Community Center with registration beginning at 10 a.m. Coffee and cookies will be available at this time. A catered lunch will be served beginning at 12 noon. Call Dorothy Toney, 940-997-2688 or Joyce LeFevre, 940-997-2103 by June 10 for lunch reservations. Homecoming this year will be a one-day event. This will be the sixteenth homecoming; the first homecoming was held July 4, 1954, and the last homecoming was in May, 2006. The committee is planning some displays and entertainment will be held in the afternoon.

VBS

Trinity Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Summer lunches

The Summer Food Service program, sponsored by Haskell CISD, has begun and will continue through July 24. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G. Anyone ages 1 through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults may eat for \$3 per plate.

Krispy Creme

Calvary Baptist Church will sale Krispy Creme donuts Sat., June 20 on the square. Proceeds will benefit their mission trip.

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host their Family Bible Festival Aug. 6-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., June 18 at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, 1 Ave. N in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Food distribution

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

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rhansoncme@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

Benefit tournament

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will be held June 19-20 at the Haskell High School Softball Field benefiting Felix Cassidy. For more information, call Joe Villegas at 325-669-9523 or Felix Cassidy at 325-280-3496.

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Happy Father's Day

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Legacy Banquet honors students, teachers

The third annual Legacy Banquet, in memory of Roberta High, was hosted by

the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation May 23. The banquet honored the top five

students of the 2009 Haskell High School graduating class.

Students honored on this special evening were Aerial Thane, Lauren Newton, John

English, Kimie Hutchinson and Paige Adams. Each of these outstanding students received a voucher for a laptop computer and a monogrammed laptop case to use in furthering their education.

In addition to being honorees, the Legacy students were asked to select a teacher who had been a significant influence in their education. Chosen were Ron Smith by Thane, John Foster by Newton, Toby Villa by English, Kenny Cockerell by Hutchinson and Justin Cox by Adams.

Rochester Junior High eighth grade students served the guests the evening's meal. These students were Tillie McGuire, Madison Mayfield, Ashley Adams, Cassidy Rios, Phillip Coleman, Gabriel Torres, Brett Shelton, Isaiah Llewellyn, Cole Ray Hutchinson and Preston Morrow.

Area individuals, businesses and organizations contributed to fund the meal, the purchase of the computers and other awards given at the banquet. The educational foundation would like to thank everyone who donated and helped make this a successful and unforgettable evening for the honorees.



LEGACY BANQUET HONOREES—The top five students of the 2009 Haskell High School graduating class honored at the third annual Legacy Banquet were, I-r, Aerial Thane, Lauren Newton, John English, Kimie Hutchinson and Paige Adams. The banquet was hosted by Haskell CISD Educational Foundation.

Haskell County Canine Officer Max aids in locating missing senior citizen

by Caron Yates

When a Haskell County senior citizen failed to return home at the expected time on the evening of Fri., June 12, family members became concerned. He had driven out to the family farm located east of Haskell, in the Mattson community.

Family members, searching for him, found his pickup stuck in the mud. After spending some time looking and with night coming on, they decided to call the Haskell County Sheriff's office for assistance.

Sheriff David Halliburton immediately recruited the Haskell Fire Department, Haskell County Sheriff's deputies, Department of Public Service and Parks and Wildlife officer, along with Gregg Hearn from Rochester

and other individuals to help in the search. Arrangements were being made to call in a DPS helicopter and the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice dog search team.

At about the time these efforts were being made, Haskell County Deputy Jason Torres arrived with his partner Max. Max is a Dutch Shepherd imported from Holland. Torres has been working and training with Max for over a year. Although Max is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, attack patrol and handler protection, most of his work for the county has been in drug detection.

This job assignment was to be different. Torres allowed Max to get the scent by putting him in the stuck pickup. Then the search was on. After making several trips across

the creek in the pasture, Max suddenly hit on the scent and immediately headed straight to the source.

In just a matter of minutes, Max and Torres were at the side of the lost man. Approximately a little over an hour had elapsed from the time officials were notified until he was found about a quarter of a mile from his pickup.

It is estimated he had been out in the heat since about 1:30 that afternoon. After spending a few days in the hospital for dehydration, he is safe at home.

What a consolation it is to know that we have a team of various law enforcement personnel, as well as other individuals, willing and able to work together to bring about such a positive result.

And although it was his first too, was at the top of his real search for a person, Max game.



HELPED WITH RESCUE—Haskell County Deputy Jason Torres and Canine Officer Max recently helped in the rescue of a lost elderly man. Max, who is trained in tracking, is usually used for drug enforcement and handler protection; but, proved his worth and abilities in the rescue effort.

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Quick draw event to be held at Stamford Art Show

Many of the artists will participate in the popular "Quick Draw" event at the 36th Annual Preview Party. In

this event, artists are given one hour to complete a painting from a blank canvass and frame it. The artwork is then auctioned off to the highest bidder with proceeds benefiting the West Texas Rehab Center. Patrons can mingle and watch these awesome works in the making. Artists participating this year are Gary Bailey, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, Anthony Brown, R. Russell Brown, Hugh Campbell, III, Jimmy Dyer, Paul Friske, M. S. Hollis, Mike Irvin, Daniel Maldonado, Steven Napper, Tom Paulson, Doug Prine, Theda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith, Kathy Tate, Gary Ward and Jim Ward.

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Artist, Wayne Baize is unable to attend the show, but is donating a print on canvas to be used in the auction. Baize was an original artist in the Stamford Art Show in 1974 and continues to be supportive of the show's endeavors.

The 36th Annual Stamford Art Foundation Show and Sale is July 1-4 with the Preview Party on June 30. The show will be held at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery located at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo Grounds. The show is held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo.

Art for the show can be seen for the first time at the Preview Party June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo Grounds. Those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the artists, enjoy a steak dinner and dance.



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How is angina diagnosed and treated?
 Angina is diagnosed on the basis of symptoms, physical examination, and tests such as an exercise stress test or coronary angiography, a special x-ray study of the heart's circulation.

Many people can control angina by making life-style changes that lower the heart's workload and reduce stress. Rest and the use of nitroglycerin usually relieves an attack within minutes.

The heart's demand for oxygen also can be modified with drugs. Beta blockers, for example, reduce blood pressure and slow down the heart rate, thus reducing the heart's need for oxygen.

What can I do myself?
 Decrease the risk of an angina attack by identifying and controlling factors that trigger chest pain. For example, yoga, meditation, and other stress-reduction techniques may reduce angina attacks.

A medically supervised exercise conditioning program can sometimes decrease the frequency of angina attacks by increasing tolerance to physical activity. Exercise also helps to build collateral circulation, small auxiliary blood vessels, to nourish the heart muscle.

When should I see my doctor?
 Recurrent chest pains, shortness of breath, and other symptoms of angina warrant prompt medical attention. If the pain does not subside quickly or you have other symptoms of a heart attack, go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

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



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Obituaries

Albert Butler



ALBERT BUTLER

Graveside services for Albert Butler, 86, of Haskell were held Tues., June 16 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Butler died Sun., June 14. Born March 13, 1923 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Burt Cleveland Butler and Clair Belle Hathcock. He married Ruby Bailey Dec. 8, 1955 in Haskell. She preceded him in death in November of 2006. He worked in the oilfield as

a driller for thirty-five years and served our country in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Larry Dean Butler; three brothers, Jack, Luther and Bill Butler; and two sisters, Stella Bartley and Cora Lee Wooldridge.

Survivors include two nephews, Michael Bartley and Terry Bartley and two nieces, Sheila Hawkins and Helen Templeton.

PD. NOTICE

Claude 'Mike' Reynolds

Graveside services for Claude 'Mike' Reynolds, 47, of Haskell were held Wed., June 17 in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Reynolds died Sun., June 14. Born June 7, 1962 in Knox City, he was the son of the late Claude and Rosa Lea Reynolds.

He married Debra Scott March 17, 2009. He will be greatly missed by all who knew

and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Reynolds of Haskell; son, Kyle Reynolds of Haskell; three daughters, Cassandra, Amanda and Crystal Reynolds, all of Haskell; three brothers, Wilbur Barnes of Larland, Thomas Barnes of Odessa and James Barnes of Haskell; two sisters, Barbra Wardwell of Stamford and Cindy Ashley of Miami, Florida; and two grandchildren, Nevaeh Guerrero and Leilah Guerrero.

PD. NOTICE

4-H riders to compete in District horse show

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Top young riders throughout the Rolling Plains District will match their skills June 24-25 in the annual Rolling Plains District 4-H Horse Show in Vernon.

More than 175 4-H'ers will compete in Showmanship, Roping, Reining, Western Pleasure, Western Riding,

Western Horsemanship, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Futurity classes. In addition to prizes and ribbons, 4-H'ers from the Rolling Plains will represent the District in the State 4-H Horse Show later this year, said Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent.

Representing Haskell County will be:

Victoria Hertel will be competing in the Western Showmanship, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and the Registered Mare 5 and over-Halter division. Kaley Mathis in the Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and Stakes Race. Kameryn Mathis in the Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and Stakes Race. River McTasney in the Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Grade Gelding-Halter division and the Stock Horse Trail.

Zhenia McTasney in the Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Grade Gelding-Halter division, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stakes Race and Stock Horse Trail. Kate Rowan in the Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stakes Race and the Breakaway Roping.

Ashton Rutkowski will

be in the Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and the Stake Race. Kayce Wilcox will be competing in the Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and the Stakes Race.

Competition will be held at the Finley Bradley 4-H Arena in Vernon. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. June 24. Cutting horse competition will begin at 4 p.m. On Thurs., June 25, registration will begin at 8 a.m. The first event of the day will be Working Cow Horse at 9:30 a.m. followed by Stock Horse Trail and then Reining at 2 p.m. Roping Preliminaries and Finals begin at 4:30 p.m.

Team Penning begins at 9 a.m. Fri., June 26. Yearling Futurity Halter competition begins at 2 p.m. English Events are scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. Two-year old Western Pleasure Futurity and three year old Stock-horse Futurity competition begins at 3:30 p.m. with Trail Classes starting at 4:30. Timed event preliminaries will follow an awards ceremony which is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Saturday events begin at 8 a.m. with Showmanship followed by Halter Classes, Western Pleasure and Finals, Western Horsemanship and Finals. Timed event finals begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by an awards program.

Students in the News

Alberto A. Vasquez of Haskell was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

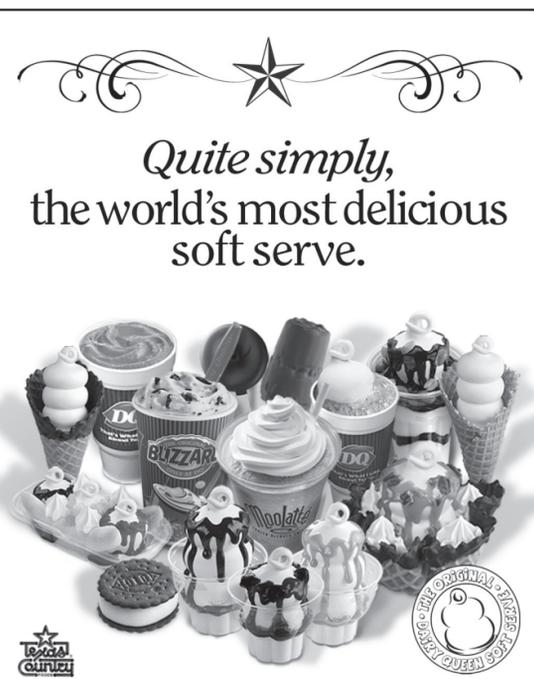
To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Mary N. Amaya of Rule was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 spring semester at the University of North Texas in Denton.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Caleb J. Hudgens of Haskell has been named to the spring 2009 Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos.

To be named to the Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.



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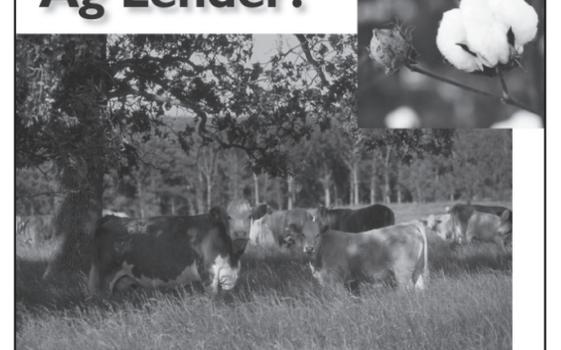
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Paint Creek lists honor and perfect attendance rolls

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of the students listed on the A and A-B honor rolls for the sixth six week period of the school year. Included are:

First grade: A honor roll, A.J. Bailiff, Dawson Barnett, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak, Madilyn Davis, Baylee Hearn, Madyson Moore, Jaelyn Snelling and Adaline Utley; A-B honor roll, Gabriel Mitchell, Bobby Nieto, Austin Roysdon and Maddie Sewell.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jr. Bogle, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipina, Terry Tatum, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Abby Blair, Cheyenne Elias, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Catherine Lemond; A-B honor roll, Buddy Trotter.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Joey Bosnjak, Hanna Colley, Chris Elias, Micah Waggoner, Brad Winterstein and Dustin Wyrick.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger and Travis Cox.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Caleb McCord and Haley Myers; A-B honor roll, Dalton Barnett, Katie Bosnjak, Katrina Buerger, Daren Johnson and Felysha Walker.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong; A-B honor roll, Curtis Bishop, Rosa Nieto and Denton Reed.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Sina Lafere, Britney Martinez, Brennan Medford and Brittany Waggoner; A-B honor roll, Cody Bailey and Jeremy Williams.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Amber Gilbreath, Sidney Jordan, Samantha Lopez and Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Ariel Blair, James Groves, Josh Ramirez, Jens Schoemaker, Brett Siegfried and Bretton Vickers.

Students on the A and A-B honor rolls for the entire 2008-09 school year include:

First grade: A honor roll, Tanner Booe, Kayla Bosnjak, Madilyn Davis, Madyson Moore, Jaelyn Snelling and Adaline Utley; A-B honor roll,

A.J. Bailiff, Dawson Barnett, Baylee Hearn, Bobby Nieto, Austin Roysdon and Maddie Sewell.

Second grade: A honor roll, Dakota Hearn and Chase Thompson; A-B honor roll, Jr. Bogle, Bailey Hawkins, Natividad Ipina, Terry Tatum, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Abby Blair, Cheyenne Elias, Felicity Gentry, Bayden Graham, Clayton Richardson and Caleb White.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Catherine Lemond and Buddy Trotter.

Fifth grade: A-B honor roll, Joey Bosnjak and Micah Waggoner.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Justin Bailey, Cody Mayfield, Kadie McCord and Shawn Myers.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Katie Jones; A-B honor roll, Cheyenne Buerger.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Katrina Buerger, Caleb McCord and Haley Myers; A-B honor roll, Katie Bosnjak and Felysha Walker.

Tenth grade: A honor roll, Shana Armstrong; A-B honor roll, Curtis Bishop.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Sina Lafere; A-B honor roll, Brittany Waggoner.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Caleb Whitfield; A-B honor roll, Ariel Blair, Amber Gilbreath, Sidney Jordan, Samantha Lopez, Josh Ramirez, Jens Schoemaker, Lacey Stephens and Brett Siegfried.

Students with perfect attendance for the 2008-09 school year include:

Kindergarten, Danica Elias, Gracie Oliver and Brianna Yanez.

First grade, Tanner Booe.

Second grade, Antonio Yanez and Brittany Yanez.

Third grade, Cheyenne Elias and Clayton Richardson.

Sixth grade, Chris Elias, Brandon Luevano and Paul Nieto.

Seventh grade, Anselmo Ipina, Haley Jackson, Kadie McCord, Shawn Myers and Dalinne Reed.

Ninth grade, Dalton Barnett, Katrina Buerger, Georgina Ipina, Caleb McCord, Haley Myers and Felysha Walker.

Tenth grade, Curtis Bishop and Denton Reed.

Eleventh grade, Lupe Ipina, Santos Ipina and Sina Lafere.

Twelfth grade, Jens Schoemaker and Caleb Whitfield.



MICAH LAYNE NEW - LACEY MORGAN LETZ

Letz, New to marry Sept. 19

Dale and Carm Letz of Old Glory announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacey Morgan Letz, to Micah Layne New, son of Mike and Teresa New of Haskell.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Gus and Beunice Vahlenkamp of Old Glory and Allen Letz and the late Hazel Letz of Old Glory.

A 2000 graduate of Stamford High School, she is employed by Renew Home Health in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom

is the grandson of Frank and Roberta Jenkins, Don and Lynda Flippin and Joe and Jenna Beth Kimbrough, all of Haskell. He is the great grandson of Crystella Raynes of Wichita Falls and the late Bob Raynes of Weinert.

He is employed by the Home Depot in Abilene.

A wedding is planned for Sat., Sept. 19 at St. John's Methodist Church in Stamford. The couple plans to reside in Abilene.

Museum plans grand opening

Plans for the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center's Grand Opening June 27 are progressing. Each community is diligently working on their display area, which has very interesting historical facts and artifacts available for everyone to see. Many people have donated or loaned items from "the olden days," to be displayed.

Before the official program begins at 10 a.m., visitors will have the opportunity to visit with two experienced re-enactors, until 2 p.m., who will set up a "camp" near the program area. They will be dressed as Texas Frontier Rangers of the 1860's, and will answer questions about the men who took over frontier protection west of the Cross Timbers when federal troops left frontier forts to go to the War Between the States.

The guest speaker, Dr. Scott White, is head of

special projects, oral history, and Curator of Arts for the National Ranch Heritage Center at Lubbock. He is nationally recognized for his knowledge and expertise in historical preservation and his encouragement of historical preservation efforts.

Wichita Brazos Museum memberships and stamp cancellations will be available for purchase. Museum directors will be available for helping those with questions while touring the museum, until 5 p.m.

Pressure canner gauges to be tested in Haskell June 30

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

If you can your own fruits and vegetables and are concerned about the quality of your food and preventing spoilage, you will want to have the pressure gauge on your home canner tested for accuracy. Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will conduct a Pressure Canner Testing Clinic Tues., June 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you plan to participate, bring your pressure canner lid and gauge. The clinic is

free of charge and will only take about ten minutes. If you cannot attend June 30, drop off your canner lid and gauge prior to June 30 and pick it up any time after the testing date.

People are doing more home canning for both economical as well as health reasons. During the clinic, a variety of home food preservation materials will be available to guide you in safely preserving foods. If you have questions about food preservation, canning equipment and the how to's of canning, contact the County Extension Office at 940-864-2546.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor signs emergency bill enacting reforms for state living centers

AUSTIN—It's bill signing and vetoing time for Gov. Rick Perry.

He suffered a broken collar bone in a June 9 bicycling accident near his residence, but exercised his pen with a pile of legislation awaiting his signature.

On June 11, he signed one of those bills, SB 643, enacting emergency reforms for Texas' state-supported living centers, formerly referred to as "state schools." The legislation increases oversight and protection for residents of centers and for those enrolled in community-based services.

The projected cost of the package of reforms is \$32.7 million through Aug. 31, 2011, and another \$40 million from Sept. 1, 2011 through the end of fiscal year 2014.

Among its many reforms, SB 643 increases penalties for employees who abuse or neglect residents, or fail to report abuse or neglect, Perry's office said. And, it requires the Department of Aging and Disability Services to contract with an independent patient safety organization to conduct mortality assessments to determine if deaths could have been prevented.

Among the many people present for the signing ceremony were primary author Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, and House sponsor Rep. Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs.

Looking ahead to November ballot

During the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature, which ended June 1, the House and Senate passed eight joint resolutions that will appear on the Nov. 3 general election ballot as 11 proposed amendments to the state constitution.

In the coming months, the Secretary of State's office will publish analyses of the proposed amendments, including what supporters and opponents say about each.

Here are somewhat shortened captions of proposals on the ballot:

- To authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans hospitals in this state.

- To prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large or entities granted the power of eminent domain.

- To establish the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national

prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund.

- To authorize the Legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead.

- To set uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

- To authorize the Legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations.

- To provide that elected members of governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years.

- To protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

- To authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

- To allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

- To authorize the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation.

It'll be back to Austin for lawmakers

Gov. Perry has warned to the idea, but has not set a date for lawmakers to return to Austin to settle unfinished business in a 30-day special session.

The Senate, the House and Perry are under pressure to pass "sunset bills" that would allow the continuation of the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Racing Commission and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.

Without the Legislature's approval, those agencies will clock out for good on Sept. 1, 2010.

AG chastises reorganized GM

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on June 10 raised Cain with the "new General Motors" for putting thousands of Texas dealers, workers and their families at risk by modifying franchise agreements with take-it-or-leave-it stipulations.



DO YOURSELF (AND THE FUTURE) A FAVOR, DAD — TAKE THE KIDS FISHERIN'...

Fire ant mounds 101

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

A fire ant mound is a dome-shaped, soil-based structure that forms the upper most part of a fire ant colony. Mounds are usually visible in yards as soil granules in a "mound" shape, but are often small and hidden in grasses, weeds, under rocks, and other yard and garden landscape. The main function of a mound, however, goes beyond a basic ground-level nest. Mounds allow fire ants to control the temperature and humidity in their colony by digging deeper into the ground to stay cool or remaining near the top of the mound to experience warmth. Fire ants maintain a different climate inside their mound than outside, so the underground colony continues to grow, whether it's cold or hot.

So, how do you know if you've found a fire ant mound? You can identify a fire ant mound by its loose soil, mounded in or above ground level. Mounds can reach up to 12 inches or more in diameter and height, and fire ants usually build mounds where soil is damp and water is close. Each mound consists of elements found in that location, including soil, and is connected by tunnels and chambers underground forming the fire ant colony.

Keep an eye out for mounds in these common areas:

Lawns, parks, sidewalks, curb sides, golf courses, gardens, flower beds, compost piles, under trees and rocks, and around electrical equipment.

Fire ants are very active in the spring. When the weather is warm and the soil is moist, they diligently work to build and expand their colonies. It's best to treat for fire ants early in the season before they spread and become a bigger problem.

Fire ants sting relief

by Wes Utley
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For many homeowners in the southern United States, fire ants are already wreaking havoc. In addition, their activity is expanding northward. The U.S. Department of Agriculture continues to add counties to a very large quarantine in Oklahoma in an attempt to contain fire ants to only those counties where fire ants have already invaded. Not only are fire ants a nuisance, but they are dangerous for humans and pets. Fire ants inflict a painful sting, which causes a small blister or pustule on the skin, appearing 24 to 48 hours after the initial sting.

What should you do if you are stung by a fire ant?

- Seek medical attention immediately if there is any suspicion of an allergic reaction. This includes severe swelling, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea, headaches and sweating.

- If blisters occur, make sure they are clean and avoid any action that might further irritate the area such as scratching or rubbing.

- Rinse the sting area with cold water and gentle soap to avoid infection.

- Elevate the affected area of the body and use a cool compress or ice to reduce swelling and alleviate pain and itching.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 24, 1999

Demolition crews began work planned for clearing away old buildings owned by the City in the 100 Block of Ave. E.

Jennifer Burgess and Lynn Dodson were inducted into the Haskell Lions Club during the club's annual banquet.

Lindsay Pike and Justin Custer were among students of Rule ISD who were awarded medals and certificates for excellence in education during ceremonies at Midwestern University.

Larnee and Bessie Green celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Amanda Cothron of Haskell was named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University.

20 Years Ago June 22, 1989

The United Sewing Agency in Haskell offered classes sponsored by TSTI Sweetwater to train persons to become production sewing machine operators.

Glenn and Jona Caddell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sorrells of Rule were honored with a 25th anniversary party at the Philadelphia Club.

Haskell FFA officers, Patrick Burson, Missy Davis, Rod Jeter, Chad Gibson, Jason Hill, Chris Howeth and Marty Trussell, attended the Area II Leadership Conference in Big Spring.

30 Years Ago June 21, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Sorrells of Rule celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary.

Seventy-two Brownie Girl Scouts of West Texas Council treated their dads to a camping trip at Camp Boothe Oaks.

Charles McCauley, Service Unit Chairman of the Haskell Salvation Army Service Unit, announced that he will serve as 1979 Service Unit Camp Chairman.

"Grease" starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John were featured at the Tower Drive In Theatre in Rule.

David Charles Davis and Ruth Ann Klose of Haskell were named to the Dean's List for the 1979 spring semester at Western Texas College.

The 1979-80 Haskell High School twirlers were Terri Gideon, Sonja Tidrow, Tonya Roberts and Kim Griffith.

40 Years Ago June 19, 1969

The officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted to elect Wallace Wooten to fill the unexpired term of James Powell, who resigned from the board at a recent meeting, due to an overload of civic duties.

The Happy Birthday Club met in the home of Mrs. W.E. Johnson, honoring Emma Bland's birthday.

Mrs. Reaves Hickman, Mrs. Vinnie Liles, Mrs. D.C. McCord and Mrs. T.W. Williams entertained with a luncheon honoring Kay Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bray.

The Hise family gathered at Rice Springs Park in Haskell for the family's first reunion.

50 Years Ago June 18, 1959

Kenneth Sanders, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sanders of Weinert, spent a week at the United Nation's headquarter in New York City, as a representative from Haskell County schools.

Postmaster Harold Spain of Haskell was elected vice president of the Texas Chapter, National Association of Postmaster's, at the 23rd annual convention in Mineral Wells.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Townsend of Rule met in their annual family reunion at the Corral building on Rice Springs Fair Grounds.

James H. Raughton, Paint Creek High School faculty member, was among science teachers from high school's throughout the state and nation who are participating in Chemistry Teacher's Institute at Texas Tech.

100 Years Ago June 19, 1909

Capt. Andrew T. Long of the U.S. Navy spent several days visiting his brother, C.D. Long. Capt. Long was on the China Station during the Boxer rebellion and later was captain of President Roosevelt's yacht.

Courtney Hunt was in Haskell assisting his brother, C.M. Hunt, in his dry goods business.

Leonard Mauldin opened a barber shop in the new brick building on the north side.

P.G. Yoe returned home from the Confederate Reunion at Memphis, Tennessee.

Bonds were voted for another school building, which would give the town three large, commodious buildings.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session June 8 with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith present.

A motion to pay all the bills with some changes and additions was approved.

The County Treasurer's monthly report was approved.

A motion to close the courthouse on Fri., July 3 in observance of July 4 was approved.

Commissioner Smith was appointed to another term on the Board of Directors of Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers.

Appointments to the Historic Commission included

Chairman Jim Hollingsworth, Marguerite Gaunt, Wanda Ham, Johnny Scoggins, Joyce Turner, Susan Turner and David Davis.

A motion for the Justice of the Peace \$10 monitoring service fee to be collected by the Probation Office for Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock devices was approved.

A motion to purchase two more video cameras for the courthouse upon the recommendation of

Judge Shane Hadaway was approved.

Commissioners Mayfield and Smith will check into expanding the north parking area on the north side of the library and report their findings to the court at the next meeting.

Stacia Leach was hired to work in the County Treasurer's office.

Amendments to the budget and line item transfers were made.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The family of Gentry Middleton wish to say thank you so much to everyone who came to his rescue Friday night.

Thanks to the sheriff, deputies, DPS officers, Haskell Fire Department, Greg Hearn and all the many friends who came to help. Thank God for all the good people we have

here in Haskell. We are so blessed to have a dependable, professional and caring law enforcement.

A very special thank you to Max the Dutch Shepherd canine officer of the Haskell County Sheriff's Department and his handler, Deputy Jason Torres.

Thank you,
Gentry's family

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Haskell CISD Educational Foundation presents 2009 Legacy Students



2009 LEGACY BANQUET STUDENTS AND TEACHERS—Five graduating students of the Haskell High School Class of 2009 were honored during the annual Legacy Banquet. The banquet, hosted by the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, was held May 23. Five teachers were chosen by

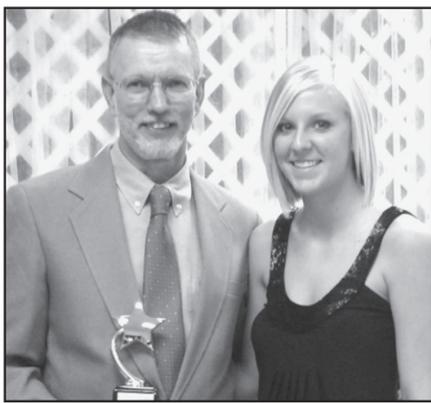
students for making a significant impact in their life. Students and teachers honored, l-r, were Ron Smith, Aerial Thane, Lauren Newton, John Foster, Toby Villa, John English, Kimie Hutchinson, Kenny Cockerell, Paige Adams and Justin Cox.



2009 LEGACY BANQUET TEACHERS—Teachers selected by Legacy students were, l-r, Ron Smith, John Foster, Toby Villa, Kenny Cockerell and Justin Cox. Each student selected a teacher who had been a significant influence in their education.



2009 LEGACY BANQUET SERVERS—Rochester Junior High eighth grade students who served at the banquet were, front row, l-r, Phillip Coleman, Madison Mayfield, Ashley Adams, Cassidy Rios and Tillie McGuire; back row, Preston Morrow, Brett Shelton, Cole Ray Hutchinson and Isaiah Llewellyn.



RON SMITH - AERIAL THANE



LAUREN NEWTON - JOHN FOSTER



JUSTIN COX - PAIGE ADAMS



KENNY COCKERELL - KIMIE HUTCHINSON



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SWIMMING LESSONS

June 22-26

at Haskell City Pool

Age 3: \$30, 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6: \$30, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Ages 7 & up: \$40, 10 to 11 a.m.

NIKKI THOMPSON

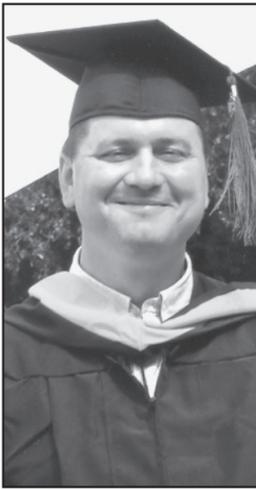
To enroll call

Instructor 864-8185 or 940-257-4140

Paint Creek Basketball Camp (Rescheduled)

Paint Creek will host a boys' and girls' Basketball Camp July 13-16 for any youth in the area entering 1st through 8th grade. The camp will be held in the Paint Creek new gym facility and will be conducted by Jim Raughton, Cody Blair, and other Paint Creek coaches. Skills that will be taught are shooting, passing, ball-handling and basic team concepts. Registration fee is \$25 which includes a camp t-shirt. Camp sessions for 5th-8th graders will be held from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each day and 1st-4th grade sessions will be from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended to assure the participants receive the appropriate sized t-shirt. If interested, call 940-200-0346. We will need the name, entering grade, and t-shirt size when leaving a message. Payment is due on the first day of camp.

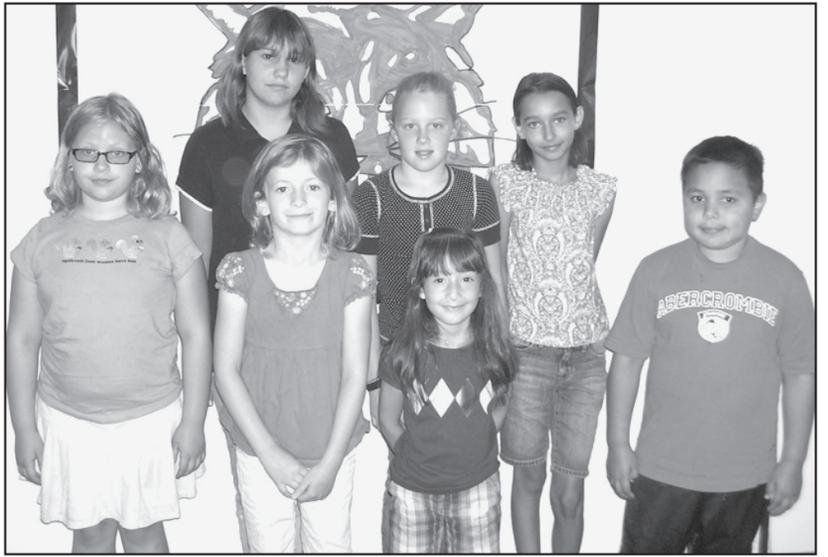
Student in the News



WES UTLEY

Wesley Utley, Texas Agrilife Extension Agent for Haskell County, received his Master of Science degree in Agriculture Education from the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University in Stephenville Sat., May 9.

Utley has served as the Haskell County Agriculture and 4-H agent for four years. He and his family reside in Haskell.



TOP ACCELERATED READERS—Seven students from Rule Elementary earned 100 AR points during the 2008-09 school year. Students are, front row, l-r, Alexzandra Cooper (third), Kennedy Fritzler (first), Madalyn Navarrette (first) and Darian Bruce (first); back row, Samantha Lewis (fifth), America Shelton (fourth) and Kylie DeVille (fifth). Navarrette earned the most points with 148.

Haskell Summer Menu

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, breadsticks, broccoli with cheese, orange slices

Tuesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork

and beans, shape-ups.

Wednesday: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ice cream cups

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, fresh fruit

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spear, chocolate chip cookie

ECC Menu

Mon., June 22

Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, green beans, blackeyed peas, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Wed., June 24

Lunch—Fritopie and trimmings, pinto beans, onions, pickles, jello, cookie, tea or coffee

Fri., June 26

Lunch—Ham slice, new potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, tea or coffee

This Week's Devotional Message:



The Bible could be the most valuable book on your shelf

You are a very busy person, both in terms of getting ahead in the world and in doing good works for others; therefore, you have very little time for reading anything other than the newspaper headlines. Nevertheless, occasionally you find yourself with a free evening at home and no program on TV that appeals to you. So with some time to read, perhaps you would enjoy a little history, some biographical sketches, descriptions of natural wonders

of the world, tales of people who saw the error of their ways, or just some good how-to lessons in self improvement. You'll find all of these things and a lot more in one book that you should have on hand—the Bible. Take it down from the shelf and read it, a little at a time, whenever you can. The time you spend learning about the Bible could be the most rewarding of your life, because it will help you understand the true meaning of it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Ronnie Gibson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God

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

714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Renniegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

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

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

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

St. George Catholic Church

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

Church of Christ

Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

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

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

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

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

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

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

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

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 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.m.
O'Brien

Maidens named to All-District softball teams

Haskell Maidens named to the District 3-1A all district softball team were:

Co-MVPs: Haley Chavez, Senior and Codi Foster, Sophomore;

Newcomer of the Year: Claire Carmichael, Freshman;

Coach of the Year: John Foster;

First team: Sara Weise, Sophomore; Claire Isbell, Senior; Lynette Ortiz, Junior; Ashton Rutkowski, Senior;

Second team: Kimie Hutchinson, Senior; and, Harley James, Sophomore.

Opening Soon!

The Stamford Assisted Living will be an independent living facility for those senior adults who retire and want to have an independent, worry free, life. When the time comes that simple everyday activities make a big difference in how you enjoy life, we can help.

Whether it is the need to know you are not alone or you require support with your normal activities of daily living, we are there for you or your loved ones. We will have dedicated attentive personnel who will take care of you or your family member 24 hours a day.

The facility will serve three delicious meals a day. We will have activities, excursions and special events all through the year. Housekeeping will be provided along with daily trash removal. The facility has a laundry room with washer and dryer and ironing board.

The facility has a hair salon for both men and women. Medication management will be available at the facility through the administration office and director. Stamford Assisted Living has a 24 hour emergency response system and fire detection system throughout the building. The facility is wheelchair accessible in all rooms and doors. The facility also has a back patio for outdoor activities and gatherings.

A computer will be accessible for residents to communicate with relatives and family members via internet. We also have a library in the facility for those who love to read with a reading area in the lobby. The facility will also have a large digital television in the lobby for residents and family members to watch their favorite television shows and interact with each other.

This facility is here to meet the residents needs as much as possible. It is a great way for you or your family member to enjoy retirement, interact with others, have a great social life and be in an environment which will take care and worry out of life.

Jimmie Wilhelm, Director and the Stamford Assisted Living Board would like to thank those businesses and individuals for their work and assistance for making this business become a reality in the Stamford community. Some of those businesses are; Economic Development Corporation, Stamford Memorial Hospital, Walcott Enterprises and the First National Bank of Stamford. I want to also mention the USDA members who have worked hard to get this accomplished and their patience through this endeavor. I know there are more individuals who were involved with this endeavor and I want to thank you also.

If you have anyone who would be interested in being a resident of the Stamford Assisted Living, please contact Jimmie Wilhelm, Director at Stamford Assisted Living at 325-773-5511, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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\$625 FOR SOFA and loveseat. Leather with 3 piece table set, New in box with warranty. 325-428-9172. 25c

\$549 COUCH/loveseat microfibre plus 3 piece table set, still boxed. Lifetime warranty. 325-428-9172. 25c

Estate Sale

ESTATE SALE: Sat., June 20. 8 to 4. No early sales. Tools, couch, 2 bedroom suites, hard Rock Maple furniture, Tell City china hutch, Tell City bar stools, Pfaltzgraff dishes, lots of misc. 6 Ave K East, Haskell. 24-25c

Miscellaneous

HOUSE LEVELLING and foundation repair. No payments until work is satisfactorily completed. David Lee & Co. 325-675-6369. 1-888-486-8588. 6tfc

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THE NEW SONIC Drive In in Haskell is now taking applications for all positions. Apply in person. 44tfc

GIBSON CARE Center, Aspermont needs CNAs for all shifts. Call Melissa Prew, ADON at 940-989-3526. E.O.E. 9tfc

FULL-TIME management position open. 45 hours a week minimum. Flexible hours, free rentals, insurance available, 401K plan. If you have a desire to be a part of an exciting team and work in a fun environment, applications can be picked up and returned to Movie Gallery, Haskell, Texas. 24-25p

RED ROOSTER restaurant now hiring experienced cook. Apply in person. 1006 S. Ave. E. 24-27c

THE HASKELL County Appraisal District is accepting resumes for the position of clerk. Knowledge of Microsoft word, Quick Books, and a general understanding of Windows System is preferred. High school degree is required. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled. Resumes may be sent to P.O. Box 467, Haskell, TX 79521-0467 or may be brought by the office at 604 N. 1st St., Haskell, TX. 940-864-3805. 25c

LICENSED Vocational Nurse, EMT or Paramedic: Rolling Plains Jail and Detention Center is currently accepting applications for LVN, EMT or Paramedic to work night shift. Must be up to date on their certifications. Benefits include medical at no cost to the employee, PTO, 401K and optional benefits. Please contact Kimberly Hammes at 940-864-5694 for additional information. EOE. 25-27c

Wanted

WANTED: Double bed with headboard, single bed with headboard, night stands, chest of drawers, 2/3 chair dinette and 3 mid-sized bar stools. 742-3401. 6-9 p.m. 25p

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FOR RENT: Furnished rooms for rent. Nightly, weekly. Call Lone Star Lodging 864-2238 or 864-2424. 2tfc

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FOR SALE: Brick, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. CH/A. Large rooms. Great location. Expandable to 3 bedrooms. Bill Jackson Realtors, 325-773-3358 or 325-669-8691. G.W. Clark, agent. 20tfc

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Surplus Real Estate Auction-199.09 acres owned by the City of Stamford, Texas June 25, 2009
Stamford Municipal Airport-South Hanger Auction begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

On June 25, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. the City of Stamford will sell to the highest bidder by public auction 199.09 acres of land owned by the City of Stamford. The auction will be held at the Stamford Municipal Airport-South Hanger. The land is generally described as the East 199.09 acres of land in Survey 1, Block 4, H&T.C.R.R.Co. Survey, Jones County, Texas, and is an unused portion of the property adjacent to the City of Stamford Municipal Airport (Arledge Field). The Metes and bounds descriptions is available upon request. The property is located approximately 3.5 miles Southeast of Stamford, Texas. The property is bounded on the North by County Road 210, on the South by County Road 212 and on the East by County Road 249.

The property shall be sold to the highest bidder who meets or exceeds the minimum price established by the City Council. The sale shall receive final authorization by the City Council before execution of the contract or deed.

At the close of the sale, the successful bidder shall be required to provide earnest money in an amount equal to at least 5% of the amount bid. The preferred method of payment is a cashiers check. Any bidder desiring to use a personal or business check must have the prior approval of the representative of the City of Stamford.

The property is currently being used for "dry land" farming. The property will be sold "as is." Potential bidders should thoroughly investigate all aspects of the property prior to bidding. The City of Stamford does not guarantee or warrant that the parcel is usable for any particular purpose.

The sale shall be completed for cash or through third party financing within 30 days of the auction date unless extended by the City Council. All closing cost, except for the preparation of the deed, shall be paid by purchaser. The property has been recently surveyed by a registered land surveyor and the survey will be provided. 23-25c

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bid contracts for initial cleaning, mowing of property and building will be accepted this coming week. Pick up bid sheets at the Stamford Assisted Living facility at 1700 Mulberry Lane, Stamford, Texas (Hwy. 6 next to the Stamford Hospital) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, and Monday, June 22 through Thursday June 25.

All bids will be considered and contract awards will be notified within a week after the closing date of June 25, 2009. 25c

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/
BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6045-53-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on July 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$16,160.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 29935
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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1504 N. AVE. G. Large three bedroom with extra large master, two bath home with living, kitchen, dining, utility room, one car garage. The backyard is beautiful from the afternoon heat and has an above ground pool for those hot days. The property is clean, neat and in good condition with new plumbing, new heating and cooling, new wiring, water well and the appliances all stay in the built-in kitchen. Priced to sell.



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NEW DIRECTOR—Leigh Ann Fry of Abilene, center, is the new Executive Director of Noah Project, Inc. She will oversee the 10 county operation. Scott Akard of Abilene, right, is the new Operator/Program Director. Donna Sue Anders, left, heads the local project.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of WHPD

by Caron Yates

The Wild Horse Prairie Days annual event has just completed a successful fourteenth year. Whether you are a cowboy who loves a good rodeo, or someone looking for an entertaining weekend, Haskell was the place to be.

As spectators, we have the luxury of just "coming to watch." We enjoy the parade, trade show, art exhibit, roping, junior rodeo, dance, chuck wagon meal and ranch rodeo competition. These activities however, don't just happen. It takes a tremendous amount of effort, organizing and "behind the scenes" work to pull it off.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days committee, made up of Casey Larned, Sammy Larned, Dale Bullinger, Mike Harrell, Christina Isbell, Bob Smith and Sam Pace rely on a large group of volunteers to make the event a success. Many of these volunteers have been a part of the unseen workforce from the very beginning, while others are new to the effort.

Long before the actual weekend of the rodeo, the work begins. Mike and Julia Harrell order tickets, send out invitations and prepare programs and posters. Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson work diligently coordinating the Queen's Contest.

Another big reason for the success of this event is the generous sponsors, who are willing to help with the prizes won by these ranches and individual cowboys. The Harrells, along with Darrell and Sherrie Dutton and Jennabeth Kimbrough not only organized the Sponsor Party, but they also did the cooking. Added help came this year from the Boy Scouts, their leaders and parents. They helped set up tables, carry out trash, wash dishes, serve food and also provided the delicious desserts.

Friday and Saturday were filled with many activities. Betty Berry and members of the Brazos West Art Association organized and

sponsored the Art Show held at the Expo Center. The Trade Show featuring many vendors was overseen by Kimbrough. Again the Boy Scouts were there to lend some muscle to the setting up for this two day event.

A favorite of many, is the parade. This year Isbell, Sheila Hester, Meagan Cox and Tina Tullos saw to the details of the parade. Of course, all those who took the time to participate in the parade itself were greatly appreciated.

One of the highlights for the kids, is the Junior Ranch Rodeo sponsored by Pokey the Clown and announced by Jeff Gore. A total of fifty-six children participated this year. On hand to help run the junior rodeo was Isbell, Patti Raynes, Steve King, several volunteer timers and the Boy Scouts.

Tina Lamb was the lead organizer for the Ranch Horse Competition which saw thirty-six competitors. Rex Ford of Stamford served as announcer for this, as well as the Sponsor Party. Cindy Burkett from the RCHA was in charge of the Ranch Cutting Horse competition in which eighty-five contestants participated.

Other events associated with the Wild Horse Prairie Days include the John Wallace Memorial calfroping, organized by J.W. Wallace and Carl Hopkins. The Match Roping, which brought to town some of the nation's best ropers, was overseen by Billy Lamb. This year, the God Loves You Ministries provided the building for well over one hundred people to gather for the Cowboy worship service on Sunday morning.

The two day rodeo event, of course, is what it is all about for the ranches and their cowboys. Haskell's rodeo was one of the very first rodeos sanctioned by the WRCA. The Working Ranch Cowboys Association, in its fourteenth year, is committed to preserving the heritage and lifestyle of the Working Ranch Cowboy. These competing ranches are working for

points to qualify for the World Championship Ranch Rodeo. Teams entering WRCA sanctioned rodeos must meet certain qualifications. Dale Bullinger, with the help of Casey Larned, is the man in charge of not only contacting teams, but also certifying that they are eligible to compete. Part of his job was to sign in teams and check the team cards.

During the rodeo itself, many volunteers were busy with a variety of jobs. Working the chutes and gates, numbering cattle, and moving the animals were Hopkins, Sammy Larned, Sam Pace, Jerry Don Hudgens, Bob Aycock and Joe Yates. Keeping the times and statistics were Kristi Gibson, Jennifer Roewe, Missy Larned and Laurie Newberry. Bob Smith brought together a large crew of helpers for ticket sales and gate keepers. Judge David Davis along with Trey and Debi Burson manned the hospitality tent each night for the cowboys. City of Haskell employees were on hand to water down the arena, as well as assist with set up for the various events.

It's impossible to have a rodeo without animals. Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, furnished cattle for the cutting horse competition, LaMejor Ranch supplied the yearlings for the ranch horse competition and the cows and calves used each night were brought over from the SMS Ranch.

The benefits to Haskell as a result of this event seem obvious. With twenty ranch teams, their families, friends and other rodeo enthusiasts in town, the hotels and restaurants were busy. It's always a good thing, when we can bring so many extra people into town to enjoy shopping our businesses, as well as enjoy our "Haskell hospitality."

To all these workers, and anyone inadvertently missed, a big "thank you" is extended for the part you played in promoting Haskell at this year's Wild Horse Prairie Days.



SPEED LEADER—Meg Glover, Rochester Junior High seventh grader, is leading all students at Junior High in Mavis Beacon keyboarding skills. She has reached 70 words per minute on a Mavis Speed test and 223 keys per minute on a Mavis Keypad Speed test.

Winners of WHPD ranch horse competition

Results of the Ranch Horse competition held during Wild Horse Prairie Days were:

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Ranch Hand: Billy Lamb of Haskell.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Haskell County Appraisal District's 2010 Budget

The Haskell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 9, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the Appraisal District office, 604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$362,640
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 40,060
District is replacing 24 year old computer system	
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5
	(full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	5
	(full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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