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**HASKELL SUMMER LEAGUE**  
Tues., June 28 at Munday  
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## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the July 7 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., June 30 at 5 p.m. The offices of the Haskell Free Press will be closed Mon., July 4.

### Social security seminar set

Personnel from the Social Security Administration office in Abilene will host a local one-time seminar at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell Tues., June 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. to provide information related to the new Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Personnel will assist those attending complete applications in advance of the next month's sign-up date. Applicants will need to state the amount of their monthly income and assets. If entitled to full benefits, applicants may be able to get extra help to pay for the annual deductible, premiums and co-payments related to Medicare. Persons already entitled to Medicaid will be automatically enrolled in this new program and do not need to attend this event or need to apply.

### Pack meeting

Cub Scout Pack 136 will hold a pack meeting Tues., June 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Park.

### Summer food service continues

Haskell CISD will sponsor the summer food service program through Fri., July 29. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those ages 1 to 18 are invited to eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 each.

### Rule cleanup

The City of Rule will have two trailers available north of City Hall for metal and burnables during the June city-wide cleanup.

### Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank in Haskell for Tammy Parham who is in an Abilene hospital following complications from surgery.

### Bible school

The Christian, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches will host Vacation Bible School Sun., June 26 through Thurs., June 30 beginning at 6:30 each evening at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. The school's theme is Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular, "A High Flying Gospel Adventure."

### Benefit luncheon

A benefit luncheon will be held Sat., June 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell to help Lloyd Bennett with medical expenses. Plates will be BBQ chicken, red beans, Southwestern rice salad, potato salad, bread, dessert and tea. Cost is \$5 per plate. A benefit musical will be held Sat., June 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Donations will be accepted.

### PC homecoming

Paint Creek will hold their homecoming this fall. To update your mailing/email address, contact Max Calk, 3200 Golden Oaks Circle, Granbury, Texas 76049 or maxcalk@earthlink.net.

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Watch for children playing

# The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

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## Canine companion saves woman's life

by Mary Kaigler

Their kind has long been known as "man's best friend." Certainly that proved to be true of

one small Haskell dog last week who became Larita Myatt's best friend by saving her life.

Skippy, Myatt's one and a half-

year-old Pembroke Welsh corgi sleeps through the night in a dog crate in her bedroom closet. Wednesday, after the two of them had retired for

the night, about 10:30 Skippy began to bark loudly, rousing Larita from sleep. Thinking he must have heard something, possibly one of the

itinerant neighborhood cats that he constantly tries to keep in line, she scolded him saying, "Now, be quiet, Skippy, it's not time for you to go outside."

When he would not quit his incessant barking, she got up. Immediately, she smelled fumes of some kind and felt her eyes burning.

Calling her daughter, Kristi Gibson on the phone, she told her, "Something is not right, Skippy is having a barking fit and won't quit. I think it's gas in the house."

Coming right over, Kristi also smelled heavy fumes and called the gas company. The representatives there told them to open all windows, and not turn on any lights or start up the car in the garage.

Soon arriving, the utility company crew took a reading and found a high count of carbon monoxide in the house. Although the cooling system was on, through a malfunction of the system, somehow the gas furnace was pouring the fumes into the house.

Larita and Skippy spent the rest of the night with Kristi and Chad Gibson in their home. A new cooling system and furnace will soon replace the older unit in her home.

Having moved into the house only one month ago, Myatt was still into the process of getting settled and having some changes and repairs done to the place. The smoke and carbon monoxide detector she brought with her still remained in the box it came in, never having been installed.

"This is a wake up call for me, and I hope it will be for others, to install alarms and regularly check the batteries," Myatt said, knowing that her experience could have been very serious.

Myatt retired from 40 years of teaching school at Abernathy, and moved to Haskell in 2003 to be nearer to her daughter and grandchildren, Kortney and Chase Gibson. Glad to be here, even with the events of last week, she said she likes living in Haskell.

Deeply thankful for the timely warning, and acutely aware of the dangerous situation she was unknowingly living in, Myatt said, "Without Skippy to raise the alarm, I would probably be dead."

Sitting on her lap, licking her face, and looking into her eyes as she spoke about it, Skippy seemed to be happy and thankful for it, too.



**BEST OF FRIENDS**—Larita Myatt of Haskell, and Skippy, her heroic pet corgi, pause for a happy picture together after the dog saved her life by waking and alerting her to danger Wednesday night,

June 15, when carbon monoxide was pouring through the house. Responding to a call, gas company workers quickly cut off the gas supply to the malfunctioning furnace/AC unit.

## Prison related industry proposed; awaits approval

by Mary Kaigler

At a called luncheon meeting Tues., June 14, of the Haskell County Commissioners, the Haskell City

Council and Development Corporation of Haskell, a proposal for establishment of a prison related industry within the Rolling Plains

Regional Jail and Detention Center grounds was presented for approval. Making the presentation were

Leonard Handford of Scott, Louisiana, director of Emerald Prison Enterprises, which operates the local

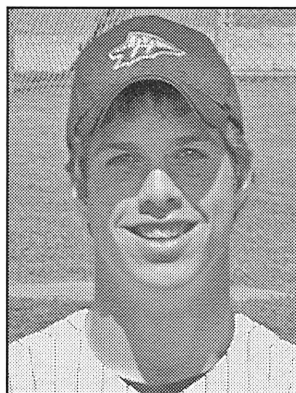
facility, and Dave Lewis, of Fresno, California, Vice President of Allwire, continued on page 8

## Players named to all-state

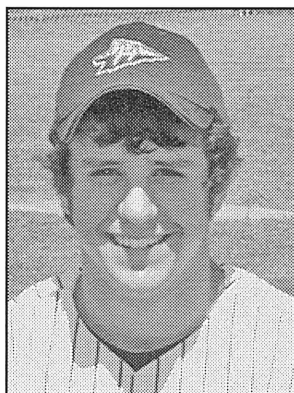
Two members of the successful Haskell High School baseball team that went all the way to the Region finals, were recently named to the 2005 Texas High School Baseball

Coaches Association's 1A All State Team.

Named as All State team pitcher was Brad Blanks. Named as All-State outfielder was Ronald Chapman.



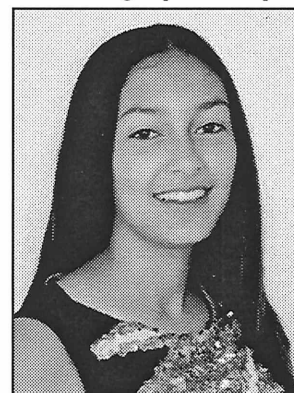
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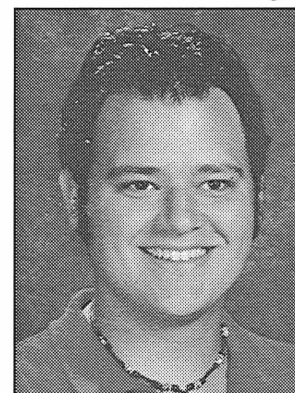
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# New generation of lenses changes need for glasses

The need for reading glasses or bifocals as we age may begin fading from sight with the latest generation of intraocular lenses.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center are among the first to receive the ReSTOR lens, a new surgically implanted lens that can allow patients who have trouble seeing at arms length to see near, intermediate and far distances without glasses or contacts.

"It's a huge evolutionary step,"

said Dr. James McCulley, professor and chairman of ophthalmology. "We all want a glasses-free and contact lens-free society and we are very rapidly moving toward that."

The lens' introduction in May came as Medicare announced revisions to some of its payment guidelines, allowing patients covered for cataract surgery to choose the new lens at an added fee. Previous payment rules did not allow the patient to choose this lens, which

curtailed interest since the intraocular lenses are particularly beneficial to that age group.

"Had Medicare not done that, the Medicare population would have been excluded and the most frequent operation done for the Medicare population is cataract surgery," said Dr. McCulley, who directs the Jean H. & John T. Walter Jr. Center for Research in Age-Related Macular Degeneration and the Theodore and Mart Beasley Laboratory for Ocular Surface Research.

Previous generations of implanted lenses corrected for cloudiness caused by cataracts and could improve seeing far distances, but most patients still needed reading glasses to see intermediate distances and close up.

Surgical techniques using the ReSTOR lens can fix far-sightedness and near-sightedness, and improve vision at computer and reading distances as well. Techniques using the ReSTOR lens also can correct presbyopia, a pre-cataract condition in which near vision becomes blurry, with a procedure called refractive lens exchange for those who do not yet have cataracts, but want to be glasses free, said Dr. McCulley.

Aging also causes the eye's natural lens to become more opaque, which scatters light and creates cloudy vision, called cataracts. More than half of Americans 65 and older have cataracts, which can be hastened by diabetes, smoking, poor nutrition and other factors.

Eye surgeons correct the cataract problem by removing the clouded lens and replacing it with an artificial lens called an intraocular lens implant, or IOL. Younger patients with presbyopia—but prior to cataract formation—may have all glasses needs fixed with a multifocal IOL, a procedure typically not covered by insurance.

The ReSTOR lens, made by Fort Worth-based Alcon Inc. and approved by the FDA in March 2005, uses a new strategy for collecting and distributing light and doesn't rely on the ciliary muscle, which loses its effectiveness with age.

In clinical trials for ReSTOR, Alcon reported that 80 percent of patients reported "never" wearing reading glasses or bifocals following bilateral cataract surgery. Clinical results showed 84 percent of patients receiving the ReSTOR lens in both eyes achieved distance visual acuity of 20/25 or better, and near visual acuity of 20/32 or better without glasses. That compared with only 23 percent of the control group.

"As part of our approach to this for patients who want to have this done, our commitment to them is that we will get them as close to glasses and contact free as we can within reason with current technology," said Dr. McCulley.

## Obituaries

### Raymond Brzozowski

Graveside services for Raymond Brzozowski, 80, of Smiley were held Mon., June 20 at the Hermann Sons Cemetery in Gonzales with Rev. Ildiko Rigney officiating. Services were under the direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home of Gonzales.

Mr. Brzozowski died Sat., June 18 at his ranch in Smiley.

Born Oct. 24, 1924 in Stieren Community, Gonzales County, he was the son of Joseph and Julia Roznovsky Brzozowski. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a member of Gonzales Elks Lodge, Hermann Sons Lodge and Westhoff American Legion. He was a carpenter, farmer, rancher and did custom hay baling in the Smiley area. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters,

### Skyler Rain Lerma

Graveside services for Skyler Rain Lerma, infant daughter of Suzan Lerma and Rafino Escabedo III, were held Mon., June 20 at O'Brien Cemetery with Kendall Bryant officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Rochester.

She died Fri., June 17 at Anson General Hospital in Anson.

She was preceded in death by maternal great grandfathers, Conrad Saucedo Sr. and Beto Lerma, paternal great grandfather Amador Benivedas and great

### W.P. 'Billy' Hise

W.P. 'Billy' Hise, 78, of Lingleville died Sun., June 12 at Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital.

Born April 20, 1927 in Haskell, he married Ouida Hammit June 22, 1947 in Haskell. He was a Baptist and had lived in Haskell most of his life before moving to Stephenville in 2000. He was a water well driller.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Ryan Meier.

Anna Marie Smith and Virgie Semmler; and two brothers, Ernest (Slim) Brzozowski and Leon Brzozowski.

Survivors include three sons, Glenn Brzozowski and wife, Janis of Haskell, Kenneth Brzozowski and wife, Lavern of Gonzales, Dwayne Brzozowski and wife, Sondra of Westoff; eight grandchildren, Corie Bishop, Brian Brzozowski, Kenna Lucas, Le Ann Brzozowski, Jenny Brzozowski, Maggie Brzozowski, Justin Brzozowski and Ashley Brzozowski; three great grandchildren, Rudy Espinosa, III, Gavin Brzozowski and Brayden Silvas; two sisters, Lily Neitsch of Gonzales and Carlena Bush of Tuleita; and one brother, Joe Bailey Brzozowski of West Columbia.

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aunt Suzan Saucedo.

Survivors include her mother, Suzan Lerma; her father, Rafino Escabedo III; maternal grandmother, Elvira Johnson; maternal grandfather, Henry Lerma; paternal grandparents, Emily and Rafino Escabedo II; maternal great grandparents, Emma and Robert Hernandez; paternal great grandmothers, Juanita Lerma and Angie Benivedas; and aunt and uncle, Jennifer and Jeffery Johnson. PD. NOTICE

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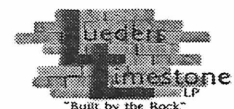
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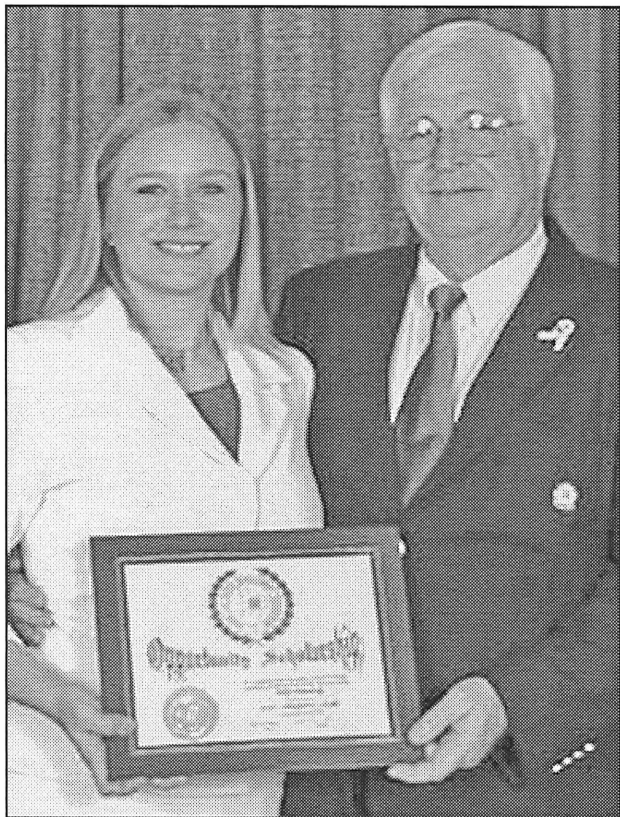
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**4-H AWARD**—Abby Dudensing of Sagerton, receives the 2005 Texas 4-H Volunteer Leader Association's Collegiate 4-H award from outgoing association president, Bob Williams, during the State 4-H Round-up held at Texas A&M University.

## 4-H'ers take top honors at state Round-up

Haskell County 4-H members, Emery Dudensing and Kiel Rowan, took first place honors recently at the State 4-H Round-up in the Meat Science category. These youth developed a power point presentation dealing with quality assurance in keeping the food supply safe.

A panel of meat science experts judged the presentations on subject matter, ability to answer questions and presentation skills. In addition to receiving trophies for their win, these young men will split a cash award of \$250. Renee Dudensing and County Extension Agent, Jane Rowan, also received a plaque in recognition of coaching the state winning team.

Caleb Hudgens was among the top contenders in the 4-H Food Show. Hudgens competed in the Fruit and Vegetable Group with his recipe, Six-Veggie Casserole, where he placed third.

Other Haskell County youth who qualified at the district level and participated in the state event were: Candace Brister, Food Show; Cheyene Favor and Candace Brister,

Fashion Show; and Kiel Rowan, Emery Dudensing and Gay Lynn Gary, Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team.

State 4-H Round-up was held June 6-10 on the campus of Texas A&M University and hosted over 2,000 youth participating in 40 contest areas.

In addition to the qualifying competition, State 4-H Round-up included the announcement of State 4-H award winners. Abby Dudensing, was recipient of a Collegiate 4-H award given by the Texas Volunteer Leader Association and awarded to a former 4-H member who is currently attending college.

4-H is the youth development and leadership program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University system. Local County Extension Agents, provide leadership for the 4-H program in each county. The Haskell County Extension Office is located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

## Quick Draw event set

The "Quick Draw" event at the Preview Party for the Stamford Art Foundation Show will feature fourteen artists. In this event, the artists participating are given one hour to complete a painting from scratch and then the painting is auctioned with all proceeds benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Those attending the Preview Party can watch the artists as they are painting. No one will duck, flinch, or reach for a gun when "Draw" is shouted. Instead the artists will start painting and in one hour will have an original painting ready to be auctioned. Patrons can mingle and observe these miracle works in the making and then try to outbid each other in the auction.

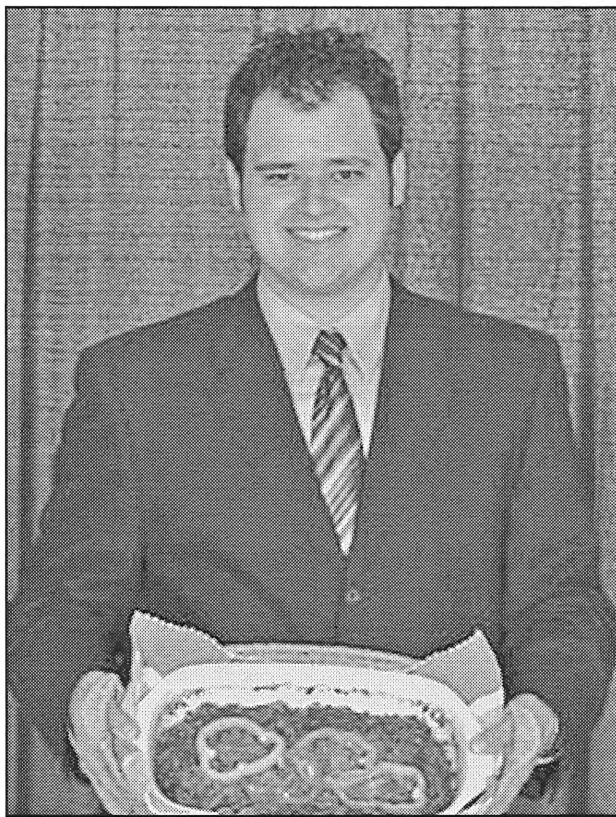
The official State of Texas Artist for 2006, George Boutwell of Clifton,

will be a special feature at the "Quick Draw" event.

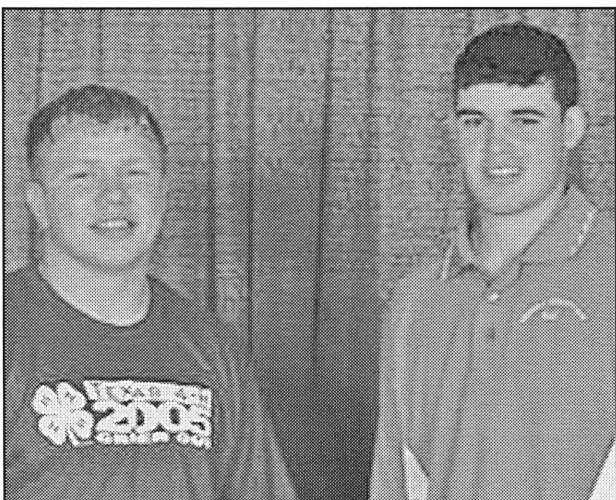
Also in the auction is a print of canvases donated by Cowboy Hall of Fame artist, Wayne Baize of Fort Davis with all proceeds benefiting the Rehab. Baize was an original artist in the Stamford Art Show in 1974 and continues to be supportive.

The Preview Party will be Tues., June 28 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. Besides the "Quick Draw" event there will be a steak dinner served and music by the Muddy Creek Band. The art for the 2005 show will be viewed for the first time and those attending will have the opportunity to visit with the artists. Forty-two artists are participating.

For more information about tickets for the Preview Party call the office of Dawn Ham and 325-773-3654.



**WINNING COOK**—Haskell County 4-H member, Caleb Hudgens, holds his 'Six Veggie Casserole' that took third place in the Fruit and Vegetable Group at the 4-H Food Show held at Texas A&M.



**MEAT SCIENCE WINNERS**—Emery Dudensing of Sagerton and Kiel Rowan of O'Brien, took first place honors in the State 4-H Meat Science competition during the State 4-H Round-up held at Texas A&M University June 6-10.

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## Births

Hallie Rebecca Watson, daughter of Bo and Trina Fry Watson of Wichita Falls, was born Wed., June 15, at 5:25 a.m., in Wichita Falls. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Keith and Sandra Fry of Rochester and Kenny

and Doris Watson of Haskell. Great grandparents are Elna Davis and John Watson of Haskell. Her aunts are Traci Fry McNeff, Wendi Watson Dowd and Mary Kay Watson.

She was welcomed home by big sister, Taylor, and big brother, Matthew.

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# Irresistible baby animals may be covered with germs

Kittens, puppies, chicks, lambs, ducklings, calves—baby animals are hard to resist. That's why petting areas at zoos and fairs are so popular. These little animals "look cute and fuzzy and furry and nice," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist.

But that's not all they are, she warned. In some instances petting zoos, fairs and other places of human-animal contact have been linked to illness outbreaks.

"In a number of instances people—not just children—have gotten sick" after visiting petting zoos and exhibits, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists some of the disease outbreaks that have been attributed to human-animal contact. They include E. coli salmonella, tuberculosis and ringworm.

But visits to these baby animals don't have to be avoided—provided a few simple precautions are followed, Rice said.

She advised parents to use common sense before letting their children to visit areas where they will come in contact with animals.

"If the place doesn't look clean, it's probably not," Rice said. Don't go into those areas.

"Even if it looks clean, the animals may still carry germs," she said. "You

can't always tell by looking."

That's why food, drink and anything associated with consumables—such as baby bottles or sippy cups—should never be taken into animal petting areas.

"Don't take anything that goes into the mouth into the petting area," Rice said. "If the child still sucks his or her thumb, wash their hands quickly (after petting the animals) or don't take them into the petting zoo."

In that instance, a good rule of thumb—so to speak—is to not allow children younger than age 5 into petting areas at all, she said. And that's especially true if chicks, ducklings or other baby poultry are involved. Young birds are likely to carry some kind of pathogen that children can easily get on their hands.

"Any time an animal or bird is penned up and (that animal is) not kept scrupulously clean, they could get contaminated," Rice said.

Animals who are stressed are also more likely to be germ-spreaders, she said, and petting areas can be highly stressful for animals, especially young ones.

"If the animals look stressed or sick, do not touch them," Rice said. "They are more likely to pass off pathogens if they are stressed or sick."

Strollers shouldn't be taken into

petting areas either, Rice said, especially if the floor isn't clean.

Wheeling strollers across floors covered with animal fur, feathers and droppings means "there's a high probability you're taking some of those germs out with you," she said.

But children love to pet baby animals and keeping them out of petting areas might be too much to ask. Rice said parents can let their kids enjoy the animals and protect them from disease by keeping three words in mind: "Wash your hands."

"Wash your hands as soon as you leave the petting area," she said.

Each person should wash his or her hands under running water and use some kind of liquid—not bar—soap. Lather "long enough to sing the 'Happy Birthday' song completely through. Parents need to wash younger kids' hands to make sure they are clean. Make sure to wash tops of hands and between fingers," she said.

"Baby wipes are not adequate but hand sanitizers are second-best to washing with soap and water," she said. "Baby wipes do not usually have a disinfectant."

Check the labels, she said. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be labeled as germ-killers or disinfectant.

# Summer safety begins with the use of sun screen

School is out for summer. Hot weather means shorts, shades and sandals. But before donning lightweight summer clothes, do a little basic cover-up, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Use sun screen on skin that will be exposed to the sun, said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. And wear a hat.

It can literally be a matter of life and death, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put it this way: "Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays appears to be the most important environmental factor involved in the development of skin cancer. When used consistently, sun-protective practices can prevent skin cancer."

What about recent concerns that sun screens can cause possible vitamin D deficiencies by blocking the sun's good radiation? Those concerns may be unfounded, Rice said.

"You need, at most, 10 to 15 minutes (exposure to the sun) three days a week on your arms and hands and you'll get plenty (of sunshine) for your body to produce enough vitamin D," she said.

That concern pales in comparison to this one, she said: The American Cancer Society estimates about 1 million new cases of basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma cancer will be diagnosed this year, as will almost 60,000 cases of malignant melanoma.

According to 2004 figures from the Texas Cancer Council, about 1,700 new cases of melanoma are diagnosed each year in the Lone Star state, and about 450 people die, she said.

"Texas' intense, year-round sunshine puts us at greater risk," Rice

said. "Anyone who works outdoors is at greater risk" of developing this potentially deadly form of cancer.

The CDC lists other risk factors for developing skin cancer:

- Light skin, hair and/or eye color;
- Family and/or personal history of skin cancer;
- Chronic exposure to the sun;
- History of childhood sunburns;

- Certain types of moles or a large number of moles; and
- Freckles, an indicator of sun sensitivity and damage.

Even people without these risk factors should use sun screen to protect themselves from damage by the sun's rays, Rice said. When used correctly, sun screen can block most of the sun's harmful radiation.

In the past, the CDC recommends using sun screen with at least a 15 sun protection factor, Rice said. While that still holds true, anyone who plans to be out in the sun for more than a few minutes should use sun screen with a higher sun protection factor, she said.

New labels should list sun screens of two to 11 SPF as minimum protection, Rice said, those of 12-29 SPF as moderate, and those listed 30 SPF and above as high.

"Sun screens above 45 SPF don't offer additional protection, but they don't hurt," she said. "And price does not predict effectiveness."

To get the most benefit from a sun screen, apply it about 30 minutes before going outside, Rice said. That way the sun screen will dry onto the skin and not be rubbed off, she added.

Sun screen will need to be reapplied every two hours, or if the person is perspiring heavily or going into the water, Rice said.

"Sun screens are not waterproof,"

she said. "Water resistant' sun screens are effective for 40 minutes; 'very water resistant' sun screens retain their SPF for 80 minutes."

When using sun screens, check the expiration date on the container, Rice said. "Like most other items that have an impact on health, they do wear out."

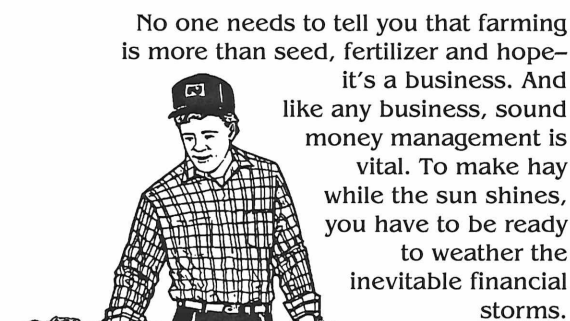
And don't store sun screens in a car or boat or other areas of high heat, she advised. Sun screens can lose effectiveness if stored under these conditions for long periods of time.

In addition to using sun screen, "Be careful about when you go out," she said. "Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. is the highest risk (of damaging UV rays)."

And please, she said, remember that there's no such thing as "a healthy tan."

"Tanning is evidence that damage to the skin has occurred," Rice said. And it doesn't matter if the damage is from the sun or from an indoor tanning bed—it's still damage.

## Got A Row To Hoe?



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## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Buying a Car:

#### How to be a Smart Negotiator

A car is a major purchase. If you are planning to buy a car, you need to know what kind of car you want and what you can afford. But it is also a good idea to know something about the car sales process.

Watch out for add-on fees. Recently, we discovered that more than a dozen Houston-area dealers were forcing consumers to purchase unwanted gas or maintenance coupons. Dealers ran print and broadcast ads without mentioning that the purchase of a coupon booklet costing hundreds of dollars would be a condition of the sale of the car. Consumers were not aware of this requirement until the charge appeared on the final bill.

My office filed a lawsuit that persuaded dealers to refund the price of the coupons and discontinue the practice of adding on mandatory costs to advertised prices. We are actively discouraging this practice statewide.

Many car sellers try to get buyers to negotiate the sale on the basis of monthly payments. You are better off negotiating the full price of the car. If you agree to a monthly payment, the dealer may actually end up charging you more for the car in the long run. First negotiate the best possible price for the vehicle. Then figure out the financing.

Beware of diversionary tactics, such as the "four squares." If the sales person starts to draw out four squares and write numbers in them, he or she may simply be trying to lead you back to working from monthly payments. Keep it simple. The most important number is the total price. After you get a good price, you can look at ways to finance it with the best interest rate and lowest possible monthly payment.

Car dealers can often help you

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find the best financing, but don't forget to check with other lenders, such as your own bank, to be sure that you are getting the best deal. Take into account the rate of interest, the duration of the loan, and the bottom-line price of the car when choosing the best terms.

Let's say you've found the car you want for a good price. The dealer has offered a fair price for your trade-in vehicle and financing at a competitive rate of interest, with a monthly payment you can afford. All this had been drawn up on paper. You have read through it carefully, and you are ready to buy. All that is needed is final approval on the financing. The dealer says, "Why don't you just take it home with you over the weekend. See how you like it!"

You can't wait—but you should. Don't ever leave your old car at the dealership and drive away in the new car until all the paperwork is absolutely final. The financing may fall through, the monthly payment could go up and your old car could get sold. This is a tough predicament for the buyer and, believe me, it happens.

Make sure you know whether you are buying or leasing. We have received complaints, often from Spanish-speaking consumers who thought they had signed a contract to

buy a car but found out later that they were actually leasing the car. Be sure to read the contract carefully before signing it.

Finally if you want the best deal, have patience and be prepared for several waiting sessions. During your negotiations, the sales associate will more than likely have to "check with his manager." The longer you wait, the more frustrated you get and the more likely you are to agree to any deal. You might want to bring a magazine to read while you wait. You may also want to bring a calculator so you can check the math for yourself.

The majority of car dealers are honest business people. However, if you encounter questionable business tactics, do not hesitate to contact my office.

## Student in the News

Candace Michelle Everhart of Haskell, was named to the McMurry University 2005 spring semester Dean's List. The senior student is a Philosophy major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

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How can a patient be sure that his or her desires and needs for medical treatment are followed if they become unconscious or incompetent?

Advance Directives are documents that provide instruction on health care for the patient when the patient is unable to speak for themselves. Texas law allows Texans to use four different advance directives.

- (1) Out-of-Hospital DNR Order (explained in previous column)
- (2) Medical Power of Attorney for Health Care (MPOA)

This document names the agent(s) who are to make medical treatment decisions for the patient should the patient become incapacitated. "Medical" indicates that the "Power of Attorney" only covers medical decisions and cannot be used for financial transactions. "Power of Attorney" gives the agent(s) named the power to authorize or reject medical treatment on behalf of the patient. Several alternate agents may be named should the primary agent be unavailable when the need arises. It is understood in the MPOA process that the patient has discussed his/her health care wishes with the agent(s) named and trusts them to follow those desires.

- (3) Directive to Physician (also known as Living Will)

This document only becomes effective after the patient has been certified by a physician to be terminally ill. The Directive to Physician informs the physician which life sustaining treatments (any medical procedure which would prolong the life of a terminal patient) should not be used. It also provides an opportunity to name an agent to make medical decisions; however, naming an agent is not required on a living will. A Directive to Physician cannot be used by anyone known to be pregnant. For persons under 18 years of age, a different Directive to Physician must be signed by a parent guardian.

- (4) Declaration for Mental Health Treatment

This document allows a competent person to declare their preference in advance for mental health treatment with psychoactive medication, electroconvulsive or other convulsive treatment, or emergency medical care should they be declared to be incapacitated at a later time by a court of law.

This article is for information purposes only, and is not intended to be legal advice. This information is not intended to be exhaustive.

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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# Stamford Art Show to benefit Rehab Center

The 32nd annual Stamford Art Foundation Show and Sale is June 29 through July 2, at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery, held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion. All the proceeds benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Artwork in the show and sale will include oil and watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, and bronze sculptures with a Western influence.

The art of 43 participation artists can be seen at the show including Victor Armstrong, Barry Arthur, Brian Asher, Gary Bailey, Don Baker, Teresa Baker, Bill Barrick, George Boutwell, Karen Brown, R.Russell Brown, Garnet Buster, June Cade,

Hugh Campbell, David Clark, Gary Clawson, Gail Copeland, Dane Ellsworth, Paul Friske, Glen O. Harding, Erwin Hearne, M.S. Hollis, Shirley Hullum, Jan Hurley, Mike Irvin, Melissa Kohout, Mike Lanier, Daniel Maldonado, Teresa Martin, Vel Miller, Steven Napper, Tom Paulson, Doug Prine, Theda Rhea, Paul Cameron Smith, Paul Tadlock, Kathy Tate, Buck Taylor, Gary Ward, Jim Ward, Roy Lee Ward, Tanner Wells and K. W. Whitley.

The art show is dedicated to Ray and Ann Kinney. Ray was a founding member of the Stamford Art Foundation in 1974 serving as the first treasurer. Ann is a director and

past-president of the organization.

The art can be seen for the first time at the preview party June 28 at 6:30 p.m. Many artists will be in attendance. A steak dinner will be served and the music of the Muddy Creek Band will be enjoyed. A highlight of the evening will be the "QuickDraw" event in which fourteen artists are participating. In this contest, artists will be given one hour to complete a painting, and then the artwork will be auctioned. Also to be auctioned is a print on canvas painted and donated by artist, Wayne Baize of Fort Davis. Baize was one of the original artists at the first show in 1974.

Reservations for the preview party are requested and can be made by writing the Stamford Art Foundation, Box 609, Stamford, Texas 79553 and enclosing a check payable to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center or call Dawn Ham at 325-773-3654.

# Turner earns award

One of the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative directors memorial awards has been awarded to Samuel Turner. The award is given to an entering freshmen college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of a rural electric cooperative.

Turner is the son of Big Country Electric Cooperative members Robert and Brenda Turner of Rule. He was Salutatorian of Rule High School for the 2004-05 school year and plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland this fall.

Students must possess the qualities of honor, integrity, thrift, good moral character and a sincere desire to achieve their educational goals.

Big Country Electric Cooperative is a member of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative where power for is purchased for distribution to member-owners.

# Brain food has cardiac advantages

Fish may have a reputation as "brain food," but it can also be good for your heart—if you eat it the right way.

Studies have shown that eating a couple of servings of fish a week raises levels of HDL, the good cholesterol that helps protect you from heart disease. One study of older adults found that those who ate just one serving of fatty fish a week were 44 percent less likely to die of a heart attack than people who didn't eat fish.

Fatty fish include salmon, tuna, sardines, mackerel and herring. While we usually think of lean meats as being better for us, fatty fish contain high levels of omega 3 fatty acids, which are good for you.

They're essential for growth and development, and they aren't manufactured by the human body.

But nutrition experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center say that how you prepare your fish fillet sandwich is going to count toward your omega 3 fatty acid requirement. The high heat of frying changes the structure of the fatty acids so they're no longer as beneficial. Frying also adds unnecessary fat and calories to your diet.

Baking or grilling fish will give you the most benefit from fish. If you aren't accustomed to cooking fish, find a good cookbook or talk to the seafood expert at your grocery store for tips.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### SUMMER BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD'S CREATION

The sun has reached the zenith in the sky, And casts no noonday shadow from up high; But warms with gentle breezes through the air A world of life that's teeming everywhere. The grass and trees attain their deepest green. While lazy streams reflect the summer scene;	A season meant for living out of doors; And time to take a holiday from chores, But never from your faith; for on vacation, You'll learn first hand the beauty of Creation. So, in the church to which your faith has bound you, Give thanks to God, who made this world around you.
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### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**HASKELL**

**East Side Baptist Church**  
Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

**Christian Church**  
Dusty Garison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

**New Vision Family Worship Center**  
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors  
864-3465  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 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**  
Jim Yates, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Rev. T. L. Griffin  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

**Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

**First Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion

**Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
1600 N. First St., Haskell

**WEINERT**

**First Baptist Church**  
J. C. Baker, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**ROCHESTER**

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

**First Baptist Church**  
Fred Garvin, interim pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester

**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

**First United Methodist Church**  
Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

**SAGERTON**

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Philip Houston, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

**RULE**

**First Baptist Church**  
Josh Stowe, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

**First United Methodist Church**  
Wendall Fergerson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

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

**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

**PAINT CREEK**

**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 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

## ECC Calendar and Menu

<b>Mon., June 27</b> 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check Lunch-Sloppy Joe's on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese salad, onions, pickles, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee	cornbread, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
<b>Wed., June 29</b> Lunch-Ham and beans, buttered corn, garden salad, sliced onions,	<b>Fri., July 1</b> Lunch-Meatloaf, creamy potatoes, fresh veggies, squash, cornbread, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

<b>June 27-July 1</b> Milk is served daily. <b>Monday:</b> German sausage wrap, curly fries, pickle spears, brownies <b>Tuesday:</b> Stew, grilled cheese sandwiches, applesauce, cookies <b>Wednesday:</b> Beef enchiladas, pinto	beans, garden salad, tortilla chips and salsa, pineapple tidbits <b>Thursday:</b> Pizza, salad, fried okra, cantaloupe <b>Friday:</b> Chili dogs, french fries, pickles, ice cream with toppings
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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 387 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., June 18, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packers \$2 to 3 higher. Stockers, feeders steady.

Cows: fat, .55-.61; cutters, .52-.64; canners, .32-.47.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.72; feeders, .85-.97; utility, .58-.68.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.45-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.29;

600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 700-800 lbs., .97-1.15; 800-up lbs., .84-1.05.

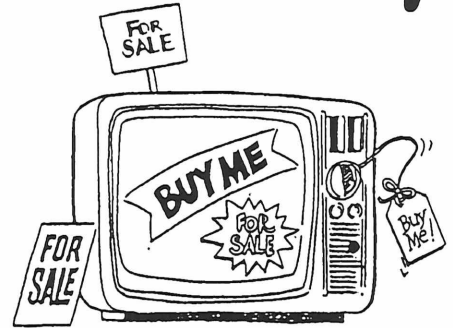
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.25; 600-up lbs., .80-1.10.

Bred heifers medium frame, 725-950.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 900-1100; aged or small, 675-875.

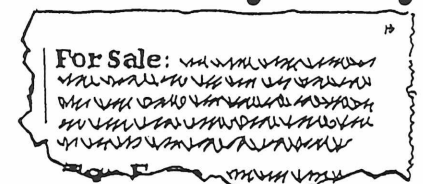
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 975-1400; aged or small, 750-900.

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., 8 to noon. 806 N. 11th. Jerry Ann and Dala. Clothes, like new; recliner, dining set, dresser with 2 mirrors, computer desk, VCR, etc. 25p

GARAGE SALE: 1002 N. 6th. Sat., June 25. 25p

GARAGE SALE: Sat., June 25. 8 til ? 1508 N. Ave. G. Bar stools, larger women's clothes, love seat, and lots of boy's clothes, toys, baby bed, toddler bed. 25p

MOVING SALE: Sat., June 25. 8 a.m. til 6 p.m. 474 Hwy. 277 South. Rock house across from Haskell Livestock Auction. Furniture, clothing. Lots of misc. 25c

CARPOR SALE: 1101 N. Ave. D. Sat., June 25. 8 til ? 25c

GARAGE SALE: 805 S. 1st East St. Fri. and Sat. 9 til ? Kids and adult clothing, furniture, toys, dishes, etc. 25p

GARAGE SALE: 202 N. Ave. M. Fri. and Sat. 8 to 5. No early sales. 25p

### Miscellaneous

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

### Jobs Wanted

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FOR RENT: Furnished rooms for rent. Nightly, weekly. Call Lone Star Lodging 864-2238. 21fc

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apartment. CH/A. 1107 N. 10th. 864-3762. 25c

### Help Wanted

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### Public Notices

**NOTICE**  
HASKELL CONSOLIDATED Independent School District is seeking bid proposals for the purchase of a suburban(s). Bid proposal specifications may be obtained from the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Central Administration Office. All bid proposals must be received on or before July 1, 2005. Please contact Eddie Bland Superintendent, Haskell C.I.S.D., P.O. Box 937, Haskell, TX 79521. 940-864-2602. 25-26c

### Shop Haskell First

### Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE by owner: 1206 N. Ave. M. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Fenced-in backyard. Well. Sprinkler system. Call Kimberly, 325-725-3806. 9fc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 203 N. Ave. G. Brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Large kitchen and living area, dining room. Patio was enclosed, could be used for an extra bedroom or playroom. 2 car garage, central H/A/C, well water. Fenced yard plus 2 one-bedroom apartments that can be used as rental property. 940-864-2088 or 940-256-1130. Call after 3:30 p.m. 12fc

HOUSE FOR SALE in Rochester. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, carport. House on 4 lots. 940-743-3409. 21fc

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Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6133-24-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on July 7, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$11,600.00.  
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# Industry

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Inc., which manufactures and distributes specialty wire and cable under Sierra Cable Products, a division of Allwire.  
The two men were here to speak of the proposal to set up a plant inside the prison, hiring and training inmates to make plastic covered extruded copper wire.  
The proposed operation will be housed in two buildings assembled on the prison grounds to accommodate training of both men and women in use of tools and basic shop skills, and will have extrusion lines of 150 feet. With the approval of the DCOH, City and County, the plant setup can be started in July and ready for production in October or November. The federally certified program is operated under the approval of the Department of Justice.  
Lewis said the training of inmates in work ethics and skills to prepare them for work outside prison reduces

the return rate to 4%, and that without skills, 60 to 80% will return. Instructors in the program will have the qualifications to conduct the training.  
A distribution center for the local products produced will be added in conjunction with the manufacturing plant. The wire will be sold in the southeastern part of the country. Copper ore for the extruded wire will be brought in from El Paso.  
Speaking of Allwire's experience and reputation as a quality custom wire, cable and cable-in-conduit manufacturer since 1967, with a 25,000 square foot distribution center in Fresco, California, and production facilities located on 13 acres in Chowchilla, California, Dave Lewis said the company has had 12 years experience in similar cable assembly business in women's prisons. This summer the company will have an operating 16,000 square foot cable-in-conduit production facility in the Women's Correctional Facility in Las

Vegas.  
Allwire was recruited by Leonard Handson of Emerald to consider the Haskell location, Lewis said. "From our experience with prison related manufacturing, we know how to behave ourselves in those places," he said.  
According to Lewis, the manufacturing plant will be an environmentally safe 'green operation.' "There will be no contaminants in the soil, air or water," he assured, citing the fact that in the Chowchilla plant, the waste water comes out pure at 68 degrees temperature.  
In addition to inmate employees, the local plant will employ 8 to 10 civilians. The inmates pay will be put into an account for them and will go to pay for any victim restitution, fines, court costs or child support they may owe. A mandatory savings will be set up for them, so that they will have some money when they get out of prison. That, along with the training

skills they have learned, will help them to begin a new life.  
Speaking of the proposed prison related industry, Randy Hise, president of the Development Corporation of Haskell, said the DCOH has agreed to it in principle, but that it also requires the approval of the City and County to become a reality. "It seems to be a really good opportunity, helping inmates to learn a trade, offering jobs for 8 to 10 civilians, and retail sales to numerous truckers coming in and out. It is also possible that a large, accessible truck stop may be constructed," he said.  
Monday, Haskell County Judge David Davis, said, "Yes, the county is in support of anything in line with improving the economic structure. We are looking forward to this being a positive way to do that." However, he said that further study will be required before any formal contract is signed.  
The City's disposition on the matter was not available at press time.

## Eagle ceremony to honor three scouts

A Court of Honor ceremony will be held Sun., June 26 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell to officially award the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout to Caleb Hudgens, Cameron Short and Charlie Smith.  
Parents of these Life Scouts of Troop 136 are Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens, Cliff and Mynea Short, and Darrell and Kay Smith.  
To earn this rank, a Life Scout

who has earned 21 merit badges (10 from the required list), demonstrated the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in daily life, been an active member of the troop and planned, developed and given leadership to others in a service project.  
Hudgens repainted the city pool in Haskell and repaired the sides. He also repaired the benches and tables.  
Short made the Christmas lights on the Haskell courthouse and around

the square permanent.  
Smith put markers on unmarked graves the Pleasant Valley Cemetery southeast of Weinert. He also repaired markers.  
"The rank of Eagle is more than just a medal or certificate to hang on the wall—it's about a lifelong commitment to integrity, leadership, faith and respect of others," Eagle Scout Drew Garison said.  
In Haskell County, 98 young men

have attained the Eagle rank since 1959. Because records do not go back any further, the troop is unable to identify earlier Eagle Scouts for a wall of honor in the scout room. Kay Smith has undertaken the project and asks that all Eagle Scouts prior to 1959 contact her with their name and year of award.  
All Eagle Scouts in attendance will be recognized at the ceremony of Sunday.

## USDA Farm Bill forum and topics are subject of public comments

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the first Farm Bill Forum and the topics on which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be seeking input from America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents regarding the development of the 2007 Farm Bill.  
"The next farm bill will affect America's entire agricultural community," said Johanns. "That's why I want to ask America's farmers and ranchers how our farm policy is working and how we can make it better. I believe very strongly that they deserve a voice in this process."  
The first Farm Bill Forum will be

held in Nashville, Tenn. on July 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. CDT at RFD-TV Northstar Studios. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum, which will be broadcast live on RFD-TV. In addition to accommodating approximately 300 in the audience, the forum also will accept calls from across the nation.  
Johanns made the announcement in remarks to the State Convention of the Illinois FFA in Springfield, Ill. The 2002 Farm Bill, which authorizes many of the programs operated by USDA, expires with the 2007 crop year.

Johanns noted that in his remarks that he was approaching the Farm Bill Forums with an open mind. "I do not begin this process with preconceived notions about the direction future farm policy should take," said Johanns. "We will use the feedback we receive to help us determine the best course for a new Farm Bill."  
Throughout 2005, Johanns and other senior USDA officials will participate in the Farm Bill Forums that will be held across the country. The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and be available on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>. The public will be invited to attend the forums and to present oral comments.  
As the current Farm Bill covers a diverse array of program areas, six topics have been identified to provide a framework for the forums. The primary topics addressed at the forums will reflect various concerns affecting rural America such as

commodity, conservation, and rural economic development issues. In addition, some forums will be dedicated to other important programs authorized by the farm bill such as food assistance, research and education programs.  
USDA will be seeking public discussion on farm policy considerations regarding: the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; achievement of conservation and environmental goals; and enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agricultural products, markets and research.  
The public will be invited to provide comments on six specific questions based on these policy considerations:

1. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
2. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?
5. How can Federal rural and farm

programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?  
6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?  
Notice of these questions will be published in the June 17 Federal Register. Comments will be accepted at public forums and may also be submitted electronically via the Internet at the USDA home page (<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>) by selecting "Farm Bill Forums," by email to [FarmBill@usda.gov](mailto:FarmBill@usda.gov) or by mail to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.  
USDA will review the public comments received by Dec. 30, 2005, including any analyses, reports, studies and other material submitted with comments that address the six questions.

## Fly In set Sat., June 25

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club announces the 20th open house fly in will be held Sat., June 25, at the Haskell Model Airport 3 miles East on Highway 380. Many types of radio control models are expected to be on display.  
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